



Coomandook Area School

Term 4, Week 4

Newsletter

8th November, 2016

From The Principal

Kaye Fitton

OUR WONDERFUL SACE CERTIFICATE

The Senior Years provide a wonderful platform to propel students into the next stage of their lives. The South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) provides a rich foundation for learning beyond school. As our Year 12s commence their exams and are completing their last assignments, it is worth pondering how far we have come in terms of the opportunities available through the SACE.

Did you know that the SACE Certificate is a world class international qualification? The SACE is currently delivered in the Northern territory, Malaysia and China and many graduates from these areas come to university in South Australia. It is a qualification worth having and it is important that families value SACE completion.

Having the SACE qualification means something. It means that students have the capabilities to move successfully into further learning and work as confident and responsible citizens. It means they have developed general capabilities that empower them to be successful in their chosen pathways. It means they have developed useful skills and attitudes – real life skills. These include perseverance, literacy and numeracy skills, critical and creative thinking, problem solving and so on, not to mention organisation, meeting deadlines, reliability, working with others and

Calendar Dates

Term 4

7th – 10th November

Year 10 Careers Week – Adelaide

10th November

Year 11 Course Counselling

11th November

Year 10 Course Counselling

16th November

SAPSASA Cricket/Tennis Try Outs

18th November

Assembly – 2.45pm

21st – 25th November

SAPSASA Cricket/Tennis Adelaide

22nd & 23rd November

Year 7 Transition

Weeks 7 & 8 – Primary Swimming Lessons

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“stickability” to name a few. Employers are looking for young people who can “struggle” i.e. are prepared to grapple with problems, engage their thinking skills and initiative, and transfer their skills to new situations.

Subject choices often look very different to when parents were at school. There are so many different ways students can complete SACE with very flexible options, VET programs, school based apprenticeships and a range of adaptable subject options. There is really no excuse for not achieving the SACE!

The world of work also looks different to what it did, even 10 years ago. Things have changed at a rapid



rate and jobs that exist now, may not exist in the future. There will be new ways of doing things, new technology that will impact our lives, so young people need to develop the skills for an ever changing world. It is estimated that young people will change jobs at least 20 times in their lives, so the ability to learn new things, adapt and create are extremely important.

The SACE Board is also adapting to change. Eight “on screen” examinations will be conducted by 2020 commencing with English Literacy Studies in 2018. The move to on screen examinations will initially reflect the ways students are learning in the classroom. Over time, the SACE Board and schools will assess a broader range of skills that students will need to succeed in work, further training or study in the 21st Century. It is an exciting time for learning and for schools!

Meanwhile, we wish our Year 12 students every success as they complete their subject requirements for SACE. The Year 12 group have made a tremendous contribution to the fabric of our school over the years and we wish them well as they finalise their work over the next few weeks.

Year 8 Home Group

Stephanie Lee

From the 19th - 21st of October, the Year 8 cohort, joined by Miss McGinty, Mr Ghobrial, Mr Bond and Miss Lee, travelled to the mighty Riverland for a three-day kayaking camp. We were very fortunate to be guided by the expert knowledge of Mr Roberts’ number 2 (aka. Jim Roberts) and his lovely wife, Ruth, from the Canoe the Riverland organisation. The class was challenged to learn new skills such as kayaking upstream against the current, and by budgeting and preparing their own meals in the beautiful facilities of the Big4 Caravan Park at Renmark. Overall the students (and the teachers) had a fantastic time we are very lucky as a school to have these valuable opportunities available to us. Below is a student-devised recount of their trip:

On Wednesday the 19th of September the Year 8 class went on a trip to the Remark Big 4 Caravan Park to learn about the safety rules in and around the water plus we learnt about a lot of wildlife.

Firstly when we got off the bus, Miss McGinty made us set up our tents so we can go straight to kayaking. After that we all jumped back in the bus and made our way to the kayaking, but suddenly Mr Ghobrial missed the turn off so he spun it 180 and pulled straight into the driveway. Later on we were taught about the dangers of the kayaks in the river and we all played some games in and out of the water.

Then we all moved back to the tents and started cooking tea. Max, Kayla and I had sausages but we had to cook them again for a bit longer.

The next day we got ready to go kayaking, we moved to the river and jumped straight in, we went down through a tone of back channels it was good fun. We all had a blast. Then after a good day of fun we headed home to cook up some tea and then we watched the movie and then went to bed.

