

CENTRAL MIDLANDS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

TERM TWO | FRIDAY 3 JULY 2026

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

As we come to the end of Semester One, I would like to acknowledge the strong start our students have made this year. It has been pleasing to see so many students engaging positively in their learning, taking pride in their work, and making the most of the opportunities available at our school.

A particular highlight has been the continued expansion of our curriculum offerings, including our new agricultural and outdoor education programs. These programs provide valuable hands-on learning experiences and reflect the interests and future pathways of our students and community. I would like to sincerely thank our Agricultural Advisory Committee, our generous sponsors, dedicated staff, and students for their ongoing support in making these opportunities possible.

Throughout the semester, students have also participated in a range of sporting, cultural and leadership activities, strengthening both confidence and school connection. Supporting student wellbeing remains a priority, and we are proud of the inclusive and supportive environment we continue to build.

Special thanks to our wonderful P & C and our families for their ongoing support. The strength of our school lies in these partnerships.

Our Student Council also deserve special recognition for their commitment as they grow and develop. Their focus and determination set a positive example of student voice.

As we head into Semester Two, we look forward to building on this positive momentum and continuing to support every student to achieve their best.

I wish all families a safe and restful break.

Mrs Bronwyn Wright
PRINCIPAL



Develop a passion for
LEARNING
if you do,
you will never cease to
GROW



TERM 3 DATES

WEEK ONE

Tues 21 July - *Students first day back*

Fri 24 July - *Career Expo - Year 9*

WEEK TWO

Fri 31 July - *Eneabba Cross Country*

WEEK THREE

Tues 4 Aug - *Parent Teacher Interviews & Awards Assembly @ 11:30am*

Thurs 6 Aug - *NAIDOC - 50 years deadly*

WEEK FIVE

Fri 21 Aug - *Science Expo*

WEEK SIX

Tues 25 Aug - *Zero to Hero*

Fri 28 Aug - *CMSHS Interhouse Athletics*

WEEK SEVEN

Mon 31 Aug - Fri 4 Sep - *Australian Teacher's Aide Appreciation Week*

Tues 1 Sep - *Zero to Hero*

Wed 2 Sep - *Year 6 Orientation*

WEEK EIGHT

Tues 8 Sep - *Zero to Hero*

Thurs 10 Sep - *R U OK? Day*

Fri 11 Sep - *Interschool Athletics Carnival @Moora*

WEEK NINE

Tues 15 Sep - *Zero to Hero*

Wed 16 Sep - *Try a Trade Day*

WEEK TEN

Fri 25 Sep - *Last Day of Term*

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the students who were awarded a Merit Certificate at the Assembly in Week 10:

- Lucy Finlay
- Owen Wilkinson
- Mia Ward
- Chloe Almeyda
- Kasey Burnett
- Charlotte Morrison
- Breeze Richards
- Kean Victoriano
- Michael Stream



PHOTO DAY

Thursday Week 10 was our school photo day. The weather held off for some lovely outdoor group photos. All of the students wore their uniforms with pride, and students and staff scrubbed up well. Thank you to MSP Photography - we cannot wait to see the photos.

Uniform reminder for all students for future reference:

- Lower School: Light blue school shirt with navy bottoms and a hooded school jumper or jacket.
- Upper School: Navy blue school shirt with navy bottoms and a hooded school jumper or jacket.
- Year 12s: Leavers jumper
- Country Week students: Country Week jackets
- Footwear: Enclosed, appropriate school shoes.



STUDENT COUNCIL ADDRESS

This term, the Student Council has continued to work hard to keep the student voice at the centre of our school community. We have actively participated in School Council meetings, presenting real feedback gathered from students and working alongside staff to influence decisions that shape daily school life. Our involvement has helped highlight areas students want improved, from learning spaces to wellbeing initiatives, ensuring your perspectives are genuinely heard and valued.

Planning is also well underway for next term's events. For *R U OK?* Day, we are developing meaningful activities that promote connection, mental health awareness, and peer support across all year levels.

