



CENTRAL MIDLANDS Senior High School

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From the Principal's desk

Term 1 is almost complete and it's been packed full!



Year 7 Students

Our new Year 7 students have adapted well to the new structure of being in a senior high school, meeting multiple new teachers and classmates, and have worked hard in their subjects. Round 1 of OLNA has been completed for Year 10, 11 and 12 students who were required to sit in the Writing, Reading and Numeracy components, and practise has been underway for Year 7 and 9 students for NAPLAN which will occur early in Term 2.

Farewell

During Term 1, we said farewell to Mrs Kylie Vanzetti who retired from her position as our Library Officer. Kylie was a stalwart member of staff for just a tick under 20 years, and we wish her all the best for a long and happy retirement.

Covid 19

As a school, and along with the wider community of Moora, Term 1 has meant that we have also faced the challenges of Covid-19 among some of our students and a few of our staff. My sincere thanks go out to teachers and support

Principal Trish Hewitt with students Mollie Burnett, Callum Machin, Jordan Hall and Kayleen Coffin staff who adjusted teaching plans with short notice to accommodate changes in student numbers and collapsed classes, to parents who kept us informed of students who became unwell, and to my front office staff who worked diligently in maintaining a cheerful atmosphere and support to everyone in sometimes tricky circumstances.

Country Week 2022

Term 2 2022 will bring a slight change for senior school students who take part in Country Week. This event has been moved from Week 10 in Term 2 to Week 7 in Term 3 with priority being offered to Year 12 students who wish to participate. This is their last opportunity to take part in Country Week which was cancelled due to the high risks associated with Covid-19 in both 2020 and 2021, when these students were in Years 10 and 11. We have our fingers crossed that it proceeds without problems this year.

Holiday Break

I hope that everyone enjoys a well-deserved break over the school holidays, and I look forward to welcoming all staff and students back for Term 2, beginning for teachers on Tuesday 26 April and on Wednesday 27 April for students.

Trish Hewitt, Principal



Deputy Principal's address

Hello Central Midlands Family,

Term 1 2022 has been a chequered time for all of us. In particular, for our Year 7s who just started at High School. While Covid dictated some important changes to processes at school and how we do things, it was great to see the amazing adaptability of all staff and students. A big shout out to staff, students and parents who have adjusted and adapted to these changing times.

Special Days

Over Weeks 6 - 10, we celebrated Harmony Day, International Women's Day and Anti-Bullying Day. Thankyou to staff who ran activities and made these days meaningful for all of us. It was great to see students dress up and fund-raise for 'Dress for Success'.

Student Council

This term we completed our school process to elect our Student Council for 2022 and present them with their badges. It has been great to see the ways the Student Council is looking to contribute to school life starting with their school video.

Blended Learning

Most importantly over Weeks 6, 7 and 8 we had teachers provide blended learning opportunities for our students. Students completed tasks, participated in lessons in real time, and even presented their oral presentations through WebEx. A big shout out to staff who were able to pivot to this platform and juggle classroom and online demands at short notice. Thank you to parents for their cooperation and support in helping us navigate these tricky times successfully.

COMPASS

This term staff have also been successful in rolling out COMPASS as our attendance and behaviour platform. A big shout out to the front office ladies for their efforts in helping us transition to this system. It is anticipated that we will roll COMPASS out to parents and students in Semester 2.

School Website

By Week 10 Friday, we should be ready to roll out our school website, which will make it easy for parents to access information and for the school to establish a more reliable online presence.

School Uniform

All students are encouraged to come in correct winter school uniform next term. Students are required to wear their appropriate school shirt with the school short/ pants or navy-blue shorts or pants. Tights on their own are not allowed and nor are jumpers and track pants that have any print or brands. Students are encouraged to wear school jumpers and jackets.

Progress Reports

Progress Reports will be going out at the end of the term and parents will be invited to make contact with the school regarding parent meetings for next term.

We look forward to a more stable and predictable Term 2 with NAPLAN, EST, Exams, and semester reports.

Enjoy this well-deserved break and see you safely back in Term 2.

Marita Rozario, Deputy Principal



Our School Chicken Coop

Our chicken coop is complete and to be honest we think it's pretty fabulous!!!!

