



Cootamundra High School Newsletter



PRINCIPAL: Mr Neil Reaper
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Ms Janine Nelson

ANZAC DAY MARCH

ANZAC Day Dawn Service was a very moving ceremony. Vice Captains Aariah Holmes and Sam Masters joined Mr Reaper at the Dawn Service with well over 500 locals. The Dawn Service was followed in mid-morning by the traditional street march from the Soldiers Club to the Cenotaph. A very proud contingent of CHS students and staff participated in the march and the ceremony of remembrance. School Captain Danyelle Bailey read the prologue and School Captain Thomas Worthington laid a wreath on behalf of the school.



On Tuesday, 29 April all students returned to school and attended an ANZAC ceremony in the school hall. Congratulations to all our school captains and vice captains on their delivery of this important ceremony and to all those students who participated in the traditional morning march on ANZAC Day.

BE BRAVE AND SHAVE

On Friday, 4 April Cootamundra High School held a fundraiser to support the World's Greatest Shave.

The fundraiser was organised by the SRC to support students participating in the Be Brave and Shave cause. The student body and teachers all donated towards this fundraiser by participating in a mufti day and paying a gold coin donation to see their fellow students and staff bravely get their legs waxed and heads and beards shaved.

Overall the school raised a total of \$750.20 for the Leukaemia Foundation. The SRC would like to acknowledge Kay Forsyth, Alyssa Forsyth and Emily Fitzgerald from Hair Design who kindly volunteered their time for such a good cause. We would also like

CALENDAR

Week 3, Term 2

Mon, 12 May	Yr 9/10 Debating
13—15 May	NAPLAN
Thurs, 15 May	School Cross Country Life Coaching
Fri, 16 May	Rewards Assembly Year 10 Peer Tutoring TAFE Session Davey Shield Rugby League

Week 4, Term 2

Thurs, 22 May	Year 12 Parent Interviews
Fri, 23 May	Life Coaching WH&S Whitecard Course

Week 5, Term 2

26—30 May	Junior Exams (Years 7—10)
Thurs, 29 May	Life Coaching
Fri, 30 May	Zone Cross Country (Harden)



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to thank the following SRC members, students and teachers for their support—Jarrod Chapman, Andrew Clements, Joseph Trinder, Henry Hughes, Thomas Worthington, Aden Newman, Mr Frilay, Mr Brown and our Principal, Mr Reaper.



DAVEY SHIELD

Next Friday evening (16 May) the inaugural Davey Shield will be held at Fisher Park. The event will involve a three school gala competition of rugby league, including Cootamundra High School, Temora High School and Hennessy Catholic College. The winning school will continue in the State-wide competitions, the University Shield and the Country Cup. All community members are invited to attend what will be a great afternoon/evening for the whole family.

The introduction of the Davey Shield has been a great chance to pay tribute to former Cootamundra High School student, Dale Davey, who passed away in December of 2010. Dale epitomised school sport in every way—a good footballer, great mate and team member, and a student who was always willing to be involved.

There will be 3 games for the evening:

Game 1: 4.30pm Cootamundra HS vs. Hennessy CC

Game 2: 5.45pm Temora HS vs. Hennessy CC

Game 3: 7.00pm Cootamundra HS vs. Temora HS

Presentation: 8.00pm

The Cootamundra Rugby League Club will be running a bbq and canteen throughout the evening.

Jeff Lynch from the Canberra Raiders will be attending the evening and there will be an opportunity for eager young footballers to receive a poster and have it signed by Jeff.

A gate fee of \$2/student and \$5/adult will be charged to cover the costs of the evening.

As this is a school event, it will be alcohol free. Spectators are asked that they do not bring alcohol into the venue.

EARN AND LEARN

Once again our school participated in the Woolworths Earn and Learn campaign in 2013. This program allows our school to choose from thousands of items in order to supplement the learning that takes place daily. This year we chose some items that are used on a daily basis, such as class sets of coloured pencils, glue, scissors, textas, pens and folders, as well as items specifically for some key learning areas, such as geometric solids, scientific models and a musical instrument. The items were delivered at the end of last term and were quickly distributed to all faculties. Thankyou to all those families who supported our school by collecting stickers.



ILLAWARRA EXCURSION

Senior society and culture students joined with junior geographers for an overnight excursion to the Illawarra region to participate in recreational and educational activities.

First stop was Seven Mile Beach at Gerroa where the students were able to participate in a surf lesson from the Land's Edge Surf School. Many students were able to stand on their boards by the end of the afternoon and much merriment was had by all.

From Seven Mile Beach we travelled to the Nan Tien Temple at Berkley where the students were to be accommodated. The Year 12 society and culture students were immediately immersed in their Bud-

dhism awareness course. Over the duration of their stay the Society and Culture students were to participate in morning chanting, meditation, Tai Chi, calligraphy and origami. The venerables were most impressed by the enthusiasm which the students brought to their studies. I received many positive comments from the students' tutors.

The geography students spent a little more time settling in before they were able to explore the grounds. Brianna Edwards, Megan Chau and Alison Gilpin bravely rose very early and joined the Year 12 students for the morning chanting and Tai Chi.