We are also preparing new, culturally respectful ideas to make NAIDOC Week a vibrant celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, identity, and community pride. In addition, we have been collecting suggestions for new items to add to the PBS rewards cupboard, aiming to make the rewards more exciting, relevant, and student driven, so everyone is encouraged to share their ideas with any student councillor or Mrs King.

Finally, we remind all students to wear the school uniform with pride and to keep phones off and away throughout the school day, helping us maintain a positive, focused, and respectful learning environment for everyone. Have a safe and happy holidays, and we will see you all on Tuesday 21 July for Term 3.

Kasey Burnett and Harrison Willmott
STUDENT COUNCILLORS

ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE

Monday in Week 9, students Emileigh Wood and Lane Mippy, along with staff members Tamisha, Mrs Varis, Ms Borenilli, Mrs Wright, Mrs Dickens, Mr Hall, and Mr Kingston, bravely took on the Ice Bucket Challenge to raise awareness for Motor Neurone Disease (MND).

Our school was nominated by Little Micks Electrics, and in the spirit of community support, we proudly passed the challenge on by nominating FarmCo and Moora McIntosh & Son.

ZOO EXCURSION

On Friday in Week 9, the Year 7s headed to Perth Zoo for a science excursion. We had a lesson about classification with a zookeeper named Claire, who taught us how animals are grouped. At the end, she brought out a snake called Mona. She was really cute, and we all got to pat her.

We saw lots of amazing animals, including tigers, lions, giraffes, zebras and meerkats in the safari section. We also saw penguins, monkeys, reptiles, kangaroos, birds, emus, bats, sugar gliders, lizards and crocodiles. There were even dinosaurs—but we didn't worry, they were fake! We also were lucky enough to enjoy a lovely lunch, thanks to the P&C. Even though we didn't get to see every single animal, we still had lots of fun.

We would like to thank Ms Van, Mrs Newman, Bob, Mrs Timmins and Mr Kingston for taking us to the zoo.

*Sharnee Albright-Watson and
Rheany Radoc*



SHOUT OUT TO OUR SPONSORS

A special thank you to our generous Country Week sponsors, Tractus, Hankook and Redmac, for their outstanding support of Central Midlands SHS this year. At our Week 10 assembly, we were pleased to acknowledge representatives from our sponsoring organisations and thank them for their generosity. Their sponsorship has provided our students with high-quality uniforms and equipment, ensuring they are well prepared to represent our school at Country Week.

We also acknowledge the incredible efforts of our P&C, whose months of planning, fundraising, marketing, and coordination of this year's sponsored uniforms and equipment have made a significant contribution to our Country Week program.

On behalf of our students, staff, coaches, and families, thank you to our sponsors and P&C for your generosity, time, and ongoing commitment to Central Midlands SHS.

COUNTRY WEEK 2026

Country Week is a fantastic opportunity for our Year 10, 11 and 12 students to get away from home and school, experience a little independence, and, most importantly, challenge themselves in competitive sport against other like-minded country students. This year, trials were held in Term 1 to determine who would earn the opportunity to represent Central Midlands in their chosen sport.

We had four teams attending Country Week this year: a talented and competitive Netball team led by Miss Van, an impressive Basketball team coached by Bob Warrell, and our determined Boys' and Girls' Volleyball teams, led by Mrs Varis and myself.

I had the honour of announcing our 2026 Country Week Team Captains at the Country Week Assembly. To me, this is the highest sporting honour our school can bestow. Our Team Captains are the face of our senior sporting program and represent Central Midlands with pride, integrity, leadership, and outstanding sportsmanship throughout the week in Perth. Congratulations to our 2026 Team Captains, Lockie Clarke and Summer Begg. Thank you for your dedication, commitment, and exemplary sportsmanship in the lead-up to Country Week. I have no doubt you will represent our school with distinction.

