



# Cootamundra High School Newsletter



**PRINCIPAL:** Mr Neil Reaper

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## WELCOME BACK...

Welcome back to Ms Tinnock and Mr Black who have been on long service leave. We also welcome Ms Friel who is here for six weeks as a practicum teacher in PDHPE.

## HSC WRITTEN EXAMS BEGIN

The HSC written exams began on Monday with students completing Part A of the English paper. The HSC written examinations will run over a four week period. Students have already completed all their practical and performance components. We wish all our students the very best in these written exams.

## "YOU'RE HISTORY"

What an amazing show! "You're History" came to life as performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday left the audience spellbound and amazed at the talent of students, staff and community members of Cootamundra High School.



## CALENDAR

### Week 3, Term 4

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| 20—24 Oct<br>Tues, 21 Oct | HSC written exams<br>14yrs Netball Knockout, Wagga |
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### Week 4, Term 4

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| 27—31 Oct<br>Tues, 28 Oct<br>Fri, 31 Oct | HSC written exams<br>P&C meeting (7pm in the library)<br>TAFE PPTW Course—Automotives (Yrs 9-10) |
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### Week 5, Term 4

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| 3—5 Nov<br><br>Fri, 7 Nov | HSC written exams<br>Years 7—8 exams<br>Year 11 VET Work Placement<br>Coota Touch Carnival |
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### CLAIM THE DATES

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| Wed, 12 Nov<br>Mon, 15 Dec | Year 12 Formal<br>Presentation Night |
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fruition in breathtaking performances. A cast and crew of over 50 put in an enormous amount of time and effort—much of it after school and on week-ends.



Congratulations must go to our students who took up the challenge—many of them gracing the stage for the first time. To our orchestra—containing, students, staff and community members—thank you and a job well done. To those students who worked behind the scenes in sound and lighting, costumes and make up, set and stage design, and food preparations—thank you.



To our staff who performed, worked back stage, created sets and costumes, promoted and publicised “You’re History”, and provided supper for our audience—thank you for a job well done. Special thanks and congratulations must go to our Director—Ms Pinney, our Producer—Ms Taylor, and our Musical Directors—Mr Perry and Mr Forsyth.



The success of “You’re History” was seen in the faces and excitement of students at the end of each performance. The natural high shown by all cast and crew was a sight to behold.

We look forward to our next musical in 2016.



## MEMORIES AND OLD TIMES

The October long weekend saw two groups of ex-students attend reunions and, of course, visit their old school. The “turning 60” 1972 group toured the school on Saturday and the 1974 student group had a Sunday morning brunch (provided by the P&C) and tour. Many a story was told on the walk through the school—some great memories surfaced and a few stories (that no doubt the grandchildren will never hear.





Leonie Baldwin (nee Crowe) has been the instigator in developing a pictorial book based on the 1972 crew. This hard cover book can be ordered by contacting Leoni by email at leoni6@bigpond.net.au or by phoning 0448 723 138.

Last weekend the 1973-75 student group also had a reunion and toured the school.



### GOOD LUCK!

We wish Michaela Webb, Alyssa Armstrong, Shae Godbier, Brigette Holder and Matilda McPherson all the best for the Grand Final of the U14s Girls Soccer Champion of Champions Tournament to be held in Sydney this Sunday.



The girls form part of the South West Slopes Soccer team who were victorious over Marrickville last weekend—scoring in the last 30 seconds of the game.

### CAMEMBERT CHEESE TRAVELS TO HENTY FOR JUDGING-

Congratulations to all our four teams for creating such superb Camembert Cheeses this year and participating so well in the fun, informative team activities at the 'Big Day Out' judging. Special congratulations to Emily Webb and Georgia Stephenson who were judged as having the winning entry for Cootamundra High School. The judge—well renowned at National level—reported that they would have won a silver medal if being judged in an industry competition.



The Cootamundra High School staff didn't mind that the camemberts were only a silver medal when they tasted them at morning tea on the last day of Term 3! They were most impressed at the appearance, texture and flavour of the camembert cheeses the students had produced. Many checked several times that they had been made by the students and had not been purchased at a delicatessen. Wow—that made our day!



