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Principal's Report

During this week we have been privileged to have four aspiring teachers attend Cootamundra High under the Beyond the Line program. This opportunity is to enable young teachers to come from city universities, in this case Newcastle, and experience first hand what teaching and living in rural communities is like. The four teachers—Natascha, Jeremy, Kimbalee and Carissa—thoroughly enjoyed their time at Cootamundra High. They really praised the attitude, politeness and dedication of the students and the professionalism of the teachers that they came in contact with. My thanks to the entire school for the way in which you welcomed them to Coota High—you certainly left a very big positive impression on the new teachers.

*Semester One reports were handed out this week and I am extremely pleased with the overwhelming majority of students who continue to strive for success in their education. The comments from your teachers really reflect the great effort you continually make in class. **Parents are invited to a Parent Teacher afternoon for Years 7-11 on TUESDAY JUNE 26 FROM 4.00PM UNTIL 7.00PM.** Students have interview booking sheets and I encourage as many parents as possible to attend and see your child's teachers. This will be followed by the June **P&C Meeting Tuesday June 26 at 7.00pm (PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE) in the school library.***

On Friday Year 9 students will be having a dramatic presentation from Brainstorm Productions on the dangers of alcohol, drugs and cyber bullying. This show has been made possible by the generous donation of Chris Edwards and the fundraising endeavours for mental health and wellbeing initiatives within the community.

Next Thursday (June 28), Motivational Media will be presenting their rousing show that we hold

annually. This performance highlights the great positives and opportunities that are available to our young people today. The students come out of this session really hyped-up and ready to continue with their great achievements.

During Period 5 and 6 on Thursday 28 June, our Award Assembly will be held to acknowledge the many students who have achieved great things during this term. Awards that will be presented include: Athletics and Cross Country Medals, Geography Competition Certificates, Student Volunteer Program Awards and over 130 Silver Awards under our Positive Points System program. Parents are invited to attend and see their children receive these awards.

I will be taking some Long Service Leave during Term 3 with Mrs Nelson stepping up to relieve as Principal, Mr Black as Deputy Principal and Ms Dunn as Head Teacher HSIE. I wish everyone a great term and I will see you back in Term 4.

Garry Mason (Principal)

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Deputy's Desk

As we move into the end of Term 2 we can look back onto a wonderful term and all that we have achieved. Years 7 and 9 have completed NAPLAN tests and I was very pleased with the way that both years embarked on the 3 days of testing with a positive attitude to doing their best. I can't wait for the results to come out late next term.

Years 7-10 completed their Half Yearly Examinations and Year 12 students are just about to complete their Trial HSC. It is a stressful term for students who have to manage study and assessments and anxiety about their results. I applaud all our students for their efforts in these exams and the focus they are making to complete and improve their assessments.

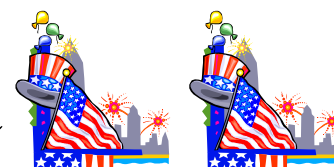
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents who have attended Parent Teacher Afternoons/Evenings and who will do so next term. These are important opportunities to discuss student progress. The Board of Studies Liaison Officer, Mrs Lindy Billings, will attend our next Parent Information Evening for Year 10 students and their families on Thursday July 19. She will step through the changes to the Record of Student Achievement (RoSA) which is a new school credential for all students to recognise school achievement before receiving their Higher School Certificate (HSC).
Janine Nelson (Deputy Principal)

Calendar of Events Term 2 and 3, 2012

Wk 10	Mon 25 Jun to Wed 27 Jun	Yr 12 Trials
	Mon 25 Jun	Young Careers Expo for Yr 9
	Tue 26 Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Yr 7 to Yr 11 Parent / Teacher Afternoon 4pm to 7pm •P&C Meeting 7pm in school library
	Wed 27 Jun	Senior Boys Soccer
	Thu 28 Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •G'Day USA - Parent Information Evening 6pm •HSC Business Studies study day •Motivational Media Performance •Rewards Assembly 1.45pm in Periods 5 and 6
	Fri 29 Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Reward Movie Excursion •HSC Legal Studies study day •Last day of term
Wk 1	Mon 16 Jul to Thu 19 Jul	Staff Development Day Students return to school Subject Selection Evening 7pm for students going into Yr 11 in 2013 and their parents
	Fri 20 Jul	State Cross Country Eastern Creek
Wk 2	Wed 25 Jul	Taste of TAFE for Yr 10



Travel to United States of America



Travel with a group to the West Coast of USA and visit:

- ◆ Disneyland
- ◆ Universal Studios
- ◆ Knotts Berry Farm
- ◆ San Diego
- ◆ Stay with an American family for 10 days
- ◆ Visit an American School
- ◆ Spend two days in San Francisco

There is a Parent Information Night

on Thursday 28th June at 6pm
in the Cootamundra High School Library.

