



# Cootamundra High School Newsletter

**Respect, Responsibility, Excellence**

**PRINCIPAL:** Mr Neil Reaper  
**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:** Ms Janine Nelson

## WELCOME BACK TO 2014

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable school and Christmas holiday. This year we have some changes in staff: Mr Doug Phillips is replacing Mr Barry Duggan in TAS for 2014 as Mr Duggan is on leave for the year; Ms Ashley Haines is officially replacing Ms Cath Alderman who is now our Careers advisor; Ms Elsie Tweneboa is replacing Mr Geoff Black for Terms 1,2 and 3 as he takes some long service leave.

## P&C MEETING

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be held in the school Library at 7pm on Tuesday 25 February. At this meeting Mr Jason McDonell will give a presentation regarding the planned trial for Year 9 students on **"Bring Your Own Devices" (BYOD)** technology for Cootamundra High. With Year 9 in 2014 not being issued with laptops we have to make some decisions on how we can continue to use technology in the teaching and learning processes within our school.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS 2014

School Photos will be taken for all students on Monday 17 February. These will be taken by the same company that has been used in recent years. Following is a sample of the order envelope that students will receive within the next week, as well as a cost schedule.

All students are requested to be in their best school uniform for these photos.

All money is to be sealed in the Photo Envelope and

presented to the photographers on Monday 17 February. Please **DO NOT** send money early or to the school.

For any questions or further information please contact Mrs Trinder at the High School on 6942 2711.

**School Photographs Order Envelope**

<b>pack A</b>	2 - 18x13cm 4 - 9x6.5cm 4 - bonus wallets class	
<b>pack B</b>	3 - 18x13cm 4 - 13x9cm 4 - 9x6.5cm 4 - bonus wallets class	
<b>pack C</b>		1 - 25x20cm 3 - 18x13cm 4 - 13x9cm 4 - 9x6.5cm 4 - bonus wallets class
<b>INDIVIDUAL ONLY pack D</b>	2 - 18x13cm 4 - 9x6.5cm 4 - bonus wallets	
<b>CLASS ONLY pack E</b>	class	

Credit Card Voucher. If you are using credit card facilities, please detach this slip and place inside envelope.

Please charge my credit card (please circle): ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa (AMEX and Diners NOT ACCEPTED)

Card No

Cardholder's Name  Address

Expiry Date  Amount \$  Postcode

Signature  Daytime Phone No

**Gift Pack 1 or Gift Pack 2 or Gift Pack 3**

8 gift cards - 6x10cm each      5 x bookmarks - 20x5cm each      portrait sheet - 20 portraits

The prices are as follows:

A Pack \$35	B Pack \$45	C Pack \$50
D Pack \$22	E Pack \$25	Gift Packs \$15

CALENDAR	
Week 3, Term 1	
Thurs, 13 Feb	Swimming Carnival Life Coaching
Week 4, Term 1	
Mon, 17 Feb 19—21 Feb Thurs, 20 Feb Fri, 21 Feb	School Photos Canberra Show Life Coaching Zone Swimming Carnival (Tumut) Reading Mentor Training
Week 5, Term 1	
Tues, 25 Feb Thurs, 27 Feb Fri, 28 Feb	P&C Meeting, 7pm in Library Life Coaching School photos catch up

## STUDENT SUPPLIES

Please ensure children are organised this year and have the correct supplies for the ENTIRE year (eg, pens, books (including spares), pencils, rubbers, glue, ruler, highlighters and scissors).

## NEW! COOTAMUNDRA HIGH SCHOOL CAREERS WEBSITE

The school has a new careers website that is soon to be hyperlinked to the both the school's website and intranet. It has a lot of information on it with links to commonly accessed websites that parents and students will find very helpful.

Whilst it is a 'work in progress', parents and students are encouraged to check it out at [www.cootamundrahighcareers.com](http://www.cootamundrahighcareers.com). The site can also be accessed by following the Careers links on the Cootamundra High School website at [www.cootamundr-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.cootamundr-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/).

Feedback and enquiries to Mrs Alderman would be greatly appreciated.

