



Coomoella High School

Weekly News

Week 8, Term 2

17th June 2020

Hello Coomealla family,

Cooler Classrooms: Today I attended a meeting with the Cooler Classroom team who expect the project to commence on the weekend of the 27th and 28th of June. This is really exciting as it means that all classrooms will have reverse cycle air-conditioning in place by the end of Term 4!

School Data: Earlier this week I have been looking at the data around school performance. I am very pleased to report that in relation to suspensions, for the pre-COVID19 period (first 8 weeks of Term 1) in 2010 compared to last year that we have had a 43% decrease in suspensions. This is testament that many of the school initiatives are working and a positive sign that our students are more settled and happier at school.

Sensory Garden: The Sensory Garden is in its second week of operation and the feedback from the students has been very positive. Each morning the support unit provide breakfast for a number of our students in the sensory garden and an adjoining classroom. There is a very positive “vibe” happening amongst the students and staff, Coomealla High truly is a wonderful place to be.

Website: There has been much work done on the Coomealla High School website thanks to the work of Larissa Crammond. Please drop in and have a look: <https://coomealla-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/> if you have any suggestions, please drop Larissa a line by emailing: larissa.crammond1@det.nsw.edu.au

Sentral: I am aware that there have been some issue with parent access to our Parent Portal to our student management system, Sentral. My team and I have been increasingly concerned with issues around this system and the service support available from the Sentral organisation. We are currently looking to other providers moving forward to 2021 and beyond. Like so many of you we have become frustrated as we want to provide a better service to our community. I thank you for your continued patience and look forward to having these issues resolved.

Outdoor Table Tennis: Our wonderful Year 12 from 2019 donated an outdoor table tennis table to the school as a farewell present. It has been received and installed. The students are utilising it at every break! When the COVID19 crises relents and we are able to, we intend on purchasing a second table.

What's on ?

- School Photos Monday 24th August, Term 3

Coming up.....

- 3/7 last day of term 2.



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Sport: I am happy to report that after some initial teething problems our strategy of splitting sport onto two days is working a treat! Staff are telling me that the students are more engaged and seem happier with this arrangement. Well done to Della Philp and her team.

Drama and Dance: I'd like to thank Emily Leon and Nisha Francis for allowing me to come in and participate with their students in their engaging lessons. I can honestly say that it was great acting with Emily's Year 7 class and having a great laugh and learning some line dancing with Nisha's class proving that I really do have two left feet!

Flexible Learning: This week planning started for the refurbishment of room's 9&10. This is a direct result from the success of the trials in the Flexible Learning Space prototype. The planning process is exciting and there are lots of wonderful fun ideas floating around to make the school environment more fun and exciting for our students.

SRC: I am thrilled with the way the planning for the revamped SRC is taking shape. We are hoping to have the Students Representative Council elected by the end of this term. I am hopeful that the SRC will coordinate Student Forums, participate in school planning, develop leadership potential and contribute to a richer school culture.

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: John Robertson for consistent application to studies in Drama, nominated by Miss Leon.

Lily Frost for consistent application to studies in English, nominated by Mrs Batchelor.

Year 8: Caitlyn Trewin for consistent application to studies in English, nominated by Mr Dicker.

Year 9: Eva McPhee for achievement in studies in German and English, nominated by Mr Dicker and Mrs Batchelor.

Year 10: Amelia Paech for consistent application to studies in Child Studies, nominated by Miss Norton.

Year 11: Montana Norris for achievement in studies in CAFS, nominated by Miss Norton.

Year 12: Mark Taylor for consistent application to studies in English, nominated by Mr Dicker.

Staff: Della Philp for her work and energy in the new role of Aboriginal Community Outreach Officer.

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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jackets.



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