



CENTRAL MIDLANDS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Welcome to our end of term newsletter.

This term our school has been blazing ahead with academia, events, camps and student experiences. We have engaged in rich excursions including Golf, Bush Foods, Year 12 English, Year 10-11 Art, Year 8 Tree Planting Rehabilitation, and the Circus came to town. We celebrated our students' achievements at our End of Semester Awards/Countryweek assembly, and it was wonderful so many parents and family members came to share our students special moments. It was awesome to see a snapshot of learning across our year groups and I would like to our staff and the Student Council, for putting on a wonderful event and delicious afternoon tea. I would also like to acknowledge Mr Brown and the Year 12 Automotive class for refurbishing our trailer with the assistance and generosity of McIntosh & Son.

Our Countryweek Volleyball teams are dominating their games and more importantly proudly representing our families and the community of Moora. We are all looking forward to their return and stories of their adventures.

Our three consultative groups, the School Council, the Parent & Citizens Committee and the Student Council, continue to support and guide our school in many different areas. The recent Student Survey has captured the voices of our student body and we look forward to implementing some of their ideas throughout the year.

Please remember Monday 17 July is a School Development Day for staff, and we look forward to all students returning on Tuesday 18 July. If you are travelling, please be safe and I trust everyone will enjoy a restful break over the holidays.

MRS BRONWYN WRIGHT
PRINCIPAL



Be Kind

- Checking in on and looking after your friends and classmates
- Holding the door open
- Using kind words
- Using manners (please, thank you)
- Smiling at others, saying hello, good morning, good afternoon
- Give a compliment
- Boost others up

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FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S DESK

10.2 Science Debate

A couple of weeks ago Mr Auzins invited me into the 10.2 Science class to witness a debate about whether we should use genetic engineering with plants and animals for eating purposes. It was a great experience to witness the students arguing and counter arguing points that they had researched previously on these topics. I was particularly impressed with Boyd Dunham and Terrace Nkunkumuye, who both led their teams well and argued very passionately. Thankyou to Mr Auzins and the Year 10.2 class for inviting me in to be a guest judge.

GATE

GATE is a Gifted and Talented program that allows country students who are assessed as high performers to work on extension programs via computers in subjects they are particularly strong in. Currently we have one student learning Maths and Science by SIDE in Year 9. Next Semester, we have two more students joining GATE, one in Year 9 and one in Year 8. GATE students get the opportunity to attend two camps a year, where they get a chance to complete many fun activities and also have to sit a few tests on the content they have been learning as well. What fun! Across are some pictures from the most recent GATE camp.

Reports

After finishing reading all report comments I thought this was a good chance to give some of my thoughts on how students can improve their results based on what was mentioned regularly in the comments I read. Teachers commented a lot on how important it is to pay attention, remain engaged and interested, ask for help especially when confused or unsure (I believe this one is extremely important), revise before all assessments, make sure you are writing and recording information from the lesson. Not every student will find every subject easy or interesting, and even as adults, we know that if we don't apply ourselves and try, then little learning is going to happen. So if your child didn't perform as well as you would have liked them to do this semester, then definitely meet with the teacher and have a chat, but also help your child to revise and focus on their work at home. Revision before assessments is super important at any year level.

That is it from me. I wish everybody a happy and safe holiday.

PETER HALL
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL





YEAR 7 DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

This semester Year 7-2 have been studying Digital Technology. The students programmed micro-bits. Their latest project was to make a micro-bit Moisture Sensor. The microbit had to be programmed to register the level of moisture in a pot plant. The students had to create a circuit using alligator clips and electrodes. Sophie successfully completed the task.

Heather Mitchell - Teacher



YEAR 12 FOOD – WHO ATE ALL THE PIES?

Year 12 students thought all their dreams had come at once when they were outlined their latest task. Instead of cooking vegetables (mostly at Mrs Keeffe’s insistence), they could actually plan a pie of their choice to bake.

The task included an understanding of food labelling requirements in Australia – all twelve separate pieces of information that need to be included on each and every food product sold in Australia.


Last week was the culmination of this learning – students could bake the pie they had planned – using plenty of skills in making shortcrust and puff pastry by hand. Their design needed to suit the requirement of being a pie that could be sold at a take-away outlet. Cooking in pairs, they produced; beef & onion pie, chicken & tomato pie, mince & potato pie, shepherd’s pie and spinach & feta pie.

