



Coomealla High School

Weekly News

Week 7, Term 2

11th June 2020

Welcome to week 7,

School Chaplain: The school has been successful in securing funding for a School Chaplain. The Chaplain will be able to deliver programs to students that will enhance their ability to cope socially and emotionally to improve and sustain academic performance. They will be able to run sessions for parents on the current issues facing the students and provide resources and strategies to parents. Following individual support, they will be able to refer students and families to other agencies that will assist them further. They will work with the learning and support team, and student advisors to pro-actively address the needs of the different year groups. The officer will partner with local primary schools and their chaplains to assist students transitioning to high school. In their role they could work supporting out of home care students by organising financial counselling; assist with the purchase of household items - for independent living away from home students; working on nutrition program such as breakfast and lunch programs.

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN POSITION



Generate Ministries invites applications for the position of School Chaplain at:

Coomealla High School

Generate School Chaplains work in partnership with schools, local Chaplaincy Support Teams, and Generate Ministries, to provide pastoral care and well-being support in NSW Government School communities.

More details and application process can be found at mychaplain.org.au For further information please contact Janice Mitchell, Regional Chaplaincy Manager on 0408 686 165.

What's on ?

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

Coming up.....

- 3/7 last day of term 2.
- COVID-19 relaxation of restrictions (see attached "Family Guide")



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



We are hopeful that the new position will commence at the beginning of Term 3.

BYOD Program: Many families have taken up the offer of the \$150 discount voucher to purchase a Chromebook or Laptop computer. This is a reminder that this offer is still available for the remainder of 2020. The strategy may not be available to all students in 2021 as we are looking at targeting Year 7 students only.



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Phone: 03 5027 4506 Fax: 03 5027 4837 Email: coomealla-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Parent Portal: All parents will have received an email giving them access to the school's Parent Portal. The Parent Portal will allow you to:

- See current activities
- See attendance data for your child and submit absence reasons
- You will be able to message your child's teachers directly and they will also be able to message you.
- See daily bulletins for students
- See your child's reports
- See your child's timetables
- Request to change details
- Submit medical information

If you have not received this information, please contact the school at your earliest convenience and ask to speak with Sean Crammond. Thank you to Sean for the work he has done in getting this up and running!

Update Contact information: Recently, I was informed that not all parents had been receiving COVID-19 updates. I would like to apologise to the parents who were left off our communication shadow and assure you that we are doing our very best to improve the level of communication between the school and home. This week, we have sent home via the mail and email, a letter asking you to update your contact details for the school. Please note that our preferred method of contact will be through email. However I realise that this can be problematic for people with limited access to the internet and we will endeavour to ensure these people are kept in the loop through the postal service or through notes taken home with their children.

I ask that all parents spend 5 minutes in completing this survey and either return it to the front office or email it back to the school.

Infrastructure improvement update: A new fence has been completed to enclose the Agricultural Facility. This has framed this resource beautifully and given added purpose to the entry way. Our bio security measures are now in place and all visitors to the farm will be required to sign in and out.

We are in the process of renewing the flood lighting for the school. This will support out parent/teacher nights and improve the work safety for our cleaning staff. When switched on, the school will be well lit with LED flood lights! Thank you to our General Assistant, Steve Nicholls for his work in getting this initiative off the ground.



Community Feedback: I will be emailing all parents a community feedback survey before the end of term to give you an opportunity to give us some feedback on our service delivery. In particular, I will be looking forward to what you see as the schools strengths, areas to develop and gaining some ideas about how you think we could provide a better service. Please keep an eye on your emails.

Please email any suggestions to me at Stephen.harper@det.nsw.edu.au to improve this service. Have a safe and happy week everybody!

Steve Harper
Principal

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