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Principal's Report

I would like to welcome back everyone to 2011. I would also congratulate all of the school community for the very successful and smooth start to the year. A really big welcome to Cootamundra High for all of our new students, especially Year 7. Continually over the past 2 weeks teachers have commented on the politeness and co-operation of all of our students this year. We can look forward to a very successful 2011.

We have had some staff changes for 2011. In HSIE, Mr McCarthy is Relieving Head Teacher for this year. Mrs Nield is replacing Mr. Black for 2011. In PDHPE we welcome Mr Hall for this year.

The Year Advisors for 2011 are:

*Year 7: Mr Nield
Year 8: Ms Dunn
Year 9: Mrs Green
Year 10: Ms Tinnock
Year 11: Mr Gale
Year 12: Mrs Alderman*

I encourage parents to contact them in the first instance if you have any worries regarding your children at the school. We are really fortunate in having this group of dedicated teachers to support the students at Cootamundra High.

Congratulations to our School Captains (Christa, Ben, Bobby and Lauren) on your efforts on Australia Day both in Sydney and in Cootamundra. The feedback of your efforts in promoting Cootamundra High and the Cootamundra Community has been really positive. I know you all enjoyed the experience.

During 2011 we will be conducting a number of reviews and evaluations of our programs, teaching and policies throughout the school. We would really appreciate involvement and feedback from parents during these investigations. Parents will be approached both through the P&C and directly to offer their comments. The first of these procedures will be held in late February / early March with an Education Support Team visiting the school to cast their eyes over the Maths Faculty. If any parents would like an opportunity to participate in this visit please contact either myself or Mr Daryl Shoard (Head Teacher).

I was very proud to attend the Cootamundra Education Foundation Scholarship Night. A number of our Year 12 students from last year were successful in receiving scholarships to assist them in their future studies at University or TAFE. The successful students were: Anna Ingold, Athot Gurung, Brad Johnson, Tessa Worldon, David Liu, Louise Hughes, Dylan Berkrey and Sean Tolley. I wish all of these people and the other 15 plus students who will be attending universities through NSW and Victoria. All the best for the upcoming year.

Garry Mason



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From the Deputy's Desk—Mr Iain Yule

School Rules

As the new school year gets underway it is time to remind students and parents of some of the school rules and procedures that may not come to mind on a daily basis.

Senior students

Senior students at Cootamundra High School earn the privilege of wearing casual clothes on Wednesdays whilst on campus. This carries the responsibility that senior students will dress suitably for attending school. Thongs, singlets, boxer shorts and torn clothing are not acceptable. Senior students are encouraged to show leadership in the way that they present themselves whilst on campus on Wednesdays.

Aerosol spray cans

The NSW DET has a standing regulation that bans students from bringing aerosol spray cans to school. This obviously impacts on students with regard to deodorants. As a school we promote good hygiene amongst students. Parents and students are encouraged to use roll-on and pump-pack style deodorants for school use.

Other information

Senior students should have received their Course "Assessment Regulations and Schedules" booklets by now (see Mr Yule if you haven't).

This booklet outlines all the assessment tasks for each of their courses for the year. Students (with parents and guardians) are advised to plan out their academic year to ensure that they keep on top of the work loads required for their courses.

Good early planning will save a lot of grief and stress around the 'due date' times for assessment tasks.

Calendar of Events

2011 Term 1

Wk 3	Tue 15 Feb Thu 17 Feb	Yr 12 Chemistry study day - Wagga Yr 11 Geography skills day - Wagga
Wk 4	Tue 22 Feb Wed 23 Feb to Fri 25 Feb Thu 24 Feb	Yr 11 Geography skills day - Wagga Canberra Show PDHPE Yr 11 Excursion Per 3-4
Wk 5	Tue 1 Mar Wed 2 Mar Fri 4 Mar	Yr Parent / Teacher night Yr 7+ 1st Immunisation CSIRO "States of Matter" show Per 1-2
Wk 6	Mon 7 Mar Thu 10 Mar to Fri 11 Mar	School photos Yr 12 Geography—Sydney
Wk 7	Tue 15 Mar Thu 17 Mar	Dr Richard Fawdy - Science talk Yr 10 Geography—catchment day
Wk 8	Tue 22 Mar Wed 23 Mar	Yr 10 Geography—catchment day Science 'A Case for Conspiracy'
Wk 9	Mon 28 Mar Tue 29 Mar Wed 30 Mar	Parent / Teacher night Athletics Carnival Rivernia Trial Girls Soccer
Wk 10	Fri 8 Apr	Anzac Day Remembrance

I would like to wish all of our students the best of luck and good fortune throughout the year.

Iain Yule.

Relieving Deputy Principal.



Notification of Change of Details

Can parents and guardians who have had any change in details:

- * address,
- * phone - home, work, and mobile,
- * email,
- * students - medical conditions,
- * emergency contact details,

please contact the school regarding these changes so school files can be updated.



Clothing pool items required

Any school uniform items surplus to your needs are greatly appreciated.

Drop them into the school office. Thankyou.

EXCURSIONS REPORTS

Geography Field Studies

Year 10 Geography students have the opportunity to travel to Wagga Wagga to conduct research under the guidance of staff from the Riverina Environmental Education Centre.

