



Coomandook Area School

Term 1, Week 8

Newsletter

19th March, 2019

From the Principal

Kaye Fitton

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance is necessary for success in school. You can make sure your child(ren) has the best opportunity for this success by ensuring they are present each day. The benefits of attendance are enormous. Why?

- Learning is a progressive activity and each day builds on the work from previous days
- Insights gained in class discussions can never be replaced
- Many practical activities when missed cannot be repeated
- Opportunities for camps and excursions are often one-offs in any given year – Take the opportunities when they arise
- The daily routine of attending school establishes life-long habits such as being on time
- Research show students who attend regularly are more likely to have higher grades (and eventually earn more money)
- Students who are regular attenders are less at risk for anti-social behaviour (or criminal activity as adults)
- Regular attendance promotes a positive attitude and there are opportunities for students to develop socially

When parents support their child(ren)'s attendance at school, they are saying education is important and it is valued. In fact our society places strong value on education as part of the foundation for every child

Calendar Dates

Term 1

19 th	Primary School Road Safety Talk
25 th	Governing Council
26 th	Interschool Athletics at Keith
27 th	Year 8,10,11 Immunisations
29 th	SAPSASA Swimming Championships
April	
2 nd	Parent/Teacher Interviews
5 th	PUPIL FREE DAY
8 th	USE SSSSA Athletics
8 th -11 th	SAPSASA Softball Carnival
12 th	END TERM 1
29 th	START OF TERM 2
30 th	SAPSASA Athletic Trails at Coomandook
MAY	
5 th	Pedal Prix
6 th	SAPSASA Netball/Football Trials
7 th	USE K O Netball/Football Trials
9 th	Fun Run
10 th	PUPIL FREE DAY
13 th – 14 th	Year 10 First Aid Course
15 th	Cross Country at Meningie
20 th	SAPSASA Athletic Championships
21 st -24 th	NAPLAN
June	
6 th	Cross Country at Oakbank
10 th	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
16 th	Pedal Prix

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



and as a right for every child. What we do at school is extremely important in the life of a child. Education matters.

It is through education that we give students not only knowledge, but skills such as thinking, reasoning, creating, debating, connecting and problem solving. We challenge every brain to tackle problems, to grapple with the unknown and find solutions. We teach foundational skills that transfer across all schooling and beyond to life's contexts.

Our education system is changing. Our department is planning for continuous improvement. We want to become "world class." For our students to be swept up in this wave of change and improvement, we need them to BE HERE.

This year we focus deeply on the development of writing, reading and number across K-12. Will your child(ren) benefit from our actions by being here? At Coomandook Area School we say:

AT SCHOOL-ON TIME-EVERYDAY

DayMap

Jacob Dawson

What is DayMap?

DayMap is a learning management system that enables students, teachers and parents to communicate and monitor attendance, assessment, due dates and more. Our journey into this software was started by the need to submit electronic assessment for SACE in Years 11 and 12 and our desire to make this easy for students and staff to work with.

Since Semester 2, 2018 our school has started a gradual rollout plan for DayMap to improve communications. The initial phase involved changing over to electronic roll marking. This has enabled us to monitor student attendance in all lessons across the day to identify absence patterns and improve the accuracy of reporting to the Department.

At the beginning of 2019, all staff participated in a whole day training as part of the next phase. Since then staff have been able to upload task sheets and set due dates that students can access via their devices to keep track of their work. We also have

started using the system to record behaviour comments as issues arise each day, which enables us to have a log of student issues and their follow up.

This year, secondary students have also increased their use of DayMap, with many now checking regularly for due dates, submitting completed work and messaging their teachers to ask questions. You may have heard them start talking about "Traffic Lights" earlier this term also (where teachers give a red, amber or green light to indicate how the student is going in their subject).

So where to from here? We are currently awaiting approval from ICT Services to switch on the off-site access to DayMap. This will mean that students will be able to submit their work from home and check lesson notes when they are absent. Once this is fully operational, we will look to the parent portal phase, where parents can monitor their child's attendance, see due dates, communicate with teachers and read class information (like blogs in primary classes).

