A wonderful night was held last Wednesday to formally farewell our Year 12 Class of 2011. With over 240 students, parents and teachers it was a night to remember. All of the students certainly made a great effort with their outfits and looked stunning, especially the array of shoes that the girls wore. The students, very proud parents, I am sure also had a very enjoyable time and it was certainly a great way to end a very successful 13 years of schooling.

My sincere thanks to Paul Frilay for his wonderful organisation, Manna Scott and Angela Grewal for their outstanding decorations (the talk of the night) and finally to Cath Alderman for your tireless work over the past 6 years in guiding these young men and women to their HSC.

A large number of Year 12 have already been notified that they have been successful in gaining a place at university next year through various “Early Entry” schemes. Congratulations on this effort, it certainly does take some of the pressure off as results will be out at the end of December.

Congratulations to the 150 students who competed in the annual Touch Football Carnival last week. Not only did you really enjoy the day but continually showed the sportsmanship and leadership that is always evident in Cootamundra High students. A special congratulations to the Year 7&8 Girls team that won the day and to Erin Holder and Renae Glanville being named Best on Ground in their respective divisions.

Year 8 are off on their BIG TRIP to the South Coast on today and will certainly enjoy the time and will be learning a great deal about themselves, teamwork and leadership skills. Many thanks to Ms Dunn and Mr McCarthy for their organisation.

Year 8 are reminded that their ESSA test will be held on Friday November 25th. Mr Quartly is organising this test and has reminded students to make sure you bring a set of earphones that you will need to use.

Congratulations to Alexandra Trinder, Laura Bruce, Hope Perry and Claudia Raleigh who were selected to participate in a week of experiencing Charles Sturt University in early December, specialising in the Primary Industry areas. The girls will also be undertaking a week of work experience in the upcoming vacation in a chosen field in the agricultural industry.

With the end of term fast approaching students are continually being engaged in some great activities at the school.

We welcomed our Year 7, 2012 students last week to a ‘Come and Learn’ visit and they were really enthusiastic about some of the lessons they experienced. They will be building up to a full day at school on November 30th.

Congratulations to Mr Bruce Nield, from the English faculty, who was successful last week in being appointed Head Teacher of Teaching and Learning at Tooleybuc Central. Bruce will make a very great Head Teacher and we wish him well, even though we will miss his great input into Cootamundra High.

Garry Mason
(Principal)
As we approach the last few weeks of the 2011 school year, planning for the 2012 school year is well underway. A number of resilience programs have been planned for implementation to assist students in addressing the challenges of balancing workload, peer relationships and school life.

Subject choices are now being finalised so our timetable can be completed. Students have forwarded their elective choices for Year 8 and 9 and subject choices for Year 11. Students will be advised of their classes over the next two weeks.

A reminder to our 2012 Year 12 students attending classes and study periods each Wednesday. Students are required to wear suitable attire when attending school including covered footwear, suitable clothing and no singlets. All students are required to wear school uniform for the remainder of the school year unless otherwise advised.

Janine Nelson
(Deputy Principal)

Calendar of Events
Term 4, 2011

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| Wk 8 | Tues 29 Nov | P & C Meeting |

| Wk 9 |

| Wk 10 | Fri 16 Dec | Last day of school for students this year |

“Extende ad astra”
Does anyone know what this means?
Hint: see picture below.

Awards

**Bronze:**
Kaitlyn Adair, Jordan Ballard, William Barrett, Hamish Basham, Amy Bell, Matthew Berkrey, Maddison Byrne, Joshua Chapman, Bevan Collins, Jarryd Cook, Angus Corby, Darcy Foster, Alex Fuller, Tom McGregor, Ben Meale, Jessica Pellow, Courtney Storrier, Brad Walsh, Chris Warren and Jade Wilson.

**Silver:**
Kaitlyn Adair, Jordan Ballard, William Barrett, Hamish Basham, Amy Bell, Matthew Berkrey, Joshua Chapman, Bevan Collins, Jarryd Cook, Angus Corby, Darcy Foster, Alex Fuller, Tom McGregor, Ben Meale, Jake Munro, Jessica Pellow, Courtney Storrier, Tamara Taylor, Brad Walsh, Chris Warren and Jade Wilson.

**Gold:**
William Barrett, Darcy Foster, Ariah Holmes, Tamara Taylor and Jade Wilson

****Congratulations to all these students.*****
Last Friday, Cootamundra High School took part in the Annual Secondary Touch Football Carnival. Schools travelled from Young, Temora, Wagga, Broulee, Orange and Yass to compete, with more than 60 teams being in attendance.

Coota High performed strongly on the day in all age groups. The Year 7 and 8 girls were victorious over Sacred Heart in the grand final, with the Year 9 and 10 girls being narrowly defeated in a drop-off.

Congratulations to Erin Holder and Renae Glanville who were named best on ground during the finals.

Photo Right:  
*The winning Year 7 and Year 8 girls team*

Top row - left to right:  
Shannon Caldwell  
Kya Godbie (1 intercept try)  
Jessica Meale  
Olivia McDermott

Bottom row - left to right:  
Erin Holder (1 try)  
Kate Collingridge  
Aimee Kostrubic

*Congratulations girls!*
COOTAMUNDRA HIGH SCHOOL

Touch Football Carnival

Yr 9 & 10 girls

Yr 9 & 10 boys

Yr 9 & 10 boys

Yr 9 & 10 girls

Yr 11 & 12

Yr 9 & 10 boys

Yr 7 & 8 girls

Yr 7 & 8 boys
During the second week of the school holidays I was fortunate enough to attend ‘Geography’s Big Week Out’ along with 15 other students from around Australia, held on Victoria’s beautiful Mornington Peninsula.

