



# Cootamundra High School Newsletter

**PRINCIPAL:** Mr Neil Reaper  
**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:** Ms Janine Nelson

**Respect, Responsibility, Excellence**

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

It has been a very busy end of term with students celebrating their highly successful year with reward excursions, merit assemblies and our annual school presentation evening. Congratulations to all who have received an award and achieved to their potential.

On Friday 6 December I was proud to attend the Regional AECG Awards where 20 of our students received awards and were recognized for their achievements in many areas including academic performance, sporting representation and community service.

Award winners were:

Tomas Francis (Encouragement), Jaydon Brinckley (Year 11 Completion), Joshua Chapman (Year 12 Completion), Jade Wilson (Year 12 Completion and Citizen), Makayla-May Brinckley (Year 12 Completion and Citizen), Josh Kite (Year 11 Completion, Attendance), Tristian Manton (Year 11 Completion), Andrew Perrin (Year 11 Completion), Caleb Murer (Year 11 Completion), Tayla Heath (Encouragement), Holly

Meadows (Citizenship), Connor Oslizlok (Citizenship), Kamika Bell (Citizenship), Natasha Maher (Sport), Lance Atkinson (Encouragement), Kiara Wilson (Cultural Participation), Monique Hardy (Attendance, Encouragement), Scott Jackson (Encouragement).

On Friday morning we hosted a morning tea for parents and students to celebrate students achieving the "Cootamundra Community Award". To attain the pinnacle of the welfare scheme a student needs to contribute to all aspects of school life and this level of contribution results in that student being viewed as a role model in the wider school community.

We congratulate students who achieved the Cootamundra Community award in 2014—Joshua Fuller, Kaitlyn Basham, Sarah Stephens, Ben Camilleri, Mitchell Holmes, Jayden Sutton, Elise Rumble, Megan Chau, Joshua Davis, Brianna Edwards, Maddison Baker, Natalie Berg, Mikayla Johnston, Emily Webb, Jessica Edwards, Ben Jackson, Adam Martin, Erin Holder, Andrew Clements, Andrew Hennessy, Danyelle Bailey, Makayla-May Brinckley and Jacob Frilay.

## THANK YOU

This year has been a year of opportunity for students at Cootamundra High school—whether it be academic, sporting, cultural, or in the creative and performing arts, or in leadership—students have taken these opportunities to develop more knowledge, skill and understanding.

In order for students to achieve and participate in these activities, they have had to be supported by



CALENDAR	
Week 11, Term 4	
Wed, 18 Dec	Last day of term for students
Fri, 20 Dec	Last day of term for staff
Week 1, Term 1 (2014)	
Tues, 28 Jan	Staff return
Wed, 29 Jan	Year 7 and Year 11 & 12 extension classes (English & Maths) return
Thurs, 30 Jan	Remaining students return
Week 2, Term 2 (2014)	
Tues, 4 Feb	UOW Discovery Day
Wed, 5 Feb	UOW Discovery Day

staff and parents alike. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated and hardworking teaching staff, our classroom support staff, our SASS staff, our cleaners and our canteen staff—without a team effort we cannot support students and each other in our drive to improve student learning and personal outcomes. Special thanks to our parents, the school's P&C, scripture teachers and volunteers, the Cootamundra AECG and the general community of Cootamundra for their overwhelming support for our students and the school in general. Special mention must be made to the school staff and P&C involved in the redevelopment of the school's front entrance. In particular, many thanks to Mark Forsyth and Cath Alderman.

This year was the final year of our National Partnerships program. This program has allowed the school to engrain many structures that support student learning and improve overall student achievement. Part of the changes we will see in 2014 will be changes in staffing. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the excellent contribution to our whole school and community by Ms Stacey Elliott. Ms Elliott will be returning to Wagga next year. I would also like to acknowledge the dedicated work of Ms Marnie Grogan, who replaced Mr John Green in 2013, as she will be returning to Orange. Mr Green has announced his retirement after many years of dedicated work for the Cootamundra High school community.

### MESSAGES FOR PARENTS

Students' reports will be posted home during this last week of school.

Please ensure children are organised at the start of next year and have the correct supplies for the ENTIRE year (eg, pens, books (including spares), pencils, rubbers, glue and scissors etc).

Please be aware that aerosol spray cans are NOT allowed at school.

### FINALLY—HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS VACATION

In 2014 Staff return to school on Tuesday, 28 January for a School Development Day. Year 7 and Year 11 and 12 extension classes (English and Maths) return on Wednesday, 29 January. The remaining students in Years 12, 11, 10, 9 and 8 will return to school on Thursday, 30 January.

