



Term 4 - Week 2

Friday, 25th October 2018



From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back

Welcome back to Term 4 2018. It feels as if we are flying toward Christmas and the end of the year with many activities in the school taking place.

Staffing

Welcome to Ms Claire Walsh, who is relieving as Head teacher wellbeing for term 4. Also, welcome to Mr Glen Duggan and Mr Warren Dryden who are covering classes for staff who are absent, Ms Louise McMillan our new SLSO and Mrs Roseanne Stanford who is relieving in the office.

HSC Exams

Our seniors are reporting mixed feelings about their exams but overall, I get the impression that they have felt well prepared and ready for the exam process and I have been proud of the resilience that several have demonstrated. I look forward to seeing their HSC results on Thursday 13 December.

Front garden

Amidst the drought, we are very fortunate to have had heavy rain in town. This, coupled with Steve Primmer's gardening genius and Keven Fuller's assistance, has meant that our front path roses have bloomed and they are gorgeous. If you get a chance, come and have a look.

Basketball Court resurfacing

The Basketball court in front of K block will be resurfaced this coming Christmas holidays. It will be resurfaced with synthetic grass and will include a grass chessboard. We will buy the giant chess pieces to go with the board for all those who love a game of chess.

Front of school refurbishment

This was due to happen January 2019; however, it has been delayed as the architect who was in charge with drawing up the plans has now been seconded to other work. Assets Branch have now employed a new architect who will make a visit to the school in coming weeks. Once the plans have been drawn up, we will consult further with the school reference group, P&C and staff to see if it meets our needs. I anticipate that the refurbishment will take place early in 2019. Here's hoping.

Staff Professional Learning

Staff participated in two NESA workshops on Grading and Assessment this week. The workshops were very well received with more to come during 2019.

Mobile phones

It is timely to remind everyone that our CHS Mobile Phone Policy is 'Off and out of Sight'. Teachers have the right to expect that they can teach and students have the right to learn without distraction. I have an expectation that students will do as they are asked when their teachers request that they put their phones away. If they do not do so, this will be considered non-compliance. This may then impact their right/privilege to attend trips and representative sporting trips.

Until next time.....

Ms Dot Panaretos
Executive Principal

HSC Exam Countdown Begins

On Thursday October 18th year 11 and 12 students from Coonamble High School gathered with mixed emotions outside the classroom at the Coonamble Ag plot waiting for the doors to open so they could begin their first exam –English. Comments such as 'I'm so nervous'; 'I can't remember anything'; 'I feel sick'; 'just want to get it over and done with' were audible. Our students along with over 70,000 others state-wide will test their retention of knowledge over the next few weeks and will no doubt heave a sigh of relief on November 9th when exams conclude.

Good luck to you all for the rest of your exams.



100% ATTENDERS

MADDISON BENTON	STEPHEN LEONARD PARRY
KHLOE BONEY	HARRY PETERS
ETHAN ELSLEY	LUKE PRIMMER
HARRY FARRUGIA	CLEYTON SOUTH
SAVANNAH FORREST	NICK STORK
EMILY GALLEN	DREMAINE TURNBALL
MAI GLOVER	SHAKAYE WALKER
ALEXANDER HEGARTY	SETH WEBB
EBONY JERRETT	MITCHELL CLEARY
JACOB MANSON	MADDY CURTIS
BRIANNA MILLER	JAYDEN DWYER
ADAM PARSONS	TREY FERNANDO
MAHI PATHAK	JOSHUA FORGIONE
SHAKAYA THURSTON	BRADLEY GALLEN
JACK BARRETT	AIDEN HEGARTY
TERRY BONEY	CODIE HORNE
JACK BUTLER	MADDY JERRETT
LACHLAN CARTER	DREW JOHNSON
KIMI CHEN	WAYNE JONES
DAVID DUNN	DOUG KEHOE-FERNANDO
JACK DURHAM	NICHOLAS KNIGHT
TAY FERGUSON	REBEKAH LEAFE
SAMETRA FORBES	ANITA MCKENZIE
BRENDAN FORREST	NICOLE MILLER
JAY-MARIE GREENAWAY	STEVIE WELSH
LIAM JACKSON	LEAH WIATKOWSKI
CLAIRE KINSELA	TIANA BONEY
STARR MCKENZIE	NATTY ELSELY
HOPE KEHOE-FERNANDO	EMILY FERNANDO
EMMA KENNY	EARL GREENAWAY
LANE LEWIS	MARNIE RYAN
JARED MANSON	SEAN WHYBURN
HAYLEY O'CONNOR	NAKISHA WIGGINS

