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Principal's Report

Parents and Citizens Association

The P&C play an important role in any school community and on the 26th of March Cootamundra High School P&C held the annual general meeting. Many thanks to the parents and citizens who attended and congratulations for all those elected as office bearers for 2013.

President: Sharron Large
Vice President: Robyn Holder
Secretary: Juanita Dean
Treasurer: Chris Manwaring
Assistant Treasurer: Mark Forsyth

Mufti and Mind Matters

On Friday the 23rd of March the School Representative Council (SRC) ran a mufti day to raise money for charity. This successful day was also supported by staff who either came to school wearing hats or in 'school uniform'. A few detentions were handed out to staff who were not quite in uniform!! This fun day activity also supports and promotes "Mind Matters" which is a personal and mental health awareness program. Lessons on "Mind Matters" will be introduced through "reading time" in term two. Many thanks to Mr Black and his team for putting this together.



Students' Mufti day was supported by some brave teachers going back to school uniforms.

PRINCIPAL: Mr Neil Reaper
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Mrs Janine Nelson



Mufti Day for students and
Hat and School Uniform day for the teachers.

Left to right:
Erin Holder, Miss Dunn, Mikayla Large,
Miss Willoughby, Taylah Storrier and Mrs Lonnen.

ANZAC Day

An important day in Australian culture comes our way on April the 25th. The school will be holding a special assembly for ANZAC Day next Thursday. The Cootamundra Community will hold its

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traditional ceremonies, including the ANZAC Day march, two weeks later during the school holidays. Members of the school SRC and staff will be participating in the march and I would like invite any student who would like to march as part of Cootamundra High representation to attend, in full uniform and participate with other members of the school community.

Term 2 School Development Day

Monday the 29th April will be a school development day for all staff at Cootamundra High. Staff will be completing training and curriculum development in the new National Curriculum areas for its implementation in 2014 and 2015.

As this is the last newsletter for Term 1 2013, I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable end of term holiday. All students are to return to school on Tuesday, 30th April.

Neil Reaper (Principal)

Calendar of Events

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| Wk 11 | Tue 9 Apr Thur 11 Apr Fri 12 Apr | Recognition assembly and BBQ Anzac Day Assembly Last day of term |
| Term2 Wk 1 | Mon 29 Apr Tue 30 Apr | Staff Development Day Students return to school |
| Wk 2 | | |
| Wk 3 | Tue 14 May | Naplan tests - Yr 7 and Yr 9 (Tuesday to Thursday) |



Today's quote

A problem only grows when left unsolved.

Athletics Carnival Age Champions

Left to right:

Top row: Sarah Stephens, Joshua Kostrubic, Wayne Parker, Alecia Slavin, Ben Camilleri, Caitlin Slavin and Nathan Camilleri

Bottom row: Daniel Perry, Monique Dawson, Charlee McPherson, Nicola Hargraves and Haydn Cowled.



Athletics Carnival



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School Library



The school library is an integral part of the learning and teaching curriculum at Cootamundra High School and is always enriching the HSIE programs. This term, being a term of Geography, Year 7 have spent much time with their HSIE teachers and Mrs Cunningham in the library learning about mountain environments and the important life skill of researching effectively. HSIE students and teachers would like to thank Mrs Cunningham for her time and expertise.

The “A Team”



The members of the A-Team (Cootamundra Assistance Team) have been busy doing jobs around the school that involve a bit of hard work and commitment from the team.

Some of jobs they have been doing are cleaning up and unscrewing boards down near the canteen area, putting up new whiteboards in the Support Faculty and also putting new blinds up in the Maths staffroom.

This team has been made possible with the assistance of Mrs Alderman, Mr Pepper and Mrs Meadows.

Without Mrs Meadows and Mr Pepper it wouldn't be run and organised as well as it is.

The A-team is a team that anybody interested can join and learn to work together as a team and use some of the skills they learn in the future for things both inside and outside of school.

We are actually looking for people that would like to join A-team which involves building,



construction work, administration, running a business and lots of other different things.

If you are interested please see Mrs Alderman or Mr Pepper.

By Kamika Bell - Administrative and Publicity Officer

Pictures:

Some of the recent activities - removal of furniture no longer in use to improve the feel of space and tidiness within the school.



Australian Geography Competition

Year 10, 11 and 12 Geographers compete in the Australian Geography Competition

Last week our senior Geography students took part in the opening round of the 2013 Australian Geography Competition for the chance to represent Australia in two international geography contests.

Over 75,000 students from all around Australia have entered the competition, which is organised by the Australian Geography Teachers Association and the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland.

