



# Cootamundra High School Newsletter



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## YEAR 11 KOSCIUSZKO EXCURSION

On Wednesday, 3 December the senior Geography class, accompanied by Miss Dunn and Mr Black, embarked on a three-day excursion to explore the alpine ecosystems of Mount Kosciuszko.



Our first area of study involved a visit to the Yarrangobilly Caves where our fieldwork commenced by looking at the differences in the entrance, twilight and dark ecosystems of the caves. Through a tour of the caves we also learnt about the different cave formations such as the stalactites and stalagmites as well as learning about how the caves are managed.



On Thursday we commenced our 13km walk to the summit of Mount Kosciuszko. Along the way we stopped to complete fieldwork, guided by Mr Black who provided us with extensive knowledge about the alpine ecosystem. We also learnt about the different alpine herbfield communities and how humans impacted upon them.

## CALENDAR

### Week 11, Term 4

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| Mon, 15 Dec  | Presentation Night            |
| Tues, 16 Dec | Year 9 End of Year Excursion  |
| Wed, 17 Dec  | Last day of Term for Students |
| 18—19 Dec    | Staff Development Days        |

### 2015 DATES

|               |                                     |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Tues, 27 Jan  | Staff Development Day               |
| Wed, 28 Jan   | First Day Term 1 - Years 7, 11 & 12 |
| Thurs, 29 Jan | First Day Term 1—Years 8, 9 & 10    |



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After several hours through very cold ( $10^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and windy (wind speeds of 46km/hr making the temperature feel like  $7^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) weather we reached the top of Mount Kosciuszko. Luckily on our descent the weather lifted and we were able to fully appreciate the stunning views of the Kosciuszko alpine ecosystem.

Friday was the final day of the excursion and we focused on the management strategies which are used within Kosciuszko National Park to manage the large number of tourists that visit the park every year. In particular, we went and looked at strategies used by the ski resorts, which included visiting Perisher and Charlotte Pass.



The Kosciuszko excursion was part of our HSC unit on ecosystems at risk, and it was a great experience to be able to learn about alpine environments by exploring it first-hand. The excursion was great fun and will definitely help us in the rest of the Geography course.

A very big thankyou to Mr Black and Miss Dunn for organising and taking us on such an awesome excursion!

## YEAR 6 INTO 7 TRANSITION

The school was visited by students from Cootamundra Public, EA Southee, Stockinbingal Public and Wallendbeen Public schools as part of the schools transition to Year 7 program. Students participated in various activities organised by staff giving a taste of high school life next year. Thanks must go out to staff and Year 7 and Year 9 students who guided and informed the Year 6 students. Thank you also to Ann and Yvette in the canteen for supplying food for the first day's visit.



A parent information night was held on 3 December where information about next year was given. Year 9 students guided the parents around the school and also entertained the students and their siblings with a variety of sports.



For parents who were unable to attend the information night, a book pack list can be found at the end of the Newsletter.

We look forward to working with Year 7 in 2015.



## PROUD AND DEADLY AWARDS

Last Friday night at EA Southee we celebrated the achievement of our Aboriginal students at the Cootamundra network 'Proud and Deadly Awards'. Many thanks to EA Southee for their hospitality, Mrs Thelma Rudd (Aboriginal Learning and Engagement Advisor NSW DEC), and congratulations to our many students on their achievement.



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| Lance Atkinson             | Attendance                  |
| Samantha Atkinson          | Encouragement               |
|                            | NAPLAN Academic Achievement |
| Kamika Bell                | Cultural                    |
|                            | Attendance                  |
| Kobi Bradshaw              | Attendance                  |
| Jaydon Brinckley           | Academic Achievement        |
|                            | Attendance                  |
|                            | Year 12 Completion          |
| Codey Bryant               | Year 11 Completion          |
| Maddison Byrne             | Encouragement               |
|                            | Year 12 Completion          |
| Shannon Byrnes             | Attendance                  |
| Corey Corby                | Attendance                  |
|                            | Year 11 Completion          |
| Sabrinna Cunningham-Parkes | Year 11 Completion          |
| Jayden D'Aran              | Attendance                  |
| Jon Francis                | Academic Achievement        |
|                            | Attendance                  |
| Tomas Francis              | Academic Achievement        |
|                            | Attendance                  |
| Harry Hardy                | NAPLAN Academic Achievement |
| Monique Hardy              | Encouragement               |
|                            | Attendance                  |
| Tayla Heath                | TVET/VET Year 11            |
|                            | Attendance                  |
|                            | Year 11 Completion          |
| Brentton Jackson           | Year 11 Completion          |
| Scott Jackson              | Citizenship                 |
| Bryce Jenkins              | Citizenship                 |
|                            | Attendance                  |
|                            | NAPLAN Academic Achievement |
| James Kelly                | Attendance                  |
|                            | Year 11 Completion          |
| Matthew Kelly              | Attendance                  |
|                            | NAPLAN Academic Achievement |