Well done also to Emily Webb for producing our wonderful advertisement promoting the dairy industry and to Raquel Collins for creating the original jingle she sang as part of the advertisement. A great team effort and new respect for the labour intensive process of camembert cheese making. We will never complain how much camembert costs again when you consider how much time and effort goes into producing, brining, turning and ripening the cheese.

Well done to all the teams. A fantastic effort all round. And a big thank you to Dave for driving us to Henty in the bus.

**AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER RECRUITING**

Lance Corporal Natalie Whyte—a soldier in the Australian Army—will be visiting Cootamundra High School on 28 October at 2pm. Natalie would like to meet with our Aboriginal students in Years 9, 10 and 11 and any of their parents who are available to come to the meeting.

Natalie's job is to liaise and mentor Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates and help them secure a rewarding career within the Australian Defence Forces.

The meeting will be held in the Common Room and will start with a cuppa. Natalie will then give us some information and be happy to answer any questions from the students and parents.

**FOUR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS FROM COOTA HIGH TO UTS IN JANUARY**

Four of our students from Year 10 have gained places at the University of Technology summer camp. Kaleb McNally, Kamika Bell, Lance Atkinson and Kobi Bradshaw will be spending two weeks in Sydney in January getting a taste of university life and learning about the work about each of the faculties at UTS.

This is the first time Cootamundra High School students have been offered places at this summer camp and all four are looking forward to learning a lot and having fun.

**SKOOLBAG ISSUES**

With Apple's latest iOS 8 update some of the Skoolbag App functions are not working. Skoolbag is aware of this and are currently updating the App with a new version (the issue does not effect users who are still running iOS 7).

Updates are being submitted to Apple who then take around 5-7 days to approve them. You can expect the update will be ready for download within the next 2-4 weeks.

If you have any more questions, please email Skoolbag at [support@skoolbag.com.au](mailto:support@skoolbag.com.au) for more information.

**FROM THE CAREERS DESK**

The business end of the year has commenced for many students, namely Year 12 who are already through the first week of the HSC examination period.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Year 12 and their parents are reminded that most university and TAFE scholarships are now open and it is highly recommended that you download the application forms and make a start. Scholarships are often unfilled and are not always targeted towards high academic achievements, and for that reason it is certainly worth applying.

**UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION**

Students and parents are reminded that accommodation needs to be arranged for most universities sooner rather than later. Some will require a deposit, however many are refundable so check with your respective institutions on this.

**SCHOOLS RECOMMENDATION SCHEME (EARLY ENTRY)**

A total of 14 students have applied for this and will receive notification of their eligibility from mid to late November from the respective universities. It is important to ensure that preferences are then ordered correctly on the UAC site by midnight on Tuesday, 2 December.

**UOW DISCOVERY DAY**

Expressions of interest are being sought for current Year 11 students interested in attending the annual Discovery Day in Wollongong early in 2015. It is an overnight stay with a minimal cost. All students considering university as an option are strongly recommended to attend and should register their interest with Mrs Alderman.

**UNSW MINERALS SUMMER SCHOOL**

The University of New South Wales is offering the opportunity for students in Years 10 and 11 to explore the Minerals Industry as part of a four day residential school. It will run from 19—22 January, 2015. More information is available from Mrs Alderman.

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

This term will be the last opportunity for Year 10 to do Work Experience, which will run for 8-12 December for most students. Expressions of Interest are due next Friday, 24 October to the Careers Office.



## JOBS FOR THE GIRLS

Increasing women's capacity in the wool industry



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Inviting you to a day showcasing wool industry careers for women. The day will be organised to show young women a variety of careers in the wool industry with demonstrations, hands on activities, and women guest speakers who have careers in wool.

**Who:** Girls year 9 and above, or any young women interested in learning more.

**When:** Friday, 24 October

**Start time:** Registration 8.45am, first session 9.00am

**Finish:** approx. 4.30pm

**What to bring:** Open mind and positive attitude, sensible clothes for manual activities.

**Where:** North Wagga Wagga TAFE Primary Industries Centre, Coolamon Road.

**Contact:** Workshop organiser, Fiona Raleigh, on 0419 097 900 or email fraleigh@bigpond.net.au

**RSVP:** 21 October

## NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK (NOW)



## NOW! Program...New Opportunities for Work

Are you a recent school leaver or young person looking for work?

TAFE NSW Riverina Institute has developed the NOW! Program to help develop your skills for employment.

