



COOMIE NEWS

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STUDENT VOICE

A few weeks ago, four year 12s from Year 12 art went to Sydney a part of the resilience art program. We went over Tuesday, Wednesday and came back Thursday. We experienced a lot of rain, sight seeing and other things. My workshop was the marine time Museum tour. It was great to see other people participating in art. One of the big highlights was watching Hamilton (which I loved the soundtrack) and meeting the cast. In conclusion I had a great time. Amelia Paech



We had fun on the Sydney trip, I really enjoyed Hamilton. We ate a lot during the first day; my favourite was the sushi. Andy Rees-Cook



We went on a trip to Sydney as a part of the Resilience Arts Program. We got to participate in a lot of activities such as a Maritime Museum Tour, a cultural walk around Darling Harbour with some local Elders and watching Hamilton. We even got a Q&A with some of the cast afterwards. We had a great time and it was a lot of fun. My favourite song from Hamilton was Guns and Ships, but mostly just because Mrs Gigg could rap the whole thing. Olivia Barber

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The swimming carnival was held on Friday the 25th of February at the Dareton pool.

The weather was perfect for swimming and the students embraced all the events on offer, including racing, competing in the swim throughs and the volleyball competition.

Congratulations to all students who competed and participated on the day.

Our house captains did an excellent job of leading by example and organizing the relay teams.

Thanks to all staff for their assistance on the day.

House Captains:

Cook	Mitchell	Oxley	Sturt
Mia Thompson	Leah Harry	Laura Tilley	Jane Cullinan
Kyla Gregg	Holly Bysouth	Chloe Davison	Skye Haigh
Justin Perkins	Sarah Evans	Jacob Schellnegger	Zackary Boundy
Hayley Baker	Brandon Sobkowiak		

RESULTS

1st	Mitchell	233
2nd	Oxley	187
3rd	Cook	111
4th	Sturt	84

AGE CHAMPIONS

12yrs Girls	<u>Deniesha Ryan</u>	12yrs Boys	
13yrs Girls	Danika Garner	13yrs Boys	Tomas Parker
14yrs Girls	Kirra Sansom	14yrs Boys	<u>Harrison Sobkowiak</u>
15yrs Girls	Georgia Strachan	15yrs Boys	Connor Berryman
16yrs Girls	Chloe Davison	16yrs Boys	<u>Brandon Sobkowiak</u>
Open Girls	Kyla Gregg	Open Boys	Luke Hutchinson

We will be sending a team to compete in interschool swimming on the 9th of March in Mildura.

L. Barker



TENNIS



Junior Tennis

The Sunraysia District Tennis Association is calling all new and existing juniors to play in its upcoming winter season running from May – September (Saturday mornings 9am – 11.00am)

Tennis is a great sport for kids.

- ✓ A very safe sport
- ✓ Great exercise – tennis keeps you fit and builds hand eye coordination
- ✓ Play tennis now and your child will have a sport for life
- ✓ Tennis is a sport that can be played all year round
- ✓ A great social sport for young players
- ✓ Great sport for the whole family to enjoy

All levels are catered for from D Grade beginners through to A Grade. Contact one of the club delegates below for more information and to register your child.

Louise Olofsson – Alcheringa (Gol Gol)	louiseswenolofsson@gmail.com
Tena Williams – Red Cliffs	tenajoy@bigpond.com
Carole DeMaria – Sacred Heart (Aeros)	sacredheartjuniors@gmail.com
Joel Hamilton – Sarnia (Lawn Tennis)	joelhamilton10@bigpond.com
Robyn Herberte – St Andrews (Aeros)	robyn@gibsonfencing.com.au
Cheryl Vines - Wentworth	cheryl.vines@bigpond.com



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MyGolf is Australia's introductory golf program for 5 to 12 year olds.

The program introduces kids to golf in a safe and friendly environment.

Participants learn new skills, make new friends and most importantly, HAVE FUN!

**REGISTER NOW AT
MYGOLF.ORG.AU**

FREE COME AND TRY DAY

Coomealla Golf Club

Sunday 03/04/2022

2pm-4pm

No experience or equipment required.

