



Week 2 Term 4 19th October 2012

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Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 4. I certainly hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday and is looking forward to another productive and successful term.

I would firstly like to thank Mrs Nelson, Mr Black and Ms Dunn for their efforts in the relieving capacities they undertook last term during my LSL. It was very comforting for me to have excellent staff ready and able to step up a level and continue operating the school.

Last Friday night I was privileged to attend the Cootamundra Education Foundation annual dinner. The Guest speaker, Inspector Paul Huxtible of the Cootamundra Police gave a great talk on his role in the police force and, most importantly, the role that continuing education plays in his life and the life of all police. Coota High was also represented by our 2013 Captains—Kia and Will—and Vice Captains—Karney and Jacob. These four young people did themselves and the school very proud. I was overwhelmed by the many comments from the members of the community about their maturity, commitment to their schooling, and the leadership abilities evident to them. Well done guys. From the night the school has adopted 3 “pigs” to collect donations for this very worthy cause. The foundation awards many of our Year 12 leavers significant scholarships to assist in their future education.

Last term our dance troupe performed at the State Dance Festival and are now in rehearsal mode for the 2013 School Spectacular to be held in Sydney at the

PRINCIPAL: Mr Garry Mason
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Mrs Janine Nelson

end of November.

Likewise, Tamara Taylor and Rhianna Lake performed at the Opera House this week in the NSW State Choir—another example of the enormous talent within our school.

The Higher School Certificate exams commenced this week and so far so good. The vast majority of the students have left the exam hall very satisfied. They will conclude their exams on November 9 and their Formal is set down for November 14—a night to look forward to.

Exams are fast approaching for Years 7-10 and I encourage all students to revise your work and continue to achieve the great results you have in the past.

Garry Mason
Principal



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Important Dates from the Deputy

Year 8 Yearly Exams:

Wednesday, 31 October

Thursday, 1 November

Friday, 2 November

Monday, 5 November

Year 9 Yearly Exams:

Tuesday, 6 November

Wednesday, 7 November

Thursday, 8 November

Year 10 Yearly Exams:

Monday, 12 November

Tuesday, 13 November

Wednesday, 14 November

Thursday, 15 November

Year 7 Yearly Exams:

Monday, 19 November

Tuesday, 20 November

Wednesday, 21 November

Presentation night:

Monday, 17 December



Coota Annual Touch Carnival

A significant event on our Term 4 calendar, the Coota Annual Touch Carnival, hosted by Sacred Heart Central School, is approaching again. Nominations are open and students can collect information from the PE staffroom to enter teams. Individual students must have 440 points in our Positive Points System by Tuesday of Week 3 (23rd Oct) to be eligible to play. Teams must have all permission notes and their entry fee of \$90 returned to the office by Thursday the 25th of November. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**











Students must organise their own playing shirts and are discouraged from buying a new and expensive team set. No singlet tops or shirts which have inappropriate slogans or alcohol advertising are permitted.

All students participating will also be required to complete the Aqua Proficiency Assessment as per DEC policy. This enables students to use the Cootamundra Pool in their free time between games. These assessments will be conducted on Thursday the 1st of November.

Calendar of events

Wk 3	Mon 22 Oct	Parent Information Night for Year 12, 2013
Wk 4	Tues 30 Oct	P&C Meeting
	Thurs 1 Nov	Swim Proficiency Assessments
Wk 5	Fri 2 Nov	Year 6—7 Transition Frisbee Gala Day
	Fri 9 Nov	Year 6—7 Transition Coota Touch Carnival

Cootamundra High School Uniform

Winter	Student Group	Summer
	Senior Boys Summer: White tailored 'BIZ' shirt with collar and School Crest, grey shorts or trousers, grey or white socks, and black leather shoes. Winter: White tailored 'BIZ' shirt with collar and School Crest, grey trousers, grey or white socks, black leather shoes, navy jumper, school jacket.	
	Senior Girls Summer: White tailored 'BIZ' shirt with collar and School Crest, mid-length (just above the knee) checked straight skirt, white socks with black leather shoes. Winter: White tailored 'BIZ' shirt with collar and School Crest, mid-length (just above the knee) checked straight skirt or navy slacks, black leather shoes, navy jumper, school jacket.	
	Junior Boys Summer: Light blue polo shirt with collar and School Crest, grey shorts or trousers, grey or white socks, and black leather shoes. Winter: Light blue polo shirt with collar and School Crest, grey trousers, grey or white socks, black leather shoes, navy jumper, school jacket.	
	Junior Girls Summer: White polo shirt with collar and School Crest, navy tailored long shorts or navy mid-length skirt, black leather shoes with low heels and white socks. Winter: White polo shirt with collar and School Crest, navy slacks or navy mid-length skirt, black leather shoes with low heels, navy jumper school jacket.	
	PE/Sports Uniform Summer: White polo shirt (collared) with School Crest, navy blue shorts with white socks and joggers. Winter: White polo shirt (collared) with School Crest, navy blue tracksuit with white socks and joggers.	

University of Canberra Visit

The Annual UC 4 Yourself Year 9 University Experience Program was held last Tuesday at Canberra University. Students were given a tour of the university and participated in various workshops that were conducted by different faculties. The day ended with a tour of some of the accommodation that is available on the campus.