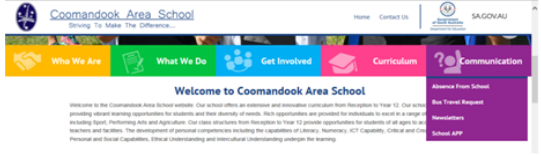
At the upcoming parent-teacher interviews, we hope to share student traffic lights with parents to support conversations on the night. This will be a first view of DayMap for many parents and we encourage you to attend.

If you would like further information about DayMap, you can view their website: www.daymap.net or contact Jacob Dawson (Deputy Principal) via the school office.

Student Absences

New Website Features!!

Did you know you can head to the new website to inform the school of student absences as well as any bus travel requests? Head to the communication tab on the website to check out our online forms!!



Please contact the front office if you need the password to fill in these forms online!!

Please either ring or email dl.0729.info@schools.sa.edu.au to inform staff of your child/rens absence. A message can be left on the answering machine when calling out of school hours.

Sports Day

Year 8 students recount from Sports Day

Javelin

Javelin is the best at sports day because it's cool throwing it and reminds you of hunting. Javelin is a good sport for everyone because it's not just your strength it's also your technique. The world record is 98.48 but the CAS school record for Under 14s is James Rodda 36.9m in 1988. The best throw on sports day was Caden Liebich.

Long Jump

Long jump was the best sport at sports day. It is good because you get land in the sand at the end of the jump. The word record is 8.90m it was broken by Bob Beamon in 1968. For Coomandook the longest length is 6.85m for the open boy's event, it was won by Jack Stolarski in 2016.

Triple Jump

Triple jump is my best field sport.

Triple jump is a quick and easy field sport, and so are the steps to completing it are hop, skip, jump.

On sports day in Under 14 girls I came first, Lilly came second and Jacque came third. My technique for triple jump was when I ran up to the take-off mat and I hopped up high, I skipped far and I jumped high up with my head looking ahead.

The world record for triple jump and for girls is Inessa Kravets with 15.50m.

The record for Under 14 at sports day was by Rosalie Sleep in 1989 with 9.43 m.

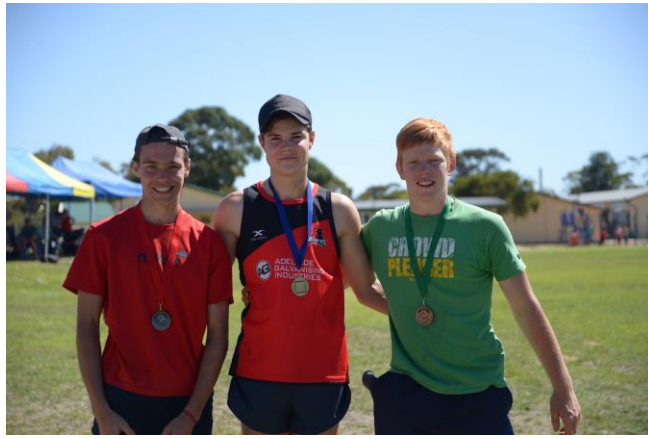
100m-200m Race

The 100m-200m race is the best event because the competitors get to run their heart out and have fun. The 100m-200m race is a running race where the competitors compete against each other to win first place. The record for the 100m is thirteen seconds. The way to win the 100m or 200m race is to have a straight back, knees high/bent, arms by your side, also remember to look straight and head up at all times. In the under fourteen girls, Lilly Dent won both of her

racers. The record for the under fourteen girls 100m race is thirteen seconds and for the 200m race it is thirty seconds. The world record for the woman's 100m sprint is 10.49 seconds and the world record for woman's 200m sprint is 21.43 seconds. Sports day was fun and everyone enjoyed it. Thanks to everyone who helped hold the event.