Outstanding students aged 14 or 15 years old are in the running for a place in the Australian team to go to the National Geographic World Championships to be held in St Petersburg, Russia, in July.

Two senior students from NSW will be selected to take part in Geography's Big Week Out in Sydney later this year. From that event, Australia's team will be chosen for the 2014 International Geography Olympiad in Krakow, Poland.



Australian Competition coordinator Ms Kath Berg said that representing their country in an international geography contest was a fantastic experience for a student.

"It's not just going overseas without their parents" said Ms Berg. "It's making friends with likeminded students from all over the world that is the enduring highlight for our team members."

"The Australian and international competitions help enthuse students about geography, and we need young people to want to study geography. The structured way of understanding the world that geography gives us is vital if we are to develop sustainable responses to issues such as climate change, food security, land degradation or population shifts," said Ms Berg.

Cootamundra High School traditionally does well in this competition, highlighted by Sarah Godman, one of our 2012 Year 12 students, representing Australia in the International Geography Olympiad in Germany in August last year.

We look forward to this year's results.

G. Black (Keen geographer and Head Teacher HSIE)

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program



Cootamundra High School



Thank you to everyone who supported the "2012 Earn and Learn Campaign".

Your stickers allowed us to purchase much needed equipment for our school.

Cootamundra High School is again participating in this great campaign.

Please send in your completed sticker sheets and stickers or put them in the CHS box at Woolworths.



Some of the school equipment we received from the "2012 Earn and Learn Points"



Community Notices

Triple P Parenting Group

4 Session Program;
Thursday 2nd May
Thursday 9th May
Thursday 16th May
Thursday 23rd May
(Follow up session TBA)

10am to 12:30pm

Stephen Ward Room 1
Cootamundra Library



- For parents of children up to 12 years
- Create a stable, supportive, harmonious family environment
- Deal positively, consistently and decisively with problem behaviour
- Take care of yourself as a parent
- Learn clear and simple strategies to turn problems around

Bookings are essential so please contact
Stacey at Mission Australia on 6942 8001 or
taylors@missionaustralia.com.au

Coffee & Tea will be provided

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Mission Australia

YOUTH WEEK 2013

Cootamundra Sports Stadium

Friday 12th April 2013

Disco 6pm - 8pm

Supervised

by Basketball Assoc.

FACE PAINTING



Infants & Primary 4pm-6pm
High School 6pm-8pm

Sausage Sizzle \$2

BALLOON MAKING



\$1 per turn

CASH CUBE



BUNGEE RUN



Sponsored by



Education & Communities

Disco

Cootamundra Sports Stadium
Friday 12th April - 6pm to 8pm

Kinder to Year 8

\$5 per person

BBQ and drinks available to purchase.

Fully supervised by
Cootamundra Basketball Association



Cootamundra Basketball Association
celebrating Youth Week in conjunction with
Cootamundra Shire Council



Group Triple P

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program knows all parents have different needs. That's why Triple P has many different ways to get your parenting help. So you can choose what will best suit you and your family.

Who is this for?

- parents of children birth - 12
- parents of teenagers
- parents of children with a disability (Stepping Stones Triple P)

Triple P can help you

- encourage behaviour you like
- deal with problem behaviour
- become confident as a parent
- be realistic about parenting
- take care of yourself

Is this your family?

Other parents don't seem to have it as tough as you. Your child constantly misbehaves. He rarely does what you want. Your family life is full of anger and tears. There's probably a lot of shouting and your child may even be aggressive – perhaps hitting you, the furniture or his brothers and sisters. In fact, everyday – from breakfast to bedtime – is a battle.

If this sounds familiar, then Group Triple P can help. Group Triple P gives you support to help you manage your child's behaviour and prevent the kinds of problems that make your family life stressful.

Or is this you?

You want to create the happiest home life you can. You may have a few concerns about your child's behaviour – perhaps there's disobedience or you simply want to find out how to set up better routines for mealtimes or bedtimes. Whatever it is, you're very keen to learn more about positive parenting, and how you can apply it to your family. If you're ready for a more in-depth look at the parenting strategies that really work, Group Triple P is ideal.

What happens at Group Triple P?

Group Triple P is a great opportunity to meet other parents in similar situations – other parents who'll support you and share stories with you.

Right from the start, you'll be given tips and suggestions to suit the needs of your family. You'll see scenes from the *Every Parent's Survival Guide* DVD, which will show you how the ideas work in real life. And your workbook will give you the tools and information you need to start positive parenting straight away at home. Your Triple P practitioner will guide you every step of the way and even provide backup phone support as you put your new skills into practice.

