Coolongolook Public School News

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Principal: Mr Jason Tindall

From the Principal's Desk

Christmas is just around the corner and how the year has flown by. Holidays are rapidly approaching but there are still numerous exciting activities taking place at our school during the last week. I hope you can visit soon!

Presentation Day 2018

On Monday 17 December, our school will celebrate the achievements of our students and community at our '2018 Presentation Day Assembly'. The assembly will be held at the Coolongolook Hall starting at 10am. Students will be expected to wear their full school uniform on the day. Hoping you can attend our special presentation day.

Reports

Semester Two reports will be given out on Tuesday 18 December. Please don't hesitate in calling the school if you have any concerns.

Term 4 Rewards Day

On Tuesday 18 December, students will travel by bus to the Big Buzz for our 'Rewards Day'. There will be no cost to the children. Parents/Carers are welcome to join us at the park, there is a $6.00 entry fee or if you would like to 'ride the slides' the cost is $20.00. Please note, students will only ride on the slides and swim in the pool. Coolongolook Award winners will be given access to all slides, with other awards only being given access to some. On the day, no access will be given to other areas of the park.

Last Day of Term 4

The last 'student' day for Term 4 will be Wednesday 19 December. Staff will be at school on Thursday and Friday completing professional learning. If you have any enquiries at this time, please contact the school office.

Holidays!

As this will be our final newsletter for 2018, I would like to take this opportunity in wishing all students and their families a safe, relaxing Christmas and New Year's break. We look forward to seeing you back in 2019. School resumes for 1-6 students on Wednesday 30 January. Kindergarten will commence on Thursday 31 January.

Jason Tindall
Principal

CALENDAR

TERM 4 WEEK 9 (10-14 DECEMBER)

Wednesday	Last Canteen for 2018
Thursday	Breakfast Club, Year 6 Farewell and Disco
Friday	Reward Afternoon

TERM 4 WEEK 10 (17-19 DECEMBER)

Monday	Presentation Day 10am Hall
Tuesday	Rewards Day Big Buzz
Wednesday	Last day for students
Thursday/Friday	Staff Development Days

TERM 1 WEEK 1 (28 JANUARY – 1 FEBRUARY 2019)

Monday	Public Holiday
Tuesday	Staff Development Day
Wednesday	FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS
Thursday	
Friday	

Assembly Awards

At our assembly on Wednesday 5 December, our students received the following awards:

K-2 Awards

Nayte Johnson – Reading Award for having a positive go at reading an independent text.
Shae Coupland – Writing Award for having a positive go at independent writing using her butterfly card
Seth Johnson – Mathemagician Award for enjoying the task of answering complex maths questions.
Thomas Chapman – Bookwork Award for taking his time to present his bookwork.
Jesse Chapman – Playground Award for being a kind and caring friend during playtime.

K-2 Class Awards: Seth Johnson, Thomas Chapman, Shae Coupland, Nayte Johnson, Jesse Chapman.

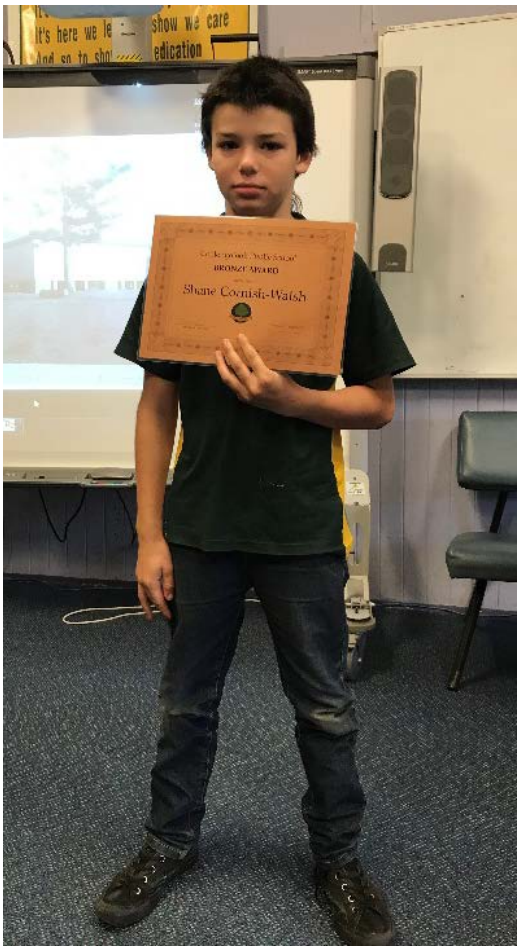
3-6 Awards

Mackinley Thoroughgood – Reading Award for continuing to improve her fluency.
Thomas Dwyer – Writing Award for imaginative and creative writing.
Shane Cornish-Walsh – Mathemagician Award for having a go at Fast Maths.
Jesse Cornish – Bookwork Award for an improvement in setting out his spelling.
Sebastian Hutton-White – Playground Award for being a responsible friend.