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| Josh Kite              | Attendance                      |
|                        | Year 12 Completion              |
| Bree Lawson            | Attendance                      |
| Kaleb McNally          | Sport                           |
|                        | Attendance                      |
| Ben Maher              | Sport                           |
|                        | Attendance                      |
| Tristian Manton        | Cultural                        |
|                        | Attendance                      |
|                        | Year 12 Completion              |
| Holly Meadows-Blundell | Student Leadership              |
|                        | Attendance                      |
|                        | Year 11 Completion              |
| Connor Oslizlok        | Academic Achievement            |
| Andrew Perrin          | Year 12 Completion              |
| Kobi Russell           | Cultural                        |
| Alex Trevorrow         | Encouragement                   |
| Olivia Urosevic        | Performing Creative Visual Arts |
|                        | Attendance                      |
| Destini Warren         | Attendance                      |
| Shania Williams        | NAPLAN Academic Achievement     |
|                        | Attendance                      |
| Kiara Wilson           | Academic Achievement            |
|                        | Attendance                      |
|                        | NAPLAN Academic Achievement     |



## ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION PROGRAM

On Thursday, 4 December the Year 9 Agriculture class witnessed the artificial insemination (AI) program for the Murray Grey Heffers at school.



A special thanks to Jeff and Heather Bush who visited the school and described and demonstrated the AI process. Everyone who participated would agree that this was an excellent learning experience.

### WEEK 10 ACTIVITIES

During this week we are trialling interest activities for Year 7-10 students in periods five and six. Dance, board games, arts and crafts activities, bush craft and wood and metal work are just some of the activities our students have been involved in. Initial response from both students and staff has been outstanding. Even the old seats in the quad are getting a facelift.



### RIDE 4 JAI



On Saturday, 21 February there will be a Charity Event 'Ride for Jai' to help raise funds to meet goals to help Jai and his family to manage his condition and to provide awareness of Late Infantile MLD (Metachromatic Leukodystrophy).

There are a number of teachers and one of our school captains signed up as '12 hour crazies' to complete the full 12 hours of riding on the day!

If you would like to be a part of this event you can form your own team for the day (which would involve you completing one RPM class on the day), join a team, or sponsor one of our 12 hour riders. For further information or to pick up a team pack please see Mr Gale or Miss Dunn at the high school or speak to Sam or Mark at Come Alive Gym on 6942 3084.

### FROM THE CAREERS DESK

Best wishes to our Year 12 students who will receive their HSC results and ATAR rankings next week. The Careers Office will remain open until Friday, 19 December for appointments. Enquiries after this time can be directed to [catherine.alderman@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:catherine.alderman@det.nsw.edu.au).

### WORK EXPERIENCE

This week sees the close of another Work Experience block. Students have been involved in automotive, teaching, veterinary work, shearing, physiotherapy, butchers, St Vincent de Paul, Aged Care and Policing. Current Year 9 students are strongly encouraged to start thinking about Work Experience for 2015.

### HOLIDAY AND CASUAL WORK

End of year is often a busy time for local businesses as they seek to recruit extra staff in the lead up to Christmas and New Year and look towards their staffing needs for the following year. Resumes need to be ready, as in many cases these jobs can come up at quite short notice. Students can access a good resume builder on the school's website. Simply go to [cootamundrahighcareers.com](http://cootamundrahighcareers.com) and access 'Students secure area' on the menu bar, then register and build your resume from there.

### SUE LARKEY WORKSHOP

**AUTISM AND ASPERGER SYNDROME WORKSHOP**

**Behaviour Support & Teaching Strategies**

**By Sue Larkey MA Spec Ed, Grad Dip Ed**

PRESENTED BY

**MISSION AUSTRALIA**

LOCATION:  
Cootamundra Ex-Services Club – Cr Parker St & Wallendoon St, Cootamundra.

DATE: Monday

DATE: Feb 2nd, 2015.

