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NEWSLETTER

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LEARN TO LIVE

Wentworth Show Winners



Updated on our Website this fortnight:





Principal's Report

Welcome to our last newsletter for term 3 . Once again we have had an exciting and inspiring term filled with a multitude of activities.

We had great results at the Wentworth show in both art and cooking, thank you to Ms Nixon. Mr Johnston and Mrs Bell for organising this. Our senior Textiles students work has been sent away for marking as has our Art major works . My thanks to the students and staff involved for their commitment and dedication towards this task; I am looking forward to seeing some good marks for these projects.

Last week we had a visit from our Director Peter Macbeth and our Relieving Executive Director Dean White. During the time they spent in the school they visited classrooms and our new EAC, spoke to students and enjoyed morning tea with the staff. Dean was very complimentary about the numerous programs within the school, the engagement and courtesy of the students and the excellent results we are getting in areas such as NAPLAN. Our Directors were also most impressed with the Design and Technology HSC projects such as the pontoon made by Bailey Chatterton, the entertainment unit made by Anthony Whitehair, as well as the cabin being made by the construction students under the guidance of Mr Mac and Mr O'Shannessy. The Design and Technology markers were in the school soon after. I am expecting some excellent results in this area.

Staff, including myself, have been involved in professional learning for future focussed learning. This is an area that is a focus for all NSW schools across Sunraysia. We have a number of projects being developed within this area so watch this space for more news on this soon. Within this area we are upgrading our library and our first truck load of bright, ergonomically designed furniture has arrived. By the end of October you will be able to view some significant changes to this area. I am looking forward to seeing some new and engaging teaching and learning in this space. Please come and visit and look at our new library in action.

Tarryn Shaddock competed in the school students final at the Bendigo Clay Target Club and was the overall winner with a near perfect score of 29/30, he is now headed for Nationals.

The school SMS system has been trialled this term and we have had much success in getting quick messages to parents for such things as time of return for students from excursions.

Our public speaking competition has once again been a highlight of the term, my thanks to Mrs Buckley for her organisation.

The formal assembly for this term, which includes our farewell to year 12, is on Thursday 22nd September, period 2 at 10.30 and all are welcome. A morning tea will follow. Exam preparation and revision for year 12 is well underway. CHS staff and I wish them all the very best for their success in the HSC.

We have been fortunate in gaining grants from Wentworth Rotary club and the Coomealla Club for a "Laptops for Senior Students" program, using additional school funds to complement these grants we will be able to issue all year 12 (2017) students with a laptop to assist with their studies from term 4 2016. Students will be loaned a new laptop for the remainder of their time at Coomealla HS; please assist in returning the permission notes. We are canvassing other sources to include year 11 in this program from the beginning of 2017.

Breaking news!! Congratulations to the following students:

Captains- Lachlan Whitchurch & Shae McDonald

Vice Captains- Mikaela Frazer & Monique Mitchell

Tarryn Shaddock & Colby Wade

Jo Scott
Principal

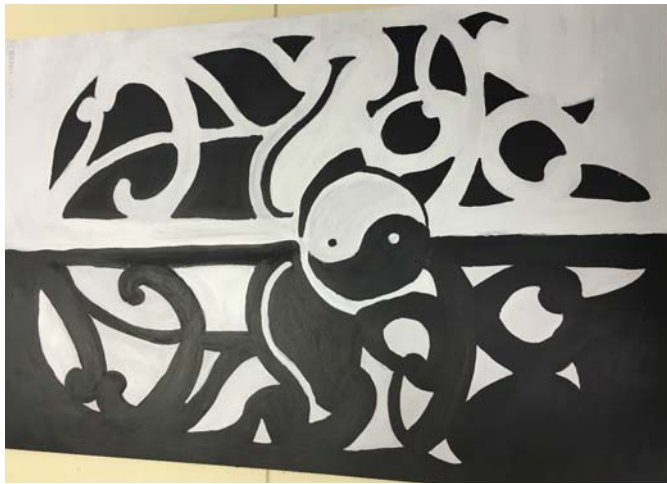


Jo Scott

Art Projects

Variety of artworks from across the years.

Ms Nixon





Tarryn Shaddock - Victorian Clay Target Representative

Congratulations to Tarryn Shaddock.

Tarryn has continued his very impressive rise up the rankings of Australian Junior Clay target shooters. During the summer months, Tarryn qualified as the second ranked shooter of the three member Victorian Juniour Team.

He then produced outstanding results in the National Championships, held in Wagga Wagga, during April. These were also National selection trials and part of an international challenge between Australian and New Zealand shooters.

