Hello everyone can you believe we are already halfway into the Term! Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the Barwon Zone Athletics Carnival and to all the staff and community members who made the day a great success. On Tuesday we had our annual school photos, the professional photographers commended our students for their excellent behaviour and said it was a pleasure to attend Collarenebri Central School. Our High School students have been busy for the past 3 days participating in ‘Links to Learning’. We seem to be very busy at the moment with something always happening.

I have enjoyed my little visitors this week who regularly come to the office to show me their work, read their books or sight words to me. It makes a nice break from the phone or the computer!

A reminder to all community members that our school is a ‘Safe Zone’ and no swearing or aggressive behaviour will be accepted. Our school will be kept as a happy and caring environment for everyone.

Breakfast club is going very well and we appreciate all the work that Linda and Lynese have put into this to make it such a success.

Until next week

Vanessa Coates

The student of the week at Colly School is Kyren Walford. Kyren was been an impressive member of the school community recently playing major roles in the Schools sporting victories. Kyren starred in the recent Neville Thorne Shield u/14s Rugby League tournament at Walgett, being awarded player of the tournament. Kyren also played a major role in the u/15 boys Basketball victory over Lightning Ridge this week. On top of this, Kyren has also displayed some excellent qualities in the classroom of late. Well done Kyren, Colly Central School student of the week!
IMPORTANT DATES
TERM 3
August 21st: Whole School Assembly is at 10am.
August 28th: Regional Athletics at Tamworth
September 2nd: Red Cross Healthy Eating K-6
September 8th: Healthy Harrold
September 15th: Book Week Parade
September 16th: Primary Merit Day

SPECIAL REMINDER
August 21st: Whole School Assembly is at 10am

SECONDARY NEWSLETTER
MR JASON WALKER
[REL] HEAD TEACHER

G’Day everyone. It was another busy week at Colly School. Attendance in 7-10 students has been great with many students returning to resume their studies. 11 & 12 attendance has been disappointing with a large proportion of year 11 students staying at home, out of the cold weather. Hopefully when spring sets in we might see some more of these people resume their studies.

AECG works with Colly Students

Every Wednesday, the secondary school is lucky to have the services of John “Johnboy” McGregor, courtesy of the local AECG. John has been working with the students in various projects of First Australian Cultural significance. In Music, John is helping the year 7 & 8 Boys master the Didgeridoo.

We are lucky enough to have a “Dige” for each boy and some of the boys are mastering the ancient instrument with ease. In SLR John has accompanied the year 11 boys out into the bush to cut and collect wood that is suitable for making the “Dige”. This wood is now going to be used by the 7-10 woodwork classes who, under John’s watchful eye, will make the timber into authentic, handcrafted Didgeridoos. The girls are not missing out, they are making claps ticks and other traditional artefacts. Everyone is enjoying Johns huge bank of cultural knowledge and hopefully with the skills the students learn, we may be able to create a Colly kids traditional music group that could go on tour. We have John till the end of term and we thank the AECG for making this wonderful experience for our students possible.

2015 Neville Thorne Shield

Our under 14 and open boys Rugby League squads travelled to Walgett recently to participate in the Neville Thorne Shield. The day saw teams from Colly, Walgett, Boggabilla and Bourke fight it out for the trophy in 7s Rugby League. Our opens played well throughout the day, and ended up finishing 3rd. Carl Mason was awarded the sportsman of the day in the opens tournament. The 14s however, returned home with the shield as champions. The boys were victorious over tough Walgett outfit and Kyren Walford was awarded the player of the tournament. Kyren was dominant in all matches and scoring several dazzling tries to claim the top player trophy. A special mention goes to our new student, Jack Gough, who played in the 14s and backed up in all the opens games. Jack showed his skills on the football field, bagging 8 tries for the day. Well done Jack! And well done to all the boys and staff who represented Collarenebri Central School with dignity and pride.

Mobile Phones

Just a quick message to all students and community members: smart phones are not an essential item for education at Colly School. Although I understand the desire for modern kids (and adults) to have a smart phone, it is not necessary to use one during class time, unless under the explicit instruction from the teacher. The school will tolerate kids having a phone at lunch and recess but they are NOT to be out during class time. A new school phone policy is coming and it will be sent out to every stakeholder of the secondary school. It will be YOUR POCKET, TEACHER’S POCKET or the BOSS’ POCKET. Teachers do have the legal power to confiscate a phone, until a parent/caregiver comes and gets it, if they are a distraction to learning.
**Under 15s Boys Basket Ball**

Colly School sent a team of Under 15 boys to play basketball against their peers from Lightning Ridge Central School. In a tough, fast paced encounter our boys came from behind in the last 10 minutes to record a 32-26 victory. Best on court for Colly was Brock Cobb and Kyren Walford. The other boys, Jase Peters, Liam Peters, Allistar Peters, Steve Morgan, William Adams, Tobie Cochrane all played their part with some great defensive teamwork that stopped the “Ridge” from scoring in the second half of the game. Coach Chris Kirkland said “the boys fought hard to come back into the game and the victory came because of the boys improved hustle in defence in the second half and the power plays in attack from Brock and Kyren”. Well done boys. The CCS under 15s will now go to the next level in the region and we should know our next opponents in the near future.

