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Principal's Report

On Thursday our school participated in our Public School celebrations alongside E A Southee and Cootamundra Public School, held at the Cootamundra Post Office. Year 12 students, Tim Masters and Nathan Visser, performed musical items, Danyelle Bailey was our MC and students from Year 11 and our A Team assisted in the smooth running of the day.

The theme of Education Week was 'Creating the Future'. CHS has recently installed our own server to further enable teachers to offer online learning sites that strengthen course access and delivery across all key learning areas.

Three students attended choral camp last week. Tamara Taylor, Rhianna Lake and Penny Loiterton were chosen to represent our Region at Schools Spectacular being held in Sydney later this year.

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RELIEVING PRINCIPAL: Mrs Janine Nelson

RELIEVING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Mr Geoff Black

At our P & C meeting this week parents were advised of the school improvements currently being planned. Our front of school construction has been revised and set to commence. We are currently investigating the upgrade of our memorial garden at the front of our school and preparing our gardens for Spring planting.

In 2012 we aim to publish our very own Cootamundra High School recipe book. If you have any 'family favourites', or perhaps 'Cootamundra Show award-winning recipes' that you feel could be considered for publication in this fundraising venture, please email or drop them in to our front office for consideration. We hope to compile 100 of the best and maybe even a 'cook-off' to showcase the delicious treats shared by our contributors.

Janine Nelson
Relieving Principal



Gonski could be great



Have you heard about the findings of the Gonski Review? Well, potentially it's very good news for our school and our students.

Headed by senior businessman David Gonski, the Federal Government's review was the most comprehensive

national investigation of school funding in almost 40 years. It found that a major funding increase for public schools is urgently required to ensure a high quality education for all.

That increase equates to an average of \$1,500 per student extra per year in public schools. If we were to receive that amount it would mean an additional \$541,500 each year.

For our school, additional money could be spent in the areas we know make a real difference for students such as smaller class sizes, more individual assistance for students and a greater range of programs.

The problem is that, despite the positive response from all education sectors to the report, there has been no commitment by either the Federal Government or the Opposition in Canberra to the new system or the additional funding.

Parents, principals and teachers from across Australia have been campaigning to get our politicians to make commitments to the increased funding and to pass new laws before the end of 2012, based on the Gonski recommendations.

Please phone **Alby Schultz** our local Federal MP on **1300 301 826** and let him know that our school needs additional resources to support the learning of all students and ask him to commit to the recommendations of the Gonski review.

You can register your support for the campaign at igiveagonski.com.au or on our facebook page at www.facebook.com/igiveagonski.

You can also find out more about the Gonski Review at the Federal Government's website www.schoolfunding.gov.au

1 \$ day

Last Friday Cootamundra High School students participated in 1\$day, the initiative is part of work completed by Save the Children Fund to help reduce global inequalities in children's health and education. The funds raised from this year's event will be utilised to build water and sanitation in schools in Ethiopia and provide education support for Aboriginal kids.

The SRC asked all students, who could, to bring in \$1 to create a dollar line in their sporting house. All together the High School raised \$120.00, with Anderson creating the longest dollar line on the day.

The SRC would like to thank all students and staff who were generous enough to donate money to such a worthy cause.



Year 10 SRC students: Maggie Jordan, Ashleigh Dean & Nicole Kelleher with 1\$day money boxes.

Calendar of events

Wk 4	Thurs 9 Aug	Bright Star Cafe
Wk 5	Mon 13 Aug Wed 15 Aug Fri 17 Aug	Samba Drum Workshop Senior Boys Soccer Rewards Assembly
Wk 6	Tues 21 Aug	Aspire UC Program
Wk 7	Thurs 30 Aug Fri 31 Aug	Bright Star Cafe Timber Excursion

State Dance Festival

Cootamundra High School Students have been selected to participate in the NSW State Dance Festival for 2012. This is a very impressive outcome from Riverina Dance Festival and shows the commitment, energy and enthusiasm of the students involved towards Dance at our school, with special mention to Sara Collingridge who choreographed and led the students in all practise sessions leading up to the Riverina Dance Festival. The State Dance Festival will take place on Wednesday the 12th of September at the Seymour Centre in Sydney. Dance Festival students will be provided with an information package within the next two weeks.



Cootamundra High Schools Dance Festival Group – Sydney Bound

Year 12 Geography People and Economic Activity—Farm Visit

On Monday afternoon the HSC geography class, accompanied by Miss Dunn, visited the property of David and Robyn Holder as part of their study on an economic activity. The focus of the visit was to investigate a case study of wheat production, which is the economic enterprise the class is studying. As well as a detailed insight into how wheat is farmed on the property, Mr Holder talked about how wheat farming is influenced by external factors such as the global price of wheat and changes to government policies such as the single desk policy. In addition, the class learned interesting information about other outputs of the property and some problems faced in farming, such as weeds and pests. The visit to the farm formed a vital part of the unit of work on people and an economic activity and as such the class is very thankful to Mr Holder for allowing us to visit his farm and giving up his time to share information essential for us to complete our HSC course. Thankyou also to Miss Dunn and Mr McCarthy for providing transport.

