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Week 6 Term 1

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Principal's Report

Retirement Diner for Mr Mason

On Saturday 25th of February members of staff, colleagues from other schools, and family and community members ventured to the White Ibis to celebrate the extraordinary contribution retiring Principal Garry Mason made to public education.

During his retirement speech Garry briefly outlined his career, his great memories of students, staff and communities. Mr Mason's career traversed the state from Broken Hill to Woolgoolga to Cootamundra.

Mrs Ann Mason has also retired from her position as Science assistant (Young and Cootamundra). Mr and Mrs Mason intend to retire in Cootamundra and are currently holidaying in north Queensland. Many thanks to Mr Geoff Black who put a great deal of effort into organising an enjoyable retirement evening



Mr Mason receiving a retirement gift from Mr Black.

New Technology for Year 9

On Thursday night a large contingent of Year 9 students and their parents attended an informative evening presented by Mr Jason McDonell on the new Lenovo laptops provided to all Year 9 students. These laptops are part of the federal governments Digital Education Revolution and provide students with outstanding technology and associated

PRINCIPAL: Mr Neil Reaper

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Mrs Janine Nelson

software that allows them access at school to an enormous amount of "e learning".

On Tuesday I was lucky enough to visit Ms Vey's English class to see this in action. Students were logged into the school "Moodle server" completing a number of activities associated with their novel of study, "The Diary of Ann Frank".

Mrs Robyn Basham, Hayden Basham, Emily Webb
and Mrs Kathryn Webb
at the Laptop information evening.



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Principal's Report continued...

Staff Training

The last two weeks has seen a number of staff participate in training that has a direct benefit to the educational needs of students. A program called "Mind Matters" will be introduced during the afternoon reading timeslot at the beginning of term two. These lessons will target the development of knowledge and skills in the areas of resilience, self-esteem and personal development.

Seven staff also participated in the 2LS training that targets skill development in the area of teaching and learning with an emphasis on literacy. This training will continue during term 2 and 3 as staff continue to develop educational programs for students that continue to target their educational needs.

Learn4life.

On Friday March 1st Year 11 students completed a study skills seminar day that targeted students developing "Advanced Strategies for Success". In their evaluations students overwhelmingly found this program highly effective and successful.

Student evaluation comments included-" *It was a great help and I will use all of it*", "*Today was really good. It helped me find a new way to study*", "*Today was very good and I learned different techniques that I can use to refine my study*" and "*The creative notes were, most helpful*". Many thanks must go to MS Green for organising such a great day.

P & C Meeting

On Tuesday, February the 26th the first P&C meeting of the year was held in the school library. Business included the further development of the front of the school, a canteen report and an Agriculture report.

The school 'farm club' in conjunction with the P&C will be holding a CAR WASH at the front of the school on Saturday, March 23rd. Cars will be \$10 and 4WD \$15. All money raised will go to the farm club to subsidise the planned visit to the Bendigo show later in the year.

In 2013 the school is developing a number of teams/committees to make decisions for the future

directions of the school. I am looking for P&C members to join these teams and have an input into the school.

A reminder to all that the next meeting of the P&C will be its Annual General Meeting for 2013 and will be held in the school library on March 26th at 7.30pm.

Neil Reaper Principal.



Coming soon....
Stay tuned for further details.

Today's quotes

"It is never too soon to be kind."

"No one ever hurt their eyesight by looking on the bright side."

Calendar of Events

Wk 7	Mon 11 Mar	Regional Swimming - Leeton
	Tue 12 Mar	Boy's Basketball
	Thu 14 Mar	Open Girl's Basketball Yr 11 Geography excursion Yr 12 PDHPE excursion
Wk 8		
Wk9	Mon 25 Mar	Yr 12 English excursion - Wagga
	Tues 26 Mar	Athletics Carnival P & C Annual General Meeting 7.30pm Library
	Fri 29 Mar	Good Friday

Yr 9 Laptops



Yr 11 Study Day



On Friday 1st March Year 11 students participated in a series of workshops entitled:

“Advance Strategies for Success”.

The workshops were presented by Nicola Dingle who has visited Cootamundra High in the past. The overall aim of the day was to increase the students’ awareness of their own study habits and introduce them to easy and effective methods that would assist them during their final two years of study.

The workshops covered topics such as successful revision and study techniques, mind mapping and stress management. Each workshop provided students with practical activities which supported the content of their workbooks.