### P&C THANK YOU

Year 10 Industrial Technology Timber would like to thank the P&C for their recent donation of the new drum sander machine.



This machine has greatly improved the quality of our major design projects and has cut down sanding time to almost nothing. This new piece of machinery is being used by students from Years 9 to 12 to improve their projects by sanding boards, panels, sides and lids evenly and to the perfect thickness. Thanks to the P&C, the projects now being produced will be of higher quality and will look outstanding.

Andrew Clement,  
Year 10 Timber student

Following are some of the projects constructed by Year 10 this year.





Andrew Clements—Entertainment unit



Andrew Hennessy—Outdoor bench seat



Benjamin Jackson—Chest of drawers

### YEAR 7 INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM

During Weeks 7 and 8 Year 7 completed an intensive swimming program at the town pool. On the last day of lessons competitions were held for the best belly flop (won by Jordan Galvin) and the best bomb (won by Ellie Aranda and Claire Sellars).



### TRACTOR DRIVING

Students had to load up the extra bricks from brick and block program and take them to the Ag plot—a good excuse to have another go at driving the tractor!



### NAIDOC WEEK ACTIVITIES

During NAIDOC week the school invited David Collins to introduce the students of our school to 'dot painting'—an Aboriginal form of art. A select group of indigenous and non-indigenous students teamed together and are working each week on a large mural for our school. The project should be finished and ready to hang in our hallway early next year.



The students have shown how they can work in a team and respect each other's ideas and input to achieve a great outcome. This project has proved to be time well spent and very rewarding. Watch this space for our end result.

### COOTA HIGH GIRLS SHINE

Cootamundra High and the Shine girls would like to thank the community professionals and our appreciable volunteers for their significant role in the program.

Thanks to Di Fergus, Lyndi Boshoff, Lenore McClintock and Roslyn Berg. Roslyn has been a Shine



volunteer since Shine was lodged in 2008. Cootamundra High and the Shine girls would like to thank and farewell Roslyn. Our best wishes to Roslyn and her family in Melbourne.



The Shine girls would like to thank **Natalie Berg** for helping us with Shine as well as **Nathaniel Jackson** for the excellent photos taken of the girls on graduation day in 2012 and 2013. Best wishes for the future to both of them.

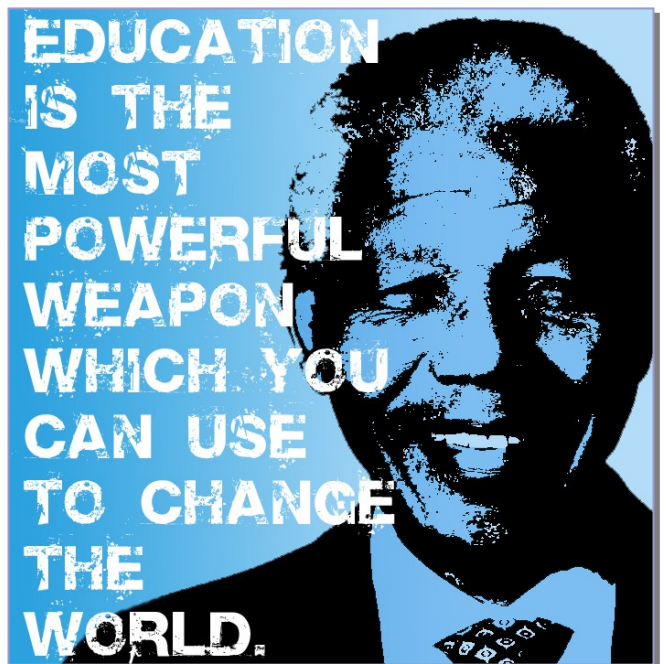


The Shine program has been a highlight for the year 8 girls in 2013.

## MINDMATTERS



Last week in Mindmatters we wrapped up for the year. We looked at some inspirational quotes from Nelson Mandela and examined how they can be applied to our lives. We then completed a simple feedback survey designed to strengthen our Mindmatters lessons next year.



## NEW! COOTAMUNDRA HIGH SCHOOL CAREERS WEBSITE

The school has a new careers website that is soon to be hyperlinked to the both the school's website and intranet. It has a lot of information on it with links to commonly accessed websites that parents and students will find very helpful.

Whilst it is a 'work in progress', parents and students are encouraged to check it out—[www.cootamundrahcareers.com.au](http://www.cootamundrahcareers.com.au).

