



# Coomoella High School

## Weekly News

Week 6, Term 2

2nd June 2020

### What's on ?

- Monday 8/6 Public Holiday.
- Thursday 11/6 Year 10 immunisations.

### Coming up.....

- 15-19/6 VET Work placement week TBC.

Hello everybody,

This is the first Weekly News since the COVID-19 outbreak. It is great to get back to a sense of normality here at Coomealla High. I would like to pay tribute to my staff, who have worked tirelessly throughout this time, trying to adapt to the extra demands placed on them by the move to distance learning and again by the change back to full time, face to face teaching. I know that there are many parents who share my sentiment and gratitude for the team here at Coomealla High. The COVID situation has brought about a number of changes to our service delivery, which I think will improve the learning outcomes of our students.

- Greater use of online learning tools that have enabled students to have greater agency over their learning.
- The move to the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program. The school subsidising the purchase of student laptops.
- The appointment of a Community Outreach Teacher to work with students exhibiting high levels of disengagement from school in the community. Della Philp has already done an extraordinary job in working with these students to improve their learning outcomes.

**GREAT NEWS!** Congratulations to Dion Harris from our Support Unit who has been successful in gaining an apprenticeship at Babylon Barber in Mildura Central shopping centre. A special mention to three staff that assisted in making this happen: Cathy Hansen (Careers Adviser), Helen Sulicich (School Learning Support Officer) and Wanda Little (Head Teacher Support). We all wish Dion the very best for his future career.



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



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## Department COVID-19 Update for HSC Students

The HSC written exams will start later than originally planned to provide more support for our students in the lead up to the exams. The Department expects that the additional week provided prior to the written exams is used by schools as teaching and learning time to support students in their preparation for the HSC. It is expected that Year 12 students will continue to attend lessons on site up to 19 October 2020. Further information, updates and support can be found at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>.

## HSC Minimum Standards

Students now studying for the HSC have to complete HSC minimum standards testing in literacy, writing and numeracy. Our support team led by Josephine Crowley and Lisa Frost have done a wonderful job in preparing students for these tests. Last week, I had a meeting with Belinda Christian (Principal in Residence Parramatta State Office) who is overseeing the Department's response. She commented on how well our students are doing and was very keen to discover what the secret was to our success in preparing the students. Basically it comes down to our staff knowing our students!

Finally. Since the students have returned to school, I have been visiting their classes each day. Each day I have asked them if they are happy to be back at school, and each day they respond with a resounding "Yes!" What a wonderful body of students we have! The staff are also very grateful and happy to have students back at school.

## Sensory Garden

Our sensory garden in the support unit has seen many changes over the last couple of weeks with the addition of chair swings, a trampoline, balance boards, citrus trees & more. Thank you to Wanda Little and team for all their hard work to improve this area for our students.



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Students & Staff members of the week for this term are:

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**Week 1:**

Yr 7-Lola McInerney, Yr 8-Nash Adams,  
Yr 9-Stevie Clarke, Yr 10-Ben Woodroffe,  
Yr 11-Mathew Handcocok, Yr 12-Brandi Oliver, **Staff member**-Lisa Frost.

**Week 2:**

Yr 7-Lucy Cullinan, Yr 8-Justin Perkins,  
Yr 9-Nicholas Rhead, Yr 10-Oscar Collins,  
Yr 11-Jenna Ryan, Yr 12-Alyssa Gale, **Staff member**-Phil Gee

**Week 3:**

Yr 7-Peyton Camin, Yr 8-Hayley Baker,  
Yr 9-Amy Robertson, Yr 10-Olivia Barber,  
Yr 11-Brooke Oostings, Yr 12-Kate Seaman, **Staff member**-Helen Dakis & Peter Colley.

