



# Cootamundra High School Newsletter

