



# Coomoella High School

## Weekly News

Week 10, Term 2

2nd July 2020

Welcome to Week 10,

**Stage 4 Slam Poetry :** On Tuesday morning I had the pleasure of attending the Stage 4 English class and witnessing some high-quality Slam Poetry. I believe this art form preceded the rap music genre of music. I want to acknowledge the high-quality learning environment that Mrs Batchelor has created with this group of talented students. I noticed a class that was totally engaged in critically thinking about the concept of stereotypes; creative in their ability to synthesise their research into powerful statements, detailing their considered opinions; clear and confident in communicating these opinions; and cooperative and supportive of each other's efforts. This is a quality learning environment where students have the opportunity to achieve their very best! Congratulations to the students in the Stage 4 class and congratulations to their fantastic teacher, Leah Batchelor.

### What's on ?

- School sport will return to Friday afternoons for Stages 4 & 5 next Term.
- School Photos Monday 24th August, Term 3.

### Coming up.....

- Term 2 finishes Friday 3rd July 2020.
- Term 3 begins Tuesday 21st July 2020.



**End of Term 2:** I don't believe that anyone would have ever imagined a term like the one we've just had. I would like to thank the students for the way they have recommenced their face to face schooling. I have visited most classes on most days and can see happy engaged students most of the time. I would also like to pass my thanks onto the staff for the positive impact that they have had during what has been a very challenging period of their professional life. I would also like to thank the community for your patience, understanding and support through the COVID-19 crisis. My hope is that this situation is soon put behind us and that our lives and freedoms will be restored to normal.

**Lock-down drill:** On Tuesday, the staff and students participated in lock down practice. As a result of the practice we have identified a couple of areas for improvement, which is exactly why we do the practice. I consider this a great result.



Lowes carry the full CHS Uniform, including senior shirts, jumpers & jackets.



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**Term 3 COVID response and Reports:** Year 12 Reports have been checked and are ready for distribution. The other Year groups will receive reports early next term. Due to the COVID situation and the resulting disruption to school, the reports this semester will not include grades or attendance information. You will receive a letter with the report detailing the COVID reporting response from the school. We will be planning parent/teacher interviews using both Zoom and phone calls. These will follow after the reports have been released.

**Next Term:** Will see a return to greater normality at Coomealla High, providing the COVID response continues to be successful. We are still considering the future of some overnight excursions for Semester Two and will look at making some cautious initial steps early next term. Interschools sport will be allowed to continue, however, the recommencement of interschool sport will be determined by the easing of restrictions by the Victorian schools. We are hopeful for and are planning for the Year 12 graduation to go ahead. Stage 4 and 5 sport will return to Friday afternoons.

**SRC reminder:** Students can nominate themselves or their peers. To do this, please speak to a teacher who will work with you to complete the nomination form. If you wish to nominate someone, this person must be in your year group and you must confirm the nomination with them first. If you have any questions about the SRC, please come and talk to Miss Ryan or Mr Harrison.

#### **Students and Staff of the week:**

**Year 7:** Stephanie Woodhead for consistent effort in her class and homework for HSIE nominated by Mr Celegon.  
Lucy Cullinan for her outstanding hammock construction skills nominated by Mr Harper.

**Year 8:** Brandon Sobkowiak for consistent application to his studies in English nominated by Mrs Batchelor.

**Year 9:** Jane Cullinan for consistent application across all her subjects and her outstanding hammock construction skills nominated by Mr Harper.

**Year 10:** Oscar Collins for consistent application to his studies in English nominated by Mrs Batchelor.

**Year 11:** Shanley Marshall for consistent application in English and improved performance in Biology nominated by Mrs Batchelor and Ms Steel.

**Year 12:** Liam Farmilo for student support and leadership nominated by Ms Little.

**Staff:** Jackie Watson for her hard work in preparing reports for this semester.

Please email any suggestions to me at [Stephen.harper@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Stephen.harper@det.nsw.edu.au) to improve this service.  
Have a safe and happy holiday everybody!

Steve Harper  
Principal

#### **Community News**

**Dareton Dental Clinic:** Dareton Dental Clinic will be open Wednesday to Friday each week. Due to COVID-19 the school dental vans are currently put on hold. If you wish to make an appointment with the clinic please phone 0419 990 264 this is a free service.

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