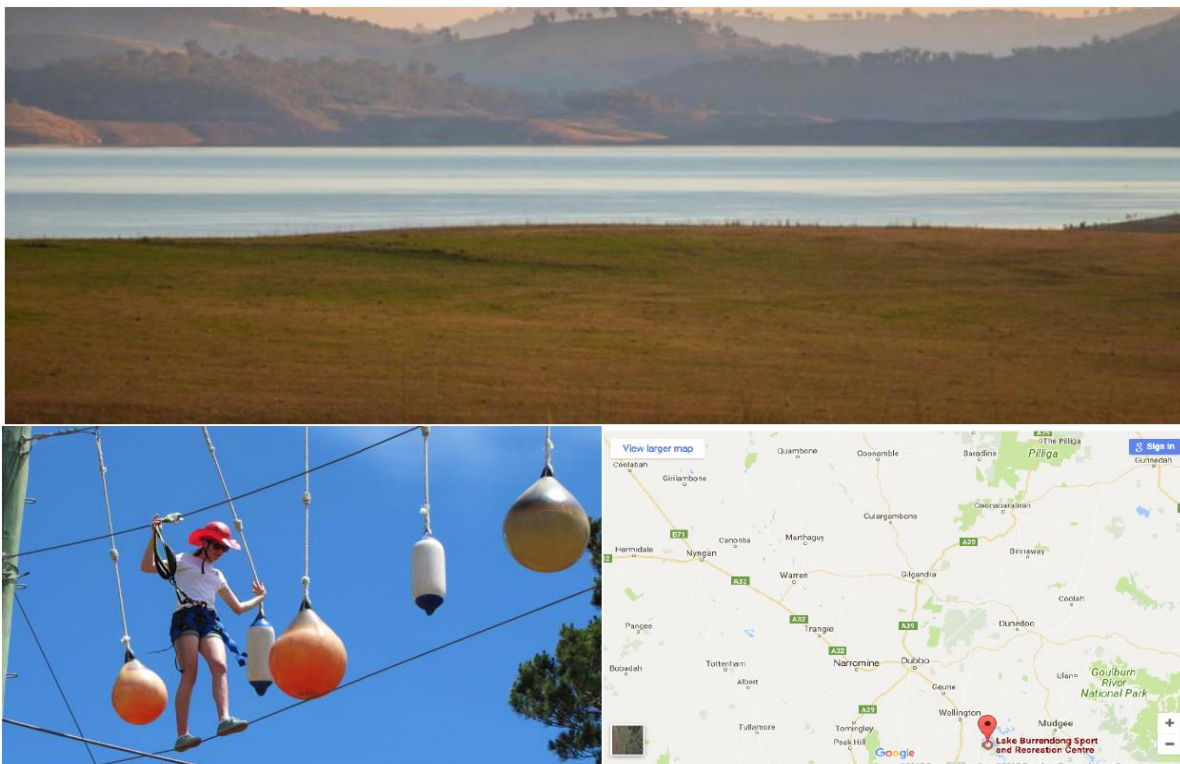
EVERY DAY OF TERM 4

***EVERY DAY COUNTS AT
COONAMBLE HIGH SCHOOL***



CHS Year 7 Lake Burrendong 2019 Excursion

Term 1 – 18th – 22nd Feb 2019



Who: 2019 CHS Year 7 students (current year 6 students)

When: 18th – 22nd February 2019 (Term 1 Week 4)

Where: Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre

What: Students will participate in a camp program which aims to build students' sense of self, develop capacity to manage change and form new and lasting friendships. The camp is a great way to start high school and provides numerous opportunities for bonding across the year group. This experience is a very important part of preparing students for their years ahead and secondary schooling.

Cost: The cost of the camp is \$200 (includes accommodation, food and transport). Payment plans are available. A **\$20 deposit is required to CHS by Monday 5th November (Monday, Term 4, Week 5)** to secure your child's place.

HOME SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICERS WILL INTERVIEW STUDENTS

ABOUT LATE ARRIVALS



In the next few weeks Home School Liaison Officers will be in the school to interview students whose attendance is of concern. This is part of an ongoing program to improve attendance and reduce truancy in the district.

Parents, teachers and young people share concerns that students are at risk of being victims of crime when they are out of school during school hours. Frequent absences are of concern because they often affect a student's ability to reach their academic potential and to maintain school friendships.

The *Education Act of 1990* states that it is the duty of parents and carers to see that their children of compulsory school age attend school on time every day the school is open for instruction.