Mrs Van Beek collected the pallets and organised for Bunnings to come up and help us with the build. We had to design the chicken coop with the materials we had and make sure it was safe for our little ladies. We looked into what makes a good chicken coop and what chickens need to stay healthy and be happy.

Thank you to Bunnings who supplied the materials for the roof/flooring, the chicken wire and their time to help us complete the build. Thank you also to, Farm Co who supplied our fabulous gate, and Elders & Nutrien who donated chook feed to keep our chickens tummies full!



Dates to remember...

Friday 8 April	Last day of Term 1
9 April - 25 April	School Holidays
Monday 25 April	ANZAC Day - Public Holiday
TERM 2	
Tuesday 26 April	School Development Day - Staff
Wednesday 27 April	Students first day for Term 2
	Yr 7,8,9 Assembly 8.50am
	Yr 10,11,12 Assembly 9.15am
	ANZAC Service 2pm
Thursday 5 May	TISC Session Yr 11/12
10 - 20 May	NAPLAN
Weeks 3 & 4	Externally Set Task (Yr 12)
Week 6	SIDE & School Exams - ATAR
Monday 6 June	WA Day – Public Holiday
Monday 27 June	NAIDOC Celebrations
Friday 1 July	Last day of Term 2
2 July - 17 July	School Holidays

TERM 3	
Monday 18 July	School Development Day - Staff
Tuesday 19 July	Students first day for Term 3
Wednesday 27 July	Parent/Teacher appointment evening (from Sem 1 reports)
	Eneabba Cross Country Championships
Friday 29 July	Yr 10 Parent Info Evening
Monday 1 August	Interhouse Athletics Carnival
Friday 19 August	Yr 6 Orientation Day
Monday 22 August	Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday
Friday 26 August	OLNA
Weeks 7 – 10	Interschool Athletics Carnival
Friday 9 September	Last Day of Term 3
Friday 23 September	

Harmony Day 2022

Harmony Day is an opportunity for all Western Australians to celebrate our vibrant multicultural State. It encourages everyone to experience, explore and appreciate Western Australia's wealth of cultural, religious, linguistic, and ethnic diversity.

On Monday, 21 March staff and students came to school dressed in orange attire - the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.



Head students - Tom Brooks and Jordan Hall and Physical Education Staff - Mr Lewis and Mr Warburton showing their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.



Central Midlands SHS hosted a variety of events to celebrate Harmony Day 2022.

Blair, our school chaplain performed Whakaaria Mai (a Maori Hymn) accompanied by the guitar. The words of Whakaaria Mai are a loose translation of the last verse of

“Abide with me,” composed by Scottish Anglican Minister Henry Francis Lyte.

Blair pictured singing ‘Whakaaria mai, Tou ripeka ki au, Tiaho mai, Ra roto I te po, Hei kona au, Titiro atu ai, Ora, mate, Hei au koe noho ae’ which loosely translates to ‘Show your cross to me, let it shine there in the darkness, to there I will be looking, in life, in death, let me rest in thee.’



The didgeridoo is a musical instrument that originated from Aboriginal communities of Arnhem Land, northern Australia. It was originally played only by men in ritual ceremonies and to accompany dancing. Today, the didgeridoo is a popular instrument in Australia and around the world, and for many it has become a symbol of Aboriginal Australia.



Blair pictured playing contemporary music on the Didgeridoo, matching the rhythm of other percussion songs.

Muay Thai is the national sport and cultural martial art of Thailand. It was developed several hundreds of years ago as a form of close-combat that utilises the entire body. Staff and students watched in awe as the six-time World Champion, Sanapar "Iron Fist" Noi demonstrated Muay Thai.



Sanapar Noi demonstrating rear body kick and elbow strike techniques.



Sanapar Noi and Cameron Waters demonstrating a basic fighting stance adjacent to his championship belt.

Blair and the Central Band-its made a variety of wrist bands using yarn, with each band representing their culture, family heritage or nationality.



Staff and student's crafting wrist bands in the library by braiding, knotting and wrapping.

Thank you to all staff and students who contributed to and celebrated Harmony Day 2022.