Pupil Free Day

PUPIL FREE DAY

FRIDAY 5th APRIL 2019

TERM 1 WEEK 10

Professional development for staff
Approved by Governing Council

Newsletter

Would you like to keep up to date with the happenings at Coomandook Area School?

The newsletter is available to the community at a cost of \$15 for a yearly subscription. Please come into the Front Office and talk to the staff. You can also have the newsletter email to you at no cost.

Aquatic Camp

Miss Lee

Recently, the Year 8 and the Year 9 class travelled down to the Murrayland's Aquatic Centre for Aquatics Camp. Here the students participated in an array of aquatic activities such as knee-boarding, rowing, kayaking and many more. The feedback from the instructors at the Aquatic Centre and staff who supervised the students was highly positive, with all commenting on how wonderful it is to see everyone giving all activities a 'red hot go', even when it seemed too hard or when they were nervous. All involved were very impressed with our students persisting when things got tough and challenging, the level of team-work and encouragement students showed each-other and the amount of respect students showed towards the instructors, staff, each-other and the equipment and facilities they were using. Lots of

students stepped out of their comfort zones and surprised themselves. As a teacher, I noticed students were demonstrating growth mindsets and applying positive self-talk. Well done to those students who participated. As a school community we should all be very proud of them and the positive feedback that they have received. To the students who participated: I hope you not only had a great time, but also that you learnt a little bit about yourself. A big thank you to all those who volunteered to help in whichever way they could. The camp could not have run as smoothly as it did without your support! To follow up from camp, each child has written a reflective recount in Pastoral Care and English lessons. Please read some excerpts from some below to learn about the amazing opportunities our students have had on this camp and try not to be too jealous!

"On the 27th and 28th of February and the 1st of March the Year 8/9 class went to the Murray Bridge Aquatics Centre. When we got to school we loaded the trailer and got ready to go. I was in the school Ute with Fraser, Oscar and Rachid, the groundsman, was driving the Ute. We left Coomandook and not long after we left we had to pick up Riley because his seat belt didn't work."

Luke Batten (Year 9)

On the first day Amelia, Alicia, Ella, Claire and I went with my mum to the site. We got there at 9:35, way earlier than the others! When everyone was there we got into our groups: mine was Amelia, Alicia, Lilly, Riley, Lachlan and I. Our first activity was knee-boarding and our instructor was Rob. Knee -boarding was fun but I got a blood nose because it was so hot. When we did doubles, Amelia and I fell off purposely to see how it felt. We went back and had lunch. Stand-up paddle boarding was our next activity and our group joined with Caden, Luke, Fraser, Georgia, Cherifa and Stewart, which was Jess' group. It was really fun but hard and tiring. Our last activity was catamaraning. We went through how to steer and stop then got in to groups of three. I was

with Amelia and Alicia. Alicia was the skipper (driver) first and we swapped roles while we were going up and down the river. After that we ate some fruit, set up tents and played some games in the Sailing Club. For tea, Lilly and Riley cooked the tuna mornay. It took a while but it was delicious. Next we played thong chasey and we watched Madagascar for a while. We then went to bed at 10:00 pm."

Chloe Pitt (Year 8)

"When we got there we had to unpack the trailer and then have lunch. We got changed and went through a safety talk with our instructor Jess. Then went and grabbed the knee-boards, grabbed a boat and then we went to a river beach and did bank starts. Georgia went first, then Caden went then Luke and me. I stacked it at the start and then got up and did it well and then Fraser went and Stewart. After singles we did doubles and me and Stewart went and went the whole way and Luke and Fraser had to stop because Fraser went into a tree. After the lesson was about to finish we had to go back and then we had a 15 min break.-**Oscar Neumann (Year 9)**

"The next day we got up and got ready then we had breakfast everyone had bacon and eggs. I had an egg sandwich. Riley was a surprisingly good cook. Our instructor for Thursday was Rob. Our first activity was wind surfing. It was really fun but hard to control. I fell off! After that we had a break, our next activity was rowing. I didn't like rowing and I got blisters from it. Next we had lunch. For lunch I had a cheese, lettuce and mayonnaise roll. After lunch we went kayaking, kayaking was my favourite activity. For kayaking we went to the wetlands with group 2 our paddles could touch the ground and the mud was black. When we got out of the wetlands we capsized our boats and had to roll then over again without touching the water! I couldn't do it! When we got back we had a break, then we went Catamaraning. I got to be the skipper this time! It was really fun!