The next morning we all pack everything up and headed home. We did a bit of kayaking before we set off home, it was good fun with very cool wildlife, and I loved it. Then we finally packed up the kayaks and said our final farewells and set off on the long ride home”.

Written by Mitchell McDonald (Year 8)

REMINDER

SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL

Students can bring their bathers daily. Groups will be selected to swim in the pool on days over 30 degrees.

Transition dates

22nd & 23rd November 2016

Year 7 students from Coonalpyn will be on site for these 2 transition days, if you see them please make them feel welcome.

Year 2/3/4 Class

Melissa Prosser

There are so many different projects and learning opportunities happening in and around our classrooms here at Coomandook Area School all the time. Here are a few photos of our Year 2/3/4 class working hard.



Community News

Position Vacant

Casual Support Workers



Your Quality Local In-Home Service Provider

Murray Mallee Aged Care Group is looking for well-presented, enthusiastic people to assist elderly people to live independently in their own homes in the Tintinara, Coonalpyn and surrounding areas.

This is challenging and rewarding work with flexible hours that includes weekdays and weekends.

Applicants must have Certificate III in Aged Care, Community Care or equivalent.

First Aid Certificate, Police Check and Drivers Licence are requirements of the position.

MMACG also have positions in the above mentioned areas that require First Aid, Police Check and Drivers Licence.

Please submit your resume to reception@murraymallee.org.au. Any other enquiries to Murray Mallee Aged Care Group 8532 2255 in business hours.

Invitation

Geranium Primary School
Students & Staff cordially invite
Coomandook Area School Staff & Students
To our end of year concert

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Thursday 10th November
7.30pm
At the Parrakie Hall

Calling All Musicians!!!!

(or anyone who owns and can play
an instrument!)

Coomandook Area School will this year be hosting a Community Christmas Carols event and would love your involvement! We are after any parents, caregivers, brothers, sisters, family, friends or community members who would like to join students and staff in a community band for the evening, or any community groups who may like to perform as a guest artist or simply be involved at all in the evening.

What you need to know

Date: Wednesday 14th December

Time: 6:00 Tea 7:00 Carols

Location: Coomandook Area School Oval

Ability level: From beginner to advanced –music will be allocated based on ability levels

Instrument: If you have it and can play it we will do our best to find you some music

Rehearsal: Students will be rehearsing during their music lessons on Friday mornings that community band members are welcome to attend and we will schedule a community rehearsal time and frequency that suits those who would like to be involved.

If you would like any more information please do not hesitate to contact me at the school on 85 733 007 or via email at dl.0729.info@schools.sa.edu.au



Please cut off and return to school or email the information to dl.0729.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Name(s): _____

Instrument: _____

Contact email or phone number: _____

Ability Level: Beginner Intermediate Advanced

Rehearsal Availability: Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri

Time options (pm): 4-5 5-6 6-7 Other: _____



Bushfires and Your Child's School or Preschool

A GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

Effective date: November 2016

Contents

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This brochure provides you with important information about our approach to managing bushfire risk in government schools and preschools. We want to ensure parents and carers are well prepared for a bushfire emergency.

Please help us prepare for the fire danger season by:

- ▶ familiarising yourself with the information contained in this brochure
- ▶ reading all bushfire information provided to you by your child's school, preschool, vacation, rural or out of school hours care, including their site emergency management plan
- ▶ talking to your children about what will happen if a bushfire occurs when they are at school or preschool
- ▶ making sure your emergency contact details are updated and made available to your school or preschool before the start of the fire danger season
- ▶ making a personal bushfire survival plan for your family and letting your child's school or preschool know if this will affect your child's attendance.

By taking the above steps it will help us to keep your children as safe as possible.



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HOME AND BUSINESS FIRE PREVENTION

Fires caused by deliberate, reckless or negligent behaviour not only destroy communities and properties but have the potential to kill. South Australia Police is committed to identifying and apprehending people who deliberately light fires or engage in reckless or negligent fire lighting behaviour.

To help keep your property safe from fire, consider implementing these crime prevention tips:

- Lock your property and vehicle at all times.
- Keep rubbish bins in a secure area and remove rubbish regularly.
- Secure all combustible materials and flammable fuels away from your property.
- External doors should have minimal gaps to prevent papers and flammable items being pushed inside the property.
- Maintain vegetation around your property and remove plant debris.
- Maintain fencing and install external security lighting.
- Conduct regular inspections outside your property. Repair damage to fences and remove graffiti regularly.
- Join your local Neighbourhood Watch or Business Watch program to help keep the community safe.

