



Week 6 Term 2 3rd June 2011

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Principal's Report

While Garry Mason our Principal is away I have been acting as relieving Principal. I am available to be contacted by parents regarding any school or student matters.

As being newly appointed to Cootamundra High School, I am acquainting myself with procedures and expectations of staff, students and our Parent's and Citizen's Association. I have avidly embarked on reading all existing policies.

I will commence revising policies and engaging in consultation with students, staff and parent representatives with the aim to improve our shared understanding over the next semester.

Coupled with these revisions will be the introduction of our whole school approach to 'Positive Behaviour to Learning' (PBL).

Congratulations to all recipients of Bronze, Silver and Gold level Awards. Many students are well on their way to a pathway of success at our school.

Some great individual success has been achieved by our girls soccer players. Charlee McPherson, Jenna Collingridge, Erin Holder and Sarah Godman represented our school in the Rivernia Soccer Team at the NSW Combined High School Championships.

The school received a letter from Ellen Downey of Finley High School to acknowledge the girls on their selection for the Rivernia team and on how they represented themselves, their school and their region.

The Rivernia team finished seventh out of ten teams. Of special note was Jenna Collingridge's selection in the NSW Combined High Schools 1st Team.

Congratulations also on the sporting achievements of Erin Holder who was selected for the Australian Girls Under 13's Merit Soccer Team and Jarred Paterson for his selection for the Riverina Opens Boys Combined High Schools Squash Team.

I would also like to congratulate the Yr 10 boys who built our new BBQ in the quadrangle during the week. A job well done.



Janine Nelson
Relieving Principal

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Careers Information

Careers Excursions Term 2

Yr 12

June 16th	CSU My Day - Business and Information Technology
June 17th	La Trobe University Open Day (Experience Day) - Wodonga
June 21st	University / TAFE Expo
June 28th	CSU My Day - Creative Industries
June 30th	University of Wollongong Student ambassadors visit Cootamundra High

Holidays HSC Enhancement Courses
Sydney University
Register: www.usyd.edu.au/hsc

Yr 10

June 21st	University / TAFE Expo
June 27th	Young Careers Expo

Yr 9

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Examinations

Maths Half Yearlies.

Year 7	Week 7 Day 4	Thursday 9th June
Year 8	Week 8 Day 9	Thursday 16th June
Year 9	Week 7 Day 4	Thursday 9th June

All these exams are 50 minutes and will test the work covered so far this semester.

Calendar of Events 2011 Term 2

Wk 7	Mon 6 Jun	Yr 11 and Yr 12 Parent / Teachers Night
Wk 8	Mon 13 Jun Tue 14 Jun	Public Holiday Yr 10 Reports
Wk 9	Tue 21 Jun	Yr 11 Subject Booklet / Information night
Wk 10	Mon 27 Jun to Fri 1 Jul	Yr 12 Trials

School Information

READING GROUPS

WHEN: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday following lunch.

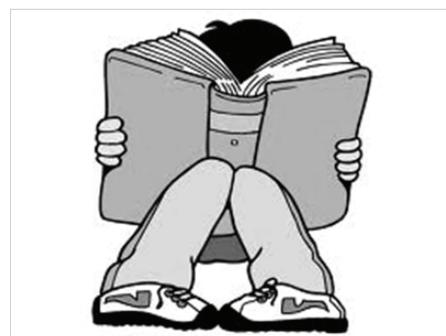
HOW LONG: 18 minutes

WHY:

- * To improve reading and comprehension skills (practice makes perfect)
- * To foster an environment where reading is valued
- * To encourage students to read for pleasure

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- * Does your child have a book to read during reading groups?
- * Discuss with your children what they are reading, encourage them to think about (and talk about) what they are reading.
- * Do you have old books or magazines that you would like to donate?



Awards and Merits

Bronze: Hayden Basham, Kamika Bell, Kristoffer Berg, Sarah Britton, Tanealle Eccleston, Cassandra Giles, Abbey Gordon, Lily Hardy, Ariaiah Holmes, Benjamin Jackson, Mikayla Johnston, Nicole Kelleher, Rhianna Lake, Elisha Large, Rebecca Nicholson, James Smith, Aaron Wilesmith, Tenayah Wyness,

Silver: Kamika Bell, Tanealle Eccleston, Cassandra Giles, Ariaiah Holmes, Mitchell Holmes, Mikayla Johnston, Rebecca Nicholson, Adam Peddie, James Smith, Chloe Waters, Arron Wilesmith, Tenayah Wyness,

Gold: Kamika Bell

**Congratulations to all these students.
Keep up the tremendous effort that you put in!**

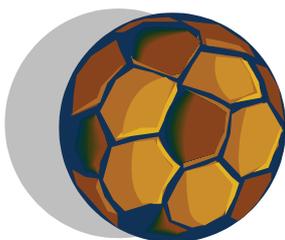


Sports Achievements

Congratulating

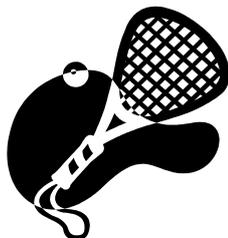
Erin Holder

on her selection for the *Australia under 13s girls soccer team*, a tremendous achievement.



