



Cootamundra High School Newsletter



PRINCIPAL: Mr Neil Reaper
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DIARY ENTRY

Parents are invited to attend our whole school assembly next Friday, 13 June at 10am. As well as our regular PBL awards, age champion medallions and whitecard certificates will be presented.

AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Students from Cootamundra High School have again achieved outstanding success in the Australian Geography Competition. The Australian Geography Competition is a challenging national competition held annually with the goal of promoting geography skills. From a relatively small pool of students, a significant number were able to achieve success, with several students achieving credits and distinctions. Ben Jackson's performance was especially noteworthy—achieving a high distinction in the competition—an award received by only 5% of entrants.



OUTWARD BOUND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

On Sunday, 18 May, Lorcan Elleman, Cody Hardy, Reese Wilesmith, Louise Raleigh, Azelyn Collins and myself (Kaede Nicka) were invited to participate in the Outward Bound Leadership program.

The Outward Bound camp was held in Canberra's National Park and ran for seven days. The aim of the camp is to encourage the development of positive leadership skills in Year 9 students and, without a doubt, provided an awesome group adventure.

CALENDAR

Week 7, Term 2

Mon, 9 Jun	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wed, 11 Jun	TAFE Open Day/TVET info session Buckley Shield (Yr 7—8 Rugby League) Year 9(1) English excursion
Thurs, 12 Jun	Year 12 Ag Online Seminar Year 9/10 Debating—June
Fri, 13 Jun	Whole School Assembly (P2) Regional Cross Country—Gundagai Year 12 CSU Seminar Year 10 Peer Tutoring TAFE Session

Week 8, Term 2

16—20 Jun	Work Experience
Tues, 17 Jun	Wagga Tertiary Awareness Day
Thurs, 19 Jun	Year 8 From Little Things Excursion
Fri, 20 Jun	HSC English Study Day—CSU Wagga

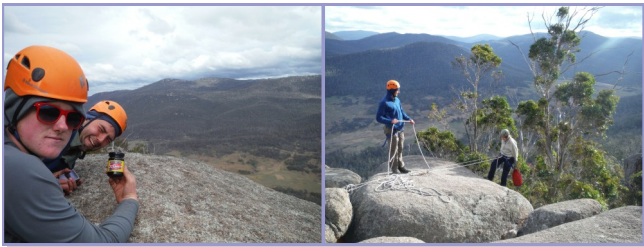
Week 9, Term 2

Mon, 23 Jun	Year 8 Excursion to Canberra
Tues, 24 Jun	UC Visit Regional Athletics Carnival, Albury P&C Meeting (7pm in School Library)
Wed, 25 Jun	Proposed school social
Thurs, 26 Jun	Year 10 Agriculture Excursion
Fri, 27 Jun	LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Throughout the week, 20 of us from Young, Murrumburrah, Boorowa and Cootamundra High Schools conquered many physical challenges—rock wall climbing, ropes courses, abseiling and hiking kept us occupied and wore us out.



Climbing Mt Tennent with what seemed like 50kg backpacks was a test for all our spirits. It was tough, but the views were worth the blisters, the pokes in the eye from bushes and the crazy behaviours. We got to discover the rock formation 'Lego Land' which was a meeting point for Aboriginal Elders and abseiled down a 15m rock face. We slept with possums and saw wombats and even found time to throw M&Ms (jokes—it rained!)



Our camp was a 'bivvy'—it was a light, quick and easy 5x4m tarp and ropes. The food was much the same—cans, muesli, powdered milk, pasta and the 4 litres of water we had to carry with us each day. We were up at 6am and some days seemed longer than others, but it was fun.

We were pushed to exhaustion—some of us were overtired and disillusioned, not to mention sick. We shared some of the best and worst experiences of our lives. We made friendships, learnt new skills and worked together. It was a great experience that will be remembered forever.

