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THE SECRETS TO SUCCESSFUL SPELLING

Mrs Schneider is sharing her secrets on how to be a good speller. While she uses these techniques with her Year 1-2 class, these are strategies which can be used by anyone who is unsure of how to spell a word.

We thought these tips would be helpful tools for parents who want to support their child's literacy skills.



Left and above: We clap or finger-tap the syllables.

The RICH system to help learn spelling words:

- R**ead the word out loud. Clap or finger tap the syllables.
- I**dentify each sound with a sound spot. Stretch out the word.
- C**heck and underline any tricky parts.
- H**ide the word and write it yourself.

How did you go? Check the word. Does it look right? Focus on the tricky bits and try again.

Mrs Schneider, Literacy Coordinator



Above: We identify each sound with a sound spot.



Above: Does it look right?



Above: We stretch it out.

THE PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Our school is once again embarking on the Victorian premier's Reading Challenge.

We encourage all students to participate, particularly those in Years P to 10. Teachers in junior classes will be reading many of the Challenge books in

class. A parent helper will assist with logging junior students' books onto their online reading record. We would love you to help with this task as well. Log-on details can be found in the reading record in the back of each student's

homework diary. We ask parents of younger students to record their reading in this log.

If you are a K-2 parent and would like a list of the Challenge books please call into the library to pick one up.

COMING UP SOON

- **Crazy Hair Day, Years 7 & 8**
Friday 13th March
- **Immunisation, Years 7 & 10**
Friday 13th March
- **Council Meeting**
Tuesday 17th March
7.30pm - 8.30pm
- **No School for Preps**
Wednesday 18th March
- **No School for Preps**
Wednesday 25th March
- **No School for Preps**
Wednesday 1st April
- **Archaeology Excursion**
Thursday 2nd April
- **A Case of Conspiracy, Years 7 to 10**
Friday 3rd April
- **Last Day of Term 1**
Friday 3rd April, 1pm
- **Term 2 Begins**
Tuesday 21st April
- **Scholarship Applications Due**
Wednesday 22nd April

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 13th March
Gayle Ryan

Monday 16th March
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Tuesday 17th March
S. Perryman & T. Bovalina

Wednesday 18th March
C. Duff & E. Bruce

Thursday 19th March
G. Ryan & S. Razga

INDUCTION DINNER FOR JUNIOR COUNCILLORS

Moira Shire Junior Council induction Evening was held last week at the Cobram Civic Centre. Forty-two students from across the Shire were inducted into a new council.

Students from CKC made written applications, followed by interviews in order to be selected for the positions.

ABC radio personality Matt Dowling hosted the proceedings and the guest speaker was the thought-provoking environmentalist, Arron Wood.

Seven secondary schools within the Moira Shire are represented on Junior council. Agenda items for last year's council included Moira Shire Youth Policy, Event Management and the Kool Skools Project.

Junior Council offers its participants the chance to develop leadership skills, to understand how local government operates and to have the chance to represent the youth within Moira Shire.



From back left: Tom Currie, Sarah Wasmayr, Ashlee Harper and Tom Dowling.
Front: Olivia Brown and Nakita Goegan

DEBATERS MAKE THE SEMI-FINALS OF THE ROTARY COMPETITION



Last June, the annual Rotary Debating Competition began with many teams entering the single knockout format.

The CKC team progressed through the competition all the way to the semi-finals which were held

against St. Mary's of the Angels in Nathalia, last Thursday.

The College team of Nathan Brown, Damian Guthrie and Alice Baird narrowly missed out on making the Grand Final. St. Mary's won a close decision on the night.

The students represented themselves and their school very well throughout the competition and are to be commended for making it to the semi-final. Damian, Nathan and Alice all showed good progress in their skills and they were excellent sports in victory and defeat.

Many thanks to the parents who attended the debate and to Gary Cleveland and the Cobram Rotary Club for their support.

The experience gained bodes well for next year's competition.

John Scandrett, Debating Coach

YEAR 7S SPEAK UP

When asked how they feel about their first 5 weeks of secondary school, our Year 7 class said:

There's too much homework! Experiments in Science are fun. Camp was great. We like the variety of subjects. We like cooking. And we love eating. Multimedia is fun because we get to play on the computers, make songs, animations and other cool stuff. We've made lots of new friends. We're getting more organised. I'm getting really good at maths. I'm working harder than ever before. I like the electives; we get a choice. We love the beep test. No, we don't! Because it's a small school we get to spend time with older kids and little kids.

CKC Year 7



COMINGS AND GOINGS

Welcome to Graham Bosco, who is new to our Year 6 class. We are delighted that you and your family have joined our school community.

Parenting for Resilience Seminar with Michael Grose

CHANGE OF VENUE

The seminar on March 23rd will now be held at the Cobram-Barooga Golf Club, not the Cobram-Barooga Sports Club as previously advertised.

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