



Coomealla High School

Weekly News

Week 4, Term 3

12th August 2020

Welcome to week 4,

NSW-Victoria border restrictions: The temporary closure of the NSW-Victoria border, which was implemented to contain the spread of COVID-19 from Victoria and to protect the health and wellbeing of NSW residents, remains in force. The border zone is defined as townships along the Murray River including Mildura, Wodonga and Echuca on the Victorian side.

Under the amended Public Health Order, any person who already has a valid day school visitor permit will continue to be able to use this permit for 14 days, until midnight on Friday 21 August. This permit will expire after Friday 21 August. It will be replaced with a special schools permit for children who attend special purpose schools. Any child or staff member in the Border Zone will be able to continue crossing the border to attend school or work as long as they stay within the [Border Zone](#). The changes include:

- Staff and students who reside within the border zone, on either side of the NSW-Victoria border, are permitted to cross the border to attend a school located in the border zone by obtaining a Border Zone Resident Permit.
- Victorian residents who reside outside of the border zone will not be able to enter NSW to attend school unless they obtain an exemption.
- Victorian residents who reside within the border zone but attend a school outside the border zone will not be permitted to cross the border without an exemption.
- HSC students and HSC teachers who reside beyond the Victorian border zone can travel to NSW schools provided they have been granted an exemption.
- All other Victorian staff and students who reside beyond the border zone will be supported to learn and work from home.
- Students attending a School for Specific Purposes will be eligible for a special permit through the [NSW Government website](#).

Visit the [NSW Government website](#) to apply for a border permit.

P&C Meeting Tuesday 18th August: The next meeting of the P&C will be held via Zoom from 6:00pm. Please contact either myself, or Shaun McInerney on his email: Shaun.McInerney@education.vic.gov.au

This month I will be giving a presentation outlining the process that will be followed in the School Development Review that will be conducted later this month. The panel of the review committee are keen to garner the viewpoint of community members in regards to the school. Broadly speaking, the review will cover school operations in regards to the three areas of Learning, Teaching and Leading. More detail as to what will be reviewed and how it will be done will be covered at the next P&C Meeting.



What's on ?

- Trial HSC exams 17th-21st August.
- P & C Meeting 18th August.

Coming up.....

- Year 11 End of course exams start 7th September.



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



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Temporary Staff Movement: Our Deputy Principal, Josephine Crowley is currently on long service leave. Natalie Steel has stepped up into her position with Sarah Norton moving across from HT Curriculum into the HT Quality Teaching role. Congratulations to Keli Golledge for stepping into the Head Teacher Curriculum role.

School Data: As we prepare for the next cycle of school planning, I have been analysing a large amount of school data to take stock of our progress and have uncovered some interesting information:

- Up until the COVID-19 crisis the school had 40% less suspensions than last year. This is due to a reduction in anti-social behaviour and suspension related activities.
- There are 63% less students being suspended than in previous years. This means that well over 90% of our students are exhibiting high levels of pro-social behaviour for the majority of the time.
- The school is addressing students who fail to attend school by:
 - ◊ Referring them to the district Student Services Team, specifically the Home School Liaison Service.
 - ◊ Activating our Community Outreach Teacher, Della Philp, who;
 - * Investigates alternate learning pathways eg, TAFE, Non Governments Organisation VCAL providers, mixed mode of distance education/work placement/TAFE
 - * Plans return to school transition
 - * Liaises with partner schools
 - * Liaises with the community
 - * Maintains contact with families who for whatever reason are unable to have their children at school
 - ◊ Learning and Support intervention, particularly from our Deputy Principal (Student Services) and Head Teachers (Wellbeing and Learning and Support)
 - ◊ As the school now has contact and is addressing every instance to support these vulnerable students, I have had another look at our attendance data. The story is great! **The adjusted attendance figures come in at 87.25% which is exactly on par with the state average.** This is far above the average figures for rural NSW. Obviously we would like to see that figure above 90%, but it is far better than the averages that have been below 80% in previous years. Congratulations and thank you to the community for your continued support in helping us to achieve these figures. Also to the staff at Coomealla High. It is wonderful to be able to celebrate this success after the hard work they have done.

Creating Chances (CC): A consultancy Group from Sydney who are dedicated to promoting positive youth development through sport have approached schools in the Sunraysia to determine if there is any potential for them to work with our students. I have had several meetings with them and also, both the Directors' of Educational Leadership (Far West and Penrith), Peter Macbeth and Kay Rigas to discuss the appropriateness of this program here. My Principal colleagues at Gol Gol, Buronga, Dareton and Pallinyewah and I have been impressed by what is on offer. For Coomealla High:

- A whole school wellbeing program, tailored for Coomealla High and our partner primary schools
- A shared CC coordinator, employed by the program to train secondary students to coach primary students in a number of areas, including sporting and academic pursuits
- Professional training for NSW Sunraysia teaching staff on futures focussed learning
- Links with schools in the Penrith Principal's Network, that may involve student and teacher exchanges
- Ongoing consultancy with the school to evolve these programs into the future years.

There are still some details to be negotiated and some sessions and information to be disseminated to staff, but this project looks as though it may have a lot of potential to enhance the great work already being carried out in the school.

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Students and Staff of the week:

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Year 7: Stephanie Woodhead for her consistent application to her studies nominated by Mrs Batchelor

Year 8: Taylah Garlett for her work in Digital Tech nominated by Mr Crammond.

Year 9: Eva McPhee for her Consistent application to her studies nominated by Mrs Batchelor.

Year 10: Takeira John for her Improved application to her studies nominated by Miss Norton.

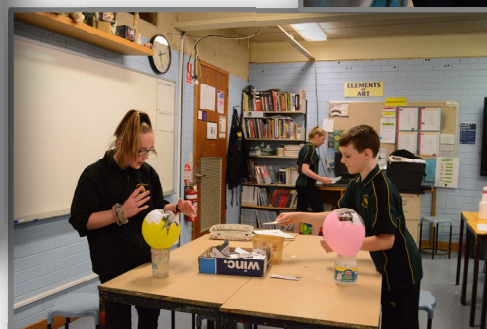
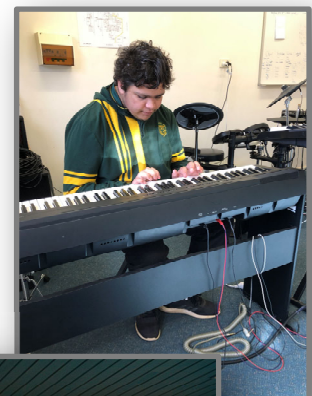
Year 11: Montana Norris for her Consistent application to her studies nominated by Ms Steel.

Year 12: Linda Hunter for her D & T project nominated by Mr Driscoll.

Staff: Jess Cook for her great work as part of our Teaching team.

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

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Principal



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COLD? FLU? COVID-19?

**Don't Guess...
GET A TEST!**

**Testing is FREE
No GP Referral Required**

If you're experiencing:

*** Runny Nose * Cough * Fever * Tiredness
* Loss of Smell * Trouble Breathing * Loss of Taste**



Get tested for COVID-19

COVID-19 Drive-Through Clinic Buronga

Midway Centre

10am to 2pm Mon-Fri

COVID-19 Drive-Through Clinic Balranald

Balranald MPS

1pm to 4pm, Mon - Fri

COVID-19 Drive Through Clinic Wentworth

Wentworth Health Service

10am to 2pm Mon - Fri

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visit wnswphn.org.au/coronavirus**