Thank you CHS for supporting this camp and a big thankyou to Mr Gale who organised the trip, provided the transport, and endured the elements with us. Subway never tasted so good and it was great to get home and have a warm shower.

By Kaede Nicka

DAVEY SHIELD

The inaugural Davey Shield was held two weeks ago and was an outstanding success. Named in memory of Dale Davey, this was not only a very meaningful night for many, but was also a night where some great football was played. In the first game Cootamundra High defeated Hennessy Catholic College.



Unfortunately this game was marred by a serious knee injury suffered by Henry Hughes. We wish him well with his recovery from this. In the second game Temora High defeated Hennessy Catholic College. Temora High was too strong again in the third and main game for the evening, defeating Cootamundra High in a close game.



A special mention of thanks must go to the Cootamundra Bulldogs committee for taking care of ground set up and pack up and running the canteen, to Ben Pepper and the band for the entertainment they provided between games and to all the supporters who endured the cold evening to come and support.



COUNTRY CUP RESULTS

Hennessy Catholic College (14) defeated Cootamundra High School (10). West Wyalong High School (20) defeated Cootamundra High School (10). Cootamundra High School (28) defeated Junee High School (0).

We certainly had the hardest of the pool games—playing both Hennessy and West Wyalong in very close and physical games. A particularly good quality of football was played for 15 years teams in these games. Hennessy went on to defeat West Wyalong comfortably in the final. Cootamundra played Junee High in a play-off for 3rd position and were comfortable winners. Congratulations to all the boys who represented our school well.



2014 CROSS COUNTRY AGE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to all students who competed well at our school's recent cross country.

Ben Camilleri was the stand out performer for the day. He set a new record for the 16 years boys and broke the best overall school time. Ben ran a time of 14 minutes and 42 seconds for the 4km course. This was nearly 1½ minutes quicker than the previous 16 years boys' time. The overall Champion House for accumulated performances was awarded to Baldry, closely followed by Pinkstone, then McConaghy and Anderson.

Congratulations to all competitors, with special mention to the following Age Champions:

Age	Boys	Girls
12	Riley Stirrat	Brooke Logue
13	James Collingridge	Monique Dawson
14	Wayne Parker	Brigitte Holder
15	Josh Kostrubric	Louise Raleigh
16	Benjamin Camilleri	Kya Godbier
open	Joseph Trinder	Mikayla Large



Zone Cross Country was held on Friday, 30 May with the following results:

Event	Name	Place
12yr Girls	Teagan Mayor	6
12yr Girls	Brooke Logue	6
13yr Girls	Chelsie Manwaring	8
13yr Girls	Michaela Webb	8
13yr Girls	Shelby Nicka	15
13yr Girls	Paige Sedgwick	17
13yr Girls	Brianna Hefren	17
14yr Boys	Wayne Parker	7
14yr Boys	Ethan Schultz	9
15yr Girls	Sarah Stephens	3
16yr Boys	Benjamin Camilleri	1
16yr Girls	Shannon Caldwell	3
16yr Girls	Mikayla Johnston	4
16yr Girls	Alecia Slavin	5
OPEN Boys	Broady O'Shea	10
OPEN Boys	Josh Kite	11
OPEN Girls	Mikayla Large	3

Additional congratulations to Ben Camilleri (1st placing), Sarah Stephens and Mikayla Large (3rd placings) who have qualified to compete at the Regional Cross Country being held in Gundagai next Friday, 13 June.

FROM THE CAREERS DESK

VET WORK PLACEMENT ORIENTATION DAY

Year 11 VET students undertook a successful Work Readiness Day last Monday in preparation for their first round of industry placements. COMPACT representative, Rhonda Heffernan, provided an insightful day into the 'world of work' and students completed their day with a Work Readiness Certificate. Mr Doug Phillips, Ms Claire Berkrey, Mrs Kieren Brown and Mrs Robyn Holder were guest presenters and their experience and expertise was of great benefit to all.

