



Cootamundra High School Newsletter

Respect, Responsibility, Excellence

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PRESENTATION NIGHT

Presentation Night for 2013 is fast approaching and will be held in the school hall at 7pm on Monday, 16 December.

TECHNOLOGY AT COOTAMUNDRA HIGH

Next year NSW DEC schools will no longer be providing laptops to students entering Year 9. For students that already have DER laptops in Years 10, 11 and 12, the program will continue as normal.

As a result of the DER (Digital Education Revolution) program finishing, the school is considering introducing a BYOD policy in 2014. BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) refers to students bringing a personally owned device into school for educational purposes. A personally owned device is any technology device brought into the school that is owned by a student or the student's family. Examples of BYOD devices are laptops, tablets or smart phones.

We have to move forward with technology in the school and now that DER laptops are no longer available, and many parents are asking what their children can bring to school, we need to make some decisions. This program depends largely on collaboration and communication with parents. Over the next few days the school will email a BYOD survey from www.surveymonkey.com. We would like parents' input into the introduction of a BYOD into Cootamundra High School. The more info, the better.

The link to the survey will be emailed out to parents on Monday 2 December 2013.

GO VENTURE SUCCESS

Ben Jackson and Adam Martin are to be congratulated on the success that they achieved in the Go Venture business simulation organised by Charles Sturt University. Ben and Adam were able to organise the most successful business among the many schools and syndicates who participated in this zone of the competition.



Students were required to learn about the many aspects of running a multi-million dollar business and make decisions relevant to their business. These decisions included how many people they would employ, their salary, what would be spent on research and development, marketing and whether to concentrate their sales in Australia or to branch into overseas markets, the retail price of their product and the profit margin. The simulation mimics the tough decisions that need to be made in the world

CALENDAR**Week 9, Term 4**

Mon, 2 Dec	Years 9/10 Excursion, Canberra
3—5 Dec	Year 11 Geog Kosciuszko excursion
Wed, 4 Dec	Year 6 into 7 orientation
Thurs, 5 Dec	Recognition Assembly & BBQ
Fri, 6 Dec	CHS Award morning tea

Week 10, Term 4

9-13 Dec	Year 10 work experience
Wed, 11 Dec	Years 7/8 Excursion, Jamberoo
Fri, 13 Dec	Year 11 Excursion, Canberra
	Community Award Morning Tea

Week 11, Term 4

Mon, 16 Dec	Presentation Night (7pm)
Wed, 18 Dec	Last day of term for students
Fri, 20 Dec	Last day of term for staff

of business and represents a valuable learning opportunity for the students.

With each round of the competition the impact of the decisions that the students made were calculated and incorporated into the simulation. Ben and Adam displayed a mixture of flair and skill to win their pool of the competition.

Charles Sturt University generously recognised their performance by the donation of a cheque for \$250.00 which was presented to the acclaim of the school at a recent school assembly.

TASTE OF TAFE

It has been a busy week for Years 9 and 10 students who attended Taste of TAFE Courses. To date, students have acquired First Aid qualifications, become



barista proficient, learned the fundamentals of welding and automotive and gained competencies in Child Studies and Sport and Recreation.

**BRICK AND BLOCK**

Seven students from Years 9 and 10 have been busy learning the art of bricklaying this week and have successfully constructed some herb beds for the TAS Faculty. They have all worked extremely well and impressed their foreman. Thanks must also go to Mr Pepper and the A Team for assisting with the footings and preparation for the project.

**SALT BUSH TOUR**

On Tuesday 17 December, the Supporting and Linking Tradeswomen (SALT) workshop will be visiting Cootamundra High School. Any girls who are interested in a trade career, eg, carpentry, electrician, painting, plumbing, are strongly encouraged to attend. Numbers are strictly limited so interested girls (any age) need to see Mrs Alderman to register as soon as possible. The Workshop is free.



WORK EXPERIENCE

A reminder to Year 10 students that work experience is coming up soon and deadlines for letters to employers were last Friday. By the end of this week phone calls need to be made to arrange interviews. Please ensure you are adhering to your calendars and time lines.

UCanREACH

Canberra University have just released an exciting preparation program designed to assist people in regional NSW to improve their study skills and prepare for university studies.

UCanREACH suits people who have missed out on further study due to personal circumstances and who are now in a position to do so. Any age group can apply, as long as you are over the age of 18.

Upon completion, students will gain a university entrance score.

For further details, please contact Mrs Alderman at school, or Natasha Leonard (VET Program Manager, University of Canberra College).

Email: Natasha.leonard@canberra.edu.au.

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DEFENCE JOBS



Mechanic Recovery

If your passion is four wheel driving and recovering yourself from bogs and ditches, then this exciting job could be for you. There are positions all over Australia and training is provided.

Fuel Specialist

As a Fuel Specialist you'll play a rewarding and integral role supporting ground and air operations, both in Australia and overseas. You'll learn to install, assemble, operate, maintain and recover a variety of fuel equipment in a range of environments.

See www.defencejobs.gov.au/recruitmentCentre/jobsDirectory for more information.

ART CLASS FUNDRAISER FOR GIRL GUIDES

Artist Robyn Wheeler (Wood) - "Robyn's Retreat" - is conducting Children's Art Classes during the school holidays (16 & 17 January) at Guide Hall, Miro Street, Young. Cost is \$25. Phone Kiralee on 0418 446 785 to book.

Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No. 5: Tips for Parents

Going to school is important. It makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children.

- Keep your child home only when they are sick.
- Advise the school of any absence.
- See doctors and dentists after school times.

Friends are important.

- Show an interest in your child's friends
- Invite friends to come and play
- Encourage your child to play with other children.

Helping your child have a happy day at school is important for you and your child.

If you are having difficulties in getting your child to school you should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the problem and ask for help.

The principal may ask a Home School Liaison Officer to contact you for further assistance and advice.



Missing school leaves gaps in your education

Gingerbread House Decorating Class

When: Wednesday 18th Dec 2013, 3:30pm – 5pm

Where: Cootamundra Library

Cost: \$25 per person. Children 8 years +
(afternoon tea provided)

Bookings Essential : 6940 2200



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