The students enjoyed the day as shown by these comments:

- *Today was really good – it helped me find a new way to study*
- *The most valuable part was the mind mapping*
- *It was very informative*
- *It was enjoyable and interesting*
- *It was great - I learnt that study wasn't that hard*
- *It was really great, would do it again, I learnt a lot*
- *It was good, fun and helpful*
- *It was entertaining and I learnt a few important things*
- *Today was good – I enjoyed the quizzes and brain teasers*

100% of the students recommend this program to other students.

Congratulations to our Year 11 students. They were positive participants and excellent ambassadors for our school.



Report from Class 7M

Over the past few weeks we have been studying Geography with Ms. Grogan. It has been a blast; we have made *Skull Island* maps which tested our skills and creativity. We have also learnt how to use a compass, how the 16 point compass works, contour mapping and how to use and create a map. We are also learning about Mountains so overall my first year at high is amazing!

-Maddison Horder



In English so far it has been good. We have been learning about persuasive texts. A couple of days ago we played a game and we had to persuade Ms. Grogan to let us go home! We have also learnt how to write persuasively and use similes, alliteration, metaphors and personification. English has been a blast in the last couple of weeks and I can't wait for more learning and to have more fun in English.

-Elli Aranda

In Japanese Culture this week we have been learning about Japanese Girls Day that is on March 3rd every year. I have been enjoying Culture classes and I hope that we do a lot more fun stuff.

-Joe Warner



Girl's Soccer

Last weekend the South West Slopes Under 14's soccer team travelled to Bathurst to compete in the Proctor Cup, the first of three competitions for the season. The team comprised of representatives from Harden, Gundagai and Cootamundra.

Cootamundra High School students made up a significant proportion of the 13 strong squad who met with some tough opposition from Sydney based Premier League teams.

The girls played extremely well, and will be busy preparing for the Branch Titles in Griffith in May, and later on the Champion of Champions.

Other Cootamundra High students who were playing for the Under 16's Bathurst based club, the Western Mariners were Erin Holder, Kya Godbier, Charlee McPherson and Tanealle Eccelston.

Well done girls!



Pictured is Penny Loiterton, Matilda McPherson, Brigette Holder, Shae Godbier and Abby Loiterton.

School Agriculture

Canberra Show February 20th – 23rd 2013

Four months of hard work has paid off, eleven Cootamundra High School students organised four steers and worked hard to help David and Julie Thompson to prepare nine Square Meaters to showcase all of these animals during the Canberra Show.

These students fed, broke these animals in to lead, washed, clipped and groomed these animals to be prepared on showday. The students involved included Chloe Waters, Jessica Dodwell, Hayley Mitchell, Jaimee Blackney, Abbey Gordon, Jessica Edwards, Mitchell Coleman-Hardy, Brendon Schade, Louise Raleigh, Azelyn Collins and Kaede Nicka. These students worked tirelessly over the course of the show and were a credit to their parents, the school and are a credit to the Agriculture industry.



The steers were judged on the Hoof and Hook competition and were placed 2nd and 5th in the Schools Medium Domestic Class with 'Messi' and 'Jaffa' respectively. These two steers went on to be placed 4th and 6th on the Hook with 26 in this class overall. The Hook competition also included non- school entries. These steers were bred by Mr Clint McInnes and donated to the school for the students to have opportunities in this aspect of Agriculture.

Our other two steers, 'Darcy' and 'Orlando' were donated to the school by Mr Graham Butt who also transports animals to shows that the students attend. These steers were not placed on the hoof section and were placed 12th and 24th in the hook class respectively.

Students also competed in the handlers section and Junior Judging; with Hayley Mitchell receiving a Highly Commended ribbon in the 17 Years for Handlers and Azelyn Collins receiving 4th ribbon in Junior Judging for the 14 years and under. Great Efforts!!

We wish to thank David and Julie Thompson for their ongoing support and loan of animals to show for this team to continue. We also thank the Cootamundra Retirement Village for the loan of the minibus to transport the students to Canberra and Mr Mark Forsyth for volunteering his time to drive and help supervise these students.