Written by: Sarah Godman



Year 12 Geography Students: Sarah Godman, James Barrett, Alex Jones, Brenton Forsyth & Max Holder

Senior Boys Soccer—Top 4 in the State

The senior boys football team continue to move onward and upward through the state schools' soccer knockout competition and have reached the semi-finals to be played in Sydney on Wednesday 15 August.

In the quarter finals on Thursday 26 July the team hosted a classy outfit from Bega High. On a day that promised a contest under grey wet skies, the clouds cleared and the sun shone on Cootamundra. During the first eight minutes both teams tried to gain the upper hand but neither would give and an epic struggle was surely at hand. Testament to the defensive efforts of all the field players during this time neither goalie was called upon to make a save despite a number of corners and free kicks. Brenton Forsyth playing down the right side was inspirational in a team of players competing at a high level.

The deadlock was breached in circumstances that were in complete contrast to the hectic pace of the first eight minutes. Noah Trickett took a free kick from over 30 metres out. Max Holder played at the ball in front of goal but skilfully allowed the ball to pass under his foot. The ball bounced up and was deflected off the body of a defender, who was obviously stunned by Max's effort, and floated towards Sam Masters, who was in the right place at the right time, and he had ample time to head the ball into the goal. The next passage of play was a continuation of the first except Bega played with greater purpose. Cootamundra was equal to the task with Bevan Collins, Nick Ashe, Noah Trickett and Max Holder standing out in controlling the play and throwing the side into attack time and time again.

In the 19th minute Sam Master stunned the small but supportive crowd that had gathered by taking the ball out of the mid-field, running hard down the left at the defence and comprehensively outclassing the fullback only to be faced with the Bega keeper who was also left stunned when Sam absolutely ripped the ball low and hard into the bottom right corner of the goal.

The remainder of the first half continued to be a frustration for the Bega side. Cootamundra, despite maintaining intensity, began to be less effective in creating their usual smooth style of play. Bega were unable to capitalise and went to the break two down.

The second half began with Ryan Miller moving into the forwards where he had an immediate impact by dominating the defensive line for Bega. The presence of Ryan also meant that more through balls were being played by Cootamundra and five minutes after the restart Bevan Collins played a pinpoint ball through for Jordyn Ballard who slotted it past the Bega keeper. Bega began to press and the Cootamundra goalie Luke Bailey was called upon to display his class. His efforts were



typified by an athletic, one handed, pull down which he secured with ease. Nick Ashe played himself to a standstill while Dylan McDermott, Tim Masters and Nathan Visser defended furiously all half. Bega were running out of time and took every opportunity to take a shot at the Cootamundra goal but the backline held firm until a simple lapse left Luke unsupported and Bega's Jonah Carragher made no mistake when he lofted the ball into the goal.

Joseph Trinder and Tom Maurer held their own and provided fresh legs as the clock wound down and when Wayd Millar blew the final whistle they became part of the most successful senior boys football team to ever attend Cootamundra High. The Bega contingent was the first to congratulate the Cootamundra team which was typical of the spirit in which the game was played. Congratulations to all.

School sporting fixtures would not occur without the full support of all the staff, the parents and the myriad of student helpers, which included on this occasion – Jesse Colebrook, Will Ingold, Jacob Kelly, Toby Youseff, Jalen Ballard, Jarrod Chapman, Jesse Crabtree, Bradley Ingham. Thank you!

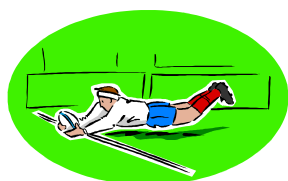
School Happenings



Congratulations to the Senior Boys Soccer Team

Congratulations to Daniel Maher !!

Daniel Maher was selected in the Under 16s Southern NSW/ACT Indigenous Rugby Union side. He will be travelling to the Gold Coast on 11-13 August to compete.



Five teams from Queensland, New South Wales and the Northern Territory will compete and an Australian side will be selected from this.

Positions Vacant: A Team

The Cootamundra A Team is an expanding and dynamic Cootamundra High School micro business that is seeking to employ two administrative assistants.

Applications are open to both boys and girls in Years 9 or 10. Successful applicants will be responsible for processing accounts, submitting articles and photos to the school newsletter, keeping a log of maintenance requests and managing the budget. Successful applicants also need to be prepared to be involved in active maintenance work when required. Please see Mrs Alderman or Mr Pepper for application forms.

