



# Coomella High School

## Weekly News

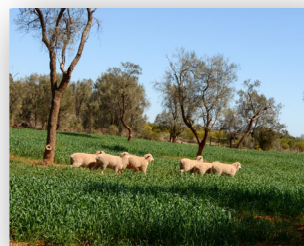
Week 8, Term 3

11th September 2020

Welcome to Week 8 Coomie,

School Review: Thank you all the parents/carers and students that took part in the review last week.

Agriculture: Last Friday Coomealla High School welcomed 6 sheep to the Agriculture department. Ag students will soon be learning about sheep care and management.



Wednesday Lunchtime: The last few Wednesdays Della Philp as been putting together different sports for the students and staff to enjoy during lunchtime. It's been get to see so many students and staff getting involved from playing Capture the flag, Basketball, Bladder ball and walking around the oval. It has also been great to see so many students and teachers out there cheering on peers.



A message from our Student Support Officer (SSO):

Hi everyone!

I hope you are all safe and well.

My name is Lily Watson, my pronoun is (She/Her) and I am the new Student Support Officer (SSO) at Coomealla High School.

I wish to acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the first Australians, whose lands, winds and waters are all now share. Today, I sit on Barkindji land and I pay my respect to their unique values, and their continuing and enduring cultures which deepen and enrich the life of our community.



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



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SSO is a new role being rolled out across all NSW public high schools over the next 3 years, Coomealla is lucky enough to be one of the first to be allocated an SSO. I work Monday to Friday within the school's wellbeing team.

My role is to help students feel safe, supported, connected, and motivated to be the best they can be.

This will be through individual meetings, casual chats, group activities, referrals to other supports, school events, social and emotional coaching.

Most importantly through doing my research, to make sure I am listening everyone in the school community including teachers, parents and students to ensure that the programs and support I am delivering is targeted and going to make a real difference to those involved.

I will be working with staff and students across the school, as well as engaging with parents and external services outside of school.

I am not a counsellor, or a teacher. My background is in Social Work.

I have a Bachelor in Human Services and a Masters in Social Work and since graduating was employed at a local Family Violence and Sexual Assault Support agency.

I have worked with a diverse range of individuals in my career from diverse range of ages, genders and cultures. Supporting them to tackle a bunch of issues including bullying, self-esteem, anxiety, depression, safety, stress, social issues, referrals to psychologists, time management, goal setting, self-harming and suicide and confidence building, legal issues, financial issues, housing issues, family issues, internet safety and sexual health and safety.

If I can't help, I will endeavour to help find someone who can.

I am excited to work as an SSO, because I love seeing young people achieve their goals and overcome challenges.

The students I have met so far are awesome and alongside fellow staff, have really helped me feel welcomed back at Coomealla High School, as I am an ex-student myself.

I want to continue to help foster the positive culture I've experienced here. For people who haven't found their place yet, or are not enjoying school, I'd also love to work together to find ways to change that, so that every single person feels safe, respected, valued and equal in school and beyond.

It's a pleasure to e-meet you.

I look forward to getting to know you more, learning from you, and working together to help students achieve and believe in their best, no matter what.

If you want to have a chat please feel free to call me on (03) 5027 4506 or email me at [lily.watson2@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:lily.watson2@det.nsw.edu.au).

Stay safe and I will see you around soon.

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### Students and Staff of the week 7:

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Year 7: Billy Bax for his Consistent effort in English nominated by Mrs Batchelor.

Year 8: Maddi Brennan for her Consistent Application in Science nominated by Mr Harrison.

Year 9: Ruby McNerny for her Consistent Application in Food Tech nominated by Ms Golledge.

Robbie Watters-Behsmann for his Improved Efforts in all areas nominated by Ms Little.

Year 10: Laura Tilley for her Excellent Coaching in PDHPE nominated by Miss Norton.

Year 11: Victor Quince and Baden John for Leadership nominated by Mr Driscoll.

Year 12: Brandi Oliver for her Consistent Application to Biology nominated by Mrs Guzel.

Staff: Duncan Driscoll for many things over the last few weeks.

### Students and Staff of the week 8:

Year 7: Allen Mitchell for his Achievement in Drama nominated by Miss Leon.

Year 8: Cayden Edwards for his Consistent efforts in English nominated by Mr Dicker.

Year 9: Jane Cullinan for her Achievement in Literacy and Numeracy nominated by Mrs Guzel

Year 10: Kurt Gooding for his Improved Efforts in English nominated by Mr Dicker.

Year 11: Karly Russel for Good Citizenship nominated by Mr Driscoll.

Year 12: Liam Familo for his Consistent Applications in English nominated by Mr Dicker.

Staff: Keli Golledge for her outstanding work in the relieving Head Teacher role for the past 5 weeks.

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



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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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**For more Information:**

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