



Cootamundra High School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL: Mr Neil Reaper
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Ms Janine Nelson

Welcome back to Term 4 for all students and staff. We have a busy term coming up with planning for 2014 and exams a major focus this term.

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

The HSC has begun for all students across the State with English being our first paper on Monday, 14 October with the final exam being Visual Arts on Wednesday, 16 November. We wish all our Year 12 students the best of luck with all their exams. Many thanks to Sue Guy and her BOS supervisor team who are looking after our students during the HSC exams.

JUNIOR EXAMS

Junior exams are fast approaching with Year 7 exams in Week 7, Year 8 Exams in Week 4, Year 9 Exams in Week 5 and Year 10 Exams in Week 6. A comprehensive exam timetable will be given to all students well in advance of their exam week.

USE OF SCHOOL GROUNDS OR FACILITIES

A reminder to our whole school community that the use of school facilities or access and use of school grounds can only be granted by the express permission of the school Principal. There are signs around access points to the school grounds that clearly state this. If individuals or community groups wish to use school facilities/grounds please make an appointment to discuss this with the Principal.

STAFFING UPDATE

Welcome back to Mrs Nelson who had last term off due to an ankle operation. Many thanks for a job

well done to Mr Brown who was relieving Deputy Principal and Mrs Klepper who was relieving Head Teacher in Science. For 2014 we have had Ms Ashley Haines appointed as a new PE teacher to replace Mrs Alderman who is now our Careers Advisor.

JAPANESE CULTURE YEAR 7

Students in Ms Grogan's Japanese culture lessons have been creating origami crane artefacts that represent **Peace and Hope**.



Pictured here are Jackson and Isaac with some of the student's creative work.

CALENDAR	
Week 3, Term 4	
21-25 Oct	Year 11 VET Work Placement
Week 4, Term 4	
28 Oct-1 Nov	Year 11 VET Work Placement
28-31 Oct	Year 8 Exams
Tues, 29 Oct	P&C—7pm in the library
Week 5, Term 4	
4-6 Nov	Year 9 Exams
Fri, 8 Nov	Year 6 into 7 transition

ALL THINGS CAREERS

Term 4 is shaping up to be a busy one, with lots of opportunities for students, particularly in Years 9—11.

University visits

We have a large number of universities coming to the school to speak with students about university options throughout the year. The Australian National University delivered a very good seminar last Monday to 40 interested students from Years 10 and 11. I urge all students who are considering university to attend as many of these outreach programs as possible – the information is invaluable.

Current Year 11 students have the opportunity this term to enrol for Discovery Day at Wollongong University in 2014. It is normally scheduled for the second week back in Term 1. Interested students are strongly encouraged to register. It is an excellent overnight excursion and not very expensive. More details will be provided when final dates and information are released.

Brick and Block

The Brick and Block Foundation will be in Cootamundra around Week 7, and any students interested in a career in building and bricklaying are invited to take part. Students will be supervised by a qualified brick layer and will work together to build a structure for the school. Enquiries to Mrs Alderman.

Girls Try a Trade Trailer

We are in the process of securing a visit from SALT Trade Workshops, where girls are invited to experience and be involved in trades that are traditionally held by males. See Mrs Alderman for more details.

Careers in architecture

If you have ever considered a career in architecture a new portal has been established that has lots of valuable information on the career and what courses are available in Australia. The link to the site is: www.archied.com

Cootamundra A Team

The Cootamundra A Team is recruiting for 2014. If you are in Year 8 or 9 currently and wish to find out more or trial for the Team, please see Mrs Alderman or Mr Pepper. Both boys and girls will be required.

Work Experience

Work experience for Year 10 will be held in Week 10 (9-13 December). Applications will be handed out in careers classes this week and will close on Friday 25 October. Forms need to be handed to the Careers Office and no late applications will be accepted.

BURIED IN TREASURES WORKSHOP

Would you like to learn tips and exercises on how to de-clutter and how to stop over acquiring? The Buried in Treasures (BIT) workshops run for 15 weeks (one session per week). The workshops can be done over the phone, or if there are enough people interested in your area, workshops could be held in your surrounding town area.

For more information or to register yourself for the workshops contact David O'Hara or Donna McGuire on 6382 4924 at the Southern Highlands Catholic Community Services.

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Saturday Nov. 2: 9.30-12.00

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