



Coomandook Area School

Term 4, Week 6

Newsletter

17th November, 2015

From the Principal

Kath Macalister

My apologies go to all parents for the delay in announcing who will be Principal at Coomandook next year. The panel was run but unfortunately a suitable applicant was not appointed.

It has taken a while to iron out this matter but the result is that I have temporarily postponed my retirement and will return as Principal in 2016 until such time as a panel can be convened to appoint a new Principal.

Other staffing news:

We will be farewelling Adam Downey who is returning to Adelaide. The panel to appoint his successor is underway.

Contracts for Mr Sonntag and Ms Schilling have already been approved for Senior Mathematics and Visual Arts.

We all wish Mr Gary Adams all the best in his retirement and a panel to appoint a new Groundskeeper will be run before the end of this year. He has managed our grounds for many years.

Mrs Julie Barrie is also taking retirement. She will be missed particularly for the way in which she has managed our computing systems for many years.

Calendar Dates

Term 4

Mon – Fri 30th Nov – 4th Dec

R – 7 Swimming

Year 11 Work Experience

Monday 7th December

Presentation Night

Tuesday 8th December

Excursion Day

Wednesday 9th December

School Concert Carols

Thursday 10th December

Activities Day Murray Bridge

Friday 11th December

Assembly 1.45pm

School Finishes at 2.15pm

Items for the newsletter must be submitted by 9am, Monday morning. Newsletters are printed every fortnight.

Thank you.

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Sleeps until

Christmas



From Primary

Tanya Millican

The Christmas Season is officially here. The Christmas Pageant was on Saturday and it was a beautiful day so if you were able to go I hope you had a wonderful time. I never got to go to the pageant when I was a kid, we lived out in the northern part of Adelaide and we didn't have a car. In those days the northern suburbs was the 'country' and the city seemed such a long way away. It was almost a case of packing a bag and staying overnight! But we always watched it on the TV and I still remember the excitement my siblings and I experienced when we saw the Christmas tree float and Nipper and Nimble because we knew HE wasn't far away and then there he was.....Father Christmas! The promise of so much happiness and of course presents!

When I had children of my own it was a yearly event for us. I think I was making up for lost time but it was such a wonderful experience to watch the faces of my children light up with such wonderment and joy and the memories are very special. It was worth the early mornings and the 'stress' of finding that one spot that was going to give you the best view of everything and then of course the big wait. Sometimes as adults it is easy to forget the 'magic' of Christmas and what it truly means to us as an individual and as a family.

So what does the Christmas season mean for Coomandook Area School? In the primary school there will be many Christmas stories, songs and activities happening in the classrooms, which means lots of interesting Christmas decorations for your Christmas tree at home! (I still have the ones my kids made.) We have transition days on Tuesday 24th November and Tuesday 1st December (BBQ tea) and a Year 7 celebration. Presentation Night is on Monday 7th of December, class excursions on Tuesday 8th December and Carols by Candlelight on 9th December. All of this accompanied by that end of year feeling of anticipation and excitement.

To help us get started with that truly wonderful feeling of Christmas there will be lunch time Christmas movies on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the primary students. The movies will be G and PG rated. Students will have a choice of whether they would like to watch a movie or play outside as per usual. If you do not wish your child to participate in this please contact the front office and let them know.

I hope you are all as excited as I am about the next 4 weeks (hard to believe, I know!) and I look forward to catching up with you at these special events on our school calendar.

From Secondary

Adam Downey

It is with very mixed emotions that I will be leaving Coomandook at the end of this year. This has been an extremely difficult decision for me to make. Coomandook is where I have started my career and I have fallen in love with teaching due to my experiences here. The staff, the volunteers, the families and the students have established a fantastic community that I have been so fortunate to be a part of over the past three years. I have always felt very welcome and comfortable here. I have, however, had to make a decision between what I want in my personal life and what I want in my career and this has led me to return to the metropolitan region in 2016.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families and community members that have opened themselves up to me and made me feel welcomed and valued here. I would like to thank the staff for all of the laughs, all of the experiences and all the support I've experienced here. I would especially like to thank the students at Coomandook. You are an amazing group of young people and I consider myself privileged to be a part of your education. You have all taught me a lot and I hope that I managed to teach you a thing or two in return. You will all be in my heart for the rest of my life and I will always take an interest in all of you. There are many staff, community

members and students at Coomandook that I consider my friends.

