



# Week 8 Term 4 2nd December 2011

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### Principal's Report

*Congratulations to all of the many students who received awards and certificates at yesterday's assembly. It continues to show that the students at Cootamundra High can excel in national and state academic competitions, excel on the sporting fields, provide guidance and assistance for members of the community and take an opportunity available and do a great job. If you look at the article further in the newsletter you will see the vast number of students who were honoured in the assembly.*

*This service to the community will continue next week with students volunteering to help the residents at the retirement village celebrate their Christmas Party. I know from personal experience (my mum) that the residents really love our students going over and helping them.*

*Congratulations to the Year 8 students who enjoyed their Big Trip to the south coast. Your behaviour, enthusiasm and co-operation was continually talked about by Ms Dunn and Mr McCarthy. You even managed to survive some really wet weather.*

*Year 9 and 10 students will be travelling to Canberra on Friday and Monday as an end of year reward for their efforts this year. I am certain you will enjoy yourselves and once again represent the school well. My continued thanks to the Year Advisors and teachers who organise and participate in these trips.*

*I received my annual phone call from the top of Mount Kosciuszko, yesterday from the Year 11 geography group participating in their field trip. Brenton said they were tired but really excited when they got to the top of Australia.*

*Next Thursday, December 8th will be a very important time for Year 10. They will receive their*

*School certificates, with their exam marks and grades from 2 years of hard work. I encourage as many parents as possible to attend this assembly and share with us the enjoyment of the students when they gain this important credential from school. The assembly will commence at 12.00, followed by a BBQ for students, parents and staff.*

*This will probably be the last of these assemblies as there are significant changes being made in regard to the completion of Year 10. A new credential outlining academic achievement and the many extra-curricular activities that student undertake is being developed by the Board of Studies.*

*My thanks to Mr McCarthy and the teachers who enthralled our 2012 Year 7 students on Wednesday. Watching and talking to many of the students you could see their enthusiasm for high school and they are really looking forward to next year. This quote from a mum of one of the Yr 6 students:*

***Today I came home to a son that posed a question to me. Mum in High School do we have one class and go around to the teachers?" I replied yes. A big smile came across his face. Why? Mum the class I will be in next year will be good. I think I will learn a lot. I am looking forward to High School.***

**PRESENTATION NIGHT  
IS  
MONDAY DEC 12th  
at 8.00PM  
CELEBRATE OUR  
SUCCESS IN 2011**



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## Deputy's Desk

As our school year draws to close teachers, our P&C members and students have been busy reflecting on current policies across the school. Last Tuesday night at our P&C meeting there was a lot of discussion centred on the proposed merit scheme changes and behaviour code.

The proposed changes aim to improve our current procedures for merit awards and make our discipline procedures more transparent. I now plan to meet with our Student Representative Council for their valuable contribution.

Next year we will have a number of new staff members commencing employment in both teaching and support positions across the school. We wish to thank all staff who have worked at our school during 2011.

We will continue to monitor the success of our graduating students and hope students leaving our school continue to thrive in the workplace.

Schools are dynamic places where change is a part of the fabric. I am looking forward to consolidating some of our welfare programs planned for implementation in 2012 including "MindMatters-leading mental health and wellbeing" and the 'Resourceful Adolescent Program' RAP.

Janine Nelson  
Deputy Principal



## Calendar of Events Term 4, 2011

Wk 9	Thur Dec 8	Year 12 Assembly 12.00 noon
Wk 10	Mon Dec 12	Presentation Night 8.00pm
	Tue Dec 13	Year 7-9 Reports handed out
	Fri 16 Dec	Last day of school for students this year

## "Extende ad astra"

*Does anyone know what this means?  
Hint: see picture below.*

*We haven't had anyone answer this yet. Are there any takers to find out or even to guess?*



## Awards

### **Bronze:**

*Jason Cronin, Connor Oslizlok, Bradley Potter and Jake Turner.*

### **Silver:**

*Lachlan Cameron, Jason Cronin, Natasha Maher, Alecia Slavin and Jake Turner.*

### **Gold:**

*Dylan Buttriss and Alecia Slavin.*

\*\*\*\*Congratulations to all these students. \*\*\*\*





## Year 8 Big Trip

Early last week Year 8 left at 5.30am to go on the Big Trip to Berry Sport and Recreation Camp. After a quick stop at Macca's and a four and a half hour drive we arrived there. The first day we had some free time then lunch followed by a six kilometre hike through the moist bushland with leeches!! From the top of the hill was a marvellous view of 7 Mile Beach.