Contact Miss Amanda Willoughby
for more information
on our
school phone number 6942 2711

Coonabarabran Horse Expo - by Karney Chester

I recently attended the Coonabarabran Horse Expo which is an inter-school horsemanship event. The event is held annually and this year it commenced on Friday June 1st and concluded on Wednesday June 6th. Six hundred and thirty competitors attended with a total of 700 horses. Over the six days, 13 events were held, including:

- *One Day Eventing* (a three phase event which includes dressage, cross country and show jumping)
- *Polocrosse*
- *Hacking*
- *Dressage*
- *Team Penning*
- *Sporting*
- *Restricted and Open Height Show Jumping*
- *Team 6 Bar* (a jumping event)
- *Warrumbungle's Way* (a challenge that involves stockman like task, e.g. shoeing a horse, catching a sheep etc.)
- *Working Horse Challenge* (a three workout event which requires a horse to show its skills to work a beast but without actually having a beast present)
- *Combined Training* (a dressage and jumping event)
- *Prix Caprilli* (a dressage test with jumps in it)

I attended the Expo as Cootamundra High School's sole entry and competed in four events—the *Working Horse Challenge*, *Combined Training*, *Dressage* and *Hacking*. I competed in the 17 years age group with over 70 competitors in the age group. Over 80 schools came to the Expo and competed, making it one of the biggest inter-school events in NSW. I competed on my horse 'Springs Innaminca' or more affectionately known to me as Cody.

I competed in the *Combined Training* event on Saturday which had a dressage and jumping phase. The dressage phase was held first in pouring rain and I scored 74.95% being a very good score which placed me 4th out of 30 riders. I then competed in the show jumping phase which was a round of show jumps set at a height of 45cm. I completed the round under extremely wet conditions and finished 8th overall.

My next event was the *Working Horse Challenge* qualifier on Saturday and I unfortunately just missed out on qualifying for the final rounds.

On Monday my event was *Dressage* where I had to do two dressage tests and finished equal 10th out of 40 riders. On the Tuesday I competed in the *Hacking* event where I was competing in the heavyweight hack class, rider class and equestrians mount class. Each class had in excess of 30 riders and I made the finals of the heavyweight hack class.

The finale of the Expo was a parade with all 630 riders parading around the arena looking their best. Even though, compared to some schools with over 40 riders, I was small and on my own, I still stood out and had numerous comments on how I looked and how nice my horse looked which is what the parade is about.

Overall it was a fantastic experience and I thoroughly enjoyed all aspects. I would highly recommended any other horse riding enthusiasts in school to seriously consider attending, and anyone wanting to know more can feel free to ask me. The photo is of my horse Cody and I dressed and ready for the parade.



Rivernia Champions

The Cootamundra High senior boys soccer team, in defeating Koorungal High 3-0 last week, combined with the senior girls soccer team to achieve the rare feat of both being Riverina Champions in the same year.

The senior boys hosted Koorungal at Mitchell Park on Friday 8th June on a perfect winter's day. The match almost started the same way when Dylan McDermott accepted a pass from the kick-off then moved it on to Ryan Miller with a typical pin-point pass. Ryan beat his man with pace and just missed a well-timed shot to the left of goal.

Coota dominated the first section of play as evidenced by Koorungal only having one shot in the first 20 minutes, which Luke Bailey had no trouble in gathering in.

The Cootamundra forwards continually built pressure through good teamwork. On one occasion Brenton Forsyth, who had a terrific game, crossed the ball to the hard working Jordyn Ballard who volleyed the ball in what seemed a goal-earning effort only to be denied by a brilliant diving save from the Koorungal keeper.

Coota scored in the 25th minute after an excellent build-up through the midfield—where Max Holder and Bevan Collins dominated all game—saw Bevan score an excellent goal to the keeper's right.

The Cootamundra dominance was not only built on good teamwork by the forwards and midfielders, but through the efforts of the defense who were able to dispossess the Koorungal players time and time again and then immediately take the right option to thrust the side into attack. Noah Trickett, Nick Ashe, Tim Masters and Nathan Visser all made valuable contributions from the backline and were able to keep the play in the Koorungal half for most of the game.

Bevan Collins was unlucky not to increase Coota's lead when from a free kick he was able to skillfully bend the ball around a wall of Koorungal players only to see another excellent save from the diving Koorungal keeper, who knocked the ball down then saved the follow-up shot.

Eight minutes into the second half Ryan Miller found himself on the end of another excellent cross from Brenton Forsyth and he made no mistake when he placed a well-measured shot past the overworked Koorungal keeper. Dylan McDermott was unlucky minutes later, when he could have been justly rewarded for his persistent effort, when he struck an excellent shot towards the goal only to see the keeper tip it over the bar. He did have a substantial influence on the third and final goal for Coota when he made a scintillating run down the sideline beating the full back then striking a perfect pass to Bevan Collins who had no trouble in slotting the ball into the goal.