9.00AM-2.30PM


Doors open at 9.00am

COST: FREE!  
**Bookings Essential**

Registration includes coffee, tea and light refreshments.  
**Lunch is not provided**

Enquiries or bookings contact:  
**Danielle Janssen**  
(02) 69 428005 or [janssened@missionaustralia.com.au](mailto:janssened@missionaustralia.com.au)

"To know someone with Autism Spectrum Disorder is not to know Autism"



**Sue Larkey: International Author, Autism Spectrum Specialist, Teacher**

Sue Larkey is uniquely positioned within the education system having taught both as a primary school teacher and a special education teacher. She is a highly qualified educator who has taught students with autism spectrum disorder in the mainstream and special schools. She combines practical experience with extensive research having completed a Masters in Special Education and currently working towards her Doctorate of Education, focusing on inclusive education.

Sue is unashamedly passionate about her mission – to inspire parents and educators and teach them how to 'Make it a Success'. Armed with the tools of understanding and confidence much can be achieved.

*"Sue has a remarkable ability to identify and briefly explain the difficulties experienced by a child with autism in a regular classroom and to suggest realistic and practical strategies to improve abilities and behaviour. Her advice is succinct and wise."* **Dr Tony Attwood, World Renowned Expert on ASD.**

**Join Sue for a FUN, FAST MOVING, & EXCITING DAY.**

**Who should attend?**  
Parents/carers, Teachers, Teacher Assistants, Service Providers, Therapists and Families.

**Course Content:**  
**Behaviour Support:** •What are ASD behaviours? •what to do with special interests  
•strategies for home •strategies for school (pre-school, primary and secondary) •sensory issues in relation to toileting, sleeping, clothing, eating, etc •repetitive and obsessive behaviours •dealing with anxiety.

**Teaching Strategies:** •What is ASD? •autism learning style •visual strategies •social skills teaching play •transitions •how to motivate.

**Feedback from previous participants:**  
*"As a teacher aide the practicality of it was brilliant, and as a mother of a son with Aspergers it moved me."*  
*"Your talk was literally life changing and I am happy to verify that anytime, anywhere. The straightforward, uncomplicated way you put forward your points was nothing short of brilliant."*  
*"A most informative and entertaining workshop. Your ability to reach the whole audience is only matched by your obvious depth of knowledge of autism."*  
*"It was the most practical yet down to earth seminar I have been to for a long time and I came away inspired and motivated."*



## CLOTHING POOL

The school's clothing pool has uniform items which can be purchased for a donation. However, our current stock is quite low, so if you have any second-hand clothes in good condition, please consider donating them to the clothing pool. Items being donated can be dropped in at the Front Office.

## KIDS' HOLIDAY CAMPS



### THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP

☒ Relaxing  
☒ Great value

☒ Fun  
☒ Safe

Tick every box this school holidays with a Sport and Recreation Camp. Our popular Kids' and Family Camps offer a range of exciting activities to keep even the biggest kid entertained. Try your hand at over 40 different activities, including fishing, mountain biking, surfing, abseiling, crafts, kayaking, cooking and more, and relax knowing you're in good hands. Kids' Day Camps start from \$47; Family Camp weekends start from \$168 for kids and \$238 for adults. Kids under five years attend free of charge. Cost includes accommodation, meals and activities.

**Bonus! Residential Kids' Camps include supervised transport from:**

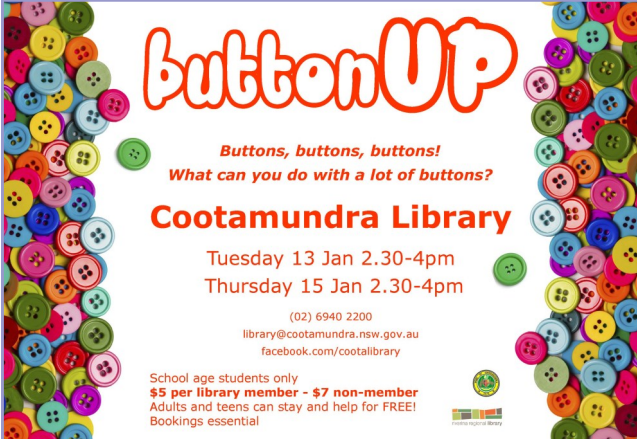
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- Penrith
- Lithgow
- Bathurst
- Orange
- Wellington
- Brooklyn
- Mooney Mooney.



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 Office of Sport & Recreation

## COOTAMUNDRA LIBRARY HAPPENINGS



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**Buttons, buttons, buttons!**  
What can you do with a lot of buttons?

