



Week 4 Term 4

2nd November 2012

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Principal's Report

PRINCIPAL: Mr Garry Mason

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Mrs Janine Nelson

With many conflicting thoughts I have decided to retire as Principal of Cootamundra High at the end of 2012. The last 12 years have been an incredible journey for myself, my family and the school. I cannot thank the entire school community enough for their support, encouragement and commitment to seeing our students succeed. This success has come in the academic field, on the sporting field, in dance, music, agriculture and student leadership.

Perhaps the biggest success is that when students leave Coota High they are well respected, have a sense of helping others and are ready and able to make their mark on the world. Thank you to the staff for your ongoing commitment, dedication and professionalism that has significantly contributed to this success.

Congratulations to our 2012 Show Team who have had two very successful shows at Cootamundra and Junee. The many ribbons and awards they have received are a testament to their dedication to this endeavour. Again, congratulations and thanks to Ilka Klepper, Catherine Gray and Mark Forsyth for their efforts.

Our school dance troupe is in full rehearsal mode for the 2012 School Spectacular to be held in Sydney in late November. This group is extremely talented and is led by Sara Collingridge of Yr 12. Sara will also be performing in the State Dance Ensemble troupe, a wonderful achievement.

Two of our wonderful singers Tamara Taylor and Rianna Lake, will also be performing in the combined choir at Spec. Personally I am really looking forward to seeing this great evening showcasing the talent of our public school students.

Last Monday a group of students, along with Mr Gale, attended a forum on Mental Health of Teenagers. The students have come back very enthusiastic about what they and the rest of the school can do to help students affected by depression, anxiety and stress. I commend these students for their initiative.

I am very pleased to announce that Cootamundra High has received a grant of over \$300,000 to replace the roof on A Block and the Canteen. This will not only save a considerable amount of money in repairs, it will add to the excellent look of the C Block roof which was repaired after our infamous wall collapse in 2009.

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Important Dates from the Deputy

Year 8 Yearly Exams:

Week 5

Monday, 5 November

Year 9 Yearly Exams:

Week 5

Tuesday, 6 November

Wednesday, 7 November

Thursday, 8 November

Year 10 Yearly Exams:

Week 6

Monday, 12 November

Tuesday, 13 November

Wednesday, 14 November

Thursday, 15 November

Year 7 Yearly Exams:

Week 7

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.

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.



Calendar of events

Wk 5	Tue 6 Nov	P & C meeting 7.30pm
	Fri 9 Nov	Year 6—7 Transition Coota Touch Carnival
Wk 6	Tue 13 Nov	Yr 8 ESSA (Science test)
	Wed 14 Nov	Yr 12 Farewell
Wk 7	Tue 20 Nov	Schools Spectacular
Wk 8	Tue 27 Nov	P & C meeting 7.30pm

Cootamundra High School Show Team Car Wash Fundraiser



Saturday, 24th November
at the High School

\$5 small car / \$10 large car

Year 7

Looking ahead to Year 8, 2013

Our current Year 7 students are coming to the end of their first year of study at Cootamundra High School. Over the coming weeks, as Year 6 students visit the school for their orientation, they will appreciate how much they have changed in their time here.

Students should be studying for their end of year tests and ensuring that all assignment work has been completed to the best of their ability. I have asked the Head Teachers to talk to their staff as to how individual students are progressing.

The information that is gathered following testing, assignment work and discussion with class teachers will be used to ensure the best possible class placement for students according to their individual needs in 2013.

I am very pleased with the manner in which most students have adjusted to the transition to the high school. The enthusiasm, positive attitude and application which most students are bringing to their studies is much appreciated.

Martin McCarthy (Year 7 Advisor)

Please Note:

Monthly P & C Meeting
was changed from last week to
next Tuesday 6th November
at 7.30pm.



COOTAMUNDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL



Fete!

SATURDAY 3rd NOVEMBER
10am - 1pm

★ Pony Rides, Lucky Jars, Jumping Castle,
Pet Rocks, Face-painting, Hair-braiding,
Chocolate Wheel & much more...★

HSIE Evaluation

Dear Parents

Next week, on Monday and Tuesday 5th and 6th November, the HSIE faculty is conducting an **evaluation of our teaching practices and procedures** with the help of a panel of teachers including:

Ken Davis, School Development Officer, Wagga District Office,
Paul Mowbray, head Teacher HSIE, Koorinal High School and
Brendan Gale, Head Teacher Retention and Engagement, Cootamundra High School.

As a part of this evaluation the panel wishes to offer
a short on-line questionnaire to be completed by parents at our school.

The questionnaire asks parents to comment on the types of lessons, assessments, teaching strategies and feedback that they and their children receive in HSIE classes such as Geography, Commerce, Legal Studies, Business Studies and Human Society and Its Environment.

