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Newsletter

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As Term 1 comes to an end I would like to acknowledge the great work of the staff and parents in supporting what has been happening at Collarenebri Central School.

We were able to compete at local, regional and zone level for the first time in almost a year at the swimming carnivals. Our students competed showing outstanding enthusiasm and sportsmanship. A highlight of our carnival was the community, staff and student relay towards the end of the day. This typified the great spirit that is around the school.

The development of a structured playgroup has also welcomed parents and the community back into the school. It is great to see so many families accessing this great initiative and see the children smiling and playing together. It is also a great way to catch up and yarn for the adults.

As we battle mice, flooding rain and the still ever present threat of COVID-19 we look forward to welcoming even more of the community back to the school before the term is finished. Next week we will celebrate Harmony Day and Easter together with a gathering and parade. I am really excited to have these types of celebrations back in the school.

I hope the students and their families have a great Easter break and I look forward to another great term of learning in term 2 and for the rest of the year.

Dates to Remember:

19th April: Student free

20th April: Students return

23rd April: Cross Country

30th April: Barwon Cross Country

Walgett PCYC Fitness Exercise every Thursday mornings 7.30 to 8.30 children year 4 to year 12.
This program is run by the Walgett PCYC.



**LOTE Learning Local
Gamilaraay
Aboriginal Language**

Mr Hynch and Miss Melissa have been busy with language. Over the term students have engaged with learning language and cultural knowledge.

This term students have made displays for the upcoming Harmony Day and Easter Hat Parade and gave the displays a little twist adding Aboriginal Perspectives to the Celebrations.

Kindy made a display with a tree, their class motto was **“Let’s work together”** Our hands maybe all different but, on this tree, we are all working together for a better world. *(hands in language-mara)*

Year 1/2 made a display with feet, their class motto was **“let’s all walk together”** Our feet maybe all different but, on this road, we are all walking together in harmony. *(feet in language-dhina)*

Year 3/4 made a display with butterflies, their class motto was **“We may all be a different colour”** but, in this garden, we are all seen the same”. *(butterflies in language-balabalaa).*

Year 5/6 made a display with fish, their class motto was **“We may all be different fish”** but, in this school we all swim together. *(fish in language-guya).*

These class displays will be on show at the upcoming Harmony Day & Easter Parade.

By Arron Hynch

Aboriginal Education Officer


**Please join us for our
Harmony Day Assembly**



Order of Easter Hat Parade

Playgroup	Home Made Hat
Playgroup	Playgroup Made Hat
Preschool	Home Made Hat
Preschool	Preschool Made Hat
Kindy	Home Made Hat
Kindy	School Made Hat
Year 1/2	Home Made Hat
Year 1/2	School Made Hat
Year 3/4	Home Made Hat
Year 3/4	School Made Hat
Year 5/6	Home Made Hat
Year 5/6	School Made Hat





Collarenebri Central School
will be holding their annual
Easter hat parade and Harmony Day celebrations on,

Day: Tuesday

Date: 30th

Month: March 2021

Parents, carers and community are welcome to
attend.

School COVID safety procedures will be in place.

Itinerary

9.00am-9.30am	Normal Classes
9.30am-10.00am	Assembly (whole school)
10.00am-11.00am	Easter Hat Parade
11.00am-11.40am	BQQ lunch (whole school)
11.40am-1.40pm	Normal Classes
1.40pm-2.00pm	Recess
2.00pm-3.00pm	Sport
3.00pm	End of School Day

Secondary English Report

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you will go"

English in Secondary is off to a wonderful start this year. Students in stage 4 have been reading a range of poetry and learning about poetic techniques and language devices. We also added a "Colly" touch to the classic poem Man from Snowy River, by using it as the base for our Man from Barwon River poem.

Stage 5 English have been looking at the novel *The Hunger Games* and learning about the elements of dystopias, and how language is used to create meaning.