The week involved plenty of hands on Geography fieldwork focusing on the coastal and river environments around the Peninsula and also some exciting and fun recreational activities.

Our geographic studies began on the first day in Melbourne, where we explored the CBD and looked at Melbourne and the surrounds from the Eureka Sky deck - the highest public vantage point in the Southern Hemisphere.

On the Peninsula, our fieldwork over the course of the week consisted of field sketching; creek studies including water quality, habitat surveys and creek management; dune surveys on two different beaches; comparisons and analysis of two different socioeconomic areas on the peninsula as well as a talk from the local council.

When we weren’t busy learning or doing fieldwork, we had the chance to participate in fun activities including bathing in hot springs, sailing in Port Phillip Bay and cycling in Point Nepean National Park. ‘Geography’s Big Week Out’ was an amazing experience; a fantastic opportunity to have lots of fun, meet new people and learn lots of new geographical skills.

Sarah Godman
Freestyle Aikido

HapKiDo is a Korean martial art that utilizes strikes, joint locks, throws, ground fighting and weaponry. Used by the Korean military, HapKiDo is a complete system that focuses on realistic techniques that are usable on the street.

Our freestyle syllabus draws from the most applicable techniques from various styles of HapKiDo, including MooHakWan HapKiDo (traditional), Jin-WhaHanuen HapKiDo (street defence) and Gracie Jiu Jitsu (Ground Fighting).

Unlike in many other martial arts, HapKiDo students learn to defend themselves in any situation, from stand up and close quarter fighting through to grappling and ground fighting.

We do not use a ‘one size fits all’ mentality in regard to our techniques, but rather address the individual’s strengths and weaknesses as well as those of their attacker and learn to exploit these.

As a black belt with over two decades of martial arts experience, I have been instructing HapKiDo in Cootamundra for the past three years and would like to offer this opportunity to your child.

* Classes are for students from years 7-12
* Boy and girls
* Classes are on Monday and Wednesday nights (come to both or either)
* Classes are from 4pm till 6 pm Monday and 4:30pm till 6pm Wednesday
* No classes during the school holidays
* No joining fees
* $10 per week + $30 insurance (once per year) + uniform.
* First lesson is free

If there are any questions call Clint Perry 69423843.

Cootamundra High School would like to extend our appreciation to all those families and staff who provided their Woolworths dockets with their corresponding points going towards school learning materials for the whole school.

Products that Cootamundra High School has ordered are listed below:

- Magnetic white board and markers
- Foldable teachers cart
- Paint (different colours)
- Cube- A- Link cubes
- Soft foam dice (15cm x 20 sided)
- Decimal fraction dominoes
- Percentage dominoes
- Area dominoes
- Rocker scales (one litre)
- Probability class kit
- Digital clock dominoes – 12 hour
- Trundle wheel and counter
- Broken bones x-rays -15 sheets
- Spiral springs – set of 5
- Thermometer
- Stationery scissors – left handed
- Stationery scissors
- Coloured cardboard 100 sheets/10 colours
- White card 200 gsm, 100 sheets
- Bostik Glu stick glue
- Belgrave triangular coloured jumbo pencils
- Wall clock
- Staedtler white board markers

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!
NO INTEREST LOANS
will be in COOTAMUNDRA
from 9am-4:30pm at the Cootamundra Public Library, Wallendoon Street
on:
AUGUST 11th  SEPTEMBER 8th
OCTOBER 13th  NOVEMBER 10th
DECEMBER 8th
No interest loans of up to $1,000 are available to people on low incomes to buy essential household goods and some services.
Contact Judy on 6382 6328 on Tues-Wed or 0439 350 395 on Thursday for more information or to make an appointment.

ZUMBA CLASSES
GETTING FIT WITH FUN
$10 PER NIGHT
TUESDAY NIGHT - 6 PM
RSL CLUB AUDITORIUM

Cootamundra Sports Stadium
FULLY SUPERVISED DISCO
When: Friday, 2nd December 2011
Time: 6:00pm to 8:00 pm
Entry: $5.00
Ages: Kindergarten to Year 8
Games, Lucky Door Prizes
Kiosk will be open

Positive Partnerships
Supporting school aged students on the Autism Spectrum

Are you unable to attend a face-to-face parent/carer workshop in your area?
If you are a parent/carer of a school aged child with an autism spectrum disorder, this online course is available to help you work in partnership with your child's education placement to improve their learning outcomes.
By participating in the online course you will gain:
- a greater understanding of how the characteristics of autism impact on your child's learning at both home and school;
- an understanding about the processes and strategies for effective parent, school and teacher partnerships;
- specific strategies on how to advocate to support your child's participation at school and ongoing learning needs; and
- strategies to strengthen your support network and how to link to local services and supports to meet your child's ongoing learning needs.

Do you like using the internet for your learning?
The course is comprised of 5 modules. The 5 modules are:
1. Understanding Autism: Using the Planning Matrix
2. Creating Positive Partnerships
3. Problem Solving: Using the GROWTH Model
4. Developing Support Networks
5. Using Evidence to Guide Decision Making
On completion of the course, you will receive a certificate.

Are you time poor and find it hard to attend face-to-face training?
Registration is easy and free
The Positive Partnerships: supporting school aged students on the autism spectrum initiative is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations through the Helping Children with Autism package. The views expressed do not necessarily represent the views of the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

www.autismtraining.com.au