



Cootamundra High School Newsletter



PRINCIPAL: Mr Neil Reaper
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Ms Janine Nelson

TERM 1 REPORTS

This year we have introduced an end of term "Tick and Flick" report for Years 7–11. This report provides information on the commitment of students to their learning in regard to "Effort in class", "Participation in class activities" and "bringing of school equipment" to class.

This report is on a single page and can be used as a discussion point for our parent—teacher afternoon that will be held in Week 1, Term 2, Thursday 1 May from 4pm to 6.30 pm.

We will be looking for feedback from parents, students and staff in regard to the concept of "Tick and Flick" reports.

NEW SCHOOL APP

Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our parent/student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name "Cootamundra High School" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. More detailed instructions can be found at the end of the Newsletter.

DARE TO LEAD SNAPSHOT

On 1 and 2 April the school participated in a major review of Aboriginal Education in the school. This very detailed review included analysis of a range of school data and interviews with parents, students and staff.

Many thanks to Mark Crouch (from Dare to Lead) and Bill Godman (Cootamundra Public) for conducting the review. Many thanks to our parents, students and staff who gave their time to participate in this review.

UPDATE DETAILS...

A reminder to ALL families that if you haven't already done so, to please complete the "Family details—update form" (attached to this Newsletter). It

CALENDAR

Week 11, Term 1

7–8 April	State Swimming Carnival, Homebush
7–11 April	Yr 12 Half Yearly Exams
Wed, 9 April	Yrs 10 & 11 UC4 Yourself Excursion
Thurs, 10 April	WHS Whitecard Course
Fri, 11 April	Bangarra Dance—Wagga

Week 1, Term 2

Mon, 28 April	School Development Day
Tues, 29 April	First day of Term 2 for students
Wed, 30 April	Vaccinations: Yr 7 (all) and Yr 9 boys
30 April–1 May	Yr 10 Geog/Yr 12 S&C Excursion

Week 2, Term 2

Mon, 5 May	Young Careers Expo
Tues, 6 May	Yr 10 History AWM Excursion
Thurs, 8 May	Life Coaching
8–9 May	Yr 12 Ag/Geog Sydney Excursion
Fri, 9 May	Zone Athletics—Temora
	Yr 10 Peer Tutoring TAFE session

is essential that the school is provided with parent/carer education and occupation details as these details all influence the amount of funding that YOUR CHILD'S school receives.

STUDENT LAPTOPS—STOCKTAKE

The NSW Digital Education Revolution (DER) program is doing a stocktake on all students' DER laptops throughout the State. Students need to bring in their DER laptop and logon to the school's wireless network. The laptop needs to be on the network for at least 30 minutes for an electronic sighting.

If laptops are broken in any way, students will need to bring them to the school's TSO, Mr McDonell.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Last Tuesday we were fortunate to hold our athletics carnival on a very pleasant day amongst a pretty wet week. Students enjoyed a great day with outstanding competition between some groups. Quite a few of the age champions and runner-ups only had two points separating them at the end of the day.



Overall results were as follows:

12yrs	Boys Champion	Tom Holder
	Boys Runner up	Riley Stirrat
	Girls Champion	Teagan Mayor
	Girls Runner up	Meg Sutherland
13yrs	Boys Champion	James Collingridge
	Boys Runner up	Scott Endacott
	Girls Champion	Alyssa Armstrong
	Girls Runner up	Michaela Webb
14yrs	Boys Champion	Wayne Parker
	Boys Runner up	Jon Lake
	Girls Champion	Brigette Holder
	Girls Runner up	Caitlin Slavin
15yrs	Boys Champion	Josh Kostrubic
	Boys Runner up	Blake Basham
	Girls Champion	Louise Raleigh
	Girls Runner up	Sarah Stephens
16yrs	Boys Champion	Reece Dawson
	Boys Runner up	Ben Camilleri
	Girls Champion	Alecia Slavin
	Girls Runner up	Kya Godbier
Open	Boys Champion	Joseph Trinder
	Boys Runner up	Sam Masters
	Girls Champion	Erin Boxsell
	Girls Runner up	Maggie Jordan

After a number of years without being the champion house, Pinkston has returned to the podium. They were followed by Baldry as runner-up, then Anderson and McConaghy.