The survey should take no longer than five minutes to complete and will be open until
Friday 9th November.

The link to this on-line survey is:
<https://www.research.net/s/D2CYVMS>

Thankyou in anticipation
Geoff Black, Head Teacher HSIE.



Cootamundra Show

BUSY WEEKS, HARD WORK PAYS OFF!

The students of the Cootamundra High Show Team have been working tirelessly over these last few weeks leading up to show season. Every lunch time, before school and after, even in the holidays, they have broken in 9 cattle, washed, cleaned, fed and taken care of them. Every member in the show team dedicates their time to take part in the group and get further experience in agriculture. It also teaches the students how to handle an animal.

In the last two weeks the show team competed at Cootamundra Show and, following that, Junee Show. Many steps are taken leading up to a show preparing the cattle, washing, trimming, leading and making sure all gear is packed and feed is ready to take to the show. On show day the cattle are loaded and transported to the show, and then the fun starts!

The cattle are taken straight off the truck and into washing bays for a spot wash, then blown dry and fluffed up. There is no sitting around at a show - there is always a job to do! On Friday of the Coota Show, 18 students took part in junior judging. This year they judged wool, cattle, fruit and vegetables, merino rams, meat sheep and then Paraders in the afternoon as well as best presented cattle. Saturday started off early at 7am. The students took part in the Stud cattle divisions all day.

The following weekend on Saturday only seven students could make it to Junee Show. Students got in and got the job done. Between leading Stud Cattle and Paraders the students also had a chance of doing junior judging during the day.

All of this hard work is done by committed students, but could not happen without the devoted help of Ms Klepper, Mr Forsyth, Ms Gray and Mr Peter Quinn, and the kind donations of cattle from David and Julie Thompson and Peter Commens. It has been a great experience and we look forward to the Royal Canberra Show in February next year. (See the show results on the following page.)



Left to right:

Top Row:

Brendon Schade
Mitchell Coleman-Hardy
Jack Ross
Callum Baker

Second Row:

Madeline Corby
Louise Raleigh
Kaede Nicka
Azelyn Collins
Karney Chester
Chloe Waters.

Bottom Row:

Jaimee Blackney
Jessica Dodwell
Hayley Mitchell
Jessica Edwards
Abbey Gordon.

Also in the farm club
however absent in the photo:
Emily Kennedy

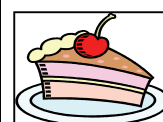
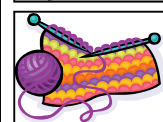
Cootamundra Show

RESULTS OF COOTAMUNDRA SHOW

Abbey Gordon	1 st meat sheep, 2 nd fruit & veg, 2 nd merino rams and 5 th grain
Azelyn Collins	1 st fruit & veg, 3 rd wool, 5 th grain, 4 th merino rams, 5 th cattle
Kaede Nicka	3 rd merino rams, 3 rd grain, 5 th paraders
Louise Raleigh	2 nd best presented, 3 rd paraders, 4 th wool, 2 nd fruit & veg
Madeline Corby	5 th meat sheep
Hayley Mitchell	1 st grain, 5 th paraders, 5 th wool
Jess Dodwell	3 rd wool, 3 rd fruit & veg, 3 grain, 4 th paraders
Chloe Waters	3 rd paraders, 2 nd meat sheep, 4 th grain
Brendon Schade	3 rd wool, 4 th meat sheep
Mitchell Coleman- Hardy	5 th cattle
Jaimee Blackney	5 th grain, 4 th meat sheep
Jack Ross	1 st meat sheep

CATTLE RESULTS

Square Meter heifer - 'Thurloo Park Gem'	Reserve Champion in the Square Meters Female Division
Steer - 'Big Fella'	3 rd in the Carcass Competition



RESULTS OF JUNEE SHOW

Hayley Mitchell	2 nd merino ewes, 3 rd meat sheep
Louise Raleigh	3 rd Wheat
Mitchell Coleman-Hardy	3 rd paraders
Callum Baker	3 rd wool
Chloe Waters	1 st meat sheep, 2 nd wheat

We also took out 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Champion of the Square Meter Female Division.



Left:
Show Display
for
Cootamundra
High School



Right:
Jack Ross

Cootamundra Show



Cootamundra High Show Team



From the Careers Desk

GTES

There are a number of positions available throughout the local region:

Wagga Wagga

- ♦ Apprentice Hairdresser
- ♦ Trainee Boat and Marine Detailer
- ♦ Transport & Logistics Traineeship
- ♦ 2 x Apprentice Heavy Vehicle Mechanic with Hutcheon & Pearce
- ♦ 2 x School Based Heavy Vehicle Mechanic with Hutcheon & Pearce
- ♦ Apprentice Heavy Vehicle Mechanic (7) with various companies in Wagga
- ♦ Apprentice Light Vehicle Mechanic (4) with various companies in Wagga

Temora

- ♦ Apprentice Heavy Vehicle Mechanic with Hutcheon & Pearce
- ♦ School Based Heavy Vehicle Mechanic with Hutcheon & Pearce

Junee

- ♦ Qualified Fitter Machinist

Cootamundra

- ♦ School Based Business Traineeship

Coolamon

- ♦ Apprentice Welder
- ♦ School Based Apprentice Welder

For the School Based positions, please contact Laura Stone for an application form either by phone on (02) 6923 3025 or 0409 593 740.