Then we went back and had free time I played thong chasey, it was fun! After that Chloe and I made pizza for tea, it was delicious! After tea we got ready for bed and watched The Hunger Games! It was really a really good movie! Then Chloe, Ella and I went back to our tent, talked for a while and went to sleep."

Amelia White (Year 8)

"The next day we got up, warmed up with some bacon and eggs and got changed into our bathers. Then we had a long chat and the weird bell rang and our instructors walked over to us in what looked like slow motion. Are first activity was wind surfing. It was fun but scary and I am never doing it again. Then next was rowing. It was hard but easy. We went to the bridge and back to the Aquatics Centre. When we got back we got out of the water and had some fruit, thanks to Miss Lee and some of the other groups for cutting them up. Then we did kayaking and they didn't go straight and were easy to capsize. We did practices and we went back and had more fruit."**Stewart Schillier (Year 8)**

"Friday morning we had to get up a bit earlier so that we had time to pack away all of our tents and bags. Once we had gotten changed, had breakfast and packed away everything, we had to get ready for our first activity. My first activity was Small Boat Handling. We all had to go down to the shore and we had a talk about what is necessary to have on a boat. Once we finished that, we got to go on the boat. We had to drive a tinny. Our instructor drove up the water for about five minutes until he stopped. We all had a go at driving the tiny. The first thing we had to do was clip a red cord onto our wrist and wear it like a bracelet. The reason we did this is because, if you fall of the cord will unclip from the boat and turn the engine off. The next thing we had to do was turn on the engine. When we did that, we got to drive the boat. We had to do a turn and a figure eight. We all had a go and when we were finished the

instructor drove us to a small little shore. We got to have a swim and have a play before we had to go. Eventually, we left and had a break.” **Lilly Dent (Year 8)**

English

Miss Lee

The Write4Fun national competition is back on again this year. This competition is where students have an opportunity to write a short story or poem about anything they wish and submit it for the chance to be in the running to win some really cool prizes, such as a new Xbox or an iPad! Some students will even have their work published in a Write4Fun book which is a collection of stories and poems that were submitted! The competition is open to all of those from Kindergarten to year 12. Below is a story written by Pippa Stolarski which she has submitted in the competition. Please see Miss Lee if you would like any more information or to be involved!

Frozen

She laid there motionless in the labyrinth of snow and ice. Standing not that far from the broken girl, I wiped my numb fingers over my aching eyes, brushing away the frozen flakes clinging to my lashes. I had been monitoring the outskirts of the town for nearly two full weeks now and had enough of the icy weather. Folks have proclaimed a number of wolf attacks in the past month and have sent lookouts after that, one of which was me. I closed the nauseating distance between me and the girl. The tension grew as I neared. I stood only yet a few feet away, but my breakfast had come back to haunt me. I had never seen the girl before, thankfully. But I knew by the moment I saw the girl, that she did not have a clean death. Her small frozen corpse was as pale and cold as the blizzard that fell around her body. Her own thick, sticky blood had seeped from her wounds leaving a deep red covering of gore beneath herself that soaked into her matted black hair. The female's clothes had been frayed leaving remnants of cloth on her shattered body. One of her doe eyes had been gouged by a raven while she lay splattered on the messy snow. I could hardly think as I emptied my stomach onto the icy earth. I had witnessed deaths before, but nothing compared to a broken young woman like this. I wasted precious minutes, – minutes during which any predator could smell the blood and come looking for it – before I pulled myself

together and hoisted her onto my back. Grunting a little against the weight, I dared a final glance behind me and began the trek back to the village. The icy forest was a sanctuary to all animals, not for missing girls like her. Suddenly, through all my thinking I was struck in the back, by what felt to be a large fragment of rock. I fell into a fiery pit of pain when I hit the ground, dropping the corpse in the process. A scream ravaged my throat as someone pressed their foot against my aching chest. “Look what we have here?”