The Zone athletics carnival is being held in Temora on Friday 8 May (Week 2 next term).

SPORT AND PE PARTICIPATION

A reminder to students and parents that participation in Sport and PE lessons is expected, and leave will only be granted on medical grounds. If your child has an injury a note must be provided to their PDHPE teacher or, when impacting on participation in sport, to Mr Gale. Notes regarding sport should be given to Mr Gale prior to 9am on the day of sport so that alternate arrangements can be made.

PE/SPORTS UNIFORM

A reminder that the appropriate type of footwear for PE/Sport is joggers and that shorts/tracksuit pants must be plain navy, not with various colours, stripes or embroidery.

PBL NEWS

Last week's winners of the PBL draw were Brianna Hefren, Melissa Smith and Justin Sheedy. This week's winners are Scott Jackson, Trinity Slade and Teagan Mayor.

BASKETBALL SQUAD—2013/2014

Over the past 18 months, a select group of boys and girls have been given the opportunity to participate in a mentoring program that focuses on the development of various physical and social skills. These skills are tied together by one thing—basketball. Whilst starting with only boys as a trial run, girls were later given the opportunity to also participate. Unfortunately the girl's squad was short lived due to a lack of interest. The boy's squad however, has grown to a full junior and senior boys team, with over twenty students involved.

In 2013 we saw some dramatic changes in students—both on and off the court. We travelled to Wagga in April and again in August to compete in the combined high schools (CHS) basketball knockouts. The seniors had one win, one loss and one draw whilst the juniors came away with two wins and a loss. Although the teams played were in the middle to bottom of the rankings, the boys played hard and went well.



In November 2013 the squad travelled to Melbourne for an excursion to be remembered. The boys caught the XPT down and had three action packed days. We went to 'Bounce inc'—a massive warehouse full of connected trampolines—allowing the students to play trampoline basketball, dodge ball or try a few flips into the giant foam pit. We played laser tag with 18 people (awesome!), went to the Melbourne Zoo, watched the Melbourne Tigers win a real nail biter against the Cairns Taipans and even had time for shopping at the markets and a rooftop dinner.

None of this would have been possible without the help of Mrs Alderman, Mr Reaper, Mrs Mugridge and especially Colina Meadows, who with the support of Campbell Page and Youth Connections, sponsored new training uniforms, tracksuits and weekly training sessions at the Cootamundra Basketball Stadium.



As the 2014 school year started, I already had many requests from students to join the team and questions on when our next game would be. The feeling that we had finally reached a point where our team was a legitimate contender for the CHS knockouts for 2014 was apparent. On Monday 17 March, the entire squad left for Wagga to watch and participate in the senior boys knockouts. We were considered underdogs from the start, but we came to play and that's what the boys did. Our first game against Gundagai B was a game that made the other schools and even the convenor of boy's basketball for the Riverina take notice. The boys won 70 to 8!

Our next game was against Tumut high, a school known for its impressive basketball teams. Whilst we lost against a better team, the boys learned a lot and have set some new goals for 2014.

The final game against Gundagai A was a draw, as both teams were taking turns with leading the

points until the scoreboard died and the game was called. Overall the Cootamundra High senior team came third out of seven teams—a marked improvement from last year's equal last position.

WHS WHITECARD

This course is now full, but payments can still be made to the front office as we will look to run a second course in Term 2.

Students are reminded that the course will be held next Thursday, 10 April and commence at 8.45 in A5. Normal school uniform is required as well as **formal identification** as outlined on the cover note. This is important, as otherwise the student will not be permitted to attend.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience is in full swing with a number of students partaking in a variety of local businesses and schools. Students and parents are reminded that Expressions of Interest must be submitted to Mrs Alderman by the due date each term. The process of placement is at times lengthy and students need to be organised three to four weeks prior.

Next term, work experience will take place in Week 8 and Expressions of Interest will be handed out to all Year 10 students for submission by the end of Week 4.