Feedback and enquiries to Mrs Alderman would be greatly appreciated.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 2014**

<u>Year 7</u>	<u>Year 8</u>
To be elected Term 1 - 2014	Brittany HEFREN Brigette HOLDER Daniel PERRY
<u>Year 9</u>	<u>Year 10</u>
Ebony DAVEY Jarrad HOLMES Sarah STEPHENS	Maddison BAKER Ben CAMILLERI Mitchell HOLMES Jayden SUTTON
<u>Year 11</u>	<u>Year 12</u>
Andrew CLEMENTS Jarrod CHAPMAN Kate COLLINGRIDGE Mikayla LARGE Jessica MEALE Joseph TRINDER	Danyelle BAILEY Ashleigh DEAN Ariah HOLMES Henry HUGHES Maggie JORDAN Nicole KELLEHER Sam MASTERS



Willoughby, Kia Holmes, Nicola Hargraves, Sue Chau and Christopher Warren. Absent are Jacob Frilay, Samantha Lambing, Nathan Camilleri, Karney Chester, Darcy Foster, Ailish Ballard, Nick Ashe, Jade Wilson, Renae Glanville, Josh Chapman, Makayla-May Brinckley, Jonathon Martin. All students have been successful in the early entries university scheme.

Offers covered a wide range of courses, including Degrees in Science, Psychology, Zoology, Education, Arts, Information Technology, Exercise and Sports Science, Health and Rehabilitation Science, Music, Agricultural Science, Environmental Science, Nursing, Stage and Screen, Communications/Journalism and Software Engineering.

Careers Adviser Cath Alderman said it is a fantastic result for the students given the intricate nature of the scheme.

"Early Entry is by no means an easy process," she said.

"In the vast majority of cases, offers are only made after a series of criteria are met by the student. This includes the submission of school reports and marks, resumes, interviews, written recommendations from the Principal and submission of responses to specific questions from the university. The bottom line is that students must be able to demonstrate a willingness and ability to cope with the academic rigour that tertiary education demands. The results were excellent, but of no real surprise. The students prepared themselves well and their submissions were of a very high standard".

The concept of Early Entry has been around for more than 30 years but has recently become very popular as universities come under increasing pressure to compete for places and attract quality clientele prior to the main round offer in January. Nearly every university has an Early Offer Program and some of

**SRC EXECUTIVE**

Tom WORTHINGTON <b><u>Co – President</u></b>	Danyelle BAILEY <b><u>Co – President</u></b>
Sam MASTERS <b><u>Treasurer</u></b>	Ariah HOLMES <b><u>Secretary</u></b>

**UNIVERSITY EARLY ENTRY**

Cootamundra High School Year 12 students have enjoyed a highly successful University Early Entry Program. Successful students are featured in the Cootamundra Herald article below. Congratulations everyone!

**Students get in early**

9 December 2013, 8:43 a.m.

Year 12 students from Cootamundra High School have capitalised on a number of University Early Entry Schemes, clocking up 34 early round offers from universities across NSW and the ACT.

GETTING AHEAD: pictured (from left) are Shaun Liles, Aaron Black, William Barrett, Ashleigh



the incentives, particularly for regional students, are very lucrative.

"Early Entry is a great scheme," Mr Reaper said.

"It gives students peace of mind, the opportunity to plan ahead of their HSC results and the Main Round Offer in January. In many cases, it also gives them more than one university to choose from."

Whilst the majority of offers for Cootamundra High School students were unconditional, around 30% will rely on the student reaching the required ATAR. Christopher Warren remains quietly confident that his conditional entry into Sydney University 'should go to plan' and is set to secure some attractive incentives as a result. Christopher's enviable back up plan is an unconditional offer to the University of Wollongong with a Dean's Scholar attached.

Jonathon Martin has no qualms about reaching his conditional ATAR offer from the Australian National University in Software Engineering (Honours). Jonathon has plans to take advantage of the University's flexibility and defer whilst he completes a gap year.

Jacob Frilay said his successful unconditional entry to Charles Sturt University was due to a number of factors.

"My CSU Work Placement, attendance at the Sydney University National Computer Summer School, my leadership position at Cootamundra High School and good school reports all contributed", he said.

Kia Holmes has three offers to choose from and is in the box seat to pursue her love of Music, and Stage and Screen at Canberra University, ANU or CSU.

Similarly, Makayla-May Brinckley, Nicola Hargraves, Jarrod Chapman and Shaun Liles will have choices to make from the University of Wollongong, ANU, CSU and the University of New England in Armidale.

