I can hardly believe that a week has passed since writing my last report. Time passes by very quickly in Collarenebri it would seem.

This week has seen the completion of painting in the library and hall. It certainly has freshened up these areas and made for a more pleasant learning environment.

The canteen is now up and running. Thank you to the people who have expressed interest in the canteen assistant position. It will be filled shortly and I will be in touch with the applicants early next week. All orders need to be submitted to the canteen no later than 9:30am. No line of credit will be available at the canteen any longer. Students who have forgotten their lunch (or lunch money) will be provided with a sandwich if their teacher is made aware of their predicament.

Rachael Shearer and I attended a VET coordinators day on Wednesday. The purpose of this was to update schools on the latest compliance requirements for Vocational Education and Training requirements. There are a number of VET courses offered through the Northern Border Senior Access Program (NBSA) three of which are offered through our school: Fundamental Skills (FSK), Hospitality and Primary Industries. Ivan Gant will be visiting Collarenebri in the near future to discuss the possible commencement of a Primary Industries Traineeship program. This presents a very exciting opportunity for our students to gain valuable vocational experience. I will keep you informed of developments in this area.

I would like to acknowledge the hard working staff at CCS, in particular this week, Rebecca Raffie and Raegan Arndell for volunteering to coordinate the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Also I would like to acknowledge and congratulate Chris Kirkland for his yabbie farm initiative. This should prove to be an exciting and engaging experience for the Agriculture students involved.

Yesterday and today I have been in Tamworth working with the Secondary Principals’ Council (SPC). The SPC is an important support network for Principals across NSW. The knowledge, networking and support gained from these occasions are vital in my role in ensuring that the school functions in a manner that conforms to community expectations. The two major items on the agenda were: a presentation introducing the Aboriginal Mentoring Program by Glenn Isemonger and a presentation from the director of the Employee Performance and Conduct Unit (EPAC), Veronica Kapsimali. I will speak more of this in next week’s edition.

Steve Harper
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Mariah Cochrane

Mariah is always a kind and cheerful student. She is willing to help out within the classroom without being asked and displays lovely manners to other members of our class. She is a fabulous role model and a great helper.
Keep it up, Mariah!

SECONDARY REPORT
Mrs Rachel Shearer
HEAD TEACHER SECONDARY STUDIES (REL.)

Year 11 and 12 students have been completing their induction workshops for Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses in Foundation Skills, Hospitality and Primary Industries. These are mandatory requirements to partake in VET courses and the school is most fortunate to offer these subjects. VET courses enable students to complete naturally recognised Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) including Certificate II or a Statement of Attainment whilst still completing their HSC for industry specific skills and experience.

Year 7 – 10 students are all busy in all subject areas, with many actively starting their theoretical and practical assessments tasks for term 1.

Careers

Career classes are timetabled for all students in secondary. These classes enable students to set career goals, provide guidance and work readiness skills.

Year 10, 11 and 12 classes in addition to the above are obtaining their Tax File Numbers, so when an opportunity arises they are able to undertake employment.

Year 10 students will complete work experience in term 4. More information will be provided at a later date.

School Spectacular

Miss Daines will be operating a vocal group during Thursday and Friday lunches for students wishing to perform at the school spectacular in term 4. The school is vying for a successful audition which must be entered by the 16th March, for this particular segment. If you would like any further information, please contact myself or Miss Daines.

The Schools Spectacular is an outstanding showcase of the talent in NSW public schools. In terms of sheer size, scale and scope, the Schools Spectacular is unequaled in the world with over 2000 dancers, a huge choir, an 80-piece symphony orchestra and exceptional soloists aged 5-18.

Open Boys’ Basketball

On Thursday 25th February Collarenebri will compete in their first round with Lightning Ridge Central School in the open boys’ basketball competition. We wish all players their best and a reminder notes need to be returned by Monday 22nd February. Thank you to Mr Odgers for organising this event.

Uniforms

Please ensure students wear their school uniform and have covered shoes. If you require any items for your child please visit the front office to obtain.

Years 7/8 Maths

Students in years 7 and 8 have been completing work on data in term 1. This week we learned how to display data in a variety of graphs. We used smarties to learn about column, sector and divided bar graphs. Students each received a packet of smarties and used them to construct each graph. Below are some pictures of the graphs students created in class.
Term 4 Week 4

Carl tossing the coin off the table and into the tub

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Troija created a column graph with smarties

Jase created a divided bar graph using smarties

Dale and Chloe created a sector graph using smarties

HSC General Maths

Carl and Jason played a game where they had to flick a coin on a table and get it to land in a tub. Students took turns taking 5 shots per turn. Carl and Jason recorded their results on a double box and whisker plot to compare results.

PRIMARY REPORT
MRS ALLYSON HYNCH
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Our students in Infants-Primary are working well in classes. We are learning all about guided and independent reading and writing. Teachers are busy with data and recording student’s abilities. If Kindergarten parents would like to talk about their child’s Best Start Assessment, there will be a report printed for parents to look at in the next few weeks. Enquires can then be made to the front office and appointment times can be arranged.

There will be a primary performance next Wednesday called “Gonna Beat My Drum”. All Primary students will be engaged in the performance at 2pm. Pre-School will also be invited to join us for this event.
Teachers will be travelling to Lightning Ridge this afternoon to attend a staff development day tomorrow. The day will consist of guest speakers, training with ipads and digging deeper into the History syllabus.

Wednesday of next week will be the school’s first Whole School Assembly for this year. Parents and guest are invited to join us for our first assembly. Many awards will be handed out and you will see a performance from the Year 1/2 class. This will also be a great opportunity to meet and greet our new teachers in the school. The Assembly will start at 12:30pm. Everyone Welcome!

**Library News**

**Term One**

Welcome to a new year at Collarenebri Central School.

Our school library is an important part of our school as we value literacy and its importance to learning. Our school library provides our children with a wealth of rich literature resources to facilitate their quest for knowledge. Our library aim is to enrich students' reading experiences and develop their skills as independent learners.

Each class visits the library for a one hour session each week. During these sessions, the students will be exposed to quality pieces of literature, learn about how a library operates, borrow books, develop research skills and discover how to apply all of this knowledge to their class work. Library borrowing will begin next week for all classes.

**Library Borrowing Days**

K/1- Wednesday

1/2- Wednesday

3/4- Thursday

5/6- Thursday

We look forward to a great term and to all HAPPY READING.

Mrs Casey Zell

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**Barwon Swimming Championships**

Last Friday I had the pleasure of taking Patricia Price, Laqunita Price and Louise Smith to the Barwon Swimming Championships in Lightning Ridge. The Ridge has a 50m pool, which is a lot longer than our pool in Colly. The girls tried their best in every race and represented our school proudly. Both Louise and Patricia placed in their races and received ribbons – Louise with three 3rds in the 11years 50m freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke and Patricia Price with a 3rd in the 9 years 50m freestyle. Congratulations girls!

Raegan Mcilwain
Whole School Assembly

Wednesday 24th February 2016

Time: 12:30