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Cross Country Photos



Calendar of Events Term 2, 2012

Wk 4	Mon 14 May	Open Girls Soccer
	Tue 15 May	Yr 10 Drama 'The Wall' 6pm
	Wed 16 May	Yr 10 Drama 'The Wall' 7.30pm
	Thu 17 May	Yr 11 and 12 operating 'Bright Star Café'
	Fri 18 May	Yr 10 Drama - 'The Wall' 7.30pm
Wk 5	Mon 21 May	Yr 10 Drama - 'The Wall' Performance for students
		Yr 12 Study Day
	Tue 22 May	Buckley Shield
	Thu 24 May	Silver Laptop Services (Yr 9)
	Fri 25 May	Silver Laptop Services (Yr 9)
Wk 6		Yr 10 Welfare Day Periods 5 and 6
	Tue 29 May	P & C Meeting
	Fri 1st Jun	Yr 10 Canberra

Dancing and Sports News



Riverina Dance Festival 2012



Cootamundra High School has been successful in securing a place in the Riverina Dance Festival this year, which will be held in Albury on Friday the 1st of June. Tickets for the festival will be going on sale from the 14th of May and will be available from the Albury Entertainment Centre. There will be two performances on the day.

- The Matinee performance: 12.30pm. - \$12.00/person.
- The Evening performance: 7.00pm. - \$20.00/adult and \$12.00/child or concession.

To purchase tickets please contact The Albury Entertainment Centre.

Email: entertainment@alburycity.nsw.gov.au Phone: 02 6043 5610 Address: PO Box 1144 Albury 2640.

It would be great to see as many parents and friends as possible at the show to support our students as they have put in a lot of hard work and effort to get to this point.

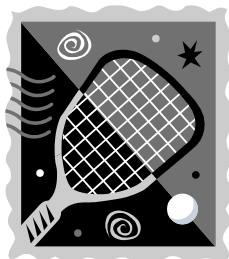
Boys Open Squash

Joseph Trinder (Year 9)

was selected to represent
the Riverina
this week in
Boys Open Squash.

He will travel with the squad
to Grafton
in the last week
of this term to contest the
Combined High School
state knockout.

*Congratulations Joseph
and
good luck in June!*



Talented Dance Camp - Temora

Last week 5 students Sara Collingridge, Kate Collingridge, Olivia McDermott, Natalie Berg and Emily Webb attended a 3 day camp for talented dance students in the Riverina area.

The annual event, this year held in Temora, focuses on technical skill development, performing skills and experiencing new genres. Along with 50 other students, the girls were divided into groups according to ability, with all students being selected in the top two groups.

The students participated in 3 sessions a day consisting of:

- Hip-hop with Luke T-Leane (freelance dancer from Sydney),
- Lyrical Contemporary with Kate Byrnes (Winmalee High School) and
- Musical Theatre with Tiffany Lander (Woronora River Public School and current Roosters cheerleader).

The camp concluded with an afternoon performance showcase for parents, teachers and students of the 10 different dances learnt by the attending students over the three days. All the girls agreed the camp was an amazing experience and they would definitely attend again.

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR



A group of 8 students from Cootamundra High School were notified yesterday that their audition to participate in this year's Schools Spectacular has been successful. The group, along with over 2,000 other dancers, singers, actors and musicians from all over the state, will soon begin preparations to participate in the huge scale show held in November.

Bright Star Café

Yr 11 and Yr 12 Hospitality classes are operating the Bright Star Cafe as part of their curriculum requirements for Certificate II in Hospitality. The cafe will be opening on Thursday 17th May at 10.00am (period 2) and will close at 1.25pm (at the end of lunch).

Year 10, 11 and 12 students, teachers and any interested parents and citizens are invited to attend. The cafe will operate in the upstairs kitchen (C9). Please refer to the below menu for items and their pricing.

<u>Nibbles</u>		<u>Drinks</u>	
Butterfly cakes Plain Chocolate	\$1.50	Milkshakes : chocolate, caramel, strawberry	\$1.50 per drink
Melting moments Plain Chocolate	\$1.50	Cappuccino (no double shots)	
Sausage rolls	\$1.00	Latte	
Cheese and ham toasted sandwiches	\$2.50	Hot chocolate	
Pizza muffins	\$1.00	Creaming soda spider	

2011 Bright Star Cafe Treats



From the Careers Desk....

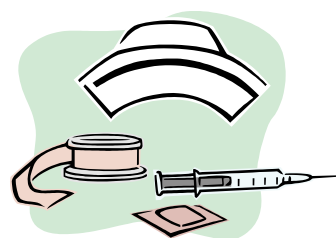
A NUMBER OF CAREERS EXPOS and UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE DAYS

are coming up, with students from Years 10, 11 and 12 strongly encouraged to attend:

Friday 1st June – MyDay Community Health Event – CSU Albury.

For students in Years 11 and 12 who may be considering study in the following health fields:

- Speech Pathology
- Podiatry
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Health and Rehabilitation
- Nursing



Registrations close on 21st May with Mrs Alderman.