Mr Mikey Tate

PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER

THANK YOU



COUNTRY WEEK ~ DAY ONE

It was an early start to the day, with the famous crab hat making an appearance before our students had even reached Perth. The Opening Ceremony was an amazing experience, bringing together more than 4,400 students from 59 regional schools to celebrate the 96th annual Country Week.

Day one was full of excitement and energy. While there were naturally a few nerves as students stepped onto the courts for their first games, giving their all and displaying determination, resilience, and team spirit throughout the day. We are incredibly proud of the way our students represented Central Midlands SHS.



COUNTRY WEEK ~ DAY TWO

What a fantastic second day of Country Week! Our volleyball girls came out firing, winning 8 out of 9 sets across three games. They played exceptionally well against Denmark, Coastal Lakes and Cunderdin, showing great teamwork and determination throughout the day. A special mention goes to Dalila, who finished the final set of our last game in spectacular fashion, serving all 15 consecutive points to secure the win.

The teams also enjoyed several spectator sessions throughout the day. They all started the morning supporting our girls' volleyball matches before making their way to the netball courts. The cheering was certainly enthusiastic—so much so that it may have been considered a little too much for the opposition to handle (or at least according to the umpire!). The evening was a great chance to relax and enjoy some downtime, with everyone heading to Hoyts to watch *Minions* or *Toy Story*. A huge shout-out to our very own Caitlin Spong, who has been an absolute star, providing strapping and support to players whenever needed and helping keep everyone game-ready.

Another great day of competition, teamwork and school spirit.



COUNTRY WEEK ~ DAY THREE

The girls' volleyball team was on fire again, dominating their matches and setting their sights firmly on a top finals position. The netball girls had a hard-fought game against John Tonkin and came away with a draw. They're now more determined than ever to secure a win. A special shout-out to Sophia King, who was outstanding in defence. The basketball team recorded their highest-scoring game yet, with Cooper Hall sinking some impressive three-pointers. Meanwhile, the volleyball boys continued their strong form, defeating the top-ranked team. Kean left it all on the court, diving for every ball. It was also fantastic to see some supportive parents make the trip to cheer on our students, take photos, and encourage all teams throughout the day. After another big day of sport, the evening wrapped up with some well-earned fun at bowling and Timezone. After a slow start, Ms Van staged an impressive comeback on the bowling lanes to finish the night in style.



COUNTRY WEEK ~ DAY FOUR

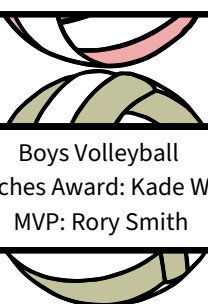
Another fantastic day for our Country Week teams. The Girls Volleyball team continued their incredible winning streak, making it six wins in a row. The Girls Netball team also celebrated success, securing a hard-fought four-point victory over Australind. Our Boys Basketball team put in a tremendous effort throughout the week, while the Boys Volleyball team enjoyed some fantastic matches at the HPC.

Following the day's competition, students headed to Garden City Shopping Centre for some well-earned downtime before celebrating together at Cicerello's in Fremantle for dinner and the awards night. A special mention must go to our students, we could not be prouder of the outstanding effort, teamwork, respect, and sportsmanship displayed by all. They have represented Central Midlands SHS with pride.


Girls Netball
Coaches Award: Caitlyn Spong
MVP: Summer Begg


Boys Basketball
Coaches Award: Cooper Hall
MVP: Tui Clarke


Girls Volleyball
Coaches Award: Cailey Almeyda
MVP: Dalila Wilkes


Boys Volleyball
Coaches Award: Kade Ward
MVP: Rory Smith



COUNTRY WEEK ~ DAY FIVE

The final day of Country Week saw our teams take to the courts one last time, with every match showcasing the determination, resilience and teamwork that have been on display throughout the week. Our Girls Volleyball team finished their campaign with a finals match, while the Boys Volleyball and Netball teams also competed in their final fixtures of the tournament.