We then went back to camp where we had a games night where we all mixed with other kids from different schools.

The next day we had rock climbing in the morning and Mr McCarthy even had a go. We then had lunch and headed down the creek for kayaking and canoeing. The original goal was to try and make it to Berry Hospital. Year 8 had a great laugh when a few people capsized; some are still covered in bruises from it.

On the last day we were supposed to attempt the giant swing, but unfortunately the rain meant that we weren't allowed. So instead we played group games inside. We then had lunch and boarded the bus for the trip home.

Year 8 had a great time on the trip and made many new friends.

By Dakota Medhurst (Year 8).



In the distance a view of 7 Mile beach.



On our hike with Abby.



Rock climbing.



Kevin attempting Canoe walking.



## Riders Disability Association

# RDA

Over the last few weeks, some of the Cootamundra High students have been lucky enough to participate and ride at our local RDA.

We would like to thank the RDA association and the student volunteers who assist to make our rides enjoyable.



We would also like to thank the Ex-Serviceman's Club for generously allowing us to use their courtesy bus to transport the students to and from the venue.



## Awards Assembly

On Thursday 1st December an assembly was held to recognise and congratulate students who have achieved awards and certificates over the year showing excellence in many different areas of achievement.

- \* Volunteer Program
- \* English Competition
- \* Maths Challenge
- \* Brick and Block Program
- \* Age Sports Champions

### English Challenge

The University of New South Wales - Sydney  
Educational Assessment Australia

2011

*International Competitions and Assessments for  
Schools - English*

10 students participated and were awarded  
1 High Distinction, 2 Distinction, 4 Credits and 3  
Participation Certificates.

#### Year 7

Asiya Abdi - Participation  
Natalie Berg - Credit

#### Year 8

Erin Holder- Credit  
Mikayla Large - Participation

#### Year 9

Ariah Holmes - Participation  
Eden Trickett - High Distinction

#### Year 10

William Barrett - Credit  
Kia Holmes - Distinction

#### Year 11

Sarah Godman - Credit

#### Year 12

Christa Chapman - Distinction

### Volunteer Program

Certificates for the students volunteering their time at the Retirement Village. These students have regularly and tirelessly walked to the Retirement Village to help the residents with activities that the centre runs weekly.

They have given up their own time to contribute to the running of the Retirement Village by:

- \* Setting tables for meals
- \* Supporting residents to play Bingo
- \* Serving at the coffee shop
- \* Decoration rooms for special events and functions.

Their contribution is greatly appreciated by all the residents and staff.

The students volunteers are:

#### Year 7

Hayden Basham  
Lachlan Cameron  
Jacob O'Mara

#### Year 8

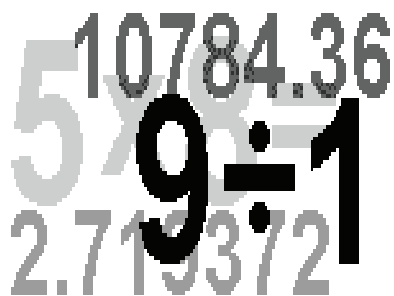
Corey Corby  
Johnathon Mills  
Adam Peddie

#### Year 9

Kaitlyn Adair	Shannon Hartshorn
Callum Baker	Ariah Holmes
Keiren Betts-Smith	Maggie Jordan
Jacob Bliss	Nicole Kelleher
Jayne Boxall	Kaitlyn McGuinness
Maddison Byrne	Rebecca Nicholson
Douglas Caldwell	Selina Richmond
Jamie-Lee Caldwell	James Steinbeck
Shania Campbell	Tamara Taylor
Kirsty Damschke	Thomas Worthington
Ashleigh Dean	
Jessica Dodwell	
Daniel Fraser	

## Awards Assembly

### Mathematics Challenge Day



On Tuesday 13th September, Cootamundra High School hosted a Mathematics Challenge Day as part of the National Numeracy and Literacy Week. The competition consisted of five teams of four students from Year 7 and Year 8. Teams came from Murrumburrah, Young, Temora and Cootamundra High Schools.

