



Cootamundra High School Newsletter

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COOTAMUNDRA A TEAM

Last Thursday evening saw the official DVD launch of the Cootamundra A Team. The Cootamundra Arts Centre hosted a large crowd of parents, carers, friends, students, staff and community members who were entertained by two excellent films the Team created last year in a week long workshop.



The Re-engagement Centre provided an excellent supper and the evening was sponsored by Campbell Page Youth Connections. It was a great success and a credit to the students and parents involved in the Team.



RIVERINA CHAMPIONS

Last Thursday the Cootamundra High School Open Boys Squash Team became Riverina Champions, after defeating Leeton and Albury in the finals.

Number 1 and 4 seeds, Joseph Trinder and Kobi Bradshaw, outclassed both their rivals in 3 games. Second and third seeds, Matt Reid and Nathan Camilleri, held on in a couple of tough matches to add enough games to Cootamundra's tally for a substantial victory.

CALENDAR

Week 7, Term 2

Thurs, 13 June	Bright Star Café CSU Visit—Years 11 & 12
Fri, 14 June	Regional Cross County Ag Enrichment Day, CSU

Week 8, Term 2

Tues, 18 June	Wagga Tertiary Awareness Day— Years 10, 11 & 12
Thurs, 20 June	Recognition Assembly & BBQ UTS talks—Years 11 & 12
Fri, 21 June	PDHPE HSC Study Day, Wagga

Week 9, Term 2

Mon, 24 June	Year 9 Careers EXPO, Young
Tues, 25 June	P&C (7.00pm in the library)
Thurs, 27 June	Year 12 Business Studies Study Day
Fri, 28 June	Year 12 Legal Studies Study Day Last Day of Term 2



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The boys now progress to the Combined High Schools State Championships to be held in Dapto in August. Congratulations boys!



MENTAL HEALTH FORUM

On 4 June students Tom Worthington (Year 11), Danyelle Bailey (Year 11), Mathew Angel (Year 10), Sophie Manwaring (Year 10) and Holly Meadows (Year 10) attended the 2013 Youth Mental Health Forum. The forum was aimed to promote awareness about mental health issues and to remove the stigma commonly placed upon the topic and those affected.



During the course of the day the students had the privilege of hearing the personal accounts from individuals affected by mental health, as well as mental health professionals who are available for people to access.



We also had the opportunity to participate in various activities throughout the day to re-engage attention and we also developed an action plan to implement at our school to promote mental health awareness and the services available.

CROSS COUNTRY

Cootamundra High School held its annual cross country carnival on Thursday 16 May. Students from all years braved the cold to complete the 4km course. It was an afternoon enjoyed by all involved with good participation and competition. While there were no records broken on the day, the fastest time was Ben Camilleri who completed the course in just 5min 30sec—an excellent time!

The age champions were:

Year	Boys	Girls
12yrs	Daniel Perry	Shelby Nicka
13yrs	Reece Badcock	Brigitte Holder
14yrs	Shawn Delaney	Sarah Stephens
15yrs	Ben Camilleri	Erin Holder
16yrs	Joseph Trinder	Mikayla Large
Opens	Nathan Camilleri	Renae Glanville

Congratulations to Pinkstone who were house champions by 30 points!



The zone cross country carnival will be held in Harden on 31 May. Good luck to all students who will be participating.

NETBALL KNOCKOUT

On 22 May ten girls took part in a netball knockout competition in Young. The girls—all in Years 8 and 9—had to compete against senior teams as our seniors were unavailable to play. The girls had three matches against Young, Gundagai and Temora. The girls, although unable to win, did play extremely well and gained valuable experience against some tough

competition. The girls are already looking forward to the Under 15s knockout to be held in Term 4.



The team consisted of: Maddison Sedgwick, Kiara Wilson, Louise Raleigh, Molly Bowditch, Maddison Baker, Hayley Ormond, Kaede Nicka, Alecia Slavin, Zoe Armstrong and Brittany Ormond.

COUNTRY CUP WIN

A big congratulations must go out to our 15 years Country Cup Rugby League Team. The team won the Northern Riverina division of the state-wide competition played in Cootamundra on Tuesday. The team won 3 out of 3 games—beating Gundagai High School, Hennessy Catholic College and St Anne's Central School (Temora).