From the Careers Desk

JOB VACANCIES FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS

ATEL currently have apprenticeships and traineeships available in the following areas:

- Business Administration
- Plumber
- Butcher
- Heavy Vehicle Mechanics
- Industrial Spray Painter
- Painter
- Light Vehicle Mechanics
- Plant Mechanic
- Welding
- Technical Officer
- Process Plant Operator

To find out more information or to apply for these positions please visit the ATEL website at:
www.atel.com.au

GTES currently have the following positions available:

WAGGA

- Retail/Sales Traineeship
- Business Administration Traineeship
- Transport & Logistics Traineeship—must have provisional or above driver's licence
- Electronics & Communications Apprentice
- Apprentice Hairdresser
- Apprentice Bricklayer
- Apprentice Carpenter—must have provisional or above driver's licence
- Apprentice Heavy Vehicle Mechanic (multiple positions)
- Apprentice Light Vehicle Mechanic (multiple positions)

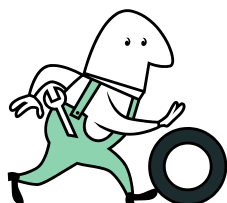
NARRANDERA

- Apprentice Fitter/Machinist

Apply online at www.gtes.com.au or contact Laura on 6923 3025 or 0409 593 740

HUTCHEON & PEARCE

Apprenticeships & Traineeships—see H&P YouTube clip.



TVET COURSES—WAGGA TAFE

The TVET courses at Wagga TAFE are for Year 11 students in 2013/14. They will entail travel to Wagga Wagga one day per week. Parents please contact Mr McDonnell at the school (6942 2711) if you require further information.

Courses offered:

- Carpentry and joinery
- Plumbing
- Primary Industries
- Horse Industry Skills
- Animal Care
- IT Media
- Real Estate
- Tourism
- Auto Body and Paint

POSITION VACANT—COOTAMUNDRA

- For a current Year 10 student for 2013-2014
- School-based Traineeship in Business Services
- Well-known Cootamundra business
- Selection through GTES, Wagga
- Application form and further information from Mr McDonnell
- Parents requesting information please call the school (6942 2711)

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience placements will be available for Year 10 students in Weeks 7 & 8. Application forms are available from Mr McDonnell at the Careers Office from today onwards. A reminder that placements must be organised through the school or the employer and the students have no insurance cover in the situation where an accident happens at work. Students are reminded of the formal application process involved in getting their placement:

1. Students must submit a written application
2. An up to date resume is required
3. Phone contact with employer to arrange an interview
4. Pre-placement interview
5. Student placement document must be completed by student, parent and employer and returned to the Careers Advisor.



ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS™ PARENT COURSE

Parenting skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems

A three-session program for parents and carers

at **COOTAMUNDRA LIBRARY**

Stephen Ward Rooms

on **29/10, 05/11 & 12/11/2012** at **7.00 to 9.00pm.**

Learn:

- ✓ Some common ground shared by parents & reasonable expectations to hold about adolescents
- ✓ New understandings of adolescence
- ✓ A three-option model & flow chart for decision-making
- ✓ Self check-in, first - for parents.
- ✓ Building relationship with your teenager and making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them
- ✓ Skills for tough conversations for handling those problems you just can't ignore

Registration Fee

The course is FREE. Covered by Campbell Page – Youth Connections. A light supper will be provided.

Register for this course by contacting **Fiona Lane at Cootamundra High** on Tel: **69422711**

What parents have said...

A step dad recalled an incident at the weekend with his 12 year old step daughter. He said that the input he had received the previous week from the course helped him keep his cool and brought a more favourable outcome.

A single Mum who had presented as quite anxious on the first night told the group in week 2 that she had made an appointment with her 15 year old son during the week and had had a far more favourable discussion with him than would previously have been the case.

Who's running it?

The trainers for this course are Fiona Lane (School Counsellor/Registered Psychologist), Joe Camilleri (NSW Police), Peter Gutherie (NSW Police) & Colina Meadows (Campbell Page) who completed Parentshop's Engaging Adolescents training on 18/10/2011 & 25/06/2012

For more information contact either Fiona, Peter & Joe 69420099 or Colina 0418540985

• An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective •

Community Notices

**Andrew Antoniou:
Drawing From Yourself With Colour**

**Cootamundra Arts Centre
16-20 Wallendoon St
COOTAMUNDRA NSW 2590**

November 3 & 4 2012

In this workshop we will explore working directly from the imagination and focusing on personal imagery with emphasis on colour composition. A variety of methods will be employed to engage you in forming images, through poetry, music, word association and collage. The class will encourage you to think about composition and visual dynamics within the image. Working with charcoal and colour we will also be developing technical skills in the class that will enhance your imagery through a greater understanding of tone and colour.

Andrew Antoniou has had extensive experience teaching drawing, painting and printmaking. He has exhibited work in Sydney, Melbourne, USA and UK and is a member of the Royal Society of Painters and Etchers, London, and has works in the National Gallery of Australia and the Art Gallery NSW collections and was awarded the 2004 Australian Print Council Commission. He has been a seven time finalist in the prestigious Dobell Drawing Prize at the AGNSW.

Contact: Gemma Pratt | Mobile: 0429782393
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**Mater Dei Catholic Primary School presents:
Town & Country Gardens
November 3 & 4 2012**

10am—5pm Saturday | 10am—4pm Sunday

Come along and view five beautiful and diverse gardens.

\$10 gives you entry to all gardens

Tickets and garden maps available from Mater Dei Primary School, Gregadoo Rd, Wagga Wagga

Further information

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Wallendoon & Hovell Sts, Cootamundra
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For info ph: Greg 0419 263 514 or Gemma 0429 782 393

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