UC4 YOURSELF VISIT—CANBERRA UNIVERSITY

The response to this visit has been excellent, with a number of Year 10 and 11 students looking to attend next Wednesday, 9 April. The day is free with the exception of lunch which can be brought or purchased at the University. There are still some vacancies—please see Mrs Alderman for a note if you wish to attend.

UOW 'FUTURE FINDER EVENING'

Next Tuesday, 8 April The University of Wollongong (UOW) will be holding a 'Future Finder Evening' to assist Year 10 students and their parents with subject selection. To assist regional students, an online chat on Thursday, 10 April will be made available and hosted by a panel of UOW admissions advisers. Interested students can register at www.uow.edu.au/future/chat

There is also a list of UOW information evenings in regional NSW that can be found at www.uow.edu.au/future/events/UOW144922.html#Dates

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY HSC PREPARATION COURSES

The Centre for Continuing Education at the University of Sydney is conducting intensive HSC preparation courses in a variety of subjects. Courses commence on Monday, 14 April. Visit the website or see Mrs Alderman for further details.

CSU MYDAY

A comprehensive list of MyDay sessions is now available in the senior study and from the Careers office. The next MyDay is for Communication and Sports Journalism and will be held in Bathurst on Monday, 14 April. Register online at www.csu.edu.au/contacts/register-for-myday or see Mrs Alderman for an application form.

PUBERTY, SEXUALITY AND RELATIONSHIPS

Puberty, Sexuality and Relationships

FREE forum for parents and carers of children and young people with intellectual disability.

Find out how to support your family member's personal development and sexuality in a positive way.

- Preparing for puberty changes
- Decision making and safety
- Sexuality and disability
- Books, DVDs and resources
- Tips for talking about sex and answering tricky questions
- Experienced presenters to answer your questions
- Meet other parents
- Free resource bag

Parents, foster parents, relatives and other unpaid carers of people with disability are welcome.

This forum is not intended for service providers (please contact Family Planning NSW for information regarding professional education).

We regret we are unable to provide respite/childcare.

Date:
Tuesday, 8 April 2014

Time:
6.00pm - 8.00pm

Venue:
The Wollundry Room
Senior Citizens Community Centre
Tarcutta Street
Wagga Wagga

Contact:
For more information or to register:
Danielle Fehir
Family Planning NSW
T: 02 8752 4388
F: 02 8752 4396
E: daniellef@fpnsw.org.au

Cost:
Free

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FAMILY DAY CELEBRATION

Save the date
Community Hub
Family Day Celebration

Following on from last year's successful event the Community Hub will again be hosting a family day in the park in conjunction with a birthday party for Intereach's 40 years of service to the communities across the Riverina Murray Region.

- Making a family tree
- 40th Birthday Celebration
- Activities
- Sausage sizzle

15 May 2014

11.30am – 1.30pm

Jubilee Park

*Information will be sent out closer to the event

For more information contact:

Name Louise Dabin
Program: Families Week
Phone: 02 6942 8800
Email: louised@intereach.com.au
www.intereach.com.au



FELTMAKING

Join Tracey Luhrs and learn how to craft pictures from wool fibre. Explore colour blending and experiment with layering to create unique handcrafted masterpieces.

Students 8 years and older \$10 each
(adults staying to help are FREE)

Cootamundra Library
Tuesday 15 April
10-11.30am

BRING - 2 old towels



COOTA SPORTS STADIUM PRESENTS...

"Nerf Wars" - take aim and fire! Come along and play the game—take no prisoners. Limited numbers per session.

When: 14, 15 & 16 April
22 & 24 April

Cost: \$5 per person / per session (30 minutes)

Phone: 6940 2230 to book your place

WHAT'S ON AT THE TOWN LIBRARY

DRAWING WORKSHOPS
WITH JANE

Tuesday 22nd April
Thursday 24th April

10am—11am @ the Library

Phone 6940 2200 for bookings

5—12 years

HENNA DESIGNS
TEENS ONLY EVENT

HENNA art has been used for thousands of years and continues to be an important part of many religious and cultural festivals

Let MAHEEN inspire your designs at this hands-on workshop

Cootamundra Library
Wednesday 16 April 10am-12noon
Places limited \$10 each
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