Tarryn's results there were:

3rd - National Double rise with 99 targets from 110, that was two at a time!

3rd - Australia v New Zealand double barrel Championships with 301 from 306

2nd - National Family Deauville Doubles, with his dad, 115 targets from 116. Two family members shoot two targets at a time, ie one each.

Amazing results, unfortunately Tarryn missed out on National selection by one target.

Since then Tarryn has continued his successes. In September Tarryn defeated a very strong field to win the Victorian Schools Championships. He will now compete for Victorian Schools' at the National titles.

Coomealla High School Students in Under 14 Grand Final Premiers



Coomoallla welcomes back Forensic Science

Who Done It?

Once again Coomealla High School has hosted their very successful Forensic Science workshops. These provide our students opportunities to discover and use some of the technology and techniques used by Abbey Schutto in NCIS, as she solves crime scene questions.



It also provides students from surrounding Primary Schools the opportunity to experience more about life in their local High School. This visit reduces the fear which some younger students develop about coming to High School and allow them to have a first hand experience. They get a chance to see what a great school Coomealla High is.



Public Speaking Grand Final

This year's event provided a number of very impressive speeches. The adjudicators were Keli Golledge, James Cook and Koko Dove. Our school captains Tegan Kuzman and Bailey Tyers hosted the event. The first speaker for the Junior Section was Makayla Witte (Yr 7) who engaged us with a consideration of the meaning of life, Jasmine Robertson (Yr 7) spoke passionately about the topical issue of banning greyhound racing, Lauren Boundy (Yr 8) entertained the audience with her light-hearted account about having a new baby sister in the house and the speech by Alyssa Gale (Yr 8) showed sensitivity as she reinforced how lucky we are in our lives. Montana Norris (Yr 7) won the Junior Section with her well paced recreation of the experience of competing at a rodeo, the runner-up was Jareth Ellis Stein (Yr 8) who gained a lot of audience interest with a speech about the history of Pokémon.

Murphy Baird opened the Intermediate Section with an exploration of the nature versus nurture debate in a most professional manner, Laura Ricardi (Yr 10) followed with a well delivered and enlightening speech about Third World countries, Jessica McCarten (Yr 10) was engaging in her consideration of the issue of peer pressure. The runner-up in this section was Alex Fasolino (Yr 10) who gave a very witty perspective on some of our politicians. Blake McDonnell (Yr 9) was the winner with his light-hearted view on why homework should be banned. The winner of the Senior Section was Lottie Sapuppo who entertained us with a range of views on Australia's involvement in the Rio Olympics. Overall it was a very well received whole school event.