This short program aims to help you get job-ready in just six weeks.

You will cover a range of topics including resume writing, interview skills, teamwork, dealing with difficult situations, digital literacy and career development.

You will also gain skills in industry areas, including Retail, Hospitality, Automotive and First Aid.

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| Date                    | 20 <sup>th</sup> October – 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2014   |
| Delivery                | Monday – Thursday 9am-3pm<br>First Aid – Friday in October – Date TBA 9am-4:30pm                                      |
| Venue                   | TAFE NSW Riverina Institute<br>G Block, Ground floor, Room 9<br>Wagga Wagga Campus<br>Cnr Macleay and Coleman Streets |
| Cost                    | \$160 (First Aid Certificate Fee)   |
| For further information | Kelly Shaw<br>(Head Teacher – Education Pathways)<br>Wagga Wagga Campus<br>69381390                                   |

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## CULTURAL EXCHANGE

**AFS**  
Intercultural  
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Australia

**Do you have a spare bed?**  
Can you welcome an exchange student into your home as a volunteer host family with AFS?

**Can you host Airi from Japan?**  
Age: 16  
English: Fair  
Interests: Tennis, Playing the piano, skiing and playing the flute  
"I decided to study abroad in Australia because living in different cultures makes me broaden my horizon. I will be able to solve a lot of problems from various perspectives by myself."

**Can you host Rafael from Brazil?**  
Age: 15  
English: Good  
Interests: Traveling, photography, trekking, swimming, walking  
"I'm very curious. I enjoy making new friends and learning about different cultures. I really admire the potential and the life quality of the developed countries, and want to be a part of it."

**Can you host Hanna from Germany?**  
Age: 17  
English: Good  
Interests: Music, dragon boating, swimming, Zumba and cooking  
"I applied because I want to learn about different cultures, meet people from all around the world, make experiences that will stay with me forever, and of course get much better with my English."

Somewhere in another country a young person has the opportunity of a lifetime to come to Australia. Imagine that student becoming part of your family.

Each year hundreds of Australian families volunteer to open their home and hearts to an AFS participant. They are rewarded with precious long-lasting friendships.

On February 6 2015 AFS will be welcoming over 70 students and volunteers from across the globe to experience the Australian way of life and either attend a local high school or volunteer at a local community organisation.

Can your family host one of the above students? If so, we'd love to hear from you!

**For more information on how you can become an AFS Volunteer Host Family please contact the AFS Hosting Team:**  
Phone: 1800 023 982 Email: [aus.hosting@afs.org](mailto:aus.hosting@afs.org)  
Website: [www.afs.org.au/host](http://www.afs.org.au/host)

## ART SCHOLARSHIP

**NATIONAL SUMMER ART SCHOLARSHIP**

**Applications close 31 October 2014**

**APPLICATION CRITERIA:**  
Entering Year 12 in 2015 and interested in the visual arts

**SCHOLARSHIP INCLUDES:**  
Return airfares, accommodation and meals

**PROGRAM OFFERS:**  
Time to explore the national collection, art making workshops, behind-the-scenes tours, how works of art are acquired, exhibitions developed, and the chance to meet your peers from around the nation

**APPLY NOW**

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## FREE PARENTING PROGRAM

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



# 1-2-3 Magic® & Emotion Coaching

Tuesday 18 November

10am—3pm

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or contact Jayne at Mission Australia on 0428 162 559

Tea, Coffee and a Light lunch will be provided  
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Please note child care is not being provided

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## Movies @ The Arts Centre



Austere and old-fashioned almost to a fault, "The Railway Man" offers tastefully safe treatment of a horrific subject: the torture of a British Army officer at a Japanese prisoner of war camp during World War II.

Wednesday 15th October at 10:30am & 7pm  
Sunday 19th October at 5pm

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Courtesy of Roadshow

All tickets \$12

Please be seated at least 5mins prior to start

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## WHAT'S ON AT THE ARTS CENTRE...

Jan Preston  
boogie piano & voice



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FRI OCT 24<sup>TH</sup> 7pm

Bookings @ Arts Centre Ph 69424773



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At the Arts Centre's

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Thursday 30th October  
Friday 31st October  
Saturday 1st November

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Enquiries: Martin Boyle 6943 6252

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