TUMUT EASTER BAZAAR

Tumut Easter
Bazaar

Good Friday April 18
Easter Saturday April 19
at BOYS CLUB HALL
(next to Ambulance Station)

9am to 4pm BOTH DAYS














FREE ENTRY**GREAT BARGAINS**

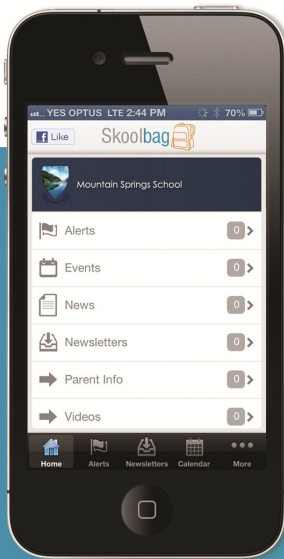
Craft, Books, Antiques, Collectables,
Plants, Fruit, Toys, Jewellery,
Baby wear, Clothing, Socks, Handbags,
Jams, Cakes and Lots, Lots More

B.B.Q Tea & Coffee

Bookings: ph 02-42322337 or 0419427801

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Winter	Student Group	Summer
	Senior Boys Summer: White tailored 'BIZ' shirt with collar and School Crest, grey shorts or trousers, grey or white socks, and black leather shoes. Winter: White tailored 'BIZ' shirt with collar and School Crest, grey trousers, grey or white socks, black leather shoes, navy jumper, school jacket.	
	Senior Girls Summer: White tailored 'BIZ' shirt with collar and School Crest, mid-length (just above the knee) checked straight skirt, white socks with black leather shoes. Winter: White tailored 'BIZ' shirt with collar and School Crest, mid-length (just above the knee) checked straight skirt or navy slacks, black leather shoes, navy jumper, school jacket.	
	Junior Boys Summer: Light blue polo shirt with collar and School Crest, grey shorts or trousers, grey or white socks, and black leather shoes. Winter: Light blue polo shirt with collar and School Crest, grey trousers, grey or white socks, black leather shoes, navy jumper, school jacket.	
	Junior Girls Summer: White polo shirt with collar and School Crest, navy tailored long shorts or navy mid-length skirt, black leather shoes with low heels and white socks. Winter: White polo shirt with collar and School Crest, navy slacks or navy mid-length skirt, black leather shoes with low heels, navy jumper school jacket.	
	PE/Sports Uniform Summer: White polo shirt (collared) with School Crest, navy blue shorts with white socks and joggers. Winter: White polo shirt (collared) with School Crest, navy blue tracksuit with white socks and joggers.	
	Unacceptable items 	 All Hoodies regardless of colour



Skoolbag

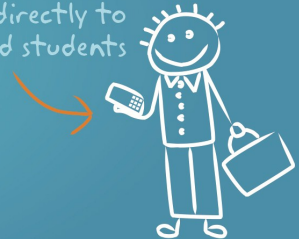


Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.




Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



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Family details – update form

Student name(s):

Residential address:

Correspondence address:
(if different to Residential address)

Home phone number:

Email address for correspondence:

Parent/Carer name 1:

Phone number (home) Phone number (work or mobile)

☐ Occupation group (1, 2, 3, 4 or 8) – see over for explanations

School education

- ☐ Year 12 or equivalent
☐ Year 11 or equivalent
☐ Year 10 or equivalent
☐ Year 9 or equivalent or below

Educational qualifications – what is the highest qualification completed?

- ☐ Bachelor degree or above
☐ Advanced diploma/diploma
☐ Certificate I to IV (inc. trade cert.)
☐ No non-school qualification

Parent/Carer name 2:

Phone number (home) Phone number (work or mobile)

☐ Occupation group (1, 2, 3, 4 or 8) – see over for explanations

School education

- ☐ Year 12 or equivalent
☐ Year 11 or equivalent
☐ Year 10 or equivalent
☐ Year 9 or equivalent or below

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☐ No non-school qualification

Emergency contacts

Emergency contact name 1 Relationship to student:

Phone number (home) Phone number (work or mobile)

Emergency contact name 2 Relationship to student:

Phone number (home) Phone number (work or mobile)