School Fees

Please be aware that invoices for school fees have been posted home and are **NOW DUE**.

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 Thursday of Week 4 (9 August).

Wattle Time Parade

All students are invited to walk under the combined banner of Public Education.

Students are to assemble at 11.40am on the corner of Bourke and Murray Streets (near the public toilets) in full school uniform. The march starts at 12 noon.

Thank you for representing your school.



What's on in HSIE ??

Term 3 Week 3 2012

Welcome back to an action packed Term 3. Below are the tasks and the week that they are due for your HSIE classes for the rest of Term 3. See your class teacher for the actual day that tasks are due in and for the format, text type required for the task, etc.



A good tip for better organisation would be to transfer your tasks and their due date to your diary, laptop and/or organisation chart at home. We are looking forward to some inspiring efforts and reports!

Junior and Senior Assessment Tasks that are due in Term 3.

Year 12

Subject	Task	When Due
Business Studies	Financial Statement Analysis	Week 5
Society and Culture	Personal Interest Project	Week 5
Geography	People & Economic Activity Task	Week 4
Legal Studies	Research Task & Extended Response	Week 4

Year 11

Subject	Task	When Due
Business Studies	Business Plan	Week 6
Geography	Senior Geography Project	Week 6
Legal Studies	Law in Practice Task	Week 6

Year 10

Subject	Task	When Due
Geography	Links with the Rest of the World Task	Week 6

Year 9

Subject	Task	When Due
Geography	Natural Disasters Task	Week 6
Commerce	Law in Action Task	Week 7

Year 8

Subject	Task	When Due
HSIE	Half Yearly Exam	Week 5
	Vikings Task	Week 10
WTT	Comparison Shopping	Week 10

Year 7

Subject	Task	When Due
HSIE	Antarctica Library Research Task	Week 4-5
LOTE	Japan Journey Task	Week 5

From the Careers Desk

A lot of information has come through over the holidays for both Year 12 considering university, and for those students wishing to investigate and/or apply for apprenticeships.

The **UAC Guides** for Year 12 have arrived and been distributed. There are spare copies in the Careers Office if required.

University **Early Entry Schemes** are also starting to filter through and some have already opened. Year 12 have been given a comprehensive information guide on the schemes that are available and how to best access them.

Apprenticeship Information

WesTrac have a variety of apprenticeships available for 2013 and applications are open now for students in Years 10, 11 and 12. The following trades will be offered:

- Plant Mechanic (Heavy Vehicle Mobile Equipment)
- Heavy Vehicle Mechanic (Road Transport)
- Automotive Electrician
- Boilermaker
- Industrial Coatings (Spray painting)
- Parts interpreter

Successful applicants need to be 16 years of age when they commence the apprenticeship.

Please see Mrs Alderman for details on any of these, or go to westrac.com.au/careers

GTES have rescheduled their visit to 16 August, for any students in years 9, 10, 11 and 12 interested in apprenticeships or traineeships. Parents are most welcome to attend, and the talks will commence at 12.00 p.m. at school.

Cadetships

Boyce Accounting is offering accounting cadetships in our region for commencement in 2013 for any current Year 12 student interested in accountancy. Please see Mrs Alderman for further details.

OTHER COMING EVENTS

Sunday 5 August – La Trobe University Open Day (Albury-Wodonga Campus)

Wednesday 8 August – AgVision Excursion to Junee. (Ms Klepper)

Saturday 25 August – Newcastle University Open Day (Newcastle Campus)

Saturday 25 August – University of Sydney Open Day

Tuesday 28 August – CSU Wagga MyDay, for those students interested in pursuing a career in Teaching and Education. (Register with Mrs Alderman)

Saturday 8 September - Australian International Conservatorium of Music Open Day. See Mrs Alderman or Mr Perry for details.



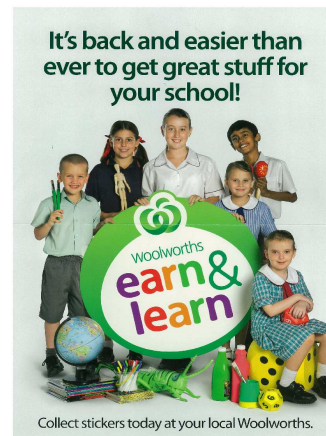
Community Notices

Exchange Program

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: "the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes". Volunteer to host an international high school student in February 2013 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in February for one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, Canada and the U.S.A. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our booklet of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.



This year's "Earn & Learn" promotion ends on 10 August. Please keep the stickers and sticker sheets rolling in until this date.



Our balance as at 2 August was 31,520 points. Thank you everyone for your support!

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Newsletters via Email

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

My email address.....

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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

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