Roslyn Buckley

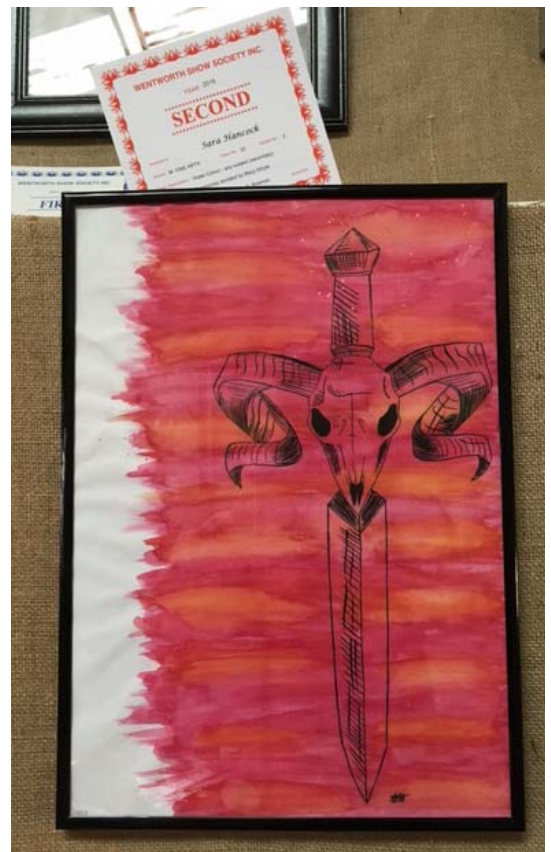


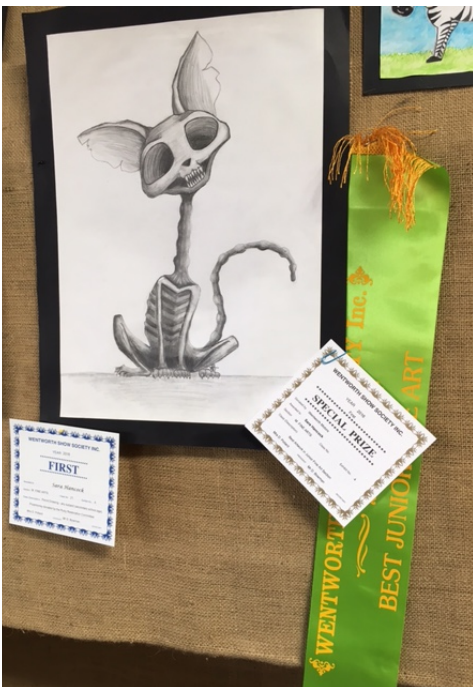


Public Speaking Grand Final



The Wentworth Show





Dear Coomealla High School,

OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND IMPROVE THEIR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME

In late January we will be receiving exchange students from Brazil, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Norway, France, Japan, Sweden, Slovakia, the USA and the Netherlands. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 3, 5 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student.

Host families come in all shapes and sizes, backgrounds and ages. To this end, we would be grateful if you would place a notice in your newsletter or mention it on your website.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life! All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Below is a sample of students who will be arriving.



16 year old French student, Louise V is looking forward to coming to Australia to meet new people, improve her English and becoming friends with her host family. She describes herself as caring, dreamy, discreet, determined and sometimes shy. She plays the piano and enjoys reading, sport, dreaming and playing board games.



16 year old Lara is a vegetarian German student who is looking forward to coming to Australia to improve her English, learn about this beautiful country and meet new people and make new friends. Whilst here she hopes to try surfing, swimming and riding. She describes herself as honest, adventurous, tolerant and open hearted.



Franziska is a 15 year old German student who enjoys sports, painting, cooking, talking to people and social media. Whilst she is in Australia, she is hoping to surf, dive, snorkel and go horse riding. Describing herself as open-minded, cooperative, responsible and interested, Franziska also hopes to see a kangaroo.



Lu is a 16 year old German student who also speaks French and is hoping to improve her English and gain new life experiences. Whilst in Australia, she is hoping to play soccer and piano. Lu loves sports and nature and describes herself as a friendly person, sometimes a little shy but also ambitious, open and honest. Her parents describe her as open, taking care of others, autonomous and is a fast learner.



Kevin is a 16 year old American student who is looking forward to meeting new people and experiencing a new culture. Whilst here he would like to play soccer, spend time designing and do photography. He describes himself as funny, thoughtful, happy and creative.



Sara is a 15 year old student from the USA who is looking forward to coming to Australia to gain a unique education whilst having remarkable experiences. At home, she runs, plays volleyball and spends a lot of time studying. Whilst here she hopes to learn surfing, experience the native wildlife and see the Great Barrier Reef. Sara describes herself as energetic, creative, positive, generous and outgoing.



You can view more [profiles](#) of students arriving soon from our website. Please note that this is just a handful of the students who will be arriving. If families would like a selection of student profiles sent to them to review and decide which student may fit into their family best, please contact us or reply to this email.

The Stuart family were thrilled to have Danish student Simon stay with them for 8 months. As commented by host mum Victoria, *"it has been a fantastic experience. Simon has been an awesome role model to our two young children, he has been like an older brother to them."* Victoria continues, *"the experience has benefited us too, as it has allowed us to have greater free time and flexibility as a family. I was very impressed with Simon, as within the first couple of days he was here, he asked what should his chores be?"*

"Just give it a go, the benefits will surprise you. I highly recommend it", mentions Australian Host Dad Andrew, from the Stuart family. *"Not only do your children benefit, but the benefits exist for the parents too."* Host Dad, Andrew continues, *"We are so lucky to have Simon come stay with us. He is a fantastic student, easy going and not very demanding. He has fitted into the Australian way of life so easy. He even obtained his Bronze Medallion. We are so proud of Simon."*



The Stuart family talk about their hosting experience further and discuss the ups and downs of hosting, why they hosted and the benefits of being a volunteer host parent. Please check out their video [here](#). You can also watch a selection of videos of the Cain family from our [host family testimonials](#) page on our website.

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation that is registered with all state and territory Departments of Education around Australia and with the Ministry of Education in NZ. We are the first and only secondary exchange organisation in Australia and New Zealand to be certified to ISO 9001 (Quality Management System) and we ensure the highest standards of care and support to our participants. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting



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Make Online Payments

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card, and can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting [\\$ Make a payment](#).

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called 'Other' this to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the [\\$ Make a payment](#) you must enter:

the students name, and
class and reference number OR
the students name, and
date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. **There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields OR there is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number these are not used at our school, please leave blank.**

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed. Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.



Did you know that you can make payments to your child's school online?