All looked delicious and were professionally produced – there were certainly a lot of happy bakers in the class.

Year 12s will now set about designing a package for their pies that would meet labelling requirements and be suitable for sale.

Jane Keeffe - Teacher






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HOUSE POINTS COMPETITION

<p>MYLES</p> <p>376</p>	<p>LEFROY</p> <p>334</p>	<p>ROBERTS</p> <p>393</p>
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Positive Behaviour:

- Being Kind
- Being Engaged in class
- Strong work Ethic
- Being organised
- Being respectful



YEAR 10 EXCURSION

Year 10s have been learning about bush food flavours this term in Food. There are many foods that are becoming more common in restaurants and cafes producing dishes that include flavours such as Geraldton wax, lemon myrtle, Warrigal greens and flavours such as saltbush.



Students have been incorporating these flavours in all their practical cooking classes this term.

All this learning came together during an excursion to Mogumber.

Ms Chipper showed the students how to dig for karno in the area – these tasty little bush foods were difficult to find, but a few students had some success in both identifying the plant and digging up the yam like food.

Following this bush food hunt, the class travelled to the now abandoned Mogumber Mission site where stolen Aboriginal children were taken from 1914 until late in the century. Ms Chipper gave the students a fascinating insight to the area and the life for Aboriginal people who lived at the Mission – and of their parents, many of whom moved to be nearer their children, but were forced to live outside the Mission.

The site of the life story of the movie *The Rabbit Proof Fence*, many students found the local history very interesting, recognising many local family names from the cemetery wall.

Students had a very interesting day, in all, though, most were very grateful for the packed lunch given our overall very low success rate of finding edible bush food! Many thanks to Ms Chipper for her remarkable contribution to the excursion and her personal story that she shared during the day.

Jane Keeffe - Teacher



AUTOMOTIVES TRAILER PROJECT

This semester the Year 12 General Automotives class has spent many weeks planning and then repairing the school trailer, which is used every year to transport luggage to the Country Week carnival.

The trailer is 20 years old and was in a very poor state. The damage ranged from body issues of extensive rust and old flaky paint that was practically dusting off on our hands, to faulty brakes, broken jockey wheel, and worn rims and bearings.

We spread the work between us to ensure everyone had a go at different panel and mechanical repair skills. We started by cutting and grinding out the rust. The engineering students in the group welded patches and sealed up the holes and leaks in the metal plating. Buffing discs were used for the surface rust.

Once the majority of the rust was removed, and the rest was treated with rust convertor, we mixed and spread bog over the rust affected areas. Students then got to work smoothing out the bogged areas and sanding off the old paint. When the surface was ready, a red primer was sprayed to ensure a strong surface for the final blue coat to be sprayed onto.

We shared spray painting work for the 2 coats and touch up work. The tyres were also removed from their rims, for the rims to be buffed and sprayed also. The tyres were refitted and wheels put securely back on the trailer. The final touch was the sign writing decals.

We look forward to the future Country Week tours being able to benefit for our class's hard work, for many more years.

Our class is grateful to Concept Signs and Workwear for the quality job in putting the signs on the trailer.

On behalf of the General Automotives class of 2023 I want to say a big thank you to McIntosh & Son of Moora for the generous donation of the automotive paint for our project. Our trailer is proudly New Holland.

Jim Brown - Teacher



WHAT'S ON

Fri 30 June Last day of Term 2

Tue 18 July First day of Term 3

Wed 26 July Parent/Teacher meetings

Thu 27 July NAIDOC Celebrations

Fri 28 July Eneabba Cross Country

Wed 9 August Year 10 Parent Info Evening

Fri 25 August Interhouse Athletics Carnival

Thurs 7 September RU Ok? day

Fri 8 September Interschool Athletics Carnival

CIRCUS INCURSION

On Monday 26 June the Circus came to Central Midlands SHS. All students were treated to a performance of juggling, acrobatics and stunts. Teachers and some students had the opportunity to join the show. This was not a traditional circus performance. It was a fun active program where students were also treated to hands-on learning fun where students became the stars. Students were able to try juggling, plate spinning, diablo throwing and more.

Alice Howard – Student Services





WE HAVE HAD A BUSY TERM 2!