Although they performed well below their best, the boys had a comfortable 20-4 win against Gundagai in their first game. The next game against Hennessy was a very tough and close encounter but Coota managed to come away with a close 14-12 win. With their recent history against Temora, our boys were self-proclaimed underdogs for the final against St



Anne's. However, Coota came away with a very strong win with a final score of 38-0.

The team consisted of: Zac Paterson, Kobi Bradshaw, Zac Craw, Ben Camilleri, Jaidyn Campbell, Alec Betts, Jason Cronin, Cody Hotston, Joshua Kostrubric, Travis Sheppard, Reese Wilesmith, Mitchell Coleman-Hardy, Wayne Parker and Jayden Benn.

It is expected that the team will progress through to the regional finals in Wagga to be held during the last week of this term.

Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No. 2: Teaching good habits

It is important for parents to make attending school a priority.

Allowing children days off for birthdays, to look after younger children, to go shopping, to keep you company or because they were tired from a late night, not only sends the wrong message to your child, it is also against the law.

Children who get used to having days off school for these kinds of reasons develop an attitude that their attendance at school is not very important. This can become a big issue as a child gets older.

Teach your children that being on time is important. Children that are often late to school miss the part of the school day when the teacher explains new activities. The beginning of the day is also when many students are freshest and can concentrate better.

Students that are late on a regular basis may become the target for comment by other students and often as a result isolate themselves from their peers.

BUILD A BRIDGE

If you are interested in the camp below, please see the school's Careers Advisor, Mrs Alderman.



build a bridge
... & get over it!

**If you like problem solving,
maths, science & design ...
Then this camp is for you!**

Dates 19, 20 & 21 August 2013

A 3 day Camp at Borambola for students in Years 10, 11 & 12 who are interested in a career in Civil Engineering.

Students compete in teams to design and build a real bridge. Participate in hands-on workshops in laser levelling, soil compaction testing, spatial co-ordinates and surveying plus Borambola's great outdoor activities.

Entries open to all students in the Central Murrumbidgee and REROC areas.

See your Careers' Adviser or log onto www.reroc.com.au for more information or an Application Form

REROC RIVERINA EASTERN REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS
COMPACT COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND ACTION TEAM

A joint project between the Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils and COMPACT

ALL THINGS CAREERS

The next few weeks in Careers is shaping up to be extremely busy. Please take the time to read about the following visits and excursions, particularly students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Year 12 early entry to university

There have been a number of enquiries regarding early entry applications to universities. A detailed note will be mailed home to parents, carers and students when all dates are finalised.

Wagga Tertiary Awareness Day (Tuesday, 18 June)

This day is designed for **Years 10, 11 and 12** students considering Tertiary study upon leaving school. A large number of exhibitors including TAFES, Universities and private providers will be available to speak with the students. Students will also attend a UAC and scholarship session and will have an opportunity to visit the accommodation block at CSU.

Registrations for this event close this Friday 7 June. Please register outside the Careers Office.

CSU visit

Charles Sturt University will be in our school on Thursday, 13 June to speak with **Year 11 and 12** students. Parents are also most welcome to attend. The session will be held in the library from 2.30–3.25pm.

Please see Mrs Alderman if you wish to attend this session.

CSU WARRIAHS health expo

CSU Wagga are holding their 2013 Health Expo on Friday, 26 July at the Wagga Campus.

Please see Mrs Alderman if you wish to attend – it is mainly aimed at Years 11 and 12 students.



WARRIAHS 2013 HEALTH EXPO
FRIDAY
26TH JULY 10am—2:30pm

PHARMACY	ORAL HEALTH
MEDICINE	PHYSIOTHERAPY
NURSING	NUTRITION
NUCLEAR MEDICINE	RADIOGRAPHY
MEDICAL SCIENCE	SOCIAL WORK
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	

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Courses subject to change*

UTS Visit

The University of Technology Sydney will be in our school on Thursday, 20 June to speak with **Year 11 and 12** students. Parents are most welcome to attend. The session will be held in the library from 11.15am–12.00pm.

Please see Mrs Alderman if you wish to attend this session.

Helpful websites for Year 12 parents, carers and students

The Australian Government have provided a number of helpful online resources to help students make informed choices as they prepare to leave secondary school. *My Skills*, *MyUniversity* and the *Study Assist* website are all valuable websites and well worth looking into.