



Week 1 Term 3 20th July 2012

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Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 3 at Cootamundra High School. This Term our Principal, Mr Mason, will be taking some well-deserved long-service leave. As relieving Principal, I wish to welcome Mr Black to the position of relieving Deputy Principal, Ms Dunn to the position of relieving Head Teacher HSIE and Mr Evans teaching in the HSIE faculty for the duration of the term.

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We are grateful to the support of Campbell Page in facilitating a NAIDOC celebration BBQ run by our very own A-Team volunteers on Friday 19th July. During our celebrations students were invited to taste test Kangaroo, Crocodile and Emu meat.

I was fortunate to spend some time in attendance last term at our Student Representative Council planning day. Members of the council have already met with me this term and identified projects they wish to embark upon. There are some great plans

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RELIEVING PRINCIPAL: Mrs Janine Nelson

RELIEVING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Mr Geoff Black

the pipeline and students have indicated their desires to not only raise the profile of our SRC, but also to get on with some hard work to make it all happen.

Thankyou to all parents and carers who attended last night's Year 10 into 11 information evening. The night provided information from the school, Board of Studies and TAFE representatives. If you have any further questions regarding subject selections please contact the school for advice. A reminder that selection choices are due back Friday 26th July.

Janine Nelson

Relieving Principal



NAIDOC week celebrations



Deputy's Desk

Welcome back to Term 3. I am looking forward to the many challenges of being the Relieving Deputy for the Term. I have been most impressed with the positive attitude that our students have returned to the school with this Term in regards to their learning, positive approaches and their behaviour.

Term 3 is a crucial time for our senior students as they approach the end of their HSC or Preliminary years. Year 12 will be busy completing their courses and refining and honing their exam techniques in preparation for the HSC. This should involve lots of practice of past exam questions and revision of previous topics to strengthen any weaknesses that were identified in the Trial HSC exams.

Year 11 are also busy completing their Preliminary Course with a number of assessment tasks to be completed before the final Preliminary exams which commence in Week 9 (10 September) of this Term.

Our Year 7 and 8 students are continuing with their Welfare Lessons for Building Resilience, while for Years 9 and 10 Term 3 is a time for concentrating on doing their best in class and on completing assessment tasks on time.

To further improve our communication within our school community we would like to offer all parents the opportunity to receive this Newsletter fortnightly by email. If you would like to do this then could you answer "Yes I wish to receive the Cootamundra High Newsletter each fortnight" via an email to the following address and we will add you to our Parent Distribution list: Cootamundr-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Yours in Teaching

Geoff Black
Relieving Deputy Principal



Calendar of events

Wk 1	Fri 20 Jul	State Cross Country Eastern Creek
Wk 2	Wed 25 Jul Thurs 26 Jul Fri 27 July	Taste of TAFE for Yr 10 HSC Geography Study Day Year 11 Selection forms due
Wk 3	Mon 30 Jul Fri 3 Aug	Year 9 Selection forms due Region Athletics Albury

Maths Homework

Starting this Term Miss Willoughby's Year 8/2 Maths and 9/2 Maths classes will receive regular homework sheets. The sheets will be distributed every Monday to students who then have until Friday to complete the work. Parents are encouraged to check and sign their child's sheet each week.

Girls Soccer

INTO THE LAST EIGHT!

Cootamundra High School Open Girls Soccer team have advanced to the last eight in the State following their match on Wednesday 18 July where they defeated Narrabeen Sports High School 3-2 in a thrilling game.

The victory was based upon a magnificent effort from the whole team in a game which flowed from end to end. It would be remiss to single out a single player in such a hard fought win. The team played with courage and conviction, some even rising from their sick beds to participate.

Erin Holder and Kya Godbier scored the goals in the 3-2 come from behind victory. The effort from all the players was remarkable and all players gave their utmost to secure the win.

I believe their next match will be against either an Illawara or an East Sydney team. It is likely that the next match will be an away game as we have very much enjoyed the luck of the draw as to where we have played.

Martin McCarthy
Manager



Verbal Combat

On Thursday, 16 August at 9.15am Brainstorm Productions will present 'Verbal Combat', a play about cyber bullying and harassment for years 7-12.



The performance makes it clear to students that certain behaviour (such as excluding people, spreading rumours and sending unwanted text messages or emails) is in fact bullying and will not be tolerated at our school.

This is an entertaining way to promote discussion and give students strategies to avoid being a bully or a target.

Brainstorm Productions has won the Frater Award for Best Feedback from schools for 10 consecutive years. We hope you will support this important program to assist in creating a safe and harmonious environment for students and staff.

School Values

Respect

Treat others with consideration.

Responsibility

Be accountable for one's actions.

Excellence

Whatever you do, do well.



ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS™ PARENT COURSE

Parenting skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems

A three-session program for parents and carers
at **COOTAMUNDRA TAFE**

Mackay Street

on 07/8, 14/8 & 21/8/2012 at 9.30 to 11.30 am.

Learn:

- ✓ Some common ground shared by parents & reasonable expectations to hold about adolescents
- ✓ New understandings of adolescence
- ✓ A three-option model & flow chart for decision-making
- ✓ Self check-in, first - for parents.
- ✓ Building relationship with your teenager and making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them
- ✓ Skills for tough conversations for handling those problems you just can't ignore

Registration Fee

The course is FREE – Covered by Campbell Page – Youth Connections. Morning Tea will be provided.

Register for this course contacting **Fiona Lane** at Cootamundra High on Tel: **69422711**

What parents have said...

A step dad recalled an incident at the weekend with his 12 year old step daughter. He said that the input he had received the previous week from the course helped him keep his cool and brought a more favourable outcome.

A single Mum who had presented as quite anxious on the first night told the group in week 2 that she had made an appointment with her 15 year old son during the week and had had a far more favourable discussion with him than would previously have been the case.

Who's running it?

The trainers for this course are Fiona Lane (School Counsellor/Registered Psychologist), Joe Camilleri (NSW Police), Peter Guthrie (NSW Police) & Colina Meadows (Campbell Page) who completed Parentshop's Engaging Adolescents training on 18/10/2011 & 25/06/2012

For more information contact either Fiona - 69 422711 or Joe 69420099

• An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective •

Tennis Coaching



Weekly tennis coaching
will resume in August.

For all enquiries please call

Brendan Gale
on 0408 248 876

Industrial Arts

A notice for parents

We are looking for
donations of

old rags
and
leather shoes

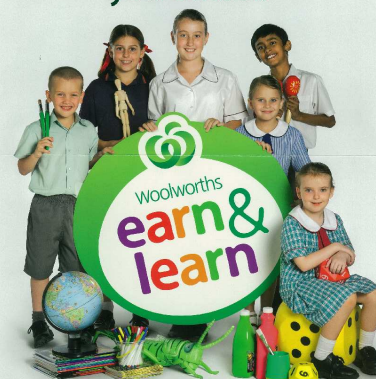


Rags are used for all sorts of
cleaning, polishing, etc.

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

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



Collect stickers today at your local Woolworths.

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.

Bright Star Cafe

Yr 11 and Yr 12 Hospitality classes
will once again be running the Bright
Star Cafe as part of their curriculum
requirements for Certificate II in
Hospitality.

The next cafe will operate on Thurs-
day of Week 4 (9 August).

(cut off here to return to the school)

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Yes I would like to receive my newsletter via email.

My name is.....

My child/children's names.....

My email address.....

Please return to the front office and your next newsletter will be emailed directly to you.