Well another term has come and gone and I do have to say it was the busiest term we have had this year and it was the same at nearby schools, it must be something about term 3. The restructure of the Department of Education has also caused a lot of change and some exciting challenges lay ahead of us.

We have been lucky enough to borrow Lightning Ridge Central School’s TSO (Technical Support Officer) 1 day a week. Dave will make the journey each Tuesday and we hope to have all our IT equipment back up and running both effectively and efficiently.

Book week was an absolute hit this week. It was fantastic to see all the students and the pre-school go to so much effort with their costumes. Our staff also got in on the act and I do say it was certainly entertaining watching staff interact with students “in costume”. Thank you to those who participated as well as those who helped organise the event.

On Tuesday we had Ms Jann Farmer-Hayley – Leader Literacy in the Department of Education NSW. Jann came all the way from Sydney to visit our school and give our Infants/Primary staff Professional Learning (nothing like having the boss give you a one on one lesson, it does not get any better than that!) Jann will be back early next year to see how we are going.

Wednesday and Thursday we had MCE Consultancy visit our school. The private consultants interviewed and surveyed many staff, students and community members. We will have a report back next week saying what we are doing well but more importantly areas where we can improve our school going forward into the future.

Thank you to everyone who participated.

Have a safe, happy and restful holiday break.

Vanessa Coates

Shaquille worked diligently during this last week completing his final exams for year 11. During this, in the back of his mind, was the knowledge that he would be heading to PNG the week after. Despite this, Shaquille completed all his exams. Because Shaquille was able to put his upcoming trip out of his mind and finish year 11, Shaquille is the deserved winner of student of the week. It’s a great thing to be able to put your school work first over the stuff happening in your personal life. Well done Shaq.
IMPORTANT DATES
TERM 4
Tuesday October 6th: School returns

SECONDARY NEWSLETTER
Mr JASON WALKER
[REL] Head Teacher

G’Day everyone. Term 3 has now gone. It’s been a pretty hectic term for me as head teacher in secondary. At times it has felt like a whirlwind but I’ve loved every minute of it. The kids, the school, the community and the staff have all been fantastic.

Next term we will say goodbye to Mr Ponton and say hello back to Mrs Shearer. Mrs Shearer will be rejoining the Colly staff after an extended period of leave. Mr Ponton will head back to Sydney and we wish him all the best for the future and thank him for his efforts this term.

Shaquille Peters is on tour in Papua New Guinea

Shaquille flew out of Sydney Monday morning at nine o’clock for PNG. He was in Port Moresby by lunch where he prepared for a game on Tuesday. Following the game he will walk the Kokoda track. Shaquille will walk for nine days in some of the harshest terrain in the world. The Kokoda track is the site of arguably Australia’s greatest wartime achievement. It is where we stopped the Japanese during World War Two.

His trip will finish with another game where he will be playing the curtain raiser for the Australian Prime Minister’s 13 v Papua New Guinea. This is a great experience for a kid from Colly and we look forward to hearing how his trip went.

Drug and Alcohol Awareness

Colly school received a visit from the Aboriginal Medical Service this week. Sue Jenkins, our local representative, organised for the AMS expert, Reg Retune, to speak to our kids and staff about drugs and alcohol. Reg spoke very directly about why students and staff needed to be aware about the use of ALL drugs and alcohol. The AMS will be visiting the school every term to talk to our kids and staff to keep them updated with the latest news in drug and alcohol awareness. A great partnership between the AMS and Colly school.

I can’t wait to term 4 starts. We will have so much going on. We have two students sitting their HSC and we have plenty of paperwork to fill in to help them get a place at University. Our new relationship with the University of New England (UNE) has been the biggest highlight of my work so far here at Colly. We now have a pathway for our kids to go to Uni without an ATAR. They only need to receive the HSC and have good attendance to be offered a place. We look forward to getting our first two students away to UNE in 2016 and hope that there will be more in 2017 and beyond.

Thanks for the great term everyone. I look forward to working with everyone till the end of 2015.

Jason Walker

Head Teacher Secondary Studies (relieving)

Maths Report

For the past couple of weeks, students have been completing their assessment tasks in maths. A few students have received some excellent results. Alistar Peters topped the 7/8 class with an excellent result of 82% while Brock Cobb topped the year 9/10 class with a result of 92%.
Music Report
We have a nice collection of didgeridoos in the music room now and there are more to come. Dale Barden has been practicing the didgeridoo in class and has demonstrated quite a talent for it. Special thanks go to John McGregor who has been teaching the kids and helped us expand our collection of didgeridoos.

Ben Odgers

Primary Report

Ms. Allyson Hynch
Assistant Principal

Healthy Harold
This week we had a special visitor come to our school. It was...... Healthy Harold and his friend Ruth! Healthy Harold is a friendly, helpful giraffe. Harold and his friend taught us all about how to be safe, stay healthy and gave us tips about what we should do in many situations! The Preschool students were invited to attend a session with Harold about Nutrition and being Healthy. Primary students learnt about cyber-safety, cigarettes and the effects of smoking. Life Education engages children in its unique drug and health education program assisting them to make safe, healthy lifestyle choices.

Disco
Last Thursday, Primary held a black and white Disco to raise funds towards the Capers dance excursion to Tamworth in term 4. This event raised over $400 for our excursion. There was plenty of food available whilst the students danced the night away. Thank you to Candice Middleton for running the music and lights on the evening and Mrs. Zell for supplying all of the prizes. Some of the categories for prizes included dance off, freeze, limbo and trains. Thanks to the people who supplied goodies for our stall, a great night was had by all.

To all have a safe and happy holiday!