The beast hissed, giving me a feral smile. “Get of me.” I breathed. The creature's furry matted foot crushed even harder. His yellow eyes scanned me, head to toe. He tilted his dog-like head to a side and snarled. “How dare you mess with my food.” the beast opened his jaw, layers of razor teeth ready to devour me. “How dare you.” He repeated. If he were a human, I would fight against him. But with his brutal jaws and strength, I no doubt, would have not lasted a chance. That's when the creature attacked, it's teeth sunk into my human flesh, but I felt... nothing. Then it was all black. I woke breathless and sweating. It was all just a dream I reassured myself, just a dream.

Insurance



EBM EBM Student Cover – Individual personal accident insurance policy StudentCover accident insurance was developed to give parents and care givers a helping hand when they need it the most at a very affordable price. Children being children accidents do happen and parents are too often surprised to learn just how little cover, if any their children have when they suffer injuries either in or outside school hours. Unfortunately severe injuries can place parent and care givers under financial pressure. The annual cost of StudentCover policy is \$29.00. StudentCover is only available online, payment can be made by credit card at the time of application or by BPay once you receive your invoice. Apply online simply go to www.studentcover.com.au and click apply now. Note: The Coomandook Area School does not endorse any particular product or company. It is the choice of parents and care givers interested in any student accident insurance policy to follow up on information supplied.

World's Greatest Shave

Miss Martin



On the 15th of March, the SRC held the World's Greatest Shave event. The whole school met before lunch to listen to five very brave students explain why they were going to cut their hair or shave their heads.

The event raised money for the Leukaemia Foundation, a charity organisation that is dedicated to helping those with Leukaemia, Lymphoma, Myeloma and related blood disorders, survive and then live a better quality of life. Leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma are all types of blood cancer and they can develop in anyone, of any age, at any time. Another 35 Australians are diagnosed each and every day.

Bailey Niblett, Josiah Peter, Stephen Thorpe & Tex Ladson shaved their hair to raise funds for the foundation. The boys weren't happy to lose their locks but understood it was for a good cause. Kelsey Hutchesson and Miss Martin cut and donated 20cm of our hair to the Leukaemia Foundation, to be made into wigs. The whole school watched (some with mouths open) as Lisa Rowntree and Marcia Camac shaved and cut hair. Those who didn't want to cut or shave their hair donated some money to have their hair coloured! Max Gogel said, "The kids all had a laugh and enjoyed spraying their hair". Josiah Peter said, "It was quite an enjoyable event and it was good to see so many people join in." Everyone had a good laugh when they saw Mr Jarvis get his beard coloured in pink! Karen Watson said, "The people who shaved their head did it for a good reason [and] it was good to see a positive outcome".

Our school so far has raised \$944.45 online. There is still money to be counted so a grand total is not known at this time. We are completely blown away by everyone's enthusiasm and support. Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered their time and helped set up such a successful event. An especially big well done to the five students who cut/shaved their hair. The money raised will help support those suffering from Leukaemia and help fund further research.

BUS TRAVEL SLIP

Student Name : _____

Year Level : _____

The above named student would like to travel on the
_____ bus run

On (date/s) _____

(am) _____ (pm) _____

Travelling with _____

Reason: _____

Parent

Signature _____

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Playgroup

2019
Coomandook Playgroup AGM
Wednesday, 27th March 2019
@ 9:30am Coomandook Hall

ALL WELCOME!