I will be present at the Presentation Night and would love to have a chat with anyone who attends. Thank you all for your support over the past three years.

School News

FOR SALE

DRESSED CHICKENS

Year 9 Enterprise – Chloe Trestrail

17 dressed chickens available to buy from the school.

Prices will be on the weight of the chicken

Contact Mr Roberts at school

Return tear off slip to the school.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number Of Chickens: _____

Pick up details: _____

School News

Remembrance Day

On Wednesday 11th November we held a remembrance day service. All students that were involved done a sterling job with the service. Thanks to Madelaine McGinty Coomandook Area School Choir sang a couple of songs which was outstanding. It was a very moving moment. Thank you to the parents that came along and shared this special moment with the students and staff.



ANAPHYLAXIS

Coomandook Area School has at least one child with a severe anaphylaxis in relation to peanuts and peanut products.

Parents and families are asked to avoid sending the following products into school with child/ren.

- **Peanut butter**
- **Chocolate bars containing peanuts**
- **Peanut oil**
- **Or any products with peanut as an ingredient**

School News

Lunch time swimming

Madelaine McGinty has kindly been organising lunch time swimming. Ask your child when it is their turn to swim and they can bring along their bathers to school. The weather is heating up and we have got a beautiful pool that can keep your kids cool.





Garden Order Form

Name: _____

Date: _____

Student: _____

Delivery date: 20/11/15

Product	Price	Quantity	Total Cost
Loose leaf Lettuce	\$2.00 a bunch		
Leeks	\$1.00 each		
Spring Onions	\$2.00 a bunch		
Sage{limited}	\$1.00 a bunch		
Rosemary	\$1.00 a bunch		
Lemons {limited}	\$0.50 c each		
Garlic chives	\$1.00 a bunch		
dill	\$1.00 a bag		
Carrots	\$2.00 a bunch		
Silver beat	\$1.50 a bunch		
Broccoli	\$2.00 a bunch		
Asian mint	\$1.00 a bag		
pumpkins	\$3.00 {small}		
Parsley	\$1.00 a bunch		
Lemon Grass	\$1.00 a bunch		
Dried Rosemary	\$1.00 a bag		
Dried Bay Leaves{limited}	\$1.00 a bag		
Strawberries {limited}	\$3.00 a punnet		
Broad beans	\$0.50 a bag		
Quince jam	\$3.00 a jar		
Quince jelly	\$3.00 a jar		
Total Cost for Order			\$

School News

Mrs Biddle

We have been lucky enough to have Mrs Biddle in the 2/3/4 class until the end of the year. On Friday 13th November Mrs Biddle cooked pancakes with the class. Melissa and Josie were there to help cook and we all cooked in groups. A lot of fun had by all and the pancakes tasted extra yummy!!!!



Community News

SA Dental Service

Keep your kids smiling

Dental care is FREE for ALL preschool and most school-aged children at School Dental Service clinics.

Your local clinic is located at:
Murray Bridge Community
Dental Clinic
45 Beatty Terrace
MURRAY BRIDGE SA 5253

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome.

First dental check-ups are recommended from 12-18 months.

Please call 8531 9300 to make an appointment.



SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.



Drought Management Opportunities

WHEN: Monday 7th December 2015 from 3:30pm - 9:00pm
WHERE: Pease Football Club Rooms

WHEN: Tuesday 8th December 2015 from 3:30pm - 9:00pm
WHERE: Keith Institute

WHY: In response to the dry season, experts will discuss how to adapt to these conditions in your farm business with confidence.

REGISTRATIONS: and further information can be obtained from Tiffany Bennett on 0887 629 100 or tiffany.bennett@sa.gov.au
Please register by Wednesday 2nd of December 2015

SPEAKERS AND TOPICS

Darren Ray - Bureau of Meteorology
- Climatic outlook and BOM tools available

Tiffany Bennett - Livestock Consultant Rural Solutions
- Options for using poor quality crops & hay for stock feed
- Livestock feed budgeting in a dry season

Hamish Dickson - AgriPartner Consulting
- Maintaining and finishing livestock in dry seasons
- Set up and management of stock containment areas
- Health and welfare of livestock in a dry season

Australian Government Drought Program, Rural Business Support, Centacare, AC Care, & Mind Australia
- Providing short presentations, and one on one advice

For the full program please visit www.coorong.sa.gov.au/ctlevents

DRINK WATER NOT SUGAR

Compare these common drink choices to see how many teaspoons of sugar they have.