The teams had to perform a number of varied tasks including finding patterns, designing and building chairs, solving problems and thinking laterally.

Cootamundra High entered five teams. One of the teams, consisting of Ben Jackson, Adam Martin, Joseph Trinder and Jarrod Chapman came second just pipping third place getters Matthew Angel, Andrew Hennessy, Kevin Porter and Colin Jennings.

Kris Berg, Natalie Berg, Mitchell Holmes, Megan Chau, Jayden Sutton, Kobi Bradshaw, Asiya Abdi, Erin Holder, Alicia Schnider, Charlee McPherson, Mikaya Large and Kya Godbier also represented the school admirably.

We appreciate the efforts Ingrid Koreneff (Maths Consultant) for arranging the day. Thank you to the large number of parents for their assistance and management of the teams. Also thanks to our always resilient Support Staff for their encouragement and support.

### Brick and Block BBQ Building Project

*Australian Brick and Blocklaying Training Foundation Ltd.*

Certificate of Participation were issued for participation in 'Bricklaying Step Out Program'.

Gaining insight and hands-on experience into the brick and blocklaying industry along with the opportunity to learn and develop skills in:

- \* Occupational Health and Safety Requirements
- \* Read and Interpret Plans
- \* Measurement and Calculations
- \* Plan and Organise Work Requirements
- \* Usage of Hand Tools
- \* Laying Bricks and Blocks

Certificates were awarded to:

- |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| * Bevan Collins   | * Baden Rathmell |
| * Angus Corby     | * Matt Reid      |
| * Brad Ingham     | * Mark Rogers    |
| * Dylan McDermott | * Will Wakefield |
| * Tom McGregor    | * Brad Walsh     |
| * Ben Meale       | * Mitch Williams |
| * Dean O'Loughlin |                  |





## Awards Assembly

### Age Champion Medals

Swimming Champions		
	Boys	Girls
12 years	Mitchell Coleman-Hardy	Emily Webb
13 years	Ben Camilleri	Ellisha Large
14 years	James Smith	Holly Meadows-Blundell
15 years	Mark Rogers	Eli Douglas
16 years	Sam Jennings-Mays	Claudia Raleigh
Open	Jack Hinds	Courtney Luck

Athletics Champions		
	Boys	Girls
12 years	Mitchell Coleman-Hardy	Olivia McDermott
13 years	Jason Cronin	Erin Holder
14 years	Haydn Cowled	Charlee McPherson
15 years	Jarryd Cook	Maggie Jordan
16 years	Jordyn Ballard	Nicola Hargraves
17 years	Joel Bradbury	Sarah Douglas

Cross Country Champions		
	Boys	Girls
12 year	Mitchell Coleman-Hardy	Emily Webb
13 years	Ben Camilleri	Erin Holder
14years	Shaun Parker	Mikayla Large
15 years	Daniel Maher	Selina Shotton
16 years	Jordyn Ballard	Renae Glanville
Open	Noah Trickett	Jenna Collingridge

## Martial Arts Lessons



### 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.

## From our Agriculture Plot

Year 8 Agriculture students have been hatching and raising chickens this semester. These chickens are now ready for new homes.

We have unsexed chickens of a range of breeds and ages available. All chickens are for sale for \$12.

Anyone who wishes to purchase some chickens should bring a signed note from their parents or care givers and a box or something suitable to take the chickens home.

For further information see Miss Edwards in the Science staff room.



## 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**