3-6 Class Awards: Jesse Cornish, Thomas Dwyer, Mackinley Thoroughgood, Shane Cornish-Walsh. Absent: Sebastian Hutton-White.

Bronze Award

Congratulations to Shane Cornish-Walsh, who has achieved his Bronze Award.



Bronze Award recipient: Shane Cornish-Walsh

Gold Awards

Congratulations to the following students for achieving their Gold Award – Thomas Dwyer, Jordin Cole, Mackinley Thoroughgood, Brodie Thoroughgood and Ayva Elms.

Gold Award recipients: Mackinley Thoroughgood, Brodie Thoroughgood, Thomas Dwyer, Jordin Cole, Ayva Elms.

Premier Reading Challenge Awards

Congratulations to Kaiden Brooks-Glover, Isabel Griffis, Jayde Roberts and Chloe Roberts for successfully completing the 2018 NSW Premiers Reading Challenge.

Recipients: Kaiden Brooks-Glover, Isabel Griffis, Jayde Roberts and Chloe Roberts

Swim School Awards

Recipients Delilah Hartridge, Edward Hartridge, Ayva Elms, Donovan Cornish-Walsh, Jasleen Kaur

Recipients back row Darlene Pacey, Kaiden Brooks-Glover, Mackinley Thoroughgood, Seth Johnson, Jacarla Murray. Front row Brodie Thoroughgood, Marlee Johnson and Isable Griffis

Recipients back row Chloe Roberts, Sky Brown, Thomas Dwyer, Myla Ede, Shakayla Johnson, Rahnee Cole, Shane Cornish-Walsh. Front row Jordin Cole, Jesse Chapman, Shae Coupland, Jayde Roberts, Thomas Chapman and Jesse Cornish

Swimming Carnival 2018

On Friday 23 November students participated in the 2018 swimming carnival. After a big week of swim school everyone did extremely well. Congratulations to the following students of their places.

25mtr Freestyle event places

EVENT	Name	Time
12/13yrs Freestyle 25m	Skye	18.38
	Thomas	22.22
	Jesse	27.90
9/10 yrs Freestyle 25m	Shane	24.49
	Mackinley	39.49
7-8 yrs Freestyle 25m	Jayde	29.26
	Jesse	32.65
	Thomas	36.15
	Seth	52.81
	Jacarla	47.04

25mtr Backstroke event places

EVENT	Name	Time
12/13 yrs Backstroke 25m	Skye	22.99
	Thomas	31.70
9/10 yrs Backstroke 25m	Myla	25.43
	Chloe	31.90
	Shane	35.48
	Mackinley	45.24
	Brodie	1.02.94
7-8 yrs Backstroke 25m	Jesse	39.59
	Jayde	39.65
	Thomas	44.15
	Seth	47.77
	Jacarla	48.75

25mtr Breaststroke event places

EVENT	Name	Time
12/13yrs Breaststroke 25m	Thomas	28.83
	Jesse	41.85
	Skye	29.50
9/10 yrs Breaststroke 25m	Myla	40.10
	Shane	43.48
	Chloe	51.37
7-8 yrs Breaststroke 25m	Jesse	39.39
	Thomas	43.42
	Jayde	1.07.39

50mtr Freestyle event places

EVENT	Name	Time
12 yrs Freestyle 50m	Skye	44.53
	Thomas	55.17
9/10 yrs Freestyle 50m	Myla	56.45
	Shane	1.08
7-8 yrs Freestyle 50m		

50mtr Breaststroke event places

EVENT	Name	Time
12 yrs Backstroke 50m	Skye	1.06.28
9/10 yrs Backstroke 50m	Chloe	1.18.37

P&C News

We hope all of the children have a great time at the 'End of Year Disco' on Thursday night. Also, we hope all of the Year 6 students and their families enjoy the Year 6 farewell dinner and 'Grease' performance. Year 6, we wish you all good luck for high school next year and hope that you enjoy this new and exciting adventure.