## SPORTS NEWS

Welcome back to 2014. We already have a very busy Term 1 building in regards to sport. This year Mr

Gale has returned to the role of Sports Organiser. Please direct any sporting inquiries to Mr Gale.

A **2014 Sports Guideline** has been issued to all students to read through thoroughly and take home to parents. At present this outlines some changes which have come into effect regarding the structure of our school sport sessions. If you have not received this document please contact the school or check our website.

## SWIMMING INFORMATION

Our school swimming carnival is this coming Thursday, 13 February. Events will begin at about 9:15am and conclude at 3:15pm. A back-up day for our carnival is the following Tuesday.

Students are encouraged to dress in house colours to demonstrate house spirit. Parents are welcome to attend and support.

No lunch passes will operate on the day. Students must bring their own lunch or purchase lunch from the pool's canteen.

The **Zone Swimming Carnival** will be held in Tumut on Friday, 21 February.

The **Regional Swimming Carnival** will be held in Leeton on Friday, 7 March.

The **State Swimming Carnival** will be held at Homebush from 6 – 8 April.

Students wishing to compete in the 200m Freestyle event at the Regional Carnival must submit times for this event at Zone via the school note which will be provided.

## OTHER SPORTS DATES

- Cootamundra High School Athletics Carnival – Tuesday, 25 March.
- Riverina Open Girls Basketball trials – Friday, 14 February – Wagga
- Riverina Open Boys Basketball trials – Friday, 21 February – Wagga
- Riverina Open Girls Volleyball trials – Friday, 21 February – Wagga

- Riverina Under 15 years Boys & Girls Touch trials  
– Monday, 3 March – Temora

All students who are interested in trialling for representative teams must see Mr Gale more than a week before the trial to discuss nomination.

For more Combined High Schools sport information, through to State level please refer to the following website: [www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/welcome.htm](http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/welcome.htm)

For Southern Slopes Zone and some Riverina sports information this website may be helpful: [southernslopes.rssazones.com/](http://southernslopes.rssazones.com/) (this site is still under development).

### **AVAILABILITY OF SECONDHAND TEXTBOOKS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

The Sustainable School Shop is Australia's largest resource of second-hand textbooks for secondary schools, and is used by many families and schools across Australia.

All families can easily access these texts by registering on the Sustainable School Shop website ([www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au](http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au)), which is free.

Sustainable School Shop  
Phone: 1300 683 337

### **COOTA BEACH TRIATHLON**

The Coota Beach Triathlon will be held on Sunday 16 February. This year there will be both individual and team categories for Primary and Secondary age groups.



#### **Junior Primary Age Group Individual and Team (10 and under years)**

1st leg- 50m Swim  
2nd leg- 2km Ride  
3rd leg- 1km Run

#### **Primary Age Group Individual and Team (11/12 years)**

1st Leg- 100m Swim  
2nd Leg- 2km Ride  
3rd Leg- 1km Run

#### **Secondary Age Group Individual and Team (In Secondary school up to 16 years)**

1st Leg- 200m Swim  
2nd Leg- 4km Ride  
3rd Leg- 2km Run

#### **Open & Teams Race (Please note: Bike leg is first)**

1st Leg- 18km Bike  
2nd Leg- 300m Swim  
3rd Leg- 5.4km Run

Further information is available at [www.cootabeach.com.au/triathlon.html](http://www.cootabeach.com.au/triathlon.html) or contact Pat Drew on 0429 434 204 or [cootatri@hotmail.com](mailto:cootatri@hotmail.com)



#### **2014 SEASON PLAYER REGISTRATION DAY**

Saturday, 15 February 2014 at Cootamundra Holden  
(Foyer)  
Commencing at 10.00am

Cost per player:  
\$60/registration or \$50/league tag registration  
(this includes laundry & team photo)

Player ID must be sighted at time of registration,  
either a birth certificate or passport

#### **COACHES NEEDED**

If you are interested in becoming a coach for the  
upcoming 2014 Junior League Football season,  
please submit a short letter of interest to:

The President  
CJRLC  
PO Box 642, COOTAMUNDRA NSW 2590