Community Project

Below is a picture of a proposed community project to decorate our community room. In a series of workshops with the project artist, students and families will create patterned areas as a part of a continuous design that travels around the walls of the community room.

A more detailed proposal is available for consideration at the Administration Office. Please forward any suggestions or concerns to me. This proposal will be open for consultation for the next two weeks.

Please note that the artwork will not be painted directly onto the walls of the Community Room as per DoE policy. It will be created so that it can be removed if necessary.

School Drop-Off Zones

Across Australia there have been a number of injuries and deaths from traffic accidents within school zones. A number of hazards have been identified surrounding the school zones at Collarenebri including students running across the road, unsupervised, between cars. Last year, Vanessa Coates negotiated a plan with the RMS to come up with an alternative to the school drop off area. Please read through the attached documentation and relay any concerns or support to me ASAP. My personal view is that the plan looks to be a safer option than the current set up.
Clean Classes

After chatting with Ian (one of our cleaners) yesterday, I was very pleased that he reported the clean state of the classes and the grounds. It is very pleasing to see the Colly students take great pride in their environment. I have every confidence that this will continue throughout the remainder of the year.

Northern Boarder Senior Access

Our hard working staff attended a professional development day last Saturday at Lightning Ridge and met with colleagues from Mungindi, Goodooga, Boggabilla and Lightning Ridge. The highlight of this day was a presentation by acclaimed educator and ex-principal, David Cox on improving student outcomes. His engaging and passionate delivery left most staff wishing he was their principal! I would like to congratulate the Colly staff for their passion and commitment to improving their teaching practice.

Uniforms

I have noticed a drop-off in the number of secondary students wearing school uniform. Please be aware that our school is a uniformed school and the expectation is that they are worn. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Next Week

I will be attending a professional Early Action For Success professional development day on Wednesday in Tamworth together with Renee Fagan and Allyson Hynch. On Thursday I will be in Moree at a Barwon Region Principal’s Network Planning Day.

Steve Harper (Reliving Principal)

Student of the Week

Chloe Taylor

Great effort in class and getting along!!

SECONDARY REPORT

Mrs Rachel shearer
HEAD TEACHER SECONDARY STUDIES (REL.)

It has been a busy week in secondary.

NBSA

On Tuesday and Wednesday some senior students went to Mungindi to attend the NBSA Get-Together. This excursion was a great opportunity for senior students to meet and catch-up with their peers and teachers from Boggabilla, Goodooga and Mungindi. Activities included face to face lessons with their subject co-ordinators and learn how to interact on the video conference lessons. Goal setting, using scaffolds to complete assessment tasks, Crossroads – program to assist students to address issues of their health, wellbeing, changes and challengers. I wish to thank Michelle Riddell for organising the excursion who is Head Teacher of NBSA, Ben Odgers, Chris Kirkland and Molly Moyes for attending and presenting workshops.
Open Boys Basketball

On Thursday the secondary boys travelled to Lightning Ridge to compete in open boys basketball. I am pleased to say they won 41 – 30. Thank-you to Ben Odgers and Chris Kirkland for organising. The next game is expected to be in Boggabilla.

Youth Council

Next week on the 3rd March (Thursday) nominated secondary students will attend the Walgett Shire Youth Council AGM in Lightning Ridge. This is a fantastic opportunity for our future leaders to work with other youth in the Walgett area to communicate their ideas, strengthen partnerships and promote Collarenebri. If you would like further information please contact myself or Janet Mason on 6828 6126.

Bangarra Dance Auditions

Students have the opportunity to audition for Bangarra Dance Company in Moree, if selected they will participate in Schools Spectacular. The date of the auditions is 8th March and notes will be going out Monday.

Have a great weekend!

Rachael Shearer

Science Report

We have had a great start to 2016 in secondary Science. Our Year 7 students are settling in well and have proven themselves to be a wonderful addition to CCS secondary. This term Years 7&8 are focusing on the structure and properties of matter. They also examine and develop an understanding of Earth’s natural resources.

Years 9 & 10 will be exploring the components our universe and examining the origin of our universe. They also gain an understanding of chemical reactions that occur in living and non-living systems. Year 11 Senior Science students are looking at the importance of water resources for living systems. They are also working hard on their assessment task due Week 8.

All of our students have started this year with great enthusiasm and positive attitude.

Great work everyone.

Sharon Sam
It is drawing close to the middle of the term already and students are keeping busy in classrooms. Teachers are attending in-services around the area and placing their learnt skills back into the classroom. Many teachers in Infants/ Primary are at different levels of L3 training this year. Some of our teachers will be training in Moree whilst others are in Brewarrina.

Gonna Beat My Drum

On Thursday we were happily entertained by a travelling performer with drums. The show was called “Gonna Beat My Drum”. Many students experienced jumping up at the end of the performance and having a go at some very large drums. We also had our week 5 assembly for the term. Well done to all the students who received attendance awards at the whole school assembly. Our year 1/2 class did a wonderful performance in front of many of our parents.

Mooramilla Workshop

We are working towards taking many of our Primary students to Lightning Ridge for the Mooramilla workshops. The skills development workshops throughout the region are designed to inspire and motivate young people to explore music through innovative new approaches. By the end of the session students are empowered to sing simple melodies in small groups or as soloists and perform multi-layered rhythmic motifs that accompany the songs. Students will receive notes for this excursion next week.

Personalized Learning Plans

Personalized Learning Plan for all students K/12 will be a priority of the school over the next couple of weeks. Aaron will be making phone calls and doing house visits to parents arranging an interview time for teachers, parents and students to discuss individual goals. If you have any concerns regarding the PLP’s please contact Aaron at the school.

Library News

Books in Homes

The children had the choice of three books last week from Books in Homes. The high quality new books provided by Books in Homes are special to the children and their families, as they are not second hand cast offs. The books are valued as a gift, the children are excited to receive them and therefore excited about reading them. After choosing their books from the catalogue, each morning students often bombard me with “are the books here yet?”

Our books in Homes are sponsored Mr Adrian King who sponsors 27 students and the school sponsors the remainder of Primary. The books will be presented to Primary students at Assembly.

Nancy Hoare

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