



# Cootamundra High School Newsletter



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## BRITTANY HEFREN—REGIONAL WINNER

At the beginning of the year, Year 8 World Travel and Trade entered the 2014 Harmony Day Poster Competition which is an initiative open to all primary and secondary students across NSW and ACT. This year students were encouraged to visually articulate their interpretation of the 2013 theme – **"Together We Can"**

Brittany Hefren is the regional winner for the competition and has been invited to a Prize Giving Presentation at NSW Parliament on Tuesday, 17 June where the State winner of the competition will be announced.

Brittany's poster will also be a part of a travelling exhibition to some selected places during the year and early in 2015.



## PREMIER'S DEBATING CHALLENGE

On Monday, 12 May Mitchell Holmes, Penny Loiteron, Maddison Sedgwick, Georgia Stephenson, Jayden Sutton and Kiara Wilson represented Cootamundra High School in the 2014 Premier's Debating Challenge. Our Year 9 and 10 team were required to argue that examinations should not be replaced with assessment tasks, while Round 2 saw the team form a strong argument in favour of a ban of all contact

### CALENDAR

#### Week 5, Term 2

Thurs, 29 May Fri, 30 May	Life Coaching Zone Cross Country (Harden)
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#### Week 6, Term 2

2—6 June Mon, 2 Jun Tues, 3 Jun Wed, 4 Jun Thurs, 5 June	Junior Exams (Years 7—10) Year 11 VET Work Readiness Day UC Visit Country Cup—15yr Rugby League Life Coaching
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#### Week 7, Term 2

Mon, 9 June Wed, 11 June  Thurs, 12 June Fri, 13 June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY TAFE Open Day Buckley Shield (Yr 7-8 Rugby League) Year 12 Ag Online Seminar Whole School Assembly (P2) Regional Cross Country—Gundagai Year 12 CSU Seminar Year 10 Peer Tutoring TAFE Session
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sports for people under the age of 18. While the team from Murrumburrah High School were victorious on the day, Cootamundra displayed confidence and logic in forming their arguments.

The drama room was a fantastic location to hold the debates and provided each team with the invaluable experience of debating in a formal setting.

Special thanks to Mrs Barbara Granger and Mr Cliff Sheridan for adjudicating on the day and for the positive feedback they provided to the teams.

Round 3 will see Cootamundra debate against Junee High School later this term. We look forward to the challenge.

Janelle Walker  
English/ History Teacher

### URBAN DECLINE AND URBAN RENEWAL

During Week 2, Year 12 Geography students—Nicole Kelleher, Erin Boxsell, Paige Louttit, Tegan Kelly, Sam Masters and Tamara Taylor—went on an excursion to Sydney to complete work on World Cities and Urban Dynamics.

Throughout the time in Sydney we looked at the factors that make Sydney a world city and also the changes that have taken place throughout the Pyrmont area due to urban decline and renewal.



We even had the opportunity to go on a ghost tour in the hope of scaring Miss Dunn! Unfortunately we didn't see any ghosts, however, we did learn a lot about the history of the Rocks area of Sydney and the changes that have taken place and continue to

take place in one of the most historic areas of Sydney.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank Miss Dunn and Ms Klepper who supervised us on the excursion and Dave Lewis who drove the bus for us.

### YEAR 10 VISIT TO AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

Early this month a group of 30 Year 10 History students, accompanied by their teachers, Ms Pinney, Dr Vey and Mrs Taylor, visited the Australian War Memorial as part of the mandatory study of Australian History in Year 10. The focus of the visit was Australian forces in the major conflicts of the Twentieth Century, in particular the Vietnam Gallery.



The highlights of the trip for most of the students were the impressions of Vietnam through the eyes of the service personal, the re-enactment of the historic battle of Long Tan, and the 'Dust off' in which an Iroquois helicopter engages students in the multimedia experience of a 'helibourne assault'—a landing with soldiers disembarking, and a 'dust-off'—a medical evacuation. Students availed themselves of the many interactive activities highlighting our involvement in major conflicts. A favourite was the G for George exhibit highlighting Australia's participation in Bomber Commander.

