



# COOMIE NEWS

TERM 4, WEEKS 3 & 4, 2023

## UPCOMING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & KEY DATES

**Wednesday 29th November**  
Orientation Day - Year 6

**Friday 8th December**  
Stage 6 - Rewards Day

**Tuesday 12th December**  
Student Recognition

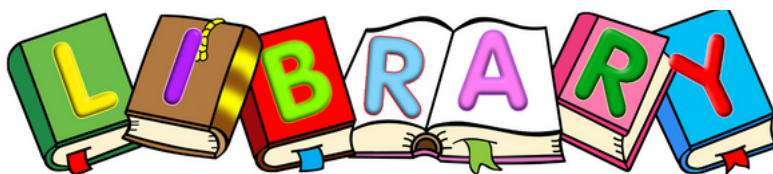
**Wednesday 13th December**  
Stage 5 - Rewards Day

**Thursday 14th December**  
Stage 4 - Rewards Day

**Friday 15th December**  
Students' Last Day

## LIBRARY NEWS

The library is always a busy part of the school, but with this term heralding the start of the technology ban, we were hoping the library would be a fun place to be at lunchtimes. In preparation, many board games were purchased with the hope that students would interact and connect in a personal way. I am very happy to report that this has occurred with Chess and Guess Who being very popular choices along with Minecraft Education and drawing. The library is also displaying rotating art works from a variety of years. At present we have created a display of Wentworth Show award winning photos taken by Darcy James, along with class work from Year 11.



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# LIBRARY NEWS





# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



## Excursions

It has been great to welcome years 9-11 students back this week after their long and exciting excursion to the Gold Coast. Students have recounted stories of their adventures and experiences and teachers report that it was a great trip overall. The dedication of our five staff who attended is to be commended and I wish to thank them for their care and effective supervision during the excursion.

PDHPE classes have been utilising the Mildura precinct recently for volleyball, badminton and basketball. It has been a positive experience for students to have more variety in their practical PE program and thanks goes to our PDHPE staff Mr and Mrs Bush and Ms Dobe for organising and attending these excursions. We are still waiting on repairs to our school hall floor which was damaged by flooding last year. We continue to work with Assets to complete these repairs. Swimming school for 5 days at Mildura Waves is also currently being organised and students need to return notes asap if they are keen to attend. It is highly recommended and a terrific opportunity for students to improve their swimming and water safety skills before we move into summer.

## Check-in assessments for years 7-9

These online reading and numeracy assessments have been completed over the past 2 weeks under the supervision of our Learning and Support Teachers Ms Keller and Mrs Halls. The assessments are 1 hour in length and students are encouraged to do their best and demonstrate their learning and improvement from the assessments in term 1. The school has had a strong focus on reading this year and we are keen to see the impact of our strategies. Staff use the results to plan teaching and learning activities and students who need additional support are identified.

## Evaluation of 2023 and planning for 2024

Over the next few weeks, staff will be involved in evaluation of our major initiatives in priority areas of reading, HSC achievement, positive behaviour, student voice, cultural safety, connections and belonging. We will be seeking feedback from students through the Student Voice committee and always welcome thoughts and ideas from parents, both through formal surveys and emails, the P&C and AECG as well as meetings and informal conversations. In addition, we will be hosting an afternoon yarn session for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents and carers on Wednesday 15th November from 2.00 -3.00 pm in our Flexible classroom (near the ball courts). We want to listen to feedback and ideas to help with planning for 2024.

The Department of Education priorities for 2024 have been identified as reading, numeracy, attendance and pathways (connecting students to work and post school options). I would also like to invite parents to email me or set up an appointment to discuss any ideas or suggestions they may have to support this evaluation and our planning for 2024 via [kathryn.steward@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kathryn.steward@det.nsw.edu.au).

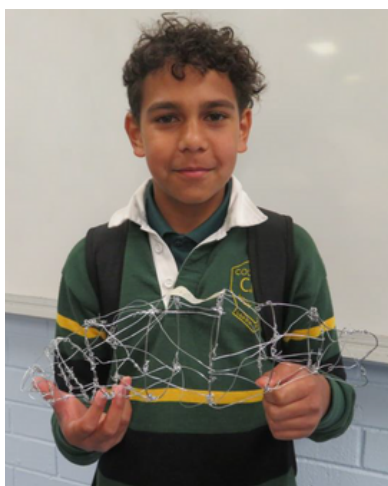
**Kath Steward**

**Executive Principal**





# STUDENTS' ART WORK



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# YEARS 9 / 10 - FOOD TECHNOLOGY



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# YEAR 8 - COOKING



## Sausage Rolls



## Delicious Pizza



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# YEAR 8 - COOKING



**Cheesy  
Cob Loaf**



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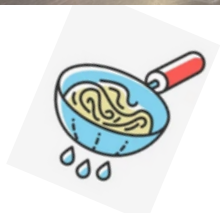
# YEAR 7 - COOKING



**More Delicious  
Pizza**



*carbonara*



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# WATER SAFETY WEEK

## Year 7 & 8 Water Safety Week

Starting in Week 6, 13th November 2023, Years 7 & 8 will be participating in Water Safety Week. Bus leaves at 9.00am sharp.