Regardless of the final results, every student should be incredibly proud of the way they represented Central Midlands SHS. Throughout the week, our teams demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship, respect, and school pride, supporting one another both on and off the court. The friendships strengthened, memories created, and experiences shared will be remembered long after the final whistle.

Thank you to our students, coaches, staff, families, and supporters for making the 2026 Country Week such a memorable and successful experience. We look forward to celebrating another fantastic week of sport, teamwork, and community spirit.

FARMERS CORNER



TINY BEAKS, BIG LESSONS

Our Year 9 Food and Fibre students have been busy becoming poultry producers this term, taking on the exciting challenge of hatching chicken eggs right here at school. Students have carefully maintained the incubator's temperature and humidity, learning just how important these conditions are for successful chick development. They also monitored the eggs' progress through candling, allowing them to observe the incredible changes happening inside each shell as the embryos grew.

Through this hands-on project, students explored animal welfare, the life cycle of chickens, and the management practices required in poultry production. The experience has highlighted that farming involves much more than simply caring for animals — it requires patience, responsibility, attention to detail and an understanding of biological processes.

In Week 9, students eagerly watched the eggs begin to crack and they could finally hear those little peeps for the first time. We now have 11 new fluffy, feathered friends at our school!

Before welcoming the chicks to school, the Year 10 Food and Fibre students investigated the laws and regulations surrounding animal care and explored best-practice principles for poultry welfare. They then put their knowledge into action by designing and constructing three mobile chicken tractors, which provide our birds with access to fresh pasture while keeping them safe and comfortable.

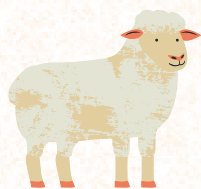
The broiler project is also giving students the opportunity to become agricultural researchers. Working together, students have developed a supplementary feed mix that will be compared with other feeding ratios to investigate how nutrition influences growth and development in broiler chickens.

Throughout the trial, students will monitor the birds' growth, record observations and collect data to determine whether different feed combinations have an impact on weight gain and overall development. The project highlights the important role that nutrition, animal management and evidence-based decision-making play in modern agriculture.

The chicks may still be small, but they are growing before our eyes! We can't wait to see how our broilers develop over the coming weeks and discover what our student-led feed trial reveals.

Stay tuned to Farmers' Corner as we follow our feathered researchers and their rapidly growing flock!





SHEEPING

Our Year 11 and 12 Animal Production Systems students have been taking a deep dive into the science and management of sheep production this term.

Students have been exploring the specialised digestive system of ruminants, learning how sheep convert fibrous plants into energy through their unique four-chambered stomach. They have also investigated sheep reproduction, husbandry practices and the management decisions that influence animal health and productivity.

Beyond the classroom, students have been helping shape the future of our school farm by working alongside the Agriculture Advisory Committee to design our new paddocks and sheep yards. From considering animal welfare and handling facilities to planning fencing and water systems, students are gaining valuable insight into the practical and strategic decisions involved in developing a livestock enterprise.

We are excited to welcome our school flock of Merino wethers in the near future. Once the sheep arrive, students will begin an exciting feed trial comparing static grazing and rotational grazing systems. Throughout the investigation, students will monitor growth rates and fat development to determine how different grazing strategies can influence sheep production outcomes.

This hands-on project will allow students to become agricultural researchers, collecting and analysing real data while developing practical skills in animal management, welfare and sustainable farming practices.

Mrs Bella Varis (Serra-Sanfelin)

AGRICULTURE TEACHER



FARMERS CORNER

FRIENDS OF THE FARM

We could not achieve so much without a lot of community help and this is our little corner to say thanks a bunch to the people and groups who have contributed to the CMSHS school farm lately.



Tayla Conn - Nutrien Dandaragan for the mighty mountain of fencing supplies!



Nick Watts - Fantastic and festidious fencing

Jim Hamilton sewing mixed seed into the paddock, with assistance from Ethan Sirr





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