Which one do you think is the best choice?
Which one will you choose?

DRINK	SUGAR CONTENT
A glass of water	Nil
250ml glass of cordial	4 teaspoons
200ml box of fruit juice drink	5teaspoons
600ml bottle of soft drink	16 teaspoons
600ml bottle of sports drink	7 teaspoons
500ml can of energy drink	14 teaspoons

1 tsp of sugar = 4 grams of sugar



For more ideas visit:
opal.sa.gov.au

Save the Date



*** ADVANCED NOTICE ***

Parents and Care Givers of
CAS Year 11 and 12 students

The Coomandook Area School Governing Council
would like to invite you to join fellow parents/care givers
of 2016's year 11 and 12 students for an informal dinner in

Mid-late February 2016

(date to be confirmed)

Riverside Hotel

80 Princes Highway, Tailem Bend

6.30 pm (dinner)

Cost: FREE

The purpose of this dinner is for parents/caregivers of students in senior school to meet each other and to hear from other parents about how you can best support your child during their senior years at Coomandook Area School.

We have selected some parents, students and teachers to provide a presentation about their journey through this time and share with you some of their things that worked and didn't.

The Coomandook Area School Governing Council is generously covering the costs for two parents (care givers) to attend. This event is aimed at parents only, so other arrangements should be made for young people in your care.

If you would like to join us then please RSVP to Lisa Rowntree via the school using RSVP form attached.

On behalf of the CAS Governing Council we look forward to meeting you all at this inaugural event.

David Peters
CHAIRPERSON
CAS GOVERNING COUNCIL

CAS Term 4 Planner, 2015

Please note that these dates are subject to change.

Week 6	16th November ICT Meeting	17th November	18th November Finance Meeting Yr 12 exam History	19th November EDU Meeting Yr 11 exam	20th November
Week 7	23rd November Governing Council ICT Meeting Yr 10 Exams Yr 11 Exams	24th November	25th November	26th November	27th November
Week 8	30th December Yr 10 Work Experience Yr 11 Work Experience	1st December	2nd December	3rd December	4th December
Week 9	7th December Presentation Night	8th December Excursion Day	9th December School Concert – Carols & Tea at 6pm	10th December Activities Day	11th December Assembly END TERM 4 School finishes 1 hour early

Coomandook Area School

"Striving To Make The Difference"



SPECIAL INVITATION

We invite you to attend our Annual Presentation Night to be held on:

Monday 7th December, 2015
at the Coomandook Town Hall at 7.30pm

A light supper will be served.
A program will be available on the night.

Please RSVP to Chris Lucas, via phone on 8573 3007 or email Christine.Lucas281@schools.sa.edu.au
Friday 27th November, 2015.

Yours Sincerely,

KATH MACALISTER,
Principal

Confidence
Honesty
Perseverance
Organisation
Working Together

Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development



Principal: Kath Macalister
Governing Council Chairperson: David Peter
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Carols by Candlelight

Hosted by Coomandook Area School

Day

~ Wednesday 9th of December

Time

~ 6:00 - Tea

~ 6:45 - Students check in with teachers

~ 7:00 - Carols

Location

~ Coomandook Area School Oval

Featuring

~ Community Performers

~ School & Community Band

~ Kindergarten

~ Reception/Year 1 Music Class

~ Year 2/3/4 Music Class

~ Year 5/6/7 Music Class

~ Year 8/9 Music Class

~ Student Guitar Ensembles

~ Instrumental Music Students

~ Glee Club

Food &

Refreshments

~ Governing Council will be running a Barbecue on the evening available from

6:00pm - 7:00pm

~ Parents and Friends will also be selling tea, coffee, soft drinks and cakes throughout the evening

~ Both battery operated and real candles will be available for adults to purchase on the night~

We look forward to seeing you
on Wednesday December 9th