**Week 4: Staff member**-April Winkle

**Week 5:**

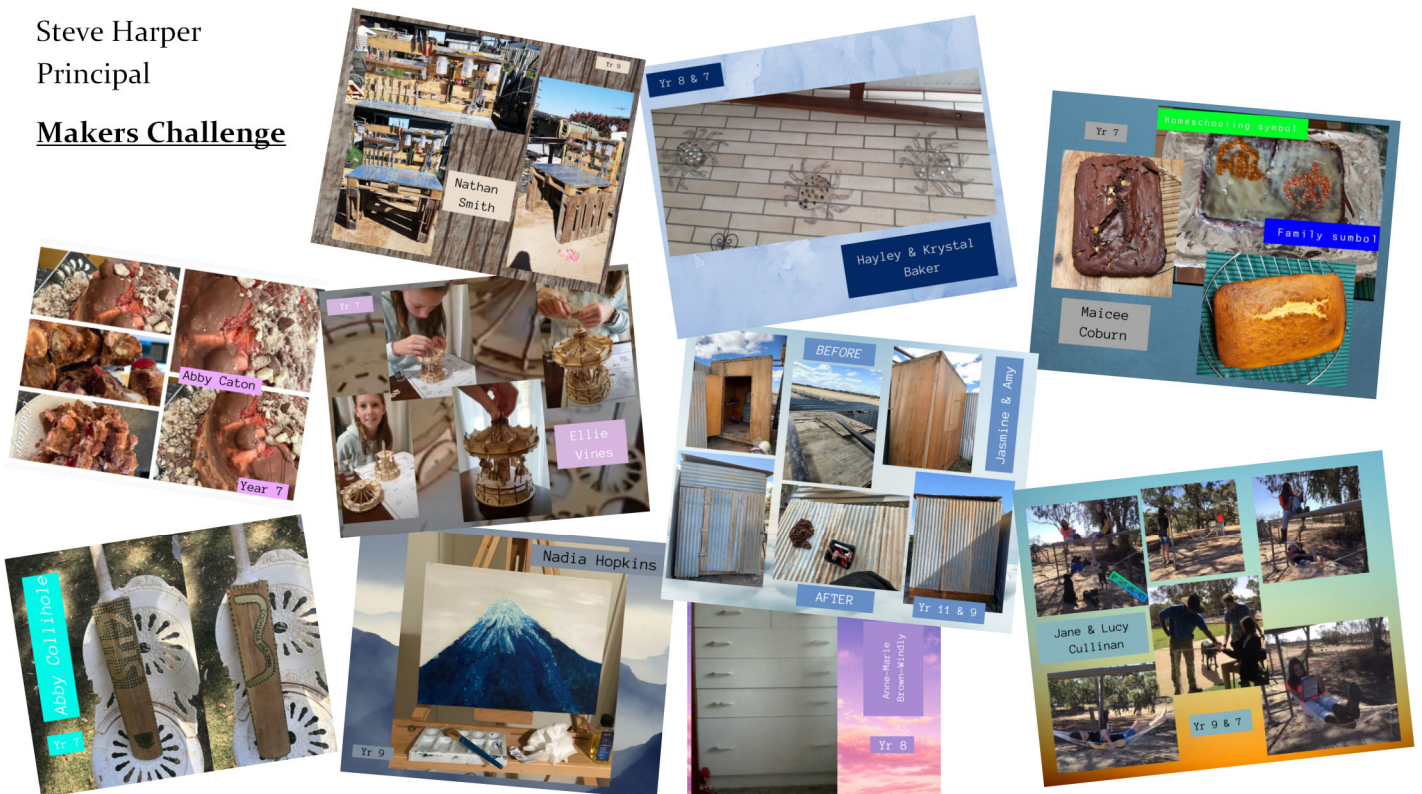
Yr 7-Domanic Poli, Yr 8-Charles Santos,  
Yr 9-Jane Cullinan, Yr 10-Nat Bath,  
Yr 11-Makayla Witte, Yr 12-Chloe Trewin, **Staff Member**-Della Philp.

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 week everybody!

Steve Harper  
Principal

**Makers Challenge**



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