How long does it take and how big are the groups?

There are no more than 12 parents in a group session. Each session lasts no more than two hours at a time. All up, you'll attend five (5) group sessions – the first four should give you the tips you need to start positive parenting.

Then, you'll have three weeks to practise Triple P at home. But you won't be left to do it all on your own. Your Triple P practitioner will call you every week at a set time to find out how you're going and offer advice if you're having any trouble. Those calls will last about 15 minutes.

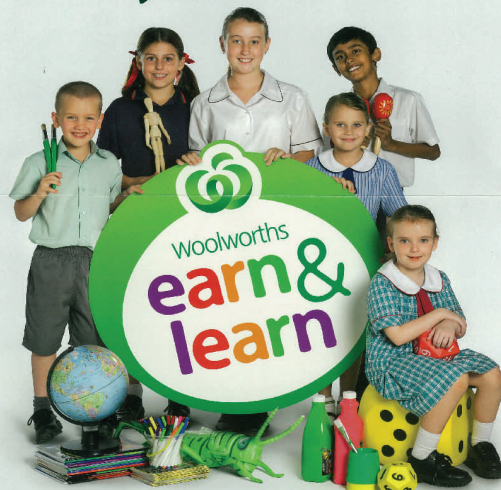
Finally, you'll meet up with your group and Triple P practitioner for one last session. This is a chance to go over any problems you may still have – and to congratulate yourself on how far you've come!

www.triplep.net

Community Notices



It's back and easier than ever to get great stuff for your school!



Collect stickers today at your local Woolworths.

Debutante Dress

Beaded bodice with shoe string straps.

Size 10 however it laces up the back so it could fit size 12.

If interested contact the Support Staff at Cootamundra High School.

Phone: 02 6942 2711



gonski factsheet



Why governments must act on Gonski

Schools across the nation would benefit

The Gonski Review found Australia is investing far too little in schools and that the way the money is currently being distributed to schools is inefficient, ineffective and unfair.

It recommended \$6.5 billion a year in additional funding be targeted towards addressing student needs. The biggest beneficiaries would be public schools, which would get at least 75 per cent of the money.

More funding would make a difference in the classroom

Funding increases would vary school-by-school according to need, but the average increase in public schools would be over \$1,500 per student per year. That's enough to pay for 7 extra teachers in a school with 500 students.

More teachers would mean smaller class sizes and more individual attention for students.

Funding could also be used for new programs, teacher training and to better assist students with disabilities or special needs.

The need for change is urgent

Funding shortfalls are stopping too many students getting the education they deserve.

Half of all principals say that resource shortages are affecting the teaching of the basics such as reading, maths and science. These can be a lack of appropriately trained teachers, a lack of textbooks or library books, or even calculators. Too many students are at risk of falling behind.

What now?

State and territory leaders are yet to sign up – help us make sure they do! The Federal Government is onboard with Gonski but all governments must commit to paying their share of the extra money. A deal needs to be done by April this year so new funding arrangements can start in 2014.

You can make a difference.

The support of tens of thousands of teachers and parents across Australia helped convince the Federal Government to act on Gonski. We need to keep the pressure up until all our political leaders (Labor and Liberal) are onboard.

Register your support for better funding today at
www.igiveagonski.com.au

Authorised by Susan Hoggood, Federal Secretary, Australian Education Union
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2013 HOLIDAY DEVELOPMENT CAMP



Monday 22nd – Wednesday 24th April 2013

Specialist coaching catering for all skill levels of players 12 to 16 years.

All players receive:-

- Top class coaching and instruction from NRL Development Staff, guest coaches and the opportunity to meet current NRL players (subject to availability).
- Dormitory room accommodation with dining, recreation, video, seminar rooms and use of the Borambola Camp's facilities
- All meals from dinner Monday to lunch Wednesday
- 2 nights' accommodation, CRL Football, 1 training shirt, Cap, Water bottle, Camp Photo and Certificate of Attendance

The Camp cost is \$220.00. There are no additional costs and the three-day camp provides the players with an invaluable Rugby League experience they will always remember. Throughout the duration of the camp, players will follow a carefully balanced program designed to promote skill development, sportsmanship, fun and enjoyment. All players are fully supervised throughout the duration of the camp by trained NRL Staff and NSW Sport and Recreation Staff.

For further information, email:

dskinner@crlnsw.com.au

[or register online](http://www.bidgeebulls.leaguenet.com.au)

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