School Agriculture



Hayley
Mitchell
receiving a
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Athletics Carnival Information

<u>ATHLETICS CARNIVAL ROTATIONS</u>										
Session Time	12/13G	12/13B	14G	14B	15G	15B	16G	16B	17G	17B
8.50 – 9.10	Roll Call									
9.15-9.45	HJ	100	TJ	400	SP	200	LJ		800	D
9.45-10.15	D	HJ	100	TJ	400	SP	200	LJ		800
10.15-10.45	800	D	HJ	100	TJ	400	SP	200	LJ	
10.45-11.15		800	D	HJ	100	TJ	400	SP	200	LJ
11.15-11.45	LJ		800	D	HJ	100	TJ	400	SP	200
11.45-12.15	200	LJ		800	D	HJ	100	TJ	400	SP
12.15-12.45	SP	200	LJ		800	D	HJ	100	TJ	400
12.45-1.15	LUNCH									
1.15-1.45	400	SP	200	LJ		800	D	HJ	100	TJ
1.45-2.15	TJ	400	SP	200	LJ		800	D	HJ	100
2.15-2.45	100	TJ	400	SP	200	LJ		800	D	HJ
2.45-3.10	Relays – divisions: 12/13yrs, 14/15yrs & 16/Opens (all students not competing are to be seated inside the fence, trackside supporting their houses)									
3.20	Presentations (grassed area in front of recording table)									
CODE	D - Discus		LJ – Long Jump			HJ – High Jump		TJ – Triple Jump		
	SP – Shot Put		100, 200, 400, 800 metres						# - BOYS ONLY	
Blank spaces indicate a rest session – age groups are to remain together, under the supervision of group supervisors. At this time encourage toilet, drinks and snacks, reapplying sun block & ensuring areas are clean.										

Careers Information Please see the Careers Advisor for further information



Australian National University

DATE

Friday 17 May

TIME

8.30am - 3.00pm

LOCATION

Ian Ross Building 31, North Road
The Australian National University
Canberra ACT 0200

COST

The program is free, but students will need to arrange transport to and from ANU.

REGISTRATION

To register for this program please visit cecs.anu.edu.au/getset



GET SET 2013
GIRLS IN ENGINEERING
& TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM



Australian National University

Engineering and Computer Science School Workshops

The ANU college of Engineering and Computer Science offers many on campus workshops in a range of disciplines that will excite and educate students.

Workshops are run in the disciplines of mechatronics, solar energy, biomedical engineering, artificial intelligence, programming and much more.

Our on campus workshops are a great opportunity for students to get out of the classroom, get involved in teamwork and hands-on projects, or learn more about an area of interest.

What is GET SET?

The Girls in Engineering and Technology program - GET SET, is designed for female students in Years 11 and 12, who wish to explore an education and career pathway in engineering or computing.

GET SET is hosted by the ANU College of Engineering and Computer Science. It is a free, fun-filled day of non-competitive activities including design, test and build tasks.

You will explore many disciplines including solar energy, robotics, artificial intelligence, programming, and workshops from Engineers Without Borders.

Our program is sure to get you thinking creatively and working in teams.

Careers Information

Charles Sturt University (CSU) All the news from CSU

PSA Roadshow

CSU's Prospective Student Advisers (PSAs) have hit the road for 2013 with a full schedule of school visits and career expos throughout regional and metropolitan NSW and Victoria. The PSAs will visit about 200 secondary schools this year and speak with about 65,000 prospective CSU students. A typical school visit will involve a presentation by the PSA focusing on topics such as choosing the best post-secondary option, graduate employment rates and starting salaries, and what to expect from university life, as well as providing more information about the range of courses available at CSU. PSAs can answer the practical questions about how much university studies cost, how to access financial support and what facilities and services are available to students. They will also address the application process and early entry schemes. Read more here: www.csu.edu.au/for/career-advisors/how-we-can-help/visit-your-school.

MyDay

The 2013 MyDay program begins in March, providing opportunities for high school students who have expressed an interest in a particular area of study to hear about courses from the relevant course coordinators or academics. MyDays are designed to give students a taste of living and learning on campus at CSU, as well as information about the opportunities and support CSU offers to help them achieve their goals. The MyDay program for March includes Oral Hygiene and Health Sciences, Exercise and Sports Sciences, Nursing and Paramedics, Business, IT, Arts, Psychology, and Social Work at CSU in Wagga Wagga, Bathurst and Albury-Wodonga. For the full 2013 schedule and registration details visit www.csu.edu.au/go/myday.

Open day every day

Can't wait until the end of the year to take a look at your nearest CSU campus? We can help.

CSU's **open day every day** campus tour program provides personalised tours any working day of the year. The tours are run by current students who can show you on campus accommodation options, student amenities, lecture theatres, sporting facilities and more. We can also arrange for you to meet academic staff so you can ask any course-specific questions you might have. Just visit www.csu.edu.au/campustour or call 1800 334 733 to book your free tour today. For a virtual tour of your preferred campus visit www.csu.edu.au/about/locations/virtual-campus-tours.