After breakfast, the Geography students travelled to Warilla to conduct studies in coastal management under the guidance of the Illawarra Environmental Education Centre. The students were able to visit a number of locations and complete a transect using specialised equipment. Our guide was very knowledgeable of the history and issues impacting upon the area.



Upon completion of our studies we returned to the temple to collect Ms Tweneboa and the senior students. We stopped at Goulburn on the way home where our School Captain, Thomas, was able to satisfy the symptoms he was suffering from having gone without meat in his diet for 24 hours!

The visit continued a long association that the school has enjoyed with Land's Edge and the Nan Tien Temple.

Martin McCarthy
Relieving Head Teacher, HSIE

SOUTH WEST SLOPES SOCCER REPS

Cootamundra High School students—Matilda McPherson, Brigette Holder, Alyssa Armstrong, Shae Godbier and Michaela Webb—were part of the South West Slopes U14s soccer team that played at the Branch Championships at Griffith over the weekend. Whilst Albury proved too strong for South West, the girls played two great games against Griffith, fielding a draw on day 2 of the competition. Congratulations girls! A Riverina Team will be selected from the weekend's games.



SAVE THE DATE

"You're History" — Cootamundra High School's 2014 musical will be held on 9, 10 and 11 of October. Mark this in your diaries!

SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICE

We are so privileged that the Cootamundra High School has allowed us to have Chloe Waters as a School Based Apprentice in our business. Chloe has been our School Based Apprentice since July 2013. Chloe generally works in the office on Wednesday, and other days during the school holidays. On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, Chloe attends Cootamundra High School. Chloe has become an asset to Been Solutions, learning to complete many administration tasks, along with completing a Certificate II in Business Studies. All this while studying the HSC at Cootamundra High. Chloe is a credit to our business, and we hope that she will go on to become a full-time employee at the start of 2015. In 2015 she will be able to decide which field of work she would like to pursue—accounting, real estate or loan broking. Chloe has hinted toward be-

coming a Stock and Station Agent, having an affinity with the land.

Chloe has excelled at Been Solutions due to her mature attitude and pleasant character. She is always ready to learn new things and help out where she can. Chloe has initiative and foresight, along with clarity for her financial and personal future. Chloe has been nominated for Apprentice of the Year at the Cootamundra Business Awards and Australian Apprentice of the Year by her OTEN teacher for her continual focus and outstanding achievements in her Business Studies. I am sure she will do well in her HSC.



MEDITATE

Meditation classes will be held in B2 at 7.30pm on Tuesdays—all welcome. Talk to Mr McCarthy if you want to know more.

FROM THE CAREERS DESK...

Term 2 promises to be a busy one in Careers. Students and parents are encouraged to visit the school careers website (www.cootamundrahighcareers.com) and keep a watchful eye on the newsletter for coming events. The daily notices are also important for students, as many careers related activities are posted here in the first instance.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience will be conducted in Week 8 of this term (16—20 June). Students need to complete a simple application form that will be handed out in careers classes. These are due no later than Friday, 23 May (Week 4) to Mrs Alderman.

WH&S WHITECARD

The school is running a second course due to popular demand. It will be held on Friday, 23 May and is open to students in Years 9, 10 and 11. Students who missed out last term will be given priority, but there are still some vacancies for 'early birds'. Permission notes can be collected from Mrs Alderman.

CREATIVE CAREERS EXPO


The Academy of Information Technology is hosting this event on Monday, 19 May in Ultimo. For more details see Mrs Alderman.

SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS HSC BOOSTER DAYS

The University of New England is hosting this event on Monday and Tuesday, 3 and 4 June. It is a long way from Cootamundra, but enquiries to the Careers Office are welcome!

UMAT (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test)

This is an important test for any senior student considering medicine or health science degree programs as a university option. There is a Medicine Information Evening for students in Wagga on Wednesday, 25 June that is well worth attending for those students considering this pathway. Details are on the flyer below and further details are available from Mrs Alderman.



University of New South

Rural Medical School, Wagga Wagga Campus

Never Stand Still Medicine Rural Medical School

MEDICINE INFORMATION EVENING

for students considering a career in Medicine

Year 11 and 12 students

PARENTS WELCOME

WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE, 2014

Lecture Theatre, UNSW Rural Medical School
Harvey House, Docker Street, Wagga Wagga

5.30pm

✚ Informal discussions with med student year groups

6.00pm–7.30pm

- ✚ ATAR UMAT and Interviews
- ✚ Entry to University
- ✚ Application process
- ✚ Interview process
- ✚ Frequently asked questions
- ✚ Life at College & Uni

Current medical students from the Rural Medical School Wagga Wagga campus and UNSW RCS graduates/interns from Wagga Wagga Base Hospital will be in attendance to discuss their experiences and answer questions.

RSVP: Monday 2 June 2014 Contact: Margaret Tenison E: m.tenison@unsw.edu.au

POLICE RECRUITMENT 2014

This process has changed from January 2014 and for students considering entry into the NSW Police Force it is well worth visiting the NSW Police Recruitment website. The following link will be of assistance: www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment.