HSC results will be released on 18 December ahead of January's main round offer for all eligible students.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

A number of Year 10 students were out on work experience last week. Sabrinia Cunningham-Parkes, Holly Meadows-Blundell, William Ingold, Mikalya Large,

Jessica Meale, Charlee McPherson, Emily Kennedy, Chloe Hardy, Alicia Moran-Schneider, Brentton Jackson, Corey Corby, Tenelle Allan, Abbey Gordon, Kate Collingridge, Aaron Wilesmith, Jaimee Blackney and Jessica Edwards.

Placements have covered Young, Cootamundra and Sydney and include childcare, law firms, mechanics, primary teaching, NSW Police, Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre, veterinary clinics, physiotherapy, swimming teaching and metals and fabrication.

Work experience will run for Year 10 in Terms 1, 3 and 4 next year.

## UMAT

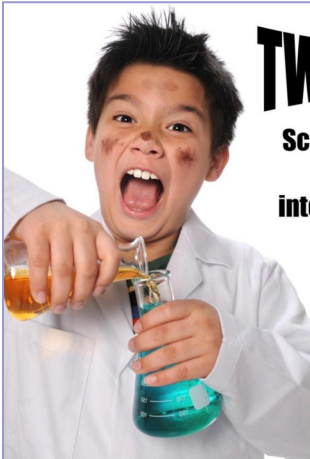
Registrations for UMAT2014 are now open. Students applying for university courses in Medicine or Health Sciences at certain universities need to apply. For further information, see Mrs Alderman or go to <http://umat.acer.edu.au>

## UAC 'HOW TO' AND 'ALL ABOUT YOUR ATAR' GUIDES

These have arrived in the Careers Office and are available for all 2013 HSC students. Copies can also be downloaded from the UAC website [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)

## 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.



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SCIENCE SHOW for school kids 6-12yrs \$5  
Parents FREE

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL (02) 6940 2200

For more science workshops in your region visit [rrl.nsw.gov.au](http://rrl.nsw.gov.au)

Logos for Cootamundra Library, RRL NSW, and other partners.

**"BRIGHT AND HAPPY" MUFTI DAY****THE ARTS CENTRE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM****Week 1**

Date	Class	Facilitator	Time	Ages	Room
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Drama	Emma Jones	10am – 12pm	7+	Theatre
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Tiny Tots	Katrina Winters	10am – 12pm	6-	Art Studio
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Scrapbooking	Merrilyn Jackson	10am – 12pm	7+	Art Studio
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Photography	Carmen Coggan	10am – 12pm	12+	Meeting Room
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Scrapbooking	Merrilyn Jackson	10am – 12pm	7+	Art Studio
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Movie – One Direction	Karla White	2pm – 4pm	All Ages	Theatre
			5pm-7pm Movie & Mocktails	12+	

**Week 2**

Date	Class	Facilitator	Time	Ages	Room
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Drawing	Karen Walsh	10am – 12pm	5+	Art Studio
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Painting	Karen Walsh	10am – 12pm	5+	Art Studio
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Movie – Monsters University	Karla White	10pm – 12pm	All Ages	Theatre
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Photography	Carmen Coggan	10am – 12pm	12+	Meeting Room
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Sculpture	Katrina Winters	10am – 12pm	5+	Art Studio
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Movie – One Direction	Karla White	2pm – 4pm	All Ages	Theatre
			5pm-7pm Movie & Mocktails	12+	

**Week 3**

Date	Class	Facilitator	Time	Ages	Room
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Cake Decorating	Naomi Ismay	10am – 12pm	7+	Meeting Room
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Tiny Tots	Katrina Winters	10am – 12pm	6-	Art Studio
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Sewing	Kim Flaws	10am – 12pm	7+	Meeting Room
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Vacation Care (private class)	Katrina Winters	10am – 12pm	All Ages	Art Studio
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Movie – Backyard Ashes (not part of SHP)		10:30am 7pm		Theatre
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Movie – Monsters University	Karla White	2pm	5+	Theatre
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Printmaking	Katrina Winters	10am – 12pm	5+	Art Studio

Costs are \$25 each class, \$10 for movies and \$15 for Movie and Mocktails

Please call The Arts Centre on 02 6942 4773 for more information and bookings.

**Auditions for Pantomime "Jack and Jill"**

A CCA Production – Singing, dancing, storytelling and FUN!

DIRECTOR: Isabel Scott

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Emma Jones

**WANTED:** Adults and children of all ages

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

❖ 5pm – Children/Primary

❖ 7pm – High School and Adults

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2014**

❖ 5pm – Children/Primary

❖ 7pm – High School/Adults

Rehearsals begin 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Performance dates: 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2014, 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2014.

**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



Heavenly Baked ~ Kristie Furner ~ 0429155699