



Primary children receiving Books in Homes last Friday.

# COLLARENEBRI CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE – MR ROB MALCOLM

We have been "buying local" this week and preparing some Christmas raffles. These raffle tickets cannot be bought. They have to be "earned" by great behavior and attitude at school. Teachers are rewarding positive things in the classroom and students are writing their name on tickets which are entered in the draw. These raffles will be worth winning particularly with Christmas on the horizon. It's a bit like a Collarenebri version of "Chrisco" really. These raffles will be drawn at Presentation night.

The building works are ramping up with most of the foundations completed. Year 11 Construction have been having a close look at things as they are on work experience with the O'Donnell and Hanlon team. This is a great opportunity for the boys as they will see all the phases of the building program and have a good experience with all the trades. Over Christmas things will be very busy on the school site but I know the absence of students will allow the project to speed up considerably.

As you may know we are a "National Partnerships" school and as such in 2014 we will be experimenting with smaller classes in the Primary and a K-12

position which will lead curriculum, teacher quality and attendance initiatives. Stay tuned for more information on these programs as we have been really encouraged by the indicators which show our school is making strong gains both academically and behaviourally. Overall our students are really starting to gather academic momentum and they feel good about that.

In school we do have to continue to work on student relationships, and I even think the hot weather has an effect, where kids are not quite as tolerant of each other as they should be. Please talk around the dinner table about being a great influence in and out of the class and being someone that makes a good friend. Some kids are naturals at this whilst others still lack the confidence to be open and genuinely friendly.

Take care,

Kind Regards,

Rob Malcolm

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>: Intensive Swimming  
 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>: Intensive Swimming  
 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>: Intensive Swimming  
 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>: Intensive Swimming  
 Friday 13<sup>th</sup>: Intensive Swimming  
 Secondary Merit Day

### Collarenebri Central School

#### Presentation Night

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December we celebrating our student's achievements for 2013 in the school grounds

Our evening will commence with dinner served by the Hospital axillary followed by the presentation at 6.45pm.

We would like to invite all parents and community members.

## **SECONDARY REPORT**

### **Mr. Scott Shephard**

Only 8 school days left in 2014 which is hard to believe. It has been a fantastic year with so much on offer. Students at CCS continue to impress staff with how much they have improved in regards to applying themselves at this time of the year. Students attendance have been doing a great job and illustrates the growth our secondary students have had in terms of respecting each other, being responsible for their learning and cooperating with others.

#### **7-10 Reports**

It has been really nice to individually drop around reports to families and carers last week. This has provided staff with an opportunity to talk about positive aspects of their students learning and areas that we can all work on as a team to develop. Staff in secondary wish to thank parents and community members for their conversations that will assist us with our planning for 2014. All parents are more than welcome to call in to school or ring to organise a meeting if they would like to further discuss their child's report.

#### **Year 12 Construction Work Placement – O'Donnell & Hanlon**

Peter Adams, Brendan Sweeney and Travis Brazier will be undertaking their mandatory 35 hour work placement with O'Donnell and Hanlon next week as part of their Construction Course. We wish to thank O'Donnell and Hanlon (Cal, Bruce and Christian) for organising this opportunity and wish the boys all the best with a big week ahead of them putting their skills to practice.



## **PRIMARY REPORT**

### **Mrs. Allyson Hynch**

The Intensive swimming has been running now for a week. All students have been prepared and ready to jump in. Teachers have been in the water along with our instructors Lochlan, Michael and Miss Faint. The program will be running for another week and students will be given a certificate on the level they achieve.

Zoomobile visits Colly Central – Last Friday a small bus arrived with many animals inside. The students stayed calm as boxes and cages were open full of animals. We had a stick insect, frog, Possum, shingle back lizard, desert lizard, echidna and last but not least a python snake. All students were happy to touch and feel the animals and ask lots of questions.

#### **Parent Information Night.**

On Tuesday night teachers in Infants/Primary will be involved in a parent teacher evening. It will start at 3:10pm and run until around 6:00pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss their child's school report for semester 2, 2013. All parents have been given an information letter with times allocated to interviews. Come along and have a chat and discuss reports with teachers. On hand will be Classroom teachers, RFF teachers that take PDHPE, Science and CAPA, Instructional Leader K-2 and the LAST teacher. There will be a BBQ available.

#### **Primary Merit Activity.**

On the 17th of December students who have made the merit activity this Term will be heading to Lightning Ridge Swimming Pool for their merit day. If students have made bronze, silver, gold and All stars they will be travelling to the Ridge. The day will consist of fun activities in the pool and a sausage sizzle lunch. Students can also bring money if they wish to purchase anything from the canteen. It will be a great day for

students and teachers. Well done everyone.

#### **School Presentation Night.**

The whole school Presentation Night for 2013 will take place on Tuesday the 17th of December in the school grounds. We hope to see you here.