Please wear appropriate swimwear under uniform. Bring towel, water, snacks, goggles, change of underwear, plastic bag for wet swimmers.

Each day students will have a 45 minute session with a swimming instructor from Mildura Waves and alternative activities in the remaining time slots.

Non participants will remain at school completing normal school work.

Students will return to school for lunch.

Student who haven't returned their Permission Note, please return it to the Front Office.





# SPORT

## *Medic Dodgeball & Chair Ball*

Year 9 in Week 4 have been learning new varieties of dodgeball - Medic Dodgeball and Chair Ball. These games focus on participation, teamwork, agility and accuracy.





# FRIDAY SPORT



## Boxing Cartel Mildura



## Slide Hockey



## Cycling Group - Spin Class - Mildura Waves





# YEAR 7 - SPORT



All year 7 students at the sporting precinct for PE. Learning some volleyball, skills, rules and teamwork. Some students had a very competitive game of basketball to finish off the lesson.







# BADMINTON



# VOLLEYBALL



# BASKETBALL





# GOTCHA

TICKETS

## Respect

YOURSELF  
OTHER PEOPLE  
LEARNING  
ENVIRONMENT



## I will be..

ON TIME  
READY TO LEARN  
ON TASK

## Acknowledging our best

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# SCHOOL STUDENT TRAVEL

Transport for NSW



## School Student Travel

Term 4 2023

2024 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a new or replacement School Opal card or travel pass for 2024 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement because of a new shared parental arrangement (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details **before the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and travel passes remain valid for the start of the 2024 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2024.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

### Changes to your bus service provider

Within Greater Sydney, a number of bus service providers have changed their names.

Parents intending to lodge an application for a School Opal card will need to visit [transportnsw.info trip planner](https://transportnsw.info/trip-planner) to obtain the correct bus operator name servicing your area prior to lodging an application.

### Travel from Term 1 2024

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.



# SCHOOL STUDENT TRAVEL

School Student Travel  
Term 4 2023

Applications for 2024 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2023, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at [Plan your trip to school | transportnsw.info](https://transportnsw.info/plan-your-trip-to-school)

Enquiries can be submitted at [Fares, concessions, tickets & top-up feedback | transportnsw.info](https://transportnsw.info/fares-concessions-tickets-top-up-feedback)



# VALUES CHART



# ATTENDANCE

NSW Department of Education

## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

[education.nsw.gov.au](http://education.nsw.gov.au)

## Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

**5** mins per day



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**3** days

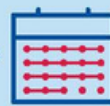


**30** mins per day



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**18** days



**Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.**



# ONE RIVER CHURCH INFORMATION

Friday 22nd September  
Last Day Term 3



## One River Church

### Wentworth Community Food Pantry

**Food Hampers Available  
Thursday's 9am - 1pm**

**This is a free service available to those in need  
@ the Old guides hall Cadell St Wentworth.**

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,  
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,  
I was a stranger and you invited me in."*

**Matthew 25:35**

**Email: [pastorsteve247@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsteve247@gmail.com)**

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# COOMEALLA GOLF CLUB

COOMEALLA GOLF CLUB PRESENTS



MORE FUN  
THAN YOU  
CAN IMAGINE!



This program is ideally aimed at children aged from 8-14, but we will accept participants outside this age range. It will cover the basic skills of golf, with a view to developing interest in a junior competition over summer. All equipment is supplied, but feel free to bring your own if you have some! Come along and bring a friend for some after school fun!

REGISTER NOW AT  
[MYGOLF.ORG.AU](http://MYGOLF.ORG.AU)

Search for Coomealla.  
OR register your interest by calling the  
Coomealla Golf Shop on 50274658

Coomealla Golf Club  
4 week MyGolf Program

Free

Commencing Thursday 9/11/2023-  
30/11/2023

5:00pm-6:00pm

No experience or equipment required.

Bookings Essential







# YOUTH NAIDOC BALL



## Mildura YOUTH NAIDOC Ball 2023

SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER  
4:30PM - 10:00PM

AT THE  
MILDURA GRAND HOTEL

AGES: 12-17

GUARDIANS MUST ATTEND  
DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE

TICKETS \$70 (INCLUDES 3 COURSE MEAL)  
FREE SOFT DRINK AND JUICE

TICKET SALES AND INFORMATION CONTACT  
[PMCCORMACK@MDAS.ORG.AU](mailto:PMCCORMACK@MDAS.ORG.AU)  
0436 814 093





# ELDERS NAIDOC BALL

## Mildura ELDERS NAIDOC Ball 2023

SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER  
5:00PM - 11:00PM

AT THE  
MILDURA GRAND HOTEL  
AGES: 18+ ONLY

TICKETS \$75 (INCLUDES 3 COURSE MEAL)  
DRINKS AT BAR PRICES

TICKET SALES AND INFORMATION CONTACT  
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# DEBUTANTE BALL

## Wentworth District Football Netball Club



*Saturday 2nd December 2023*  
*8.00 pm - 12.00 midnight*

**Coomealla Memorial Club**  
**Dareton**

*Call Margaret for further details - 0428 274 546*