Have a great week everyone!

Jason Walker.

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**Students have helped spruce up the maths room this term. We have painted one of the walls with blackboard paint so that we can put all our maths formulas on the wall. Carl Mason and Brock Cobb helped with the preparation and the painting.**

We already have some maths formulas on the wall. We have some measurement formulas and Phoebe Newman put up some spherical geometry diagrams that she learned about in class.

Ben Odgers
Maths Teacher

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**PRIMARY REPORT**

**Ms. Allyson Hynch**
Assistant Principal

I’d like to start my report by thanking each and every person who has helped at the Barwon District Athletics Carnival in some way. Organise days and coordinating through our neighbouring schools so all of our children succeed takes a working team. So thanks to Raegan, John and boys, SASS staff, the Primary team including our helping students and parents for your time and effort in making the carnival a huge success. Without a team these days would not run so well. Congratulations to the students from CCS who have made it to the next level. There will be notes and information given to these students in the coming weeks.

**Goodooga Indigenous Games:**

A great day was had by all at the Indigenous Games held in Goodooga last week. Well done students for sportsmanship and fair play and to the teachers who assisted and encouraged students to have a go on the day. Thanks to the teachers who travelled and Mr Randall for driving the bus.

**Primary Performances:**

Heidi Hodeo’s Circus Rodeo came to school last Wednesday. Children from Kinder to Year 6 enjoyed the performance in the library where Heidi Hillier a circus performer for over 10 years spun 20 hoola hoops around her waist at once lighting up the library as she went.

**Scripture Puppet show:**

On Monday students enjoyed a scripture show in the K/1 room. Mr Cazer accompanied a group of friends who sang songs, told bible stories and captured our students with a talking puppet. Well done to students and staff for supporting Jeans for Genes Day.

**School Photo’s:**

All students looked slick and glowing for their school photo’s. Well done Parents and Caregivers as the outcome will be worth waiting for. I know many littlies who scrubbed their hair removing gel, coloured hair spray and glitter from Crazy hair day to look perfect for photo’s.
Barwon Primary Athletics Championships

Last Friday, Collarenebri played host to the Barwon Athletics Championships. Students from Walgett, Bourke and Walgett school of Distance Education, Lightning Ridge and Goodooga came to compete against our students for a spot in the Regional Championships, that will be held in Tamworth later this month.

Colly did extremely well, picking up many placings on the day. Two of our students were awarded age champions, Akeira Walford for the senior girls and Tahlia Gallagher for the 11 years girls. Congratulations to all Colly students who competed at the carnival. Your behaviour and effort cannot be faulted.

Five of our students have qualified to compete in Tamworth. Note will be sent home for this early next week.

Nina Murray 8 years girls 100M, Jaylan Walford 8 years boys 100m, George Barden 9 years boy 100m, Aaliyah Middleton 10 years girls 100m, Junior Primary Shot Put, Tahlia Gallagher 11 years girls 100m, 11 years girls 200m, 11 years girls 800m, Akeria Walford 12 years girls 100m, Senior Primary 200m, Senior Primary 800m, Senior Primary Long Jump.

A BIG thank you goes out to everyone who helped with the carnival. Without you the day could not have run as smoothly and successfully as it did!

Mrs Mcilwain

Heidi Hodeo’s Circus Rodeo

On Thursday the 6th of August we were lucky enough to have Heidi’s Hodoe’s Circus Rodeo show perform at our school. Heidi Hodeo’s Circus Rodeo follows in the tradition of the early travelling circuses and rodeos, but with an excitingly different spin… HULA HOOPS! The scene was set as the day of the Annual Circus Rodeo Competition and Heidi is competing in several different segments including, whip cracking, lassoing and hula-hop spinning. She is out to prove she is the best by spinning her hoops not just around every part of her body, but also around her hat! There are animals but Heidi makes you believe she is a real cowgirl, as she gets you laughing and calling GID DY UP, MOO and YAHOO!

Heidi was terrific! Amazing props, set and scenery. She had a lovely connection with the audience, who were completely focused and engaged. She was very funny and the kids and staff loved her.