COOMANDOOK PLAYGROUP

****WANTED KIDS TOYS!****

If anyone would like to have a clean out of baby/toddler (0-5 years) toys that they may have at home, the Coomandook Playgroup are in need of some new second-hand toys to set up their new Playgroup area. Any items could be dropped off at the Coomandook Shop or contact Tiffany on 0403018370 or Karen on 0407799670 and we can arrange to come and collect them from you.

Possible items:

Cricket bats/small tennis rackets	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	Balance bikes
Smart trikes	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	Footballs
Balls (any size)	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	Swings
Playdough toys	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	Plastic play food
Clam shells	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	Wheelbarrow
Play kitchen	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	Musical instruments
Dolls/babies	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	Dress-ups
Trucks/cars	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	Sandpit toys

Much appreciated!



The Playgroup Committee
 (Tiffany/Karen/Natasha)

Coomandook Playgroup

Held @ Coomandook Hall

Term 1 Program 2019



Week	Activity	Contact
One 30th Jan 2019	1 Bubbles 2 Sing/Story Time – 10am-10:30am 3 Hand Prints	Tiffany Mobile: 0403018370 Karen Mobile: 0407799670
Two 6th Feb 2019	1 Cutting and Pasting Icecreams 2 Sing/Story Time – 10am-10:30am 3 Musical Instruments & Games	Tiffany Mobile: 0403018370 Karen Mobile: 0407799670
Three 13th Feb 2019	1 Nature Hunt 2 Sing/Story Time – 10am-10:30am 3 Musical Instruments & Games	Tiffany Mobile: 0403018370 Karen Mobile: 0407799670
Four 20th Feb 2019	1 Book Making – Counting with Daddy 2 Sing/Story Time – 10am-10:30am 3 Fruit Kebabs	Tiffany Mobile: 0403018370 Karen Mobile: 0407799670
Five 27th Feb 2019	1 Butterfly Prints 2 Sing/Story Time – 10am-10:30am 3 Playgroup	Tiffany Mobile: 0403018370 Karen Mobile: 0407799670
Six 6th Mar 2019	1 Superhero Dress Up/Games 2 Sing/Story Time – 10am-10:30am 3 Superhero Puppets	Tiffany Mobile: 0403018370 Karen Mobile: 0407799670
Seven 13th Mar 2019	1 Fish Collages 2 Sing/Story Time – 10am-10:30am 3 Kite Making	Tiffany Mobile: 0403018370 Karen Mobile: 0407799670
Eight 20th Mar 2019	1 Bike Day (BRING YOUR BIKES) 2 Sing/Story Time – 10am-10:30am 3 Bike Races & Games	Tiffany Mobile: 0403018370 Karen Mobile: 0407799670
Nine 27th Mar 2019	1 Biscuit Making & Decorating 2 Sing/Story Time – 10am-10:30am 3 Pipe Cleaner Spiders	Tiffany Mobile: 0403018370 Karen Mobile: 0407799670
Ten 3rd April 2019	1 Easter Hats & Baskets (for next week) 2 Sing/Story Time – 10am-10:30am 3 Water Play	Tiffany Mobile: 0403018370 Karen Mobile: 0407799670
Eleven 10th April 2019	1 Easter Picnic & Play @ Taillem Bend 2 Shared morning tea/early lunch 3 Easter Egg Hunt	Tiffany Mobile: 0403018370 Karen Mobile: 0407799670

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – 12th April to 22nd April 2019

Strengthening the Parent/Child Relationship through PLAY



Play is one of the best ways to build and strengthen the relationship between you and your child.

- Describe out loud what your child is doing
- Identify and say out loud what feelings your child is expressing either directly by child or indirectly through their play with the toys.



Describe Your Child's Play Activities

- "You drew a happy face"
- "You're putting those two together"
- "Now you are going to use that box"
- "Now you're putting her in the car"
- "You put him right in the bed"
- "You're making a tall tower"
- "You're the doctor now"
- "You made her spin round and round"
- "You're filling that all the way to the top"
- "You've got them all lined up just how you want them"
- "That one just crashed right into the other one"
- "That one is sure making lots of noise"
- "You're trying to fit that piece in there"