Connect with CSU

CSU has a variety of ways students entering their final years of school can connect with us. Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/charlessturtuni or keep up with the latest news from the University via our Twitter account @CharlesSturtUni. Our friendly student advisers are available on 1800 334 733 or you can visit www.csu.edu.au/contacts to make an online inquiry.

Lattitude Global Volunteering



Applications are now open for 2014 placements with Lattitude Global Volunteering. Lattitude (formerly Gap Activity Projects) is the original gap year organisation, having supported thousands of young Australians on worthwhile and challenging placements for over 40 years.

We are seeking volunteers for a wide range of placements in Europe, The Americas, Africa and Asia/Pacific. See the Lattitude website for more details.

[Www.lattitude.org.au](http://www.lattitude.org.au)

Careers Information

Media Release

Adrian Piccoli MP

Deputy NSW Nationals | Minister for Education
Member for Murrumbidgee

INATIONALS
for Regional NSW

4 March 2013

ENROLLED NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE MURRUMBIDGEE LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT

Education Minister and Member for Murrumbidgee Adrian Piccoli and Health Minister Jillian Skinner yesterday announced 350 fully-funded scholarships for the Diploma of Enrolled Nursing program, with a guaranteed job offer at a NSW public hospital upon completion of the course.

"It is great news for the Murrumbidgee, as the government has subsidised 17 placements for people who will be trained at Riverina TAFE, Griffith campus," Mr Piccoli said.

"I took a personal interest in this program given the trouble we have had attracting Nurses to our area and I have long campaigned for the importance of local training for local people.

"This is the best way of staffing local people in our local hospitals into the future.

"The graduates will then join the many hard-working nurses on wards in hospitals throughout the Murrumbidgee Local Health District.

"This Government understands how difficult it can be to find nurses in rural and regional NSW so it's great that almost 150 of these scholarships will be available to assist nurses working in hospitals outside of Sydney.

Scholarship applications are now open and close March 22, 2013. Successful scholarship applicants will commence the TAFE course from May 2013. The course duration is 12 -18 months.

Nursing & Midwifery



Enrolled Nursing Scholarships 2013

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

NSW Health in partnership with the Department of Education & Communities and TAFE NSW is offering scholarships for the Diploma of Enrolled Nursing program at education providers across NSW.



Scholarships will cover full payment of course fees for the *Diploma of Enrolled Nursing*. In addition, there is a guaranteed offer of a job at a NSW public hospital upon completion of the course. Selection for the scholarship is a competitive process that will include a written application and interview.

Successful applicants will commence the course between May 9 - June 30 2013.

Course duration: 12 - 18 months.

The application process includes a written application and interview and may require a literacy and numeracy assessment.

Successful applicants will also be required to:

- undergo Criminal Record Check and immunisation
- meet the physical and psychological work placement requirements
- undergo a Working with Children Check
- provide two written references

Please note that consideration will be given in the selection process to applicants from socioeconomic disadvantaged groups (full details on website):

Applications close March 22, 2013

To find out more about what being an Enrolled Nurse involves, and for an application package, visit: www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing

Scholarships

2013 Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled Nursing)

Wagga Wagga Careers Advisers Association

Gap and Exchange Expo

WHEN: Tuesday 26th March 2013

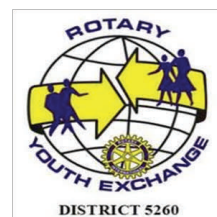
WHERE: Wagga City Council Chambers

TIME: 6pm to 8pm

WHO SHOULD COME: Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 that are interested in student exchange, volunteering overseas or undertaking GAP exchange programs.

COST: \$2

PRESENTERS: Lattitude Global Volunteering, Camp America, Projects Abroad, Charles Sturt University, Peru Challenge, Lions Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Exchange.



Community Notices

Cootamundra Shire Council Community Consultation 2013

As part of the long term planning process to ensure Cootamundra Shire continues to be a great place to live Council is conducting a series of community consultations. The aim is to identify existing constraints and potential improvements to infrastructure within the Shire.

We invite you to attend the consultation. Council highly values the contribution people make in the community and will likewise value your participation in this session.