Miss Davis

Contributions and Charges 2022

Thank you to the parents and caregivers who have already paid Subject Contributions and Charges for 2022.

Year 11/12 Contribution and Charges have yet to be finalised. Once this has been completed we will ensure they are forwarded by post to parents/caregivers

Payment options are as follows:

1. Cheque or cash;
2. Direct deposit into bank account:
BSB 066040
ACC 19900348
Please use your child's name as reference.
3. Time payment schedule. Please either call in or phone to organise a payment plan which suits your circumstances.

For all enquiries regarding Contributions and Charges, please phone 96539200 during school hours.

Charlee Borinelli and Samantha Waters
Manager Corporate Services/School Officer

International Women's Day

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Staff and students came to school dressed in purple and green attire - the colours of International Women's Day. Purple signifies justice and dignity. Green symbolises hope.

The International Women's Day theme 'Break the Bias' aligned with everything Dress for Success Perth stands for, believes in, and is the very reason they exist. On Tuesday 8 March, Central Midlands supported their mission to raise \$250,000 to transition more than 700 women to face their job search with the confidence, clothing and tools to get hired. Together, we raised **\$105.75!**

All funds donated to Dress for Success Perth stay in Western Australia to help West Australian women and their families. Our financial contribution has enabled them to continue to provide life-changing services, including styling, career development and 1:1 support. Our monetary gift will help to forever change a woman's future.

A huge thank you to all staff and students for your support and generosity.

Miss Davis



Head students - Tom Brooks and Jordan Hall taking action for equality.



*Collectively we can all **#BreakTheBias**.*

Year 10 Science

In Year 10 Science, students are learning about DNA and genetics. In one class, students extracted DNA from a Kiwi fruit!



Year 11 ATAR Human Biology

In Year 11 ATAR Human Biology, students are learning about the body systems. In this practical, students dissected a heart to learn more about the structure and function of the heart and circulatory system



Blended Learning at Central Midlands during Weeks 8 and 9

A note from English, HaSS, Maths and Science

With the current situation, many of our students have been engaging in their learning at home. Some students are joining their class as normal for teaching and learning through WebEx. This is proving very popular with students who are both at school and at home. The students who are at school are enjoying getting to interact with their peers that are not here, and vice versa. Those working from home are not missing out on the group work activities.

Students have been submitting work through Connect, One Note and by email to their teachers. The Year 7s and 9s have even been brave enough to record their persuasive speeches and send them in to their teachers. It is amazing to see how we are all adapting to the big changes. All teachers at CMSHS are extremely proud of the efforts of our students. You have all done amazing these past few weeks where things have been 'different'.



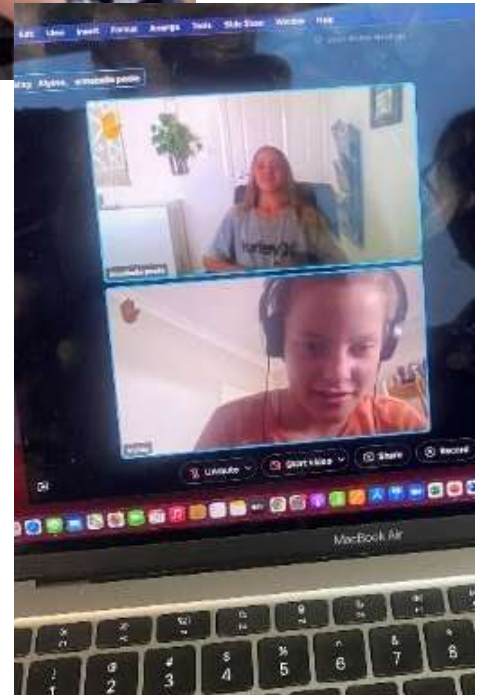
Austin Year 7:
Advertising himself as the 'Ideal Student' through his engaging persuasive speech.



Kaelynn and Lilly (on WebEx) Year 7: Getting through their HaSS group work



Max Year 7: D&T



Annabelle and Alyssa Year 8:
English and HaSS lessons through WebEx with their class.



Rose, Kaelynn, Charlotte, Ingrid and Lilly (via WebEx) Year 7: Maths problem solving collaboratively.