I am also very pleased to announce that Collarenebri Central School is entering a team into the Premier's Debating Challenge. During Term 2 and the first half of term 3, our team made up of students from years 7-10 will be competing in a round robin competition with other schools across the state. We have been working hard to prepare for the debating competition with lots of training. We also had the opportunity to participate in an online virtual excursion with the State Library of NSW that was a masterclass in creating and refining arguments in a debate.



A Man from Barwon River

A poem written by Collarenebri Central School 2021 year 7 and 8 class, based on Banjo Patterson's *Man from Snowy River*

There was movement at the weir, for the word had passed around
That the yellow belly from the White Ground had got away,
And had joined the wild Murray Cod's – he was worth a million bucks, so all the uncles had gathered at the White Ground. All the tried and noted fishermen from the Walli to the town had grouped together on the banks of the Barwon,
For the locals love fishing at the place of many flowers, And the yabbies were up for the challenge.

There was Uncle Harrison, who never won a fishing comp, The old man with no hair;
But few could fish beside him when his blood was fairly up – He never went close to the water, but always keenly observed. And Uncle Clancy came down to lend a hand,
No better fisherman ever held a handline; For never cod could get away from him, He learnt to fish at the crossing.

And one was there, a tall man with a faithful rusty handline; He was something like a power pole,
With a touch of nature's patience,
And such as country fishermen are prized.
He was hard and tough and wiry – just the sort that won't say die –
There was courage in his casting;
And he bore the gameness in his bright and fiery eye, And the proud and lofty carriage of his head.

But still, tall and broad, one would doubt his power to catch a Yellow Belly,
And the old man said "That old handline won't do
For a long and tiring day with nibbles – lad you'd better step away, Those Yellow Belly's are too clever for such as you"
So, he waited sad and wistful – only Clancy stood as his friend
"I think we ought to let him fish," he said;
"I think he'll be the one to catch the Yellow Belly at the end,
For both his line and him are Colly bred."

"He comes from Colly, up by the Carved Tree's side,

Where the Gamilaraay people are from,

Where the Ghost Tree stands watch and the heat is suffocating; The man who holds his own
is good enough.

And the Barwon River fishers on the plains make their home, Where the river runs from
above the border to way down South; I have seen many fishermen since I first started
catching dhagaay, But nowhere yet such fishermen I have seen”

So, he went; they found the Yellow Belly at the Black Rocks, They raced down river,
And the old man gave his orders “Boys, this is the spot here,
No use to try fancy fishing now.

And Clancy, watch for snags, and snakes,
Good luck young fellas.”

So, Clancy cast his line,
Before too long there was a pull on the line. Excitement took over, and out of the river came
a Carp.

The Man from Barwon River watched Clancy chuck the line back in for another go,
And he watched the water’s surface closely for any ripples,
For a wise fisher knows to chuck their line close to movement.

He searches for a stick to hold his line, and once successful he sits himself and waits.
He thinks about the warmth of the sun, and the sound of the kookaburras, and the smell of
the bush. While brushing away the flies, there’s movement on the line.
The line is being tugged quickly, and the Man from Barwon River jumps into action. When
there was a nibble on the line, even Clancy took a pull -
It well might make the boldest hold their breath;

The wild river scrub grew thickly, and the hidden ground was full Of snake holes, and any slip
was death.

The Man from Barwon River grabs the handline and reels the line skillfully, and with
precision. He is calm, while also excited with anticipation.

The fish flapped and he knew to reel it in quickly.

Clancy looks on in shock, as a massive Yellow Belly flies on to the bank. The Man from
Barwon River claims his prize and prepares it

And down by the Barwon River, where the flowers grow In hot heat, and the sky goes on
forever

The Man from Barwon River is a household name today.

PRIMARY REPORT

ALLYSON HYNCH

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

The Infants and Primary Faculties have been engaging our students in a lot of technology this term. The students have received ipads to work daily and consistently on weekly programs. Rotational Literacy sessions in the mornings and mathematics lessons have incorporated use of ipads. With the NAPLAN Testing now being driven through technology our students will feel independent whilst using them throughout tests.