Thursday 14th June – GTES Apprentice Employment Specialists.

Cootamundra High School 10.00 am.

For Years 10 and 11 considering traineeships and apprenticeships. See Mrs Alderman to register.

Monday 18th June – Australian Defence Force Careers Presentation.

Cootamundra High School Library 2.30 pm.

Years 10, 11 (and Yr 12 if not involved in an examination). See Mrs Alderman to register.

Tuesday 19th June -Tertiary Awareness Day -Wagga.

See Mr Millar to register and to obtain a list of exhibitors.

Years 10 and 11 (university and non-university) strongly encouraged to attend.

POSITIONS VACANT

- A local farming enterprise has a position vacant for a Station hand. Applicants may be invited to complete some work experience or holiday work before recruitment. Any students in Year 10, 11 or 12 who are interested, please contact Mrs Alderman for further details.
- A vacancy exists for some volunteer work in the Hospitality Industry on Wednesdays. Students in Years 11 and 12, including Hospitality students, are encouraged to apply. Successful applicants will be trained and it may lead to paid work. Please see Mrs Alderman for details.



University Information

Higher Education *It's for everyone!*

Is university for my child?

Attending university is exciting and can be very rewarding. It usually means you earn more money over your lifetime and work in an area that really interests you. University also opens up opportunities to learn about and explore the world!

How does my child get into university?

Your child's school will assist them with their application to university in Year 12. Your child's Higher School Certificate (HSC) results will determine their Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR). School leavers need an ATAR score to get into university.

Can we afford it?

There are fees, but students can pay after they finish their degree, and once they start working and earning above a certain amount. This payment system is called HECS-HELP.

Most students work part-time, and often during the day as university timetables are more flexible than school.

There are often scholarships and other types of financial assistance available for students in financial need and your child may be eligible for one of these. Each university has information on their website **about financial assistance** and it is a good idea to look at these both before and once your child starts university.

There is also financial assistance available through Centrelink at www.centrelink.gov.au

Will my child fit in?

All universities have students from many backgrounds and cultural and religious differences are respected and supported. There are even religious and cultural clubs that your child can join.

What if my child has difficulties?

There are support services at all universities. Your child can get advice and help free of charge to assist them with their study, health or happiness. There are also services specifically for students with a disability.

To succeed at university can be challenging, but the first steps for students are choosing a course that suits them, studying consistently and asking for assistance if they need it.

How do university students spend their time?

Most of the time students are at university they are in classes which are called tutorials or lectures, many students study in the library or in computer labs or with other students. There are also many activities and clubs they can join which will assist them to meet other students and make friends.



What if my child's school marks aren't good enough to get in?

There are lots of pathways into university, it doesn't all depend on the HSC result. Most universities have information on their websites about these which are often called special entry schemes, flexible entry pathways or access programs.

How can I get more information?

Ask your school Careers Advisor as they **can give you more information or tell you** how to get more details.

Talk to university staff when they visit your child's school and attend free university Open Days.

All universities have their own websites with information for future students.

The Universities Admissions Centre has information about all courses in NSW and ACT. www.uac.edu.au

UNIVERSITIES

- ACU (AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY)
- UNSW (UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES)
- UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY
- MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY
- UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY
- THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

The Sydney Widening Participation in Higher Education Forum (SWPHEF)

University Information continued...

HIGHER EDUCATION

Common Terms

ACADEMIC

Someone who teaches at a university

ALTERNATIVE PATHWAY

A different way of getting to university (not straight from school). Universities sometimes use this term on their websites. See Educational Access Scheme.

ATAR

(Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank)

The score your son/daughter is given as a result of sitting their HSC. Universities have a minimum ATAR for each course and this can vary from year to year.

BACHELOR DEGREE

The name of a first degree course and usually takes 3 to 5 years of study. Names of degrees are often shortened to: BA (Bachelor of Arts); BSc (Bachelor of Science); BEng (Bachelor of Engineering) etc.

COMBINED DEGREE

A degree in two areas. It can take 4-6 years of study to graduate from the two degrees. For example, your son/daughter might combine Sports Science/Business if they'd like to run a gym, Arts/Law if they're interested in being a lawyer in the performing arts, or International Studies/Nursing if they're interested in nursing in a non-English speaking country.

FACULTY

A university division e.g. Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Business. Some universities call their faculties schools e.g. School of Medicine, School of Economics.

GRADUATE

A student who has completed a university degree.

HECS-HELP

The government's interest free loan scheme that allows your son/daughter to defer (pay later) their course fees until they are earning wages above a certain amount.

HSC (Higher School Certificate)

The HSC is the NSW qualification of students who successfully complete secondary education. It is awarded on the basis of a combination of school-based and external examination assessments.

HONOURS

An additional period of study - usually a year - during which your son/daughter takes additional subjects (often research-based). Abbreviated to 'Hons', e.g. BA (Hons).

EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEME

An alternative entry to university for students who have experienced long term disadvantages while studying. Visit www.uac.edu for more details.

PATHWAY COURSE

A course designed to help your son/daughter get into university, particularly if they did not complete the HSC or need to improve their English. School Careers Advisors and university staff can help with information about this.

POSTGRADUATE

A student who is studying a second degree such as a Master's or Doctorate, or any level of study beyond a Bachelor's degree. Abbreviation: PG, post-grad.

SUBJECT or UNIT

Part of a degree. If your son/daughter studies full-time, he/she will normally do 4 subjects each semester. Each subject is worth a certain number of credit points which count towards his/her degree.

TERTIARY EDUCATION

Any study after high school. Also called Higher Education.

TAFE

Some high school students study at-TAFE as part of their HSC. TAFE also offers courses that will help your child get into a university course.

UAC

(Universities Admissions Centre)

UAC has information about all courses for all universities and processes all applications from school leavers for NSW and the ACT. Website: www.uac.edu.au

VET

(Vocational Education and Training)

These courses are sometimes taught through your child's high school, a registered training organisation or TAFE. They include courses for hospitality, engineering and trades such as carpentry and mechanics.

SWPHEF MISSION STATEMENT

The Sydney Widening Participation in Higher Education Forum (SWPHEF) consults and works collaboratively with schools and communities to increase the knowledge of students and their families about higher education. www.swphef.edu.au

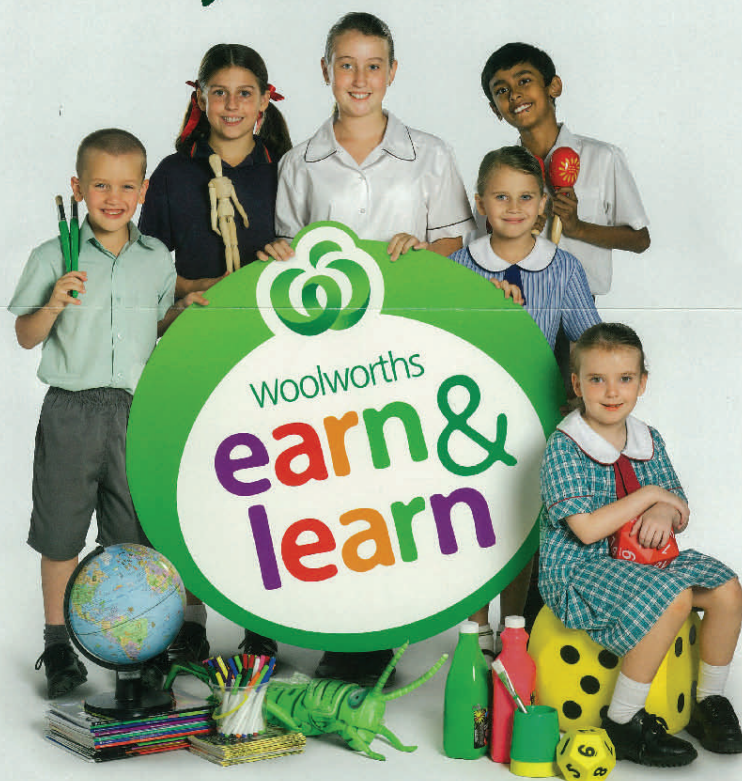
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Community Notices

It's back and easier than ever to get great stuff for your school!

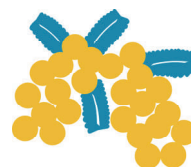


Collect stickers today at your local Woolworths.

Our school would like to thank families and the community who saved dockets for our school last year as we received some good resources from this promotion through your efforts.

We would again appreciate your participation in this year's "Earn & Learn" promotion.

Commencement of the program is from Wednesday 9th May
This year instead of dockets being collected the format has changed to collecting stickers.



Cootamundra Wattle Time 2012 Debutante Ball 18 August 2012

The Cootamundra Wattle Time Debutante Ball Committee is seeking expressions of interest from young ladies who are interested in making their Debut in Cootamundra in 2012.

To register your interest and for further information, please phone
Julie-Anne on 6942 4565 or
Julie on 6942 7070
by 1 June 2012

BECOME A VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILY

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2012. Students from Italy, Belgium and The Netherlands are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family.

Find out more!

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Chantel Woods (Inbound Exchange Administrator)

Phone: 1300 884 733

Email: wep@wep.org.au

Online: www.wep.org.au

COOTAMUNDRA HIGH SCHOOL P&C



SATURDAY 12TH MAY

8.00AM TILL 12.00PM

WITHIN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.

GATES OPEN AT 7.30AM FOR SELLERS.

\$10 CAR BOOT

\$20 CAR BOOT AND TRAILER

PROCEEDS TO THE P&C.

MONEY MADE FROM YOUR CAR BOOT IS YOURS OR FEEL FREE TO DONATE TO P&C.

RAFFLE AND BBQ AVAILABLE

ANY ENQUIRES PHONE COOTAMUNDRA HIGH SCHOOL 69422711.