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Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Bob Lange
Principal (Rel.)

Our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

The survey is confidential and is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete.

We also have the opportunity for parents to participate in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. Parents will be able to access computers at school to complete the survey early next term. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses would be much appreciated.

Before school supervision is between 8.30am and 8.50am. Students should begin to arrive at school at 8.30am. Roll call commences at 8.50am. Lessons for all students commence at 9.00am.

Every minute counts and when your child misses just 20 minutes a day that equals 1 hour and forty minutes of learning each week; which is nearly 2 ½ weeks per year and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is nearly a year of school. Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day.

Finally, as the term draws to an end, Year 12 students are completing their course work and studying for their HSC examinations that commence on Thursday 13th October. We will acknowledge their contribution to Collarenebri Central School and, as a student body, farewell them at an assembly at 12.30pm on Wednesday 21 September 2016. I cordially invite all parents and friends to attend. At the end of the assembly there will be a BBQ lunch.

UP COMING EVENTS

September 12th -16th: Work placement Construction, Retail and Primary Industries

September 14th: Ricky Walford/Jenny Wright Shield at Walgett

September 15th: Blast Into Kindy 8.50 to 10am

September 16th: Merit Day Primary

September22nd: Blast Into Kindy 8.50 to 10am

Student of the Week

Chanell Stuart

For exceptional effort in all of her HSC subjects particularly English and Hospitality. Well done Chanell!

PRIMARY REPORT
MRS ALLYSON HYNCH
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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The North West Athletics Carnival:
The Carnival was held last Monday at Tamworth. Due to the weather and the organization of the carnival a few of our students did not attend the carnival. Holly Price who competed in the Shot-put event Holly came 5th out of 24 students. Well done Holly! What a great effort.

Cystic Fibrosis New South Wales.
Today we are fund raising in support of Cystic Fibrosis New South Wales. We are having a crazy Hair Day all day. Students will be awarded certificates in their class groups in assembly today. A gold coin donation is what will be collected for having your hair crazy.
Cake Stall: At 11:00am there will be a cake stall. Students will be able to buy cakes, chocolate crackles etc during the lunch break.

Crazy Hair Disco:
We will finish the day with a disco. The bus will be driven around at 5:30pm to pick up students. There will be drinks and snacks available. Entry Fee is $5:00. The disco will finish at 8:00pm and students will be driven home in the bus.

Ricky Walford and Jenny Wright Shield.
Next Wednesday our students will be travelling to Walgettt to participate in both netball and football. Our students are very excited and eager to go. Teachers who will be supervising include Mrs Coleman and Mrs Mcilwain.

Transition to Kindy:
It was great to see lots of students here for the Kindy transition program. The students walked through classrooms introducing themselves and meeting the teachers in classrooms. “What an exciting time of the year.”

"Blast Into Kindy"
Kindergarten Transition Program

Thursday was our first day of our "Blast Into Kindy" Kindergarten Transition program. We had 13 transition students and 7 Year 5 "buddies". The students had a tour of the school, visited the other classes and teachers, listened to "There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Star" and did some beautiful star craft. A big thank you to George, Dakotah, Kate, Laqunita, Janarli, Tori and Louise for helping the transition students and being fantastic role models. Mrs Zell has a wonderful program organised for the transition students in the coming week. We look forward to seeing you all again next Thursday from 8:45-10am in the library. Dates for next term will be given out next week

Book Fair

A big thank you to everyone who purchased items from the Book Fair. We sold $1147 in books and stationary which means that we have earnt $344 worth of free books for our school library! I'm sure the children will enjoy reading all our new books when they arrive.

Community Notices

R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary

The winner of our R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary Father's Day raffle was Sue Newman.

R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary would like to thank the community for their support.

The Outback Oral Treatment and Health program
Closing the dental gap in rural NSW

THE GONSKI FOUNDATION

As from September 2016 appointments for Child Dental Services will be made by:

Anthony Shepherd (Aboriginal Health Practitioner)
If you wish to book an appointment, please call;
Collarenebri Multipurpose Service
Phone: **0267564888**
Or email;
anthony.shepherd@health.nsw.gov.au
Opening hours;
Monday to Friday, 8am – 4.30pm

All children should have a dental check every 6 month