Joseph Trinder, Tom Maurer, Jessie Turner and Sam Masters all acquitted themselves well when they took to the field. Both sides did their school proud in the spirit in which they played the game, as evidenced by no cards and very few free kicks being administered by the officials.

Coota's next opposition in the round of 16 is from Sydney and they will be traveling to Coota next week. Well done Cootamundra and good luck!





Parent Teacher Night (Years 7 – 11)

Tuesday 26th June 4:00pm – 7:00pm

**Parents are invited and encouraged to ensure their child makes appointments
with their teachers for this night.**

**This will allow parents to be better informed about student progress
and to discuss Semester one results.**

Students have been issued with appointment sheets.

English, Mathematics, Careers, Music

Venue - Hall

Mr Shoard, Mr Frilay, Mr McPhee, Ms Lonnon, Miss Willoughby,
Mr Perry, Mr Payne, Dr Vey, Miss Shepard, Miss Phelps, Mr McLeod
and Miss Walker.

Science, Library

Venue - A2

Mr Brown, Mrs Goodwin, Mr Pepper, Ms Klepper, Ms Griffiths,
Mrs Good and Mrs Cunningham.

Social Science

Venue - A3

Mr Black, Mr McCarthy, Mr Green, Miss Dunn

Industrial Arts, Home Economics, Art

Venue - A4

Miss Tinnock, Mrs Green, Mr Duggan, Miss Jamieson, Mr Nelson
and Ms Wilesmith.

Support, PDHPE, Careers

Venue - A5

Ms Beddie, Mrs Hanekom, Mrs O'Loughlin, Mrs Townsend
Mr Gale and Miss Elliot

In their office (off front door entrance)

Mr Mason (Principal) and Mrs Nelson (Deputy Principal)

Bright Star Café

Our last Bright Star Cafe for the term was a great success. The cafe was filled to capacity each lesson with both teachers and students giving their support to provide a real life experience for the hospitality students. The students involved this time included: Waiters - Hamish Basham, Eli Douglas; Kitchen staff - Sara Collingridge, Bianca Berkrey, Jordyn Ballard, Nick Ashe and Dylan Graham.

Many thanks to all the teachers and students who supported the day and contributed to its success. Our aim for next term will be to encourage more community members to come up and be customers of our Cafe.

Year 9, 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). We look forward to your patronage in term three.



From the Careers Desk

- ♦ Students in Years 10 and 11 enjoyed a successful excursion to the Wagga Tertiary Awareness Day in Wagga on Tuesday.
- ♦ A reminder that the University of Wollongong will be visiting next week to chat with students in Years 10, 11 and 12 who are considering University. It is highly recommended that students attend, even if they are not seriously considering UOW as an option. There is always something to learn!
- ♦ If you are in Year 10 or 11 and considering a career in Engineering, Koorungal High School are hosting a 'Discover Engineering Day'. Any students interested in attending please see Mrs Alderman for details.
- ♦ Year 10 Taste of TAFE day organised for Wednesday 27th June has been postponed until Term 3, Week 2, Wednesday July 25
- ♦ The GTES Apprenticeships and Traineeships talk for Years 10 and 11 has been postponed until next term. New date to be advised.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday 25th June:
Year 9 Careers Expo.
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Monday 25th June:
Family Information Night.

University of Canberra
and
Australian National University.
Young Services Club. 6.00 – 7.30 p.m.



Thursday 19th July:
Year 10 Subject
Information Evening for 2013.
Cootamundra High School Hall, 7.00 p.m.



Tuesday 26th June:
University of Wollongong talk.
Years 10, 11 and 12 (after their exam).
School Library 1.45 p.m.

Rewards Assembly***A Notice for Parents***

**You are invited
to attend
the end of term
Rewards Assembly.**

The formal assembly will
be held on
Thursday 28th June
at 1.45pm
(in students'
Periods 5 and 6).

**Industrial Arts**

A notice for parents

We are looking for
donations of

**old rags
and
leather shoes**

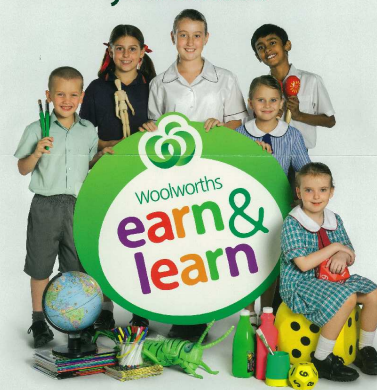


Rags are used for all sorts of
cleaning, polishing, etc.

Leather shoes are
for our box of shoes
for students as
all students must wear leather shoes
while doing
woodwork and metal work
projects.

Earn & Learn

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ever to get great stuff for
your school!**



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



The Earn & Learn promotion
is well under way and we
thank you for
the stickers and sticker sheets
that are coming in.

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