The session details are as follows

Mon 18 March	Cootamundra Town Hall	7.30pm to 9.30pm
Tues 19 March	Wallendbeen Memorial Hall	7.30pm to 9.30pm
Wed 20 March	Stockinbingal Hall	7.30pm to 9.30pm
Thur 21 March	Cootamundra Town Hall	7.30pm to 9.30pm

Your attendance would be warmly welcomed, all ages are encouraged to attend.

Light refreshments will be provided. For catering purposes would you kindly advise of your attendance to Julie Manwaring on 6940 2118.

Representation will ensure you have an opportunity to influence the future development of our Shire.

Ken Trethewey
General Manager
Cootamundra Shire
Council



Tumut Easter Bazaar

Good Friday March 29
Easter Saturday March 30
at Boys Club Hall
(next to Ambulance Station)

9am to 4pm both days

Free Entry

Great Bargains

Craft, Pottery, Antiques, Collectibles, Books, Clothing, Toys,
Jewellery, Baby wear, Hats, Handbags, Cement Ornaments,
Tools, Kitchenware, Plants, Fruit, Jams, Cakes and
Lots and Lots More

B.B.Q. Tea and Coffee

For further information

Phone: 02 4232 2337 or 0419 427 801

Cootamundra Town Tennis Club



Coaching lesson - Starting from 5 yrs and up
Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons
from 3.30pm to 6pm
Group lessons or private lessons

Tuesday night mixed A / B grade tennis competition
starting Tuesday 12th March.

Tennis court hire

Key is located at the Caltex Service Station in Hovell Street.

For more information there is a sign at the front gate of the tennis club house or call Wayd Millar 0419 254 793

Community Notices

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – *have you?*



If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive \$410 a year for each primary student and \$820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don't have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children's education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old.

1-2-3 Magic® & Emotion Coaching

A program for parents and carer's;

Tuesday 9th April

9:00am – 3:00pm

Stephen Ward Rooms
Cootamundra Library



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

Learn:

- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- How to sort behaviour
- How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- Choosing your strategy, the three choices
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Parents will receive:

A 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Workbook

Bookings are essential so please contact

Stacey at Mission Australia on 6942 8001 or taylors@missionaustralia.com.au

A light lunch will be provided

This course is being run by a ParentsShop® licensed practitioner: www.parentshop.com.au



Mission Australia



The next meeting of the Cootamundra Local AECG will be held at 4.30pm on

Thursday 14th March 2013

in the Steven Ward Rooms at the
Cootamundra Library
Wallendoon Street, Cootamundra

Community Notices

Cootamundra Junior Soccer Registration day



Come and join in for another fun filled soccer season

Calling all boys and girls 5yrs – 15yrs (turn 5 before 1st Dec 2013)

WHEN: Saturday 9 March 2013

Time: 9am – 12pm

Thursday 14 March 2013

4 pm – 6pm



Where: Outside Sportscene Cootamundra

Please note: for all children 10 years and over who wish to register must bring a passport sized photo or smaller along with them for registration.

All new players must bring with them their birth certificate or passport.



Costs: 1st Child - \$55
2nd Child - \$55
3rd Child - \$45
4th Child - FREE!



You receive a free ball with each registration

For further information please feel free to contact Ray Godbier 0419123508 or Ian Armstrong 0400038558 or check us out on facebook or email cootajuniorsoccer@gmail.com

Co-Opera presents

THE REVENGE of the BAT

Die Fledermaus
JOHANN STRAUSS

the Tin Shed Theatre
COOTAMUNDRA ARTS CENTRE
MONDAY APRIL 1st 2013 at 7.30pm
Tickets \$65 (\$45 student conc) from Deeps or phone Leigh on 0269424575 ALLOCATED SEATING

BAR OPEN 7pm

Sports Crazy Camp



Date: Mon 15 to Fri 19 April 2013

Time: Camp commences at 12 midday on Monday and concludes at 12 midday on Friday.

Venue: Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre (25km east of Wagga Wagga)

Age: 10 – 13 years (boys and girls)

Cost: \$295 (includes GST)

Transport: Own transport is required

Program number: 0062400

Make new friends, try new things and discover your hidden talents!

Join us on a five day fun-filled camp where you'll try a range of sports and activities that provide loads of fun for the April school holidays.

Our qualified coaches and instructors will make sure you get the most out of this fantastic holiday camp. All sports and activities are tailored for boys and girls and are guaranteed to provide loads of fun.

To enroll or request more information please call **13 13 02** or visit

<http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/borambola/kidscamp.asp>