For all other positions, students are able to apply online as normal at www.gtes.com.au in the apply/register tab along the top of the page. Ensure they attach a cover letter (where possible) and a resume!

Apprentice Green Keeper
Wagga Country Club
Please contact the Club for details.



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- Painter
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- Process Plant Operator
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INFORMATION SHEET

VEHICLES

AIR CONDITIONED - AUTOMATIC AND MANUAL
DUAL CONTROLLED - MODERN AND EASY TO MANOEUVRE
SERVICING: COOTAMUNDRA - HARDEN - YOUNG
AND SURROUNDING AREAS

- 1) Driving lessons for - The beginner - Intermediate or Advanced Driver.
- 2) Pick-up from and return to home - school - work etc.
- 3) Assistance with all aspects of the R.T.A. Graduated Licensing Scheme (Log Book)
- 4) A full course of instruction from beginner to licensing.
- 5) A short course of instruction specialising in specific needs e.g. busy traffic interaction - clutch control (hill starts) - positioning to corner - reverse parking - safe driving techniques (blind spots - decision making - scanning) - three point turns etc.
- 6) Refresher course for drivers who have not driven for sometime.
- 7) Assistance to senior drivers with their licence reviews.
- 8) Trial driving tests for advanced learners about to book for their licence test.
- 9) Available seven days a week.
- 10) Patient, understanding and fully qualified driving instructors.
- 11) Gift vouchers available.
- 12) Driving lessons 1 hour duration.

FEES - Driving Lessons

\$.....per hour

R.T.A. LICENCE TESTS

Acacia Driving School Students who have reached test standard are approved to hire our vehicles for their R.T.A. Licence Test.

HIRE OF VEHICLE FOR R.T.A. TEST \$.....

DRIVING INSTRUCTOR: TYPE 1 - CLASS C
Dianne Spring

Cootamundra Swimclub

Season Commences Monday 5 November.

**Swim for fitness, fun or competition -
it is up to you.**

All ages and abilities catered for.

Juniors 4pm – 4.30pm / Seniors 4pm – 6pm

***** NEW COACH *****

Training Monday to Wednesday and Fridays.

Thursday night is set aside for Club Swims
commencing at 6pm.

Weekday morning sessions will commence once
the weather warms up.

Training Fees: \$10 per week per child.

Registration/Membership to 30 Sep 2013:

Swimmers: \$70 each single person

Swimmers: Family

\$70 for first two family members

\$60 for all other additional family members

Non-Swimmer: \$20

Please Note: Each member under the age of 18
requires a parent/guardian to join as a member.

ALL swimmers must have paid their membership
prior to swimming.

**New Members follow the link below for step by
step illustrated instructions:**

[https://assets.imgstg.com/assets/console/
document/documents/
Illustrated_Guide_New_Family_12-13.pdf](https://assets.imgstg.com/assets/console/document/documents/Illustrated_Guide_New_Family_12-13.pdf)

Renewing members follow the link below:

[https://assets.imgstg.com/assets/console/
document/documents/
Illustrated_Guide_Renewing_Linked
Family_12-13_v2.pdf](https://assets.imgstg.com/assets/console/document/documents/Illustrated_Guide_Renewing_Linked_Family_12-13_v2.pdf)

Bring a copy of your registration to training.

Enquiries

Crystal Bell 0418 207 119 or

Bec Medhurst 0402 465 239

Luke Thomas



Outback Show

At The Licorice Factory

**December 2nd through to December 23rd
11am-12noon each day**

**Performing ponies, Draught horses, Dogs
And a full working bullock team of eight
Bringing our farming history back to life.**

Adult Cost: \$15.00 each

**School Group Cost: \$8.00 each
(Risk Assessment available)**

**\$16 Package Deal which includes:
Outback Show, Freckle Making,
Lunch and Drink**

Shaded area to view the show and for lunch

Lunch and refreshments available

Optional Freckle making \$4 each

**This show focuses on how farming life was in the
1800's which includes :**

- ◆ **Loading wheat and wool bales onto a large wagon using bullocks, a Clydesdale and a Gin Pole**
- ◆ **A Furphy cart to water down the yard**
- ◆ **Riding and managing horses**
- ◆ **Working dogs**

For more information please call 02 69243574