Students will investigate environmental issues in the Murrumbidgee catchment, particular attention will be given to salinity and how the salinity problem may be addressed. In past years the work on salinity has been helpful to the students in answering questions on the issue of “land and water management” in the School Certificate examination.



Work on the day will also be used as the basis of an assessment task, an alternative task will be available but all students are encouraged to attend the Wagga Wagga excursion. The year group will be divided into two so that the students receive individual attention, the study will be conducted on either the 17th or the 22nd March depending upon which group the student has been placed.

We will endeavour to keep the cost of the excursion to a minimum. A formal permission note will be sent home shortly. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Martin McCarthy or Belinda Dunn in the HSIE Department.

School Photos

These will be held on Monday 7th March. Full school uniform needs to be worn. An attachment of the prices has been included to assist parents to organise money. A full package with envelopes will be sent home as soon as it arrives at school.

Diaries

Each student should have a **diary** for use in class. To earn **merits** students will be required to earn 10 faculty stamps in their diary. Only those stamps in their diary will count toward earning school merits.

The diary does not need to be a school one although they are fantastic value at only \$6. There are only a few left but if you hurry you can still purchase one.



Parents can open your child's diary to **see how their children are going in each class**. Teachers will reward good effort and behaviour by placing a stamp in the child's diary for that day. Faculty stamps will be tallied and students should inform their teacher when they have received 10 stamps. The teacher will then issue a merit.

Art Centre Notices

At 5pm on Monday 14th February there will be a classical music recital performed by the Wong family students at the Arts Centre.

This recital will take about an hour and it is an opportunity for some talented young performers in our town to gain confidence playing to an audience.

Entry is gold coin donation. All welcome.

Other recitals are planned for Monday 14th March and Monday 18th April.

A fabulous night out for lovers of great music
Saturday 26th February.

One of the best jazz vocalists in the world JANET SEIDEL
will be performing with her
quintet for one night only.

Tickets are available at Deep's in Parker Street.
Cabaret seating.



Careers Information

Defence Force Technical Scholarships

Technical trade professionals are the backbone of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and enable the Services to carry out any given task successfully in various environments and situations.

The ADF offers a diverse range of trades across the Navy, Army and Air Force, such as Marine Technician in the Navy, Telecommunications System Technician in the Army and Aircraft Technician in the Air Force just to name a few.

The ADF trains soldiers, sailors, airmen and airwomen in over 30 different trades to provide vital support to the ADF - maintaining and enhancing the operation of the three Services.

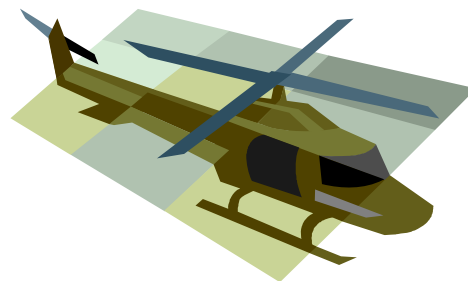
The Defence Technical Scholarship (DTS) was created to generate knowledge of technical trade careers available in the Navy, Army or Air Force across the school community and to encourage students to complete their secondary school studies before embarking upon a trade career.

Every year, up to **1,500 students** are awarded a Scholarship:

- * **Year 11** students receiving \$2,000 over two semesters
- * **Year 12** students receiving \$3,000 over two semesters.

Previous DTS recipients have used their money to pay for school fees, laptop computers and tools or hardware products to assist them not only to complete their school year but to prepare them for a trade career beyond Year 12.

Selected Year 11 Scholarship recipients may also be given the opportunity to attend a week long Defence Experience Tour, allowing them to further enhance their knowledge of ADF trades by visiting ADF Trade and Recruit schools.



Note

- ◆ Year 11 and 12 students only.
- ◆ Application kits available from Mr McDonnell at the Careers Office.
- ◆ Closing date: 11th March, 2011

Faculty Information

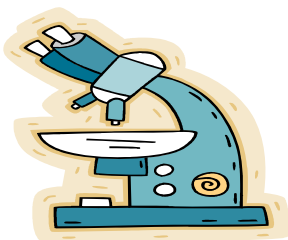
Ahead in Science.

The 2011 school year has started well with students working hard in their topics.

- * All students should have a single exercise book for Science which has been covered.
- * Students also should have their own pens and other stationary requirements as this allows all students to get on quickly with set tasks.

If you are unsure of what is required please contact the school.

- ♦ **Year 10 students** have received their outline for this year assessment and should be returning the signed section to their class teacher. Students have also received their first assessment task which is due in week 3. They have been working on this assessment in class.
- ♦ **Year 12 Chemistry students** are visiting Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga for a study day on Tuesday 15th February.



- ♦ On 4th March the school will have a visit from the **CSIRO team** who will be conducting a “**States of Matter**” show! Two follow up sessions will be held on “**Genetics**” and “**DNA**” use to solve crimes. A note will come home soon about these and they fill quickly. Book early so as not too miss out.

- ♦ **Dr Richard Fawdy**, a retired nuclear scientist, will visit our school on the 15th March, to speak with the senior students.
- ♦ A special workshop on 23rd September will be open to all students. The workshop is called “**A Case for Conspiracy**”. Any student interested in working in Forensic Science or just interested in solving a crime should try this activity. It is a full crime scene with real evidence and a realistic crime for you to solve. This appears to be one of the most exciting challenges for our students in many years and one to look out for. Again places will be limited.