

# COOLONGOOK PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 9, 2019



## 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 some exciting activities taking place at our school during the last week.

### Term 4 Rewards Day

On Tuesday 17 December, students will travel by bus to the Oakvale Farm for our 'Rewards Day'. There will be no cost to the children. Parents/Carers are welcome to join us at the park, with a \$25.00 adults \$14.00 children, fee on entry. We envisage this to be a wonderful day for our children. For more information, please refer to the note send home last week.

### Reports

Semester Two reports were given out today at school. Please don't hesitate in calling the school if you have any concerns.

### Last Day of Term 4

The last 'student' day for Term 4 will be **Wednesday 18 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.

### A time to say goodbye....

Unfortunately, 2019 will finish with some sad news for our school but exciting for departing staff.

Firstly, this week we will say goodbye to Miss Rose as she starts her new role as a Year 1 teacher at Chatham Public School in 2020. On behalf of the school community, could I take this opportunity to pass on our best wishes for her teaching career ahead. Good luck Georgia!



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This week we will also say goodbye to Mr Nathan Hanley, our school chaplain. Nathan has worked tirelessly in this role over the last three years and given so much to our school. We have loved working with Nathan during this time and wish him well for his school chaplaincy role in the years ahead.

Later this week, we will sadly say goodbye to the amazing Mrs Hall. In 2016, Lisa came to us during an unsettled time in **our school office**. She quickly addressed the areas that needed focus and quickly moved forward **in her role**. For those that haven't heard, Mrs Hall was appointed to the position of Senior Administrative Manager at Cundletown Public School in 2020 and beyond. Lisa has made an amazing contribution to our school and will be missed by all. Good luck and best wishes for your new role.

Finally, this week we will say goodbye to our long time teacher's aide, Mrs Gayle Harrington. Mrs Harrington was working at our school well before I started as principal in 2013. During my time, she has given so much to our school both inside and outside the classroom. She has a wonderful rapport with staff and students and will be greatly missed. Mrs Harrington has accepted a new and exciting role at Maitland Public School for 2020 and on behalf of students, staff and the community, I would like to thank her for the efforts made over many years.

Good luck everyone. We will miss you!

### **Congratulations Mrs Loveday!**

It's with great excitement that I announce Mrs Jenny Loveday's recent appointment as Senior Administrative Manager at our school in 2020. Can I take this opportunity on behalf of the school community in welcoming you to this role. You definitely have some big shoes to fill but we know you'll do an amazing job. Welcome aboard!

### **Holidays!**

As this will be our final newsletter for 2019, 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 2020. School resumes for students on Wednesday 29 January 2020.

Jason Tindall  
Principal

Another year is coming to an end and I'd like to thank you all for your support.

This year I truly feel we have strengthened our connection with our fantastic community, which is vital to our success. I'd like to thank all those long term and new supporters. With your help we can ensure our children thrive and genuinely enjoy their school experience.

We have seen many successful events this year from our Mothers and Fathers Day stalls, Cadbury chocolate boxes, Day for Daniel, Grandparents Day, Colour Run and most recently our Annual Picnic Day. The success of these events have seen the P&C help fund our Year 5 and 6 students Canberra Excursion, our school end of year excursion to Oakdale Farm and subsidize the purchase of our fantastic indigenous sports shirts.

As most of you know 2019 has seen the purchase and installation of our communities defibrillator. I'd like to again thank all those involved from parents and carers to our local businesses for their support with this project. It is a comfort knowing this device is available to anyone who should need it.

We have had such a wonderfully supportive team working with the P&C. I'd like to thank Kelly Ede our Treasurer, Jenny Gough our Vice President and Canteen Manager, Kriss Thoroughgood our Vice President and Lisa Hall our Secretary. Without your continued support we could not have achieved all that we have. Thank you to all of our members, for your voice, your ideas, your donations and incredible devotion to our P&C. Your efforts have made a huge difference and are greatly appreciated.

On behalf of our P&C thank you to all of our parents, carers and greater community for your undying support. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday. I look forward to seeing you all back for an even bigger and more successful new year.

Rachael Ryan  
P&C President.

# CALENDAR

## TERM 1 WEEK 1 (27-31 JANUARY)

Monday	Australia Day Holiday
Tuesday	Staff Development Day
Wednesday	Students return to school
Thursday	
Friday	Small School Swimming Carnival

## TERM 1 WEEK 2 (3-7 FEBRUARY)

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	NRL School Blitz Visit

## TERM 1 WEEK 3 (10-14 FEBRUARY)

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

## Farewell Coolongolook

Georgia Rose



As you may know I received a targeted graduate position for next year. I am excited about my new adventure but sad to be leaving CPS. I just wanted to thank all the staff, parents and kids at CPS. I have been acting in the role of a LaST at CPS and I have learnt so much. The most important thing CPS has taught me is that liaising with the community is the key to success in a small school, I believe we are more than just a small school we are a small family. Thank you for everything. Have a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year.

Regards, Georgia Rose

Gayle Harrington



What am I going to do without Coolongolook Public School? I have been a part of this school as an Aide for nine years (and as a Mum before that), and it's going to be very difficult to say goodbye. My time here hasn't been a "job" – its been good times, fun, laughter, wonderful staff to work with, and the greatest bunch of students in the world! I am going to miss you all very very much but, as I start my new chapter of life in Newcastle,

Coolongolook and this school will always hold a special place in my heart. Thank you all for your guidance, support, friendship and love.

Regards, Gayle Harrington

### Nathan Hanley



Coolongolook, what a name and what a place to be! It has been my absolute privilege to be a part of such a wonderful school and I will greatly miss being a part of the family of CPS, because you are truly family. The past 3 years have brought me such joy and laughter, the friends I have gained I will never forget and I hope to stay in touch with. This school was my first as a chaplain and I will be forever grateful for time I have had with all the staff, students and parents. From my family to yours, we wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, God Bless!

Regards, Nathan Hanley

### Lisa Hall



It's with a heavy heart and a tear in my eye, that I bid farewell to the coolest school on the North Coast. What an amazing 2 ½ years it's been. As you know I have been successful in gaining a full time position at Cundletown Public School from the commencement of 2020. I have learnt so much about school financial management during my time at Coolongolook and I will take this knowledge with me, into the future. I have worked with the best people in the industry and have made some lifelong friends. Our families and the wider community of Coolongolook are amazing and I urge you all, to continue to work together with the one common goal in mind – our children. To all the students I leave behind, always remember Mrs Hall as the 'best office lady' and remember to be respectful, safe and switched on and be kind to yourself always. Coolongolook Public School, I'm going to miss you very much and I will never forget my time here. Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to all.

Regards, Lisa Hall