More information

Coomealla Golf Club 03 5027 5417



**FREE
COME AND TRY
GOLF**

**GET INTO
GOLF**



COOMEALLA GOLF CLUB

Program Description

Come along and have some fun by learning a new skill. Golf is a fun and inclusive game for all. Whether you are new to the game or have picked up a club before. The Come and Try day will have you making new friends, having a laugh and learning new skills. All equipment will be supplied with a sausage sizzle.
Registrations available by phone 03 5027 4517

Location: Coomealla Golf Club

Date: Sunday 03/04/2022

Time: 2pm-4pm

Cost: FREE

Register: <https://www.golf.org.au/getintogolf/programdetails?programId=21277>

Enquiries: Pro Shop 03 5027 4517



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We've had a busy week with a visit from our Director Educational Leadership- Connected Communities, Mr Luke Ballard and the Principal Education Officer Aboriginal Programs, Ms Natalie Pearson who visited many of our classrooms and met students in the playground. They were impressed by our friendly students and expansive grounds and look forward to working with us over the next few years to make improvements to our school.

Social conflict

We value safety for all on site and it has been disappointing that there has been some playground conflict in the second half of the week, which escalated to aggression and suspensions for some students. In each case, staff were involved quickly to intervene and protect students. Students and staff are in agreement that this is not what we want to see in our school, and it is unsettling when it occurs. I have spoken previously about our strong stance on aggression and violence and we appreciated the support of the Barrier Local Command, NSW Police to provide assistance to us and spend time with students and help with follow up to help increase safety.

These types of incidents are investigated thoroughly through interviews with students involved and witnesses and as well as our CCTV footage. In each case this week, the common thread was rumours, verbal harassment and provocation, mostly on-line via Apps such as Snapchat, some of it dating back weeks. It is therefore timely to re-visit and communicate our policies in this area.

Mobile phones

In general, the use of mobile phones, including Apps used, games played etc is the responsibility of the student and their parent. We encourage parents to protect their children from harm by providing boundaries on hours and types of use and to monitor chat groups, photo libraries, internet searches and social media Apps. Inappropriate, damaging and humiliating content can quickly spread among students and leave students feeling vulnerable and angry.

It is not the responsibility of the school to monitor what students are doing on their phone in their own time or to manage inappropriate chat which occurs on social media.

We do not provide the phones and students do not need them at school. We do not have the capacity to store phones at school or insurance to cover costs for any damage. Screen shots of conversations can be easily edited to favour one side of issues, and these are very often not reliable. Our staff will provide the following advice to students who have experienced negative interactions via social media:

1. Block the person and anyone associated with the negative interaction

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2. Report to a trusted adult
 3. Stay away from the person, including at school, and notify class teachers if the person is in your class so that they can help to keep you away from each other
 4. If the footage is threatening or harmful, parent should consider reporting to e-safety who may be able to assist in getting footage taken down <https://www.esafety.gov.au/report> and to NSW Police who may be able to assist with legal protection
 5. Limit time on social media and think about the impact on others before you post

Unfortunately, inappropriate use can become an issue at school if conflicts build when students come together, such as the recent unrest this week. The school takes action on aggression and violence at school and will encourage parents to confiscate phones until things settle with their child.

Our rules for mobile phones

Mobile phones are to be turned off (or aeroplane mode) during class time and must be out of sight and away in bags. Constant messages or notifications detract from learning and can increase anxiety and loss of focus for students and escalate social problems. In some classes such as art or photography, students may be given permission to use cameras on their phone.

If students do not comply, a range of discipline strategies may occur, including confiscation of phones, parent contact and for repeated breaches, even suspension. If students are using phones during break times to harass or intimidate others, they may also be confiscated by staff and the same procedures applied.

Visitors to our school

We welcome parents and community to our school and wish to increase our community involvement. All visitors are asked to park in the top car park near the basketball courts and report to the office on arrival. Visitors are not permitted to walk around our school without permission from the Senior Executive.

Congratulations to our swim team who performed very well and had a fantastic day at the zone carnival.

Ms Kath Steward
Executive Principal

