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Principal's Report

Congratulations to our SRC for 2012 who were inducted and presented with their badges at an assembly on Thursday. I am very confident that they will lead the student body extremely well and continue to make this school an exciting place to be, and one where everyone strives for success. The leadership team of Noah, Claudia, Tim and Sarah have the commitment and enthusiasm to oversee this program for 2012.

Congratulations to all of the swimmers who represented Cootamundra High at the regional carnival last week. You all performed exceptionally well. Best of luck to Mikayla Johnston, Eli Douglas, Claudia Raleigh, Shawn Delany, and Mitchell Coleman-Hardy who will represent Cootamundra High at the Riverina swimming carnival later this term.

A number of other students have also gained Riverina Regional representation over the past few weeks. These include: James Smith, Hayden Cowled (Rugby League Under 15s) and Brianna Oliver (Basketball). We wish these students all the best and I know they will do Cootamundra High School proud.

Next Thursday and Friday the installation of the school's solar power panels will be undertaken. This is a result of the Federal Government National Schools Solar Power program that is to be run out over the next few years. It is expected that this advancement in power supply will impact on our ever increasing power bills.

Our school athletics carnival will be held on Tuesday 27 March at Albert Park. Once again this carnival will be an opportunity for our very talented athletes to excel and go on to represent the school at Zone and possibly Riverina. It is also an enjoyable time, as each house strives for supremacy. I wish everyone the best of luck. These carnivals do not just happen, the behind the scenes organisation is enormous. I must thank our new Sports Organiser, Ms Stacey Elliott, for her hard work in leading this organisation.

PRINCIPAL: Mr Garry Mason
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Mrs Janine Nelson

My thanks to the many parents who attended the Parent Evening last week. The feedback from staff was really positive and many long discussions were held to support our students' education.

A number of Year 10 students will have the opportunity to undertake a TAFE program, commencing the week of 2 April. The courses that our students have opted for include: auto/metals, child studies, vehicle restoration and agriculture. With changes to the requirements of Year 10, these opportunities to vary the "normal" curriculum will continue to be provided for the student. It is hoped this program will be continued in the latter part of the year.

Next Thursday, 29 March, our first Reward Assembly will be held during Period 4. Students who have achieved a Bronze Award through our new Positive Points System will be awarded their certificate. Sports awards will also be presented. This will also be an opportunity to showcase some of our talented students with some musical, drama and dance items being performed. Parents are most welcome to attend and see the enormous talent within our school.

WATCH THE TODAY SHOW ON SUNDAY BETWEEN 8.00-8.30AM. IT WILL SHOWCASE TOM AND JOE BRADLEY—TWO GREAT SUCCESSES FROM COOTAMUNDRA.

Garry Mason
Principal



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Deputy's Desk

Digital Citizenship

Our Year 9 students at Cootamundra High School have now received their Digital Education Devices (DER) laptops and have the obligation to use them appropriately. A reminder to all students and their families that these learning tools are designed to help student learning with a multitude of software applications at their fingertips. To help, all Year 9 students can become certified as Digital Citizens.

The cyber world is full of opportunities. But just as in the real world, it has its inherent dangers as well. An informed digital citizen is a person that can safely explore the benefits of the online world, all the time being aware of the dangers.

Students can complete an online program that takes approximately 30 to 40 minutes. It covers four sections:

Cyber bullying
Cyber grooming
Cyber safety
Cyber legislation



Upon successful completion students are issued a **Certificate of Digital Citizenship**. The course and certificates are provided by www.BullyEd.com.au

In light of ongoing issues regarding Facebook and its impact on school life, this may serve as a timely reminder for all students to think about what they write before pressing the send button!

Absences

A reminder to all students to bring in notes when absent from school explaining your absence. This is a legal requirement of the Department of Education. If a letter is not supplied a reminder will be posted home requesting an explanation.

Janine Nelson
Deputy Principal

P&C News

The P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday, 27 March at 7.30pm in the school library. All welcome.

Calendar of Events - Term 1, 2012

Week 9	Tue 27 Mar Wed 28 Mar Thurs 29 Mar Fri 30 Mar	Athletics Carnival P&C AGM (7.30pm in the school library) Open Boys and Girls Soccer Rewards Assembly/BBQ Year 11 Debate—Yanco Baldry Shield Yr 12 English excursion—Wagga State swimming (Sun-Tues)
Week 10	Mon 2 Apr to Thurs 5 Apr Thurs 5 Apr	Yr 12 Half Year exams Open boys cricket

Open Girls Basketball

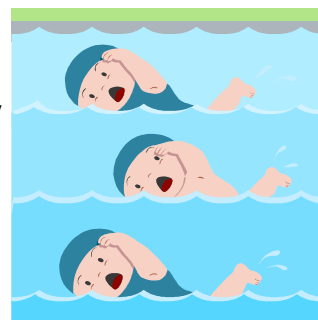
On the 8th of March the open girls basketball team travelled to Temora to play against Young in the first round of the Riverina knockout. The team came out firing with some great defense and outscored Young in the first quarter. The next two quarters went Young's way and even though the girls fought hard they were down by ten points going into the last quarter. The girls all played extremely well in the last quarter and came very close, however, despite their best efforts time ran out with the girls going down 38-45.