**Cootamundra Library**

Tuesday 13 Jan 2.30-4pm  
Thursday 15 Jan 2.30-4pm

(02) 6940 2200  
library@cootamundra.nsw.gov.au  
facebook.com/cootalibrary

School age students only  
**\$5 per library member - \$7 non-member**  
Adults and teens can stay and help for FREE!  
Bookings essential

## Gingerbread House Decorating Class

**When:** Friday, 19 December

**Time:** 11am till 12:30pm

**Where:** Cootamundra Library

**Cost:** \$30 per person

Adults & children 8 years+

**Bookings Essential:** 6940 2200



Heavenly Baked ~ Kristie Furner ~ 0429155699

## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

The combined Churches of Cootamundra present "Carols by Candlelight—a community event" to be held at Jubilee Park on Sunday, 14 December commencing at 7pm. In the case of wet weather, the carols will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

## ARTS CENTRE MOVIE






**The Grande Budapest Hotel** Rated M

Stars Ralph Fiennes as a concierge who teams up with one of his employees to prove his innocence after he is framed for murder.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 5pm**  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 10:30am & 7pm**  
**All tickets \$12**  
**Please be seated at least 5 mins prior to start**  
**18-20 Wallendoon St Cootamundra**

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## PLAN AHEAD THIS SUMMER TO LIVE AND STUDY OVERSEAS IN 2015

With the end of the year approaching, there has never been a better time to cast your thoughts ahead to 2015. Why not use the holidays to plan your 2015 WEP student exchange program?

With over 20 different countries to choose from, deciding where to go is the hardest part! Need more information? Use the holidays to do some research. Visit WEP online at [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au) to request a free information pack.

## ENERGY REBATE

2014-2015  
**NSW Family Energy Rebate**

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ONLINE  
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<https://applications.fer.trade.nsw.gov.au/>  
\* eligibility criteria apply




**Apply before  
Midnight  
16 June 2015**

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PHONE - Service NSW 13 77 88  
EMAIL - fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au  
WEB - www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au  
/info/familyenergyrebate

## SUMMERFEST

SUMMERFEST IS BACK!

SummerFest will be back in town in January 2015 from Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup>. We would love to invite you to join us at some of these events!

FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Daily programs with bible talks, awesome games, craft, fun!  
This year introducing a new upper teens program, Elevate.

★ **THE ZONE – YEARS K-4**  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup>–Friday 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:30am @ Cootamundra Public School

★ **THE PLATFORM – YEARS 5-8**  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>–Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>, 3-5pm @ Cootamundra Public School

★ **ELEVATE – YEARS 9-12**  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>–Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm @ Sports Stadium, Adams St

FOR EVERYONE




★ **BBQ DINNER & COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE**  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>, 5pm BBQ, 6:30pm service @ Cootamundra Public School


FOR THE LADIES

★ **GAMES NIGHT & GOSPEL TESTIMONY** gold coin donation  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm, snacks provided @ Cootamundra Public School


FOR THE MEN

★ **MEN'S BREAKFAST & GOSPEL TALK** \$5 donation  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>, 8-10am @ Cootamundra Public School



Look us up @  
[facebook.com/CootaSummerFest](https://facebook.com/CootaSummerFest)



## YEAR 7 BOOK PACK LIST

The items below are available to purchase in a pack at Beath's Newsagency (103 Wallendoon Street) for \$85.

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| <p><b>General Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 packet of blue biro pens</li> <li>3 red pens</li> <li>USB Thumb Drive – 8GB</li> <li>Student diary</li> </ul> <p><b>Mathematics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 x 192 page exercise book</li> <li>1 x Geometry Set 909</li> <li>1 x Casio FX – 82 AU Calculator</li> </ul> <p><b>English</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 x 192 page exercise book</li> <li>1 x A4 display folder</li> </ul> <p><b>HSIE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 x 128 page exercise book</li> <li>1 x packet of 12 coloured pencils</li> <li>1 x 1 hole pencil sharpener</li> <li>1 x 30 cm plastic ruler</li> <li>1 x 50 A4 refill sheets</li> </ul> <p><b>Music</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 x 96 page music book</li> </ul> | <p><b>Art</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visual diary (11 inch x 14 inch)</li> <li>1 x H pencil</li> <li>1 x soft eraser</li> <li>1 x 2B pencil</li> <li>1 x No.6 flat bristle paint brush</li> <li>1 x No.1 round bristle paint brush</li> </ul> <p><b>PDHPE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 x A4 96 page exercise book</li> </ul> <p><b>Languages</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 x 96 page exercise book</li> <li>1 x A4 display folder (red)</li> <li>1 x 50 packet A4 refills</li> </ul> <p><b>Technology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 x A4 display folders (green, orange and maroon)</li> <li>1 x A4 lined paper refills (50 sheets)</li> </ul> <p><b>Science</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1x 196 page exercise book</li> <li>1 x A4 display folder</li> </ul> |
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