Thank you Heidi
Mrs Zell

Instructional Leader Report
Miss Renee Fagan

Yaama! We have officially reached the halfway mark of term 3! It has certainly been a busy term so far, and there is still a lot more exciting things to come!

Kindy Round Up!

Next week on Thursday (20th August) will be the start of our Kindy transition program. All students that are turning 5 before 31st July next year are invited to attend to help prepare them for school. Mrs Zell will be taking these classes along with Mrs Mcilwain and myself. If you know any families with kids that will be school age next year, tell them to drop into our wonderful school and get some info about Kindy Round Up!

Reading

Part of my job as Instructional Leader is to monitor our school’s data for reading, writing, comprehension and numeracy, and submit this information to regional supervisors every five weeks. As it is halfway through the term I thought it would be a good time to think about the state expectations for reading and for reading and what book levels children should be reading. At this point it is expected that:
• Kindergarten are reading levels 6-7
• Year 1 students are reading levels 14-16
• Year 2 students are reading levels 20-22

A great way to support your child’s reading development is to read with them at home. Home Readers are available to all students in years K-2 and we encourage parents to spare 5 minutes each night to listen to their children read. If you have any questions about your child’s reading level or the home reading program, please feel free to contact your child’s classroom teacher for more information.

Book Week

Books light up the world

We would like to extend a welcome to parents and community members, please come to the library and view the wonderful display created by the primary students and playgroup.

There will be a display of books in the library from Monday 14th to Friday 18th September. This is a great opportunity for Christmas and Birthday gifts.

Library will be open each day in school hours, the Book Parade will be held on Tuesday 15th September.

Community Notices

At a time like this...

Since arriving as the Anglican minister of Colly, I have been stunned at the constant grief we face. At times the deaths have been unexpected, and tragic.

Grief is normal, and we all grieve in different ways. And it’s important to remember there is no right or wrong way to grieve. Some people will be quite open about their feelings, others will want to get on as normal.

It can be tricky for those of us caring for people in grief. We need a balance of giving each other space to grieve in our own way, and at the same time still looking out for each other and taking care of each other.

A normal part of grief is crying, and so one of the most caring things we can do is simply sit with those in grief, listen, and let them cry. A mother who lost two children told me that at the time of the deaths she was ‘full of tears that needed to come out,’ and even 15 years later she still feels like she has tears that need to come out.

Not everyone will want to talk about their grief, especially with people not close to them. If you have the opportunity, take the time to listen well, even if that means times of silence or awkwardness for you child’s classroom teacher for more information.

But what about kids and grief?

Kids will cope in different ways. I think it is best to include kids in what has happened, rather than try to shield them. Death and grief is complicated for kids to understand and so try to use real words rather than euphemisms for death (e.g. ‘somewhere better,’ ‘kicked the bucket,’ ‘gone away’). Preschoolers may not understand what ‘forever’ means; whereaswhereas, primary aged kids understand that death is permanent. Some kids may not want to talk about it, and it’s best to wait until kids are ready to talk. A simple exercise that may help is allowing more creative ways to express grief, for example, a drawing, painting or craft as a way of remembering the deceased. Don’t forget that children model adults. If adults swallow their tears or tell the children to be brave they will follow (and maybe get stuck in grief for not having expressed their feelings).

Many say the hardest part is the separation from a loved one. Whilst life goes on for the rest of us, the real pain begins after the funeral. Don’t be afraid to talk about the loved one after the funeral. If nothing else, it helps the grieving family to know their loved one hasn’t been forgotten.

Don’t forget to get help yourself. If you are struggling see the doctor or a counsellor. You won’t be able to support children if you are not coping yourself.

Grief raises all sorts of big questions for all of us. More on that next time if you would like to talk more about anything I’ve raised, feel free to give me a call: 6828 1590, 0407 466 459.

God bless, Revd Tory Cayzer.
St John’s Anglican Church Collarenebri.
COLLARENEBRI JOCKY CLUB
ANNUAL RACE MEETING
12th September 2015

THE DAY COMMENCES WITH AN OPEN LUNCHEON AT 12:30PM FOR ALL TO ENJOY FOLLOWED BY AN EXCITING SIX RACE PROGRAM BAR – BBQ – TAB – SKY CHANNEL FACILITIES ON SITE ENJOY FASHION ON THE FIELDS, STALLS RAFFLES AND COMPETITIONS, JUMPING CASTLE AND CHILDREN’S USED TICKET COMPETITION ENQUIRIES 0488581958 OR 67562252

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FIRST RACE AT 1PM

A great day out for all the family

NO ALCOHOL TO BE TAKEN INTO OR OUT OF THE GROUNDS