The team: Ellisha Large, Brianna Oliver, Elisha Kelly, Hope Perry, Claudia Raleigh, Georgia Squire, Maddie Byrne, Charlee McPherson, Mikayla Large

Riverina Swimming Carnival

The Riverina swimming carnival was held in Leeton on the 15th of March. Cootamundra had 11 swimmers representing the school. They were: Azelyn Collins, Louise Raleigh, Shannon Caldwell, Mikayla Johnston, Emily Webb, Charlee McPherson, Eli Douglas, Claudia Raleigh, Shawn Delaney, Mitchell Coleman-hardy and Ben Camilleri. All our swimmers performed extremely well with some great results and plenty of personal best times. Mikayla Johnston, Eli Douglas, Claudia Raleigh, Shawn Delany, and Mitchell Coleman-Hardy have all qualified to represent the Riverina at the State Carnival later this term. Congratulations to all the swimmers on your excellent results.



Athletics Carnival Rotations

Session Time	12/13G	12/13B	14G	14B	15G	15B	16G	16B	17G	17B
8.50-9.10	Roll Call									
9.15-9.45	HJ	100	TJ	400	SP	200	LJ		800	D
9.45-10.15	D	HJ	100	TJ	400	SP	200	LJ		800
10.15-10.45	800	D	HJ	100	TJ	400	SP	200	LJ	
10.45-11.15		800	D	HJ	100	TJ	400	SP	200	LJ
11.15-11.45	LJ		800	D	HJ	100	TJ	400	SP	200
11.45-12.15	200	LJ		800	D	HJ	100	TJ	400	SP
12.15.12.45	SP	200	LJ		800	D	HJ	100	TJ	400
12.45-1.15	Lunch									
1.15-1.45	400	SP	200	LJ		800	D	HJ	100	TJ
1.45-2.15	TJ	400	SP	200	LJ		800	D	HJ	100
2.15-2.45	100	TJ	400	SP	200	LJ		800	D	HJ
2.45-3.10	Relays – divisions: 12/13yrs, 14/15yrs & 16/Opens									
3.20	Presentations (all students not competing are to be seated inside the fence, trackside supporting their houses)									
CODE	D - Discus		LJ – Long Jump			HJ – High Jump		TJ – Triple Jump		
	SP – Shot Put		100, 200, 400, 800 metres						BOYS ONLY	
Blank spaces indicate a rest session – age groups are to remain together, under the supervision of group supervisors. At this time encourage toilet, drinks and snacks, reapplying sun block & ensuring areas are clean.										

Southern Inland Rugby Union

The year 7/8 and 9/10 Rugby Union teams participated in the Southern Inland 10-a-side gala day at Connelly Park in Wagga. The Year 7/8 team had a great day – winning two out of three games. The Year 9/10 team came up against strong competition—getting a win in their last game.



The Year 7/8 team: (back from left) Cody Murrell-Orgill, Jaidyn Campbell, Zac Paterson, Shawn Delaney, Reese Wilesmith, (front) Joshua Kostrubic, Blake Basham, Alec Betts, Jason Cronin and Mitchell Coleman-Hardy



Year 7 Technology



Year 7 Technology students have been busy designing and decorating masks. The mask blocks are commercially made, so all students are required to do is to use their imagination to come up with some great effects!



Clothing pool items required

Any school uniform items surplus to your needs, especially winter items, are greatly appreciated. Drop them into the school office. Thankyou.



Year 10 Food Technology

Year 10 Food Technology students are pictured designing possible recipes for their version of a 'cup of soup'. This is known as a 'me too' product. Students have to pull apart an existing product and work out what is in it so they can devise their own version of it. Sometimes they get it right, sometimes they don't!



Visual Arts

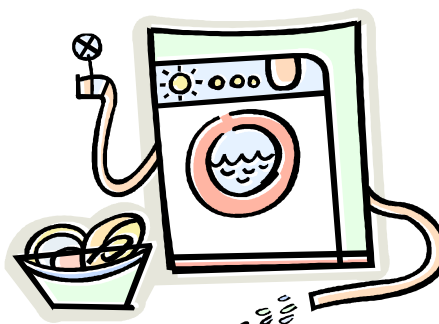
Here are some tips on how to get paint out of clothes. Whilst students are encouraged to wear aprons, accidents sometimes happen!

DON'T:

- ◆ use Napisan
- ◆ wash in hot water (as you will set the paint into the fabric)

DO:

- ◆ Use an old toothbrush and Sards Wonder Soap (laundry soap from Woolworths). Scrub the area with the toothbrush until it is nice and frothy. Keep scrubbing until paint has gone from the fabric. Rinse in COLD water. Wash in washing machine but only on the cold cycle.



Community Notices

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Host an International Exchange Student

- ◆ Gain a new family member
- ◆ Make a life long link to a family in another country
- ◆ Learn about another language and culture
- ◆ Share the beauty and culture of Australia
- ◆ Contribute to international goodwill

By offering to act as a host family in a volunteer capacity, you will provide an international student with the opportunity to study and experience life here in Australia.

With new students arriving in June-July 2012 from over 20 countries, why not give the students in your local area the opportunity to learn about other cultures and make international friends!

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today. Note: opportunities exist for families to host on a long term basis (5 or 10 months) basis as well on a temporary and short term basis (2 or 3 months).

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia
Call 1300 135 331 or visit our website:
www.studentexchange.org.au



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School Values

Respect

Treat others with consideration.

Responsibility

Be accountable for one's actions.

Excellence

Whatever you do, do well.



Meditation Class

Meditation can assist in developing a sense of well-being and bringing peace of mind to our lives.

Come and experience the benefits of this ancient practice.

Free classes are held at the High School every Thursday evening in "B" block, starting at 7.30pm.

Beginners are most welcome.
Classes are informal and friendly.

Contact Martin on 6942 2711 during school hours or just turn up on the night.
Please enter through the doors near the basketball courts.