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to your school's website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

What expenses can be paid online?

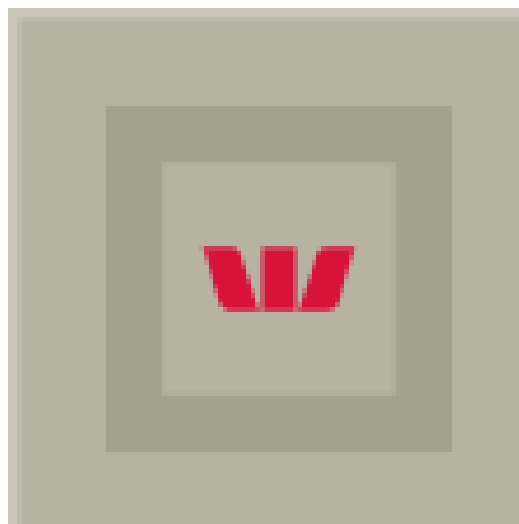
- Voluntary School Contributions
- Subject Contributions
- Excursions
- Sport
- Creative and Practical Arts
- Sales to Students
- Other

When?

This payment method will go live on 9th September 2016

How?

Log onto School site at coomealla-h.schools.nsw.edu.au URL>. Click on "Make a Payment" and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.



The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

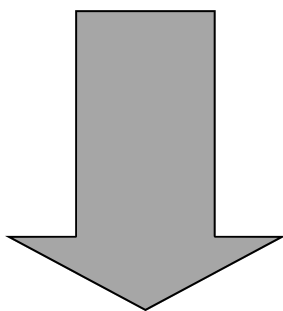
This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Save the Date



WE'RE OPEN!

Save the date

Sunday 23 October 2016

SuniTAFE Mildura | Open Day | 11am—3pm

sunitafe.edu.au





2016/17 Workers Gol Gol Cricket Club

Junior Cricket Programs

Club Registration Day

When: Thursday 15th September 4.30pm

Where: Alcheringa Oval Cricket Nets – Carramar Drive

Registration and payment can be completed online at any time by visiting the MyCricket website

Milo In2 Cricket Program

Recommended Age Group: 8 years and under from the 1st September

When: Thursday nights 5.00pm

Starts: 13th October till the 15th December (10 weeks)

Managers: Dave Hogarth

Where: Alcheringa Oval - Carramar Drive

Milo T20 Cricket Program

Recommended Age Group: 10 years and under from the 1st September

When: TBA Wednesday nights 5.30pm or Sunday mornings from 9.00am

Starts: TBA Usually mid October for a 10 week program, continues in January in a match-day format

Where: TBA Rotates through SCA grounds (city)

Manager: Simon Black

Come and Try: TBA

Under 12 Cricket Program

Recommended Age Group: 12 years and under from the 1st September

Traditional Cricket with some modifications to increase / encourage participation including split innings matches Saturday mornings.

Manager - Matt Tiley,

Training - Thursday 22nd September 4.30pm

Under 14 Cricket Program

Recommended Age Group: 14 years and under from the 1st September

Mixture of 1 and 2 day games Saturday mornings.

Manager: Vacant

Training: Thursday 15th September

Under 16 Cricket Program

Recommended Age Group: 16 years and under from the 1st September

Mixture of 1 and 2 day games Saturday mornings.

Coach: Matt Boyd

Manager: Nik Wade

Training: Tuesday and Thursday 4.30pm

Contact

Jon Torpey

Junior coordinator

0427545497

Download TeamApp on your smartphone and search WGGCC for updates and information

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ABSENTEE NOTES**

The DET Attendance Policy PD20050259 states that:

Parents are responsible for explaining the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school. *(from Responsibilities, 2.1 point 3); and*

A hard copy of the electronic record is to be generated weekly for the previous two-week period. The principal or delegated school executive must endorse this hard copy, certifying its accuracy. Once signed, this hard copy becomes the record of attendance and **must not be amended**. *(4.2 Electronic Attendance Registers, 4.2.2)*

Please send absentee notes to school promptly and, if you are going on holidays, please inform the school in advance.

Coomealla High School—Absence Note

Student Name: _____ Year: _____ Roll Group: _____

My child was absent from school: Date/s _____

Reason: _____

Signed: _____ Parent/Guardian

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Student Name: _____ Year: _____ Roll Group: _____

My child was absent from school: Date/s _____

Reason: _____

Signed: _____ Parent/Guardian

Quotable Quote:

"Unity is strength. . . when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."

Mattie Stepanek

Change of Address/Personal information

Please obtain an official 'Change of Student Details' form from the front office.

This will allow details to be updated on our system.