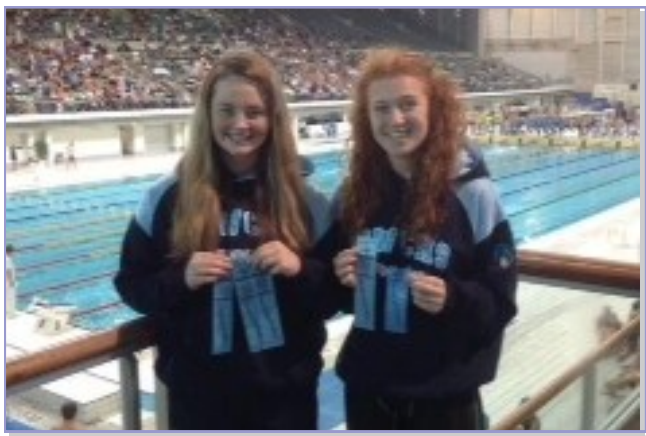
Before leaving the War Memorial students paid their respect to those Australians who died in war by visiting the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and walking along the Rolls of Honour.

### SWIMMING SUCCESS

From 5—7 April, Kiera White and Holly Meadows-Blundell travelled to Sydney to compete in the NSW Combined High Schools Championships at the Aquatic Centre in Olympic Park (Homebush). Kiera White competed in the 'swim with disability' events—participating in the 50m freestyle, back-

stroke, breaststroke and butterfly, and the 100m freestyle. Kiera said "It was an amazing opportunity to go and compete against other swimmers who had disabilities. I met some girls who had the same disability as me which was pretty awesome and I made lots of new friends. I was pretty happy with my results, as I don't do much training...I had a lot of fun!"

Holly competed in the 200m freestyle, 100m backstroke, 400m IM, 50m freestyle, 100m breaststroke, 400m freestyle, 100m freestyle and 200m IM. Holly said "I thought my times and results were very good considering the amount of training I'm doing. I had a lot of fun catching up with old friends and making new ones and I hope to improve for next year."



Both girls received ribbons for competing in the finals—Holly received six and Kiera received five.

Many thanks to Colina Meadows who took the girls to Sydney and did a great job in supporting them both throughout the championship.

### CROSS COUNTRY & DAVEY SHIELD

Full reports and photos of these two sporting events will be published in the next Newsletter.

### FROM THE CAREERS DESK

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

Applications for work experience close this Friday. Unfortunately, no late applications will be accepted so be sure to have them in on time to Mrs Alderman.

#### WH&S WHITECARD

A reminder for those students attending this course on Friday that formal identification will be required. Students will be unable to attend the course without it. It will take place in A5 from 8.45am.

### APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR UNIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOOLS!

The University of Newcastle's Girls and Boys Summer Schools are a great way for students to experience university life and build upon their potential to succeed in their senior years. Applications are open to students in Year 9 and available from Mrs Alderman.

### ADF GAP YEAR PROGRAM

The Australian Defence Force has reintroduced its Gap Year Program. Year 12 leavers will have the opportunity to experience military training and lifestyle, whilst gaining new skills. All positions will be paid. For more information see [www.defencejobs.gov.au](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au)

### IMPORTANT UAC NEWS FOR YEAR 12

The University Admissions Centre has announced the introduction of a centralised Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS) process for 2015 undergraduate admission to university. It will replace what used to be commonly known as 'Early Entry', or 'Principals' Recommendation Schemes'. The process will be much simpler and greatly reduce the need for different application forms and procedures for each university. SRS applications will open in early August and more information will be available in the coming weeks. Information on this and participating universities can be found at [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au).

### TAFE OPEN DAY

The Riverina Institute Open Day will be held on Wednesday, 11 June. All campuses will be open. Year 11 and 12 students considering TAFE as an option for further study after the HSC are strongly encouraged to attend. More information will be circulated as it comes to hand.

### HONEYWELL ENGINEERING SUMMER SCHOOL

Students in Year 11 with a desire to pursue Engineering as their future career are invited to attend this Summer School in December. Applications are available from Mrs Alderman and, due to limited places, it is recommended that students be prompt.

### 2014 JOB GUIDE

The 2014 National Job Guide has arrived and Year 10 will be using the books over the coming weeks to investigate the labour market, careers and their training requirements. Job Guide can also be accessed online at [www.jobguide.education.gov.au](http://www.jobguide.education.gov.au).



## REFORMS TO P&C FEDERATION

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school's P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation's Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation's Board of Management.

More information will be available on the Department's website at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php)

## PRESCHOOL BBQ



## 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.

## THE ARTS CENTRE PRESENTS...



## GET FIT, NOT HIT

WANTED: Girls and Women. Are you interested in self defense? Do you want to feel safer? Do you want to improve your self-esteem and fitness?

Soroptimist International Cootamundra and Kumiai-Ryu Martial Arts are holding a self defense evening for women and girls over the age of 12.

When: Wednesday, 4 June

Where: Cootamundra Public School Hall

Time: 7.00—8.30pm

Cost: \$10 per person

Qualified Instructor: Andrew Finch

More Information: Phone Denise on 6942 2361

## 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.