CSU FUTURE MOVES



Future Moves CSU Wagga Wagga has welcomed Cootamundra High School to the Future Moves Program. They will be delivering workshops in school and activities on university campuses designed to encourage students to see university as part of their future and as a way for them to realise their dreams.

Future Moves is about shifting views towards higher education. Ideas change through experience and greater understanding. Future Moves' goal is to work with schools to increase the connection and accessibility of university and other higher education opportunities.

Students' ideas about themselves are shaped through early experiences and by the time they reach high school many have formed strong ideas about where they may want to be in the world of work. Future Moves is designed to provide students with experiences and knowledge about the range of opportunities available to them through higher education.

The program will help address uncertainties and concerns around University, such as; *is it too expensive, too hard to get in, too far away, how do I work out what I want to do?* The ultimate aim being to increase student aspirations and support their goals by explaining what higher education is and addressing ways to overcome difficulties and challenges they may face.

This is a federally funded initiative, run through Charles Sturt University and aligned with the Australian Blue Print for Career Development.

WESTERN SYDNEY CAREERS EXPO

Years 10, 11 and 12 are invited to attend this expo, which will be held on Saturday and Sunday, 21 and 22 June. For more information, call into the Careers Office.

RSA COURSE

Students are encouraged to register for this course, particularly Year 12s. Students can still complete the course if they are under 18 years of age, but will be unable to serve alcohol until then.

Responsible Service of Alcohol

Summit proposes holding a face to face Responsible Service of Alcohol course:



DATE: Tuesday 20 May 2014

TIME: 5.00pm – 11.00pm

COST: \$160

Venue: Old Hospital Building (30 Mackay Street, Cootamundra)

To register your interest in this course, or if you have any further enquiries please contact:

Lynne Maurer

Phone (02) 6942 3577 | Fax (02) 6942 4051

lynne.maurer@summit.et.com.au

G'DAY USA EXCHANGE PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS

An opportunity exists for students to take



part in a cultural exchange trip to the United States of America for 20 days in the January 2016 school holidays. Destinations include: Disneyland, Universal Studios, Knott's Berry Farm, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco. A feature of the tour is that the students spend 10 days living with an American host family and visit an American school.

NB: This is not a school organised excursion

The cost is \$5,495 from Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane, which include the following: airfares, transfers, accommodation, travel insurance, breakfasts and admissions to attractions. Please see Miss Jamieson for more information or telephone EWT on 1800 337 930 or 03 9882 8400.

MASTERCLASS

The Bible Society and Bush Church Aid Society have combined to run a seminar (Masterclass) at Belrose in Sydney on 24 July to encourage young people to be leaders with Christian principles and values.

Students from Years 10 and 11 are invited to attend—**free of charge**. Students and supervisors would be bussed from Cootamundra on Wednesday afternoon, billeted at Covenant Christian School at Belrose, attend the seminar Thursday and return home on Thursday night.

See Dave Forsyth (Chaplain, in school Tuesdays and Thursdays) or Mrs Nelson for more information and to book your place in the seminar.

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Cootamundra Preschool
Fundraising BBQ and Cake Stall
When: 9am - 2pm 24th May Where: Cootamundra Woolies

WEP STUDENT EXCHANGE

Choose from over 20 countries around the world to attend school, live with a welcoming host family and have the time of your life.



Early Bird Special – Save \$500. WEP is offering students in Years 9-12 a \$500 discount off the 2014/15 program fee towards a semester or year program to selected countries departing in January–March 2015. Early Bird applications close **30 May 2014**.

Interested in Hosting an Exchange Student? Travel from the comfort of your armchair by extending your family with an overseas host brother, sister, son or daughter. Hosting an exchange student is fun and can result in lifelong friendships. Our students are due to arrive in July for a semester or a year.

Request a **FREE** information pack online at www.wep.org.au; attend one of WEP's information sessions or open days; visit WEP Mon–Fri between 9am–5pm; or call 1300 884 733 or 03 9598 4733.

SAVE \$\$\$

2013-2014 Family Energy Rebate
\$125* TOWARDS ENERGY BILLS
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<https://applications.fer.trade.nsw.gov.au/>
* eligibility criteria apply

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DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!
Apply before 5pm Friday 13 June 2014
FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
PHONE - Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL - fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au
WEB - www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate

TENNIS COACHING

Tennis coaching and match play commences on Friday afternoon at 4.00pm at the town courts. All age groups from Primary to High School are welcome. Enquiries: Colin Maher 0438 228 364

MOVIES AT THE ARTS CENTRE

The English Teacher
Sunday, 11 May, 5pm-7pm
Tickets \$12 at the door

VISITING AUTHOR

Author Talk
John Sheahan
Cootamundra Library
Friday May 23, 2pm

John will introduce and read from his debut novel *The Bracelet*, which is set in rural NSW. Copies will be available for purchase and signing.

The Bracelet by J. Sheahan

Cootamundra Library
Wallendoon Street
RSVP: 02 69402200