The Barwon and Regional Swimming Carnivals have taken place over this Term. The students who travelled to both carnivals performed extremely well and represented the school proudly. Congratulations to students who made it to Regional level at Armidale. The competition there is on par for State and students do need to be swimming consistently to place first, second or third in their age races. Overall a big thankyou to parents who travelled to Armidale and supported the students of Collarenebri Central School.

Next Term we will be kicking off with Cross Country followed by the Barwon District which will take place in Goodooga on the 30th of April.



The PCYC have been travelling to Collarenebri from Walgett on a Thursday morning to provide lessons on kick boxing. It's great to see many students ready and eager for the bus at 7:30am in the morning. The teachers are really enthusiastic and the students are enjoying the program. The Stage 3 students enjoyed lessons in Personal Development with Mrs Jane O'Connor. These lessons were all about growing bodies, health and hygiene.

We are all working in class on displays for the Annual Walgett Show which is on the 8th and 9th of May. Displays are being made and every student's work will be displayed on hanging curtains. It's always exciting for students to see their work displayed during Show time.

Harmony Day and Easter Hat Parade will take place on Tuesday the 30th of March. Homemade hats are always encouraged so parents can be involved with art and craft and being in the Easter spirit at home. The Easter Hat Parade will begin at 10am through until 11am. There will then be a BBQ for the whole school after the parade.





What's Happening in Years 5/6 Flick



This Term the students in Years 5/6 have been working really hard to accomplish amazing things for their Imaginative Text during English. We have built a time machine yes, I said it "TIME MACHINE" to help students engage in their creative writing. All students in Years 5/6 have increased in their reading levels, this was one of our focused areas for this term and will continue to be all year.

During this term, all students have been entered into the Role Model Competition for Books in Homes. Our Role Model this Term is Adam Wallace. Adam lives in Ivanhoe, Victoria with his wife, Ashana and loads and loads of books. He is the author of over 30 children's books including the Pete McGee series aimed at the 8-14-year age. Our class has been focusing on "How to Catch a Mermaid".

Good Luck to all of the students that entered the Competition. Hopefully we will hear who won off Auntie Nancy soon! 😊

This year Mrs Shearer will be teaching the students SCIENCE and Mr Micallef will be delivering the Physical Education to my students. During Mathematics we have been learning about fractions, decimals and percentages. In HISTORY we have been learning about Australian Colonies. Our SLSO this year is Mrs Katy Jasper.

A Small Glimpse into the Years 5/6 Classroom

Mariah, Dion, Georgina & Kyranarra
working on Maths Concepts.

Year of the OX: Chinese
New Year Class display



Moochi, Liam & Bridie with their Class Awards.



Creative Arts using water colours

LEARNING IN K/I/2/3

This year the infants classrooms have been participating in Play Based Learning. The students are working on tasks that allow them to learn through play. Students have been having a blast learning Literacy and Numeracy through play.





Well done everyone on a fantastic Term 1 2021



Have a great break ready for a busy Term 2!!!





2021 WALGETT SHOW

**Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th
May**

**See you at the Show!
Showcasing Walgett Shire
COVID-SAFE Event**





2021 SKIN CANCER CHECKS AND TREATMENT

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COLLARENEBRI

Monday 29 March

Collarenebri Hospital, 62 Walgett Street

COST

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Play Group



0 – 5 years

11:40 – 12:40



Every Thursday



Teachers are Early Childhood trained.

Bring a snack, water bottle and hat.

Parents are to accompany their children.

Parents are to sign in using the QR code in the front office and meet outside the library.



Collarenebri Hospital Axillary Street Stall

Thursday 1st April in Wilson Street

9.00am to 12.30 pm

All proceeds will go towards improving the gardens at the Collarenebri Multi-Purpose Service

All saleable donation gratefully received.