Some absences are unavoidable because of sickness, a family emergency, or attendance at a religious ceremony. All absences must be explained within 7 days.

If you have any concerns about attendance or truancy, please contact the school on 68 221 522.

Remember that ROLL CALL is at 8.55am each day.



If students are late they need to either:

- bring a note explaining their absence, OR
- their carer should contact the school in person to explain the lateness, or
- their carer should phone the school to explain the lateness

Gillian McKenzie HSLO and Tammy Baker ASLO Phone: 68 221 522

Contact Information

Have you changed your phone details recently, home address, or even your email address? Please make sure you update your information for your child at CHS! We are particularly interested in your email address so we can send information to you directly. Your information will be kept private and only used for us to contact you.



BELL TIMES	
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY	
Roll Call	8:55-9.10
Session 1	9.10-10.02
Session 2	10.02-10.54
Recess	10.54-11.24
Session 3	11.24-12.16
Session 4	12.16-1.08
Lunch	1.08-1.38
Session 5	1.38-2.30
Session 6	2.30-3.20
THURSDAY	
Roll Call	8:55-9.25
Session 1	9.25-10.10
Session 2	10.10-10.55
Recess	10.55-11.20
Session 3	11.20-12.05
Session 4	12.05-12.50
Lunch	12.50-1.15
Session 5	1.15-2.00
Session 6	2.00-2.45
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COONAMBLE HIGH SCHOOL
P&C

BAREFOOT BOWLS

COME ALONG & HAVE SOME
FUN

Wednesday 31 October
Rego 5.15pm start 6pm

Nominate per
person \$5 or
nominate team
of 4 for \$30

AWESOME

\$2 sausage sizzle



Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

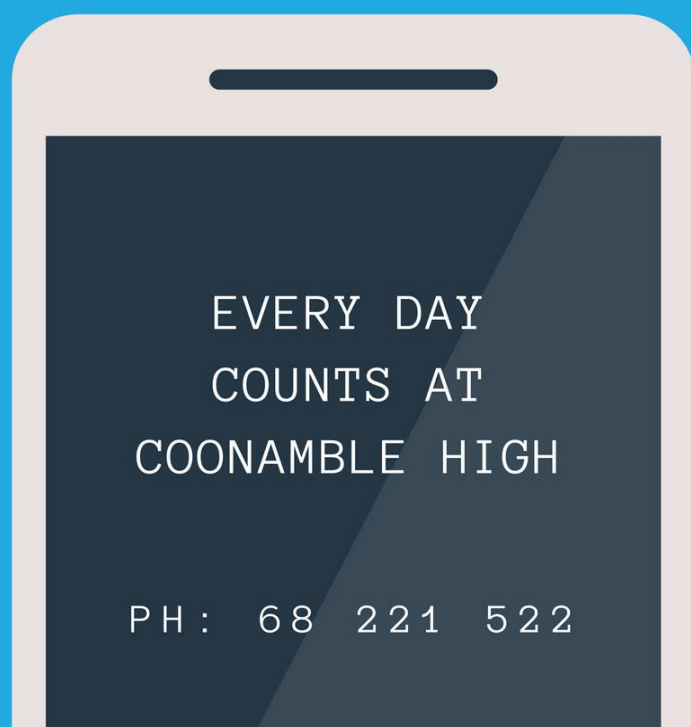


COONAMBLE HIGH SMS SYSTEM FOR ABSENCES

**When your child is absent from school
you will receive a text or call.**

**All absences need to be explained
within 7 days.**

**You can text back, give the school a
call or write a note to do this.**





Delivering the NDIS in your community



NDIS Drop in Centre Coonamble – Neighbourhood Centre, 24 Castlereagh Street

Want to know more about the NDIS?

- Are you interested in finding out more information about the NDIS?
- Do you want to see if you are eligible for the NDIS?
- Do you have a planning meeting coming up?
- Do you have a plan and need some help navigating and using your plan?

The NDIA is holding a free Pop Up – NDIS Drop In Centre for the Coonamble community.

Come along, drop in, no appointment necessary and meet with NDIS staff who will assist with your questions.

Dates

10th October

14th November

12th December

Time: 9:00am – 5:00pm

**Have a question?
Come and ask.**

Want more information. If you have any questions about this please call 0459 871 858.





Wednesday 31 October 2018
McDonald Park
10:00am - 1:00pm

ALL WELCOME

Join in over 20 activities for the
Mind + Body + Soul

Great prizes to be won

Morning tea provided

Recognition for Mental health month

Promoting the importance of early intervention practices for positive mental health and wellbeing and
reduce the stigma associated with mental health by sharing the journey together