Congratulations to

Jarred Paterson, who was selected in the *Riverina Open Boys Squash Team*.



Jarrod will represent the region in Sydney during the last week of this term, at the Combined High Schools Squash Championships.

School Boys Squash Team

The School Boys Squash team are travelling to Leeton on Thursday 2nd June to participate in the semi-finals of the Riverina Squash competition.

The boys are **Jarred Patterson, Mark Rogers, Matthew Reid and Joseph Trinder**. They play Wagga High and if successful they will move into the final. This will also be played on the same day. We wish these boys all the best and look forward to hearing the result.

Training — Brick and Block Program

The new BBQ was constructed by Years 10 and 11 students under the supervision of a bricklayer from the Australian Brick and Block Foundation.

The boys learned valuable skills in planning and organising a project, reading and interpreting plans, Occupational Health and Safety, manual handling and laying bricks. More projects of a similar nature are set to take place later on this year.



Sports - Open Girls Soccer

Cootamundra High School's open girls soccer side travelled to Griffith on Tuesday the 24th of May to play Wade High School in the Riverina semi final of the Combined High School competition. The Cootamundra girls won after a very close and very entertaining game.

Having 5 players missing from the previous round the Cootamundra team was always going to be tested against a traditionally strong side. The first victory of the day came when Sarah Godman won the toss and chose to run with the benefit of a slight breeze. Aided by the breeze Cootamundra dominated the 1st half and Wade High were only kept in the game by their outstanding goalkeeper.

Charlee McPherson and Sarah Godman were totally dominant across the centre of midfield in the first half and they created numerous chances for themselves and others. The defence, led by Renae Glanville, Erin Holder and Hayley Mitchell were outstanding, with Susan Ritchie playing a faultless game. About midway through the 1st half the pressure finally paid off with Erin Boxsell heading the ball in a corner on the back post.

The second half saw a reversal of form from the first half, with Wade creating many chances; however most of these were easily taken care of by the very safe hands of Ashleigh Willoughby.

Due to the narrowness of the field, Cootamundra made a tactical change, playing an unfamiliar 4-5-1, with Kya Godbier playing as a lone striker. Kya did an amazing amount of work in this position, holding up the play on numerous occasions, allowing the midfield players to move forward and create their own chances. Unfortunately these chances were not capitalised upon and with only a few minutes remaining in the second half Wade High equalised, sending the

game into sudden death extra time.

Having only one substitute and several players struggling with minor injuries and fitness, the Cootamundra girls went into extra time as underdogs, especially after losing the toss and running into the breeze.

Early in the first period of extra time a Cootamundra corner was deflected by the Wade goalkeeper onto a defender's raised arm. The linesman (a Wade High student – to his credit) signalled the infringement and a penalty was awarded. Charlee McPherson stepped up without any hesitation and calmly put the penalty away, winning the game.



All 12 players from Cootamundra were outstanding on the day. Players not mentioned earlier were Jessica Lambert, who ran herself into the ground in the midfield, only to be given a short rest and then told to do it again, Bianca Berkrey who filled numerous vital positions throughout the game and Allysa Mitchell who made her debut for this team after being called up as a last minute substitute. Allysa, despite her lack of match fitness, did an excellent job in many positions and without her as our only substitute we almost certainly would have lost this game. A huge thank you goes out to Allysa from all of the team.

Our next game is the Riverina Final against Albury High on June 9th at Mitchell Park. If our girls can beat this team they will make it into the last 16 in the state and will stand a good chance of making it much further into this competition.

Careers Information

Shearing School

Angus Corby has recently completed the first week of a two week course in shearing at Wagga Wagga TAFE and goes to Wagga next week to complete the course.

These courses are run annually for school students. For more information please see Mr McDonnell.



Rotary Aviation Careers Expo

Ben Masters has recently returned from this two day experience conducted by Tamworth West Rotary Club. Ben was assisted by the Cootamundra Rotary Club and will attend a Rotary Meeting in the near future to report on his experience.



Ben also participates in a TAFE / HSC course in Aviation, in Temora each school holidays. Along with Bobby Hughes he spends one week of each holidays doing this TAFE course as part of his HSC studies.

If parents want more information on either of these opportunities please contact Mr McDonnell.

Australian Army Work Experience

Available during Term 3.
One day experience at Kapooka Base.

See Mr McDonnell for application form.



Apprenticeships Available

ATEL - Heavy Vehicle Mechanics (First Year Apprentices)

ATEL are currently advertising for 1st year apprentices in the field of diesel mechanics. Probable location is Wagga.

Contact: Cathy 6933 9800



Apprentice Carpenter (Young)

Contact: as above advertisement
Cathy 6933 9800



Apprentice Shopfitter / Detail Joiner (Wagga)

See Mr McDonnell for details.

Apprentice Plumber (Temora)

Phone: Dean 0418 224 301



Please see Mr McDonnell in the careers office regarding careers articles in this newsletter for further information.