For further information contact your local police station or visit www.police.sa.gov.au

If you see anything suspicious immediately call the Police Assistance line on 131 444. If you have any information about who is deliberately lighting fires or engaging in reckless or negligent fire lighting behaviour call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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WHEN WE
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HOME AND BUSINESS



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RURAL FIRE PREVENTION

Fires can cause serious harm to people and properties. Whether deliberately lit or caused by reckless or negligent actions, fire can kill. Know your responsibilities, take positive action and report suspicious behaviour to police.

To help keep your property safe from fire, consider implementing these crime prevention tips:

- Erect fences and gates to identify your property boundaries – indicating private property.
- Immediately repair or replace any damaged sections of fencing or gates.
- Ensure security and warning notices are visible to people entering your property.
- Keep fertilisers and other chemicals in a secure location.
- Store petrol, diesel or other flammable fuels in secure areas and locked away when not in use.
- Inspect your property regularly to ensure rubbish, including glass bottles, are disposed of immediately.
- Remove hay from fields as soon as possible after harvesting and store it away from fuels, flammable goods and homes.

If you see anything suspicious immediately call police on 131 444. Keep a note pad in the car and record helpful details including:

- location of the suspicious activity i.e. RPA number and property name, road name, or identifying landmarks
- vehicle details i.e. registration number, make, model, colour and any distinguishing features (e.g. dents, stickers)
- characteristics of anyone acting suspicious i.e. age, gender, weight, height, hair colour and clothing.

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“Striving To Make The Difference”

8th November, 2016

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The 2016 Parent Opinion Survey will be available for you to undertake using the link below.

The survey will be available from now until the 30th November, we would appreciate your participation in this during this time. If you do not have internet access and require a paper version, please contact Chris Lucas at the school and arrangements can be made to send home a copy with your child. If you are undertaking the paper version, we request that it be returned to school by 30th November.

The survey can be accessed via: <https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/CAS2016parentsurvey> .

Thank you for taking part.

Yours sincerely,

Maddie McGinty,
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Coomandook Area School

Sportsperson of the Year

Nomination Form

1. **Nominee:** _____

2. **Nominated By:** _____ **Contact Number:** _____

3. **Students' Sporting achievements:**

(These achievements can be both school related and non-school related)

Signed (by the nominator): _____

Nominations Close: Friday, Week 7 Term 4 (December 2nd).

(Please return all nominations to Front Office at School)



CAS Term 4 Planner, 2016

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	17 th October PUPIL FREE DAY	18 th October SRC Induction assembly & morning tea.	19 th October Yr 8 Camp	20 th October Yr 8 Camp Yr R-7 Excursion to Lamerloo	21 st October Yr 8 Camp
Week 2	24 th October Art Moderation	25 th October Cricket Coaching Clinic Yr R-10	26 th October Choir ICT Committee Meeting Wellbeing Meeting Finance Meeting Asset & Grounds Meeting	27 th October Education Committee meeting	28 th October
Week 3	31 st October Library Board Meeting Governing Council Meeting	1 st November	2 nd November	3 rd November	4 th November Super 8 Cricket
Week 4	7 th November Yr 10 careers Week	8 th November	9 th November	10 th November Maths Exam Year 11 Course Counselling	11 th November Year 10 Course Counselling
Week 5	14 th November Biology Exam	15 th November	16 th November Chemistry Exam SAPSASA Cricket/tennis try-outs	17 th November PE Exam	18 th November Assembly Staff Dinner
Week 6	21 st November SAPSASA Cricket State Carnival	22 nd November Australian History Exam Transition	23 rd November ICT Committee Meeting Wellbeing Meeting Assets & Grounds Meeting Finance Meeting Transition	24 th November EDU Meeting	25 th November
Week 7	28 th November Governing Council Yr 11 Exams	29 th November	30 th November	1 st December	2 nd December Yr 12 Dinner-Riverside
Week 8	5 th December Yr 10 Exams Yr 11 Work Experience	6 th December	7 th December	8 th December	9 th December
Week 9	12 th December Presentation Night	13 th December	14 th December Carols	15 th December Activity Day	16 th December Assembly END TERM 4 School finishes 1hour early

Please Note: these dates may be subject to change at short notice