Parent occupation groups

Group 4

Machine operators, hospitality staff, assistants, labourers and related workers

- Drivers, mobile plant, production/processing machinery and other machinery operators
- Hospitality staff [hotel service supervisor, receptionist, waiter, bar attendant, kitchenhand, porter, housekeeper]
- Office assistants, sales assistants and other assistants
- Office [typist, word processing/data entry/business machine operator, receptionist, office assistant]
- Sales [sales assistant, motor vehicle/caravan/parts salesperson, checkout operator, cashier, bus/train conductor, ticket seller, service station attendant, car rental desk staff, street vendor, telemarketer, shelf stacker]
- Assistant/aide [trades' assistant, school/teacher's aide, dental assistant, veterinary nurse, nursing assistant, museum/gallery attendant, usher, home helper, salon assistant, animal attendant]
- Labourers and related workers
- Defence Forces ranks below senior NCO not included below
- Agriculture, horticulture, forestry, fishing, mining worker [farm overseer, shearer, wool/hide classer, farm hand, horse trainer, nurseryman, greenkeeper, gardener, tree surgeon, forestry/logging worker, miner, seafarer/fishing hand]
- Other worker [labourer, factory hand, storeman, guard, cleaner, caretaker, laundry worker, trolley collector, car park attendant, crossing supervisor]

Group 3

Tradesmen/women, clerks and skilled office, sales and service staff

- Tradesmen/women generally have completed a 4 year Trade Certificate, usually by apprenticeship. All tradesmen/women are included in this group
- Clerks [bookkeeper, bank/PO clerk, statistical/actuarial clerk, accounting/claims/audit clerk, payroll clerk, recording/registry/filing clerk, betting clerk, stores/inventory clerk, purchasing/order clerk, freight/transport/shipping clerk, bond clerk, customs agent, customer services clerk, admissions clerk]
- Skilled office, sales and service staff
- Office [secretary, personal assistant, desktop publishing operator, switchboard operator]
- Sales [company sales representative, auctioneer, insurance agent/assessor/loss adjuster, market researcher]
- Service [aged/disabled/refugee/child care worker, nanny, meter reader, parking inspector, postal worker, courier, travel agent, tour guide, flight attendant, fitness instructor, casino dealer/supervisor]

Group 2

Other business managers, arts/media/sportspersons and associate professionals

- Owner/manager of farm, construction, import/export, wholesale, manufacturing, transport, real estate business
- Specialist manager [finance/engineering/production/personnel/industrial relations/sales/marketing]
- Financial services manager [bank branch manager, finance/investment/insurance broker, credit/loans officer]
- Retail sales/services manager [shop, petrol station, restaurant, club, hotel/motel, cinema, theatre, agency]
- Arts/media/sports [musician, actor, dancer, painter, potter, sculptor, journalist, author, media presenter, photographer, designer, illustrator, proof reader, sportsman/woman, coach, trainer, sports official]
- Associate professionals generally have diploma/technical qualifications and support managers and professionals
- Health, Education, Law, Social Welfare, Engineering, Science, Computing technician/associate professional
- Business/administration [recruitment/employment/industrial relations/training officer, marketing/advertising specialist, market research analyst, technical sales representative, retail buyer, office/project manager]
- Defence Forces senior Non-Commissioned Officer

Group 1

Senior management in large business organisation, government administration and defence, and qualified professionals

- Senior executive/manager/department head in industry, commerce, media or other large organisation
- Public service manager [section head or above], regional director, health/education/police/fire services administrator
- Other administrator [school principal, faculty head/dean, library/museum/gallery director, research facility director]
- Defence Forces Commissioned Officer
- Professionals generally have degree or higher qualifications and experience in applying this knowledge to design, develop or operate complex systems; identify, treat and advise on problems; and teach others
- Health, Education, Law, Social Welfare, Engineering, Science, Computing professional
- Business [management consultant, business analyst, accountant, auditor, policy analyst, actuary, valuer]
- Air/sea transport [aircraft/ship's captain/officer/pilot, flight officer, flying instructor, air traffic controller]

Please note

- If the person is not currently in paid work but had a job or retired in the last 12 months, please use the person's last occupation.
- If the person has not been in paid work in the last 12 months, please write '8' in the box.