Book Week Celebrations

K/1 Students
On Monday, students from Kindergarten to Year 6 participated in a day of literacy activities for book week. Students listened to some of the shortlisted books and made stone lions, tree houses and friendship wreaths based on the books. There were
some great costumes judged by Bec, a Collarenebri Police Officer and Mr Kirkland. The winners from Preschool to Year 6 were Charlie, Lexii, Tyler, Georgina, Ethan, Jaylan, Darcie, Aaliyah, Bailey, and Tahlia. It was fantastic to see so many students dressed up as their favourite character. Well done! Thank you to all family members who came to support the students during the costume parade.

Casey Zell

Early Action for Success Special Visitor

On Tuesday we had a very special visitor to the school, Jann Farmer-Hailey, the leader for literacy across the whole state of NSW. Part of her visit involved working with the primary staff to look at literacy assessment data, along with visiting classrooms to give teachers feedback about their teaching and classroom set-up. Between lunch and recess we collapsed all the primary classes to have a fitness circuit (a mini ‘Mud Run’ – minus the mud) with Miss Faint, while all teachers were given professional development by Mrs Hailey. It was a very informative day and Mrs Hailey has advised us that improving attendance will be key to improving our literacy results across the school.

Reward Day

On Wednesday, primary students received their rewards as part of the ‘All Stars’ Merit System. A variety of activities were organised by Ms Flick and students were allocated rewards based on the level they reached at the end of this term. Cooking, craft, sports, movies all capped off with a ‘masked disco’ were on offer with a yummy hot-dog lunch! Thanks for a great day primary staff and students!

On a final note, I would just like to say a massive Thank You to all the primary staff for their enormous efforts this term. It has been an action packed term filled with sporting events, excursions, performances, assemblies, special visitors, discos and much, much
more! These things don’t just ‘happen’ and teachers take the time outside of school hours to carefully plan these activities on top of their class planning and programming. I hope our staff enjoy a well-deserved break, and come back ready and refreshed to do it all over again in Term 4!

To all our students and families, have a wonderful and safe holiday break!

Years 4/5/6

This term has been very full on for the students in 4/5/6. They have been busy making Father’s Day presents which complied of cards, puzzles, I Love You This Much hands, Father’s Day list and photo frames. The students worked really hard to complete all of their Father’s Day gifts. All of the students presented their artwork on assembly before taking them home. I’m sure their hard work paid off, followed up by lots of hugs and kisses from their Dads.

The students have also participated in the Healthy Harold’s “BCyberWise Program”. The program explores cyber safety through animation, relevant scenarios, discussion and problem solving. The session focused on:

- safe and respectful behaviour online
- responsible behaviours when using communication technology
- strategies for keeping personal information safe online
- strategies to deal with face to face and cyberbullying

The students of 4/5/6 have worked really hard to be creative for this year’s Book Week Display “Books Light Up Our World”. We focused on a space theme; the students completed their own astronaut passports, made stars, planets, rockets and a globe of the world. I am sure the community would have been impressed with our class display and the effort the students put into their costumes this year. Thank you to the students of 456 for a great term, I am so looking forward to the next one.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holidays

Mrs Dumas/Flick

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**EVERY DAY COUNTS**

*A day here or there doesn’t seem like much, but...*

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Give your child every chance to succeed... **Every day counts!**

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## Term 4 Kindergarten

### Round Up!

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Community Notice

September Holiday Programs

Collarenebri Blue Reelers Movie Madness 22nd September
Walgett Blue Reelers Movie Madness 23rd September
Collarenebri Youth Centre Vacation Care 21st September - 2nd October
The Big Burren Bash Thursday 24th September Burren Junction Tennis Club
Space Academy Holiday Kids Club - 23rd September - 26th September St Peter's Anglican Church
Tennis Coaching Clinic September Holidays 28th - 30th September
I.C.P.A Walgett Annual Tennis Competition Thursday 1st October
## Vacation Care

**21st Sept—2nd Oct**

### Date | Activity | Time | Details
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**Monday 21st** | Mellow Monday | 9am-2pm | Fun sporty day: Balloon tag, minute to win it games, Crazy Hat, Face painting and much more
**Tuesday 22nd** | Theatrical Tuesday
Blue Reelers | 9am-2pm | 6pm-8pm | Dramatic arts create a play, props making set design and presentation. Arty party day: Master making and painting, cup catch making and competition
**Wednesday 23rd** | Mad Science Day | 9am-2pm | Everything Science: balloon rockets, Sheebies, wind chimes and much more
**Thursday 24th** | Art Attack | 9am-2pm | Creative crafts: Masks, jewellery making, bead creations
**Friday 25th** | Environmental Matters | 9am-2pm | Vegetable patch revamp

### Date | Activity | Time | Details
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**Monday 28th** | Sports Mania | 9am-2pm | Table Tennis, Tennis, Soccer, Hockey, 3 on 3 Basketball.
**Tuesday 29th** | Life Skills Learning | 9am-2pm | Cook it up, Pancakes, Muffins, Toasties, Cookies all from scratch.
**Wednesday 30th** | Skate Park Scavenger Hunt | 9am-2pm | Scavenger hunt complete the clues, collect the items and carve up the competition.
**Thursday 1st** | Mix it up madness | 9am-2pm | Mix it up messy day: Kinetic Sand, Goop and Playdough!
**Friday 2nd** | Feel Good Friday | 9am-2pm | Chillax Day Kids Choose activities for the day and finish off holiday projects

**IMPORTANT** All youth and young people "MUST" be enrolled to participate in holiday programs.

"Walgett Shire Council operate and deliver services to our young people in alignment with the National Quality Framework."

"We encourage every young person to learn, participate and have fun at our centres."

For more information please call Janet Mason Youth Development Officer on 0437273706; 68206126

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