The monster picnic was a success; thank you all who joined us for the fun filled day. Thank you also to all who helped out for this event. A total of $83.50 was raised.

Skye playing totom tennis

Thomas Dwyer playing kowtes

Thank you to everyone who helped out at the P&C BBQ for the Hall open day; $103.40 was raised from this event. We hope all who went along enjoyed their day. Well done for the wonderful work on display kids!

Thank you everyone for the Christmas hamper items that were donated. We appreciate your help! Good luck everyone for the draw at Monday End of Year Presentation Assembly.

To provide an update on our Defibrillator Fundraiser we are almost there; we can confidently say we will have it up and running in Term 1 2019. A total of $3654.06 has been raised with a generous offer from Wang Wauk Recycling to donate $1000. The funds raised will purchase the defibrillator, housing unit, cover the cost of an electrician if power is needed and a sign board to display instructions and sponsorship information. Furthermore, there will be surplus funds to enable the P&C to maintain the machine battery and shock pads which are single use. On Monday 12 staff and community members trained in CPR and learnt how to use a defibrillator. This is a valuable asset to the Coolongolook community as the defibrillator will be. Thank you again to all involved in this wonderful initiative, we will continue to keep you up to date on the machines installation:

Sponsorships:

- Coolongolook PS – CPR Training costs
- P&C - Cadbury fundraising - $1664.06
- P&C – 100 Club - $200.00
- South Wang Wauk Recycling – $1000
- Hall Committee (Open Day) - $90.00
- Caltex - 4 x $50 fuel vouchers
- BP Coolongolook - $200.00
- Rosco's Ice-creams - $100.00
- Wootton Network Community Members - $200.00

Have fun at the 'Big Buzz End of Year Rewards Day' everyone! The P&C were happy to provide this amazing fun filled day for all of the effort students have put in throughout the year.

The end of another year! Thank you everyone for supporting us this year through the many fundraising events held. Thank you also to all P&C members and executives for your effort and commitment this year - no matter how big or small – every little bit counts. So please, anyone interested in joining next year, come along and join and help us support our school and students.

Our first meeting for next year will be held on February 5, 2019 at 3:15pm in the school office. Our AGM will then be held on February 19, 2019 at 3:15pm, where members may be nominated and voting will take place for our 2019 executive team. Also, if there is anyone who may have some spare time of a Wednesday morning to lend a hand in the school canteen next year - please see Jenny or Lisa. Volunteers are needed and would be greatly appreciated. A BIG thanks to Jenny for her all of her work in our school canteen this year.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday everyone, and "We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

Thank you
Emily Griffis

Term 4 Excursion

3-6 Aboriginal Culture Walk

Last Monday we went on an excursion to Forster. Our guide Steve, told us many interesting facts about Forster's history.

We tried some bush tucker, purple berries that tasted like green peas. We also ate a plant called pig face. Steve told us lots of dreamtime stories and one about a witch that lived far in the mountains.

We walked across Forster/Tuncurry bridge then went to the trampolines and mini golf where I got a hole in one. We then returned on the bus to school. It was very tiring but it was an enjoyable day.

Shakayla Johnson
Year 6

Steve Brereton talking to the students about aboriginal culture in our local area

K-2 Dolphin Experience

On Monday December 10 K-2 travelled to Forster by bus to go on the Amaroo. I felt very excited.

When the boat took off from the jetty we headed straight out to sea. In the water I could see dolphins, a hammer head shark, stingrays and I saw the cave as well. I did see some whales too.

Then we came back and went under the bridge. It was like going in a tunnel which was very awesome too, I loved it.

Out at sea the swell was big the dolphins were very funny as well

Jayde Roberts
Year 3

The Dolphins we spotted on our excursion

Jayde Roberts and Jasleen Kaur enjoying their boat ride

Jacarla and Shae Coupland

Water Safety Education Programme

On Thursday November 29 Royal Life Saving Hunter delivered a free Water Safety Education Session which focused on inland waterways. Royal Life Saving was able to deliver this training through funding obtained from the Mid Coast Council.

K-2 Students listened to a story on water safety and engaged in water safety discussions while 3-6 engaged in a safety talk on the dangers of the various waterways – rivers, lakes, dams, beaches, pools. They also discussed the Water Safety Code, the dangers of breath holding games, being safe around flood waters and they participated in dry rescue activities, learnt basic CPR and how to call an ambulance.

Thank you to Royal Life Saving and Mid Coast Council for this valuable educational opportunity.

K-2 students enjoying their story on water safety

3-6 learning basic CPR

External Notification