**PRINCIPALS REPORT**

**Stephen Harper**  
Rel. Principal

This week has been a short week for me with Wednesday spent at Farrer High with Renee Fagan (Instructional Leader) for an Early Action for Success Seminar. I have been very impressed with the knowledge and skills Renee has demonstrated during my time here. She has proven to be an excellent asset to our school. I spent Thursday at the Barwon Principal’s planning day, hosted by our new director Rebecca Langdon. Planning is integral to the future success of CCS. The staff have been very focussed on redeveloping the School Plan over the past two weeks and have agreed to give up extra time of their own to ensure that we end up with a workable document.

**Tell Them From Me Survey**

In Term 1 2016, your school is taking part in the Tell Them From Me student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help them improve.

Attached is a note explaining more about the survey and how the data is used. **Only return the slip to school if you do not want you child/ward to participate.**

**School Plan**

The School Plan (2015-2017) is currently under review. All community members are invited to a meeting 17th March at 3:30pm in the School Hall to comment and contribute to the final version.

**School Hall Proposal**

This is just a reminder that a submission has been put before the school, for the community to participate in a design project to decorate the School Hall. Details appeared in last week’s newsletter. I have invited comment from the community giving a two week window to come into the school and view the project. There is one week left to have your say. Please do so.

**Veggies and Eggs**

The Ag plot is selling pumpkins for $2/quarter and eggs for $4/dozen when stock is available. Leave order at the office.

**School Sores**

Below is some advice off the school a-z website regarding school sores.  

**Impetigo (School sores)**

**Symptoms**

Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.
School or home?

Keep home from school until antibiotic treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings.

How can I help prevent spread?

Parents of children who may have had contact with impetigo should look for signs of infection and seek treatment if symptoms develop.

Careful hand washing especially after changing dressings. Avoid sharing toilet articles, towels, clothing or bed linen. Consider using anti-bacterial soap for bathing for two to three weeks. Avoid scratching or touching the lesions to prevent spread to other parts of the body.

Completing the recommended antibiotic course is very important.

Mastering spelling for Primary Kids

Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling.

Find our more:

Steve Harper

Student of the Week

George Barden

Star of the Week Award: Friday, 4 March 2016

George is a vibrant and delightful year 5/6 class member who is well liked by his peers. He cooperates in class and happily complies with school rules and procedures. George always participates in class activities and discussions. He is working really hard to understand new maths concepts and this is reflected in his completion of work. George is currently reading at a PM Benchmark level of 20.

I am so proud of all your hard work and effort thus far. Congratulations on a wonderful start to the year, George!

Great effort in class and getting along!!

UP COMING EVENTS

17th March: Healthy Outback Kids Program
30th February ACEG Meeting at 3.30pm
24th March: Easter Hat Parade
30th March; Whole School Assembly
6th April: Secondary Merit Day
7th April: Primary Merit Day
SECONDARY REPORT

MRS RACHEL SHEARER
HEAD TEACHER SECONDARY STUDIES (REL.)

Another busy week in secondary, students across all years have been completing assessments in English, Science, Food technology, Child Studies, Exploring Early Childhood and History.

The agriculture classes have been looking after the chickens and collecting numerous vegetables which are for sale at the school. A carton of eggs is $4.00 and currently there is quarter and half pumpkins for sale. All funds are returned to the agriculture plot. If you have any spare egg cartons please drop them off at the school.

Youth Council

On Thursday 3rd March William Adams, Brock Cobb, Terri-Lee Murray, Janice Murray, Chloe Taylor and Akeira Walford attended the Walgett Youth Council AGM in Lightning Ridge. Students were able to speak for the youth of Collarenebri and expand on their own leadership skills. Thank you to Janet Mason for organising the day and providing travel to and from Lightning Ridge.

Open Boys Basketball

Monday 7th March the boys travel to Moree to compete against Boggabilla Central School in the knockout with Mr Chris Kirkland. We wish the team all the best!! Thank-you to Mr Ben Odgers and Mr Chris Kirkland for organising.

Bangarra Dance

Wednesday 9th March Arron Hynch and I will take students to attend the Bangarra Aboriginal dance workshops and audition for Schools Spectacular in Moree.

Secondary English – Molly Moyes

We’ve had such an exciting start to the year in English this term! Year 7/8 have been looking at texts that teach them about mental health, year 9/10 are thinking about ideas of ‘belonging’, year 11 are studying ‘the big screen’ and year 12 are continuing their HSC studies and have already completed an assessment task! I want to congratulate year 7 and 8 in particular for diving in so enthusiastically. Check them out, straight after playing a game that taught us about how our emotions always show…

Molly Moyes

PRIMARY REPORT

MRS ALLYSON HYNCH
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

The weeks are moving quickly and students are into routines now. All programs are happening in Infants/primary with Quick-smart and Multilit happening upstairs. All students are participating and playing in the playground during break times. Well done students!

Moorambilla Choir Workshops:

On Friday the 11th of March students from stages 2 and 3 will be travelling over to Lightning Ridge to participate in the Moorambilla Choir. Students will leave the school at 7:30am and return home at 3:00pm. The day consists of students joining in with our neighbouring schools Goodooga and Lightning Ridge and participating in singing workshops.

Our new music teacher Miss Daines will be accompanying the students with Ms Hynch and Mr Hynch. What a fantastic opportunity for our students. The students will also listen to Australia’s premier vocal ensemble The Song Company during the day. All students will be treated with a small swim at the pool.
Notes have already been distributed between the classes and some have already been returned. If there are any questions concerning the excursion please call into the front office.

**Home-work and Home- Readers.**

All classroom teachers have been handing out homework and home readers throughout the week. Linda changes Home Readers in the afternoon so students can enjoy reading to their parents at night. Please listen to your child read to you and encourage them to return their books. Literacy is very important for everyone to learn.

**Library News**

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 Days**

- K/1- Wednesday
- 1/2- Wednesday
- 3/4- Thursday
- 5/6- Thursday

The children are welcome to borrow through the week at lunch time. Please supply your child with a library bag.

**Reading Challenge starts Monday 7th March.**

Please find attached NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge Tips for parents and carers.

Mrs Casey Zell

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**COMMUNITY NOTICE**

**MOREE JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB INC.**
P.O. BOX 1343
MOREE NSW 2400

**Moree Junior Soccer Club**

Registration Dates
Saturday
5th, 12th ,19th March 2016

Ron Harbourne Oval
10.00am - 12.00 noon.

Registration Fee $120.00 per player
Ages 5-16yrs - Proof of age for first time player

Shinpads & Shorts for sale on day of Rego.
More information contact Terry-Anne 67528152
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or online www.myfootball.com.au

Regards
Terry-Anne Sharples

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