ASPIRE UC

Cootamundra High School has a strong link to Canberra University and student delegates Rebecca and Rob ran a series of successful workshops with Years 12 and 10. Topics such as Multiple Intelligences, Examination Techniques and Creative Essay Responses were well received by students. The *Aspire Team* will be back in Week 9 with a follow-up visit for Year 12 and to run some workshops with Year 11.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 10

Subject selection time is fast approaching for Year 10 as they begin to consider their study options for 2015. Information is being mailed home this week, and parents and students are urged to read over it carefully.

As part of the process, TAFE will be holding an information session for students next Wednesday, 11 June from 9.15am–10.15am. It will be held at the TAFE and parents are also most welcome to attend this session.

WORK EXPERIENCE

A number of students are commencing Work Experience in Week 8 this term. Students are reminded that resumes and cover letters are due to Mrs Alderman by the end of this week for checking. A reminder also that deadlines must be adhered to so as to avoid the termination of placements.

TERTIARY AWARENESS DAY

There are still a limited number of places available for Year 11 and 12 students to attend this day, which will be held at CSU Wagga on 17 June. It is an excellent day, and similar to a Careers Expo on a small scale. Students can pick up a note from Mrs Alderman. The cost will be \$10.

CSU MYDAY

Charles Sturt University are holding a MyDay for Nursing, Biomedical Sciences, and Creative Industries. Years 11 and 12 are strongly encouraged to register for these days if they are considering a career in these industries. Both information sessions are being held in Wagga on 24 June. To register, go to MyDay online or see Mrs Alderman for details.

BUILD A BRIDGE

The 'Build a Bridge...and get over it!' project is an annual event that aims to engage students in Years 10, 11 and 12 who enjoy Maths, Science, Design and Technology and who would like to learn more about

Civil Engineering. It is an excellent three day camp and is held at Borambola. Please see Mrs Alderman for more details and for an application form.

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOOLS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Applications to attend these excellent schools are still open. It is open to all students in Year 9 who would like to experience university life for a week and partake in Maths and Science activities. Please see Mrs Alderman for more details.

OPERATION SAFE SCHOOL ZONES

Due to an increased number of recent incidents where pedestrians have been injured or killed in and around school zones, Riverina Traffic and Highway Patrol Police attached to Cootamundra and Young are currently undertaking operation SAFE SCHOOLS.

Police will be targeting any person seen to be committing offences in and around morning and afternoon School Zones.

Some of these offences being targeted include:

- Speeding offences – which range from exceeding the speed limit by 10kph and under, which carries the fine of \$177 and 2 points through to over

45kph which carries the fine of \$2341 and 7 points (as well as an automatic loss of licence for 6 months and loss of registration plates of the offending vehicle for the same period).

- Not stopping at hand held stop sign in the school zone - \$405 and 4 points
- Driving whilst using a mobile phone in the school zone - \$405 and 4 points
- Stopping in no stopping zone school zones - \$304 and 2 points
- Parking in no parking zone school zones - \$169 and 2 points
- Stopping in Bus zone school zones - \$304 and 2 points
- Double parking in school zones - \$304 and 2 points

Everyone should be aware that whilst a school bus is in operation and has their flashing lights operating, the area 100 meters to the rear and front of the school bus becomes a school zone and reverts to 40 kilometres per hour.

The above offences are not the total amount of specific fines relating to school zones, these are merely the more frequently occurring offences.

Police would like to issue this as a warning, if anyone is detected committing any offence in and around school zones they should be prepared to receive an infringement notice for the offence.

Cootamundra Cluster, Riverina Traffic and Highway Patrol Officers

THE ARTS CENTRE PRESENTS...



Plus...

The Magic of Belle Isle (starring Morgan Freeman)
Sunday June 8th @ 5pm
Wednesday 11th June @ 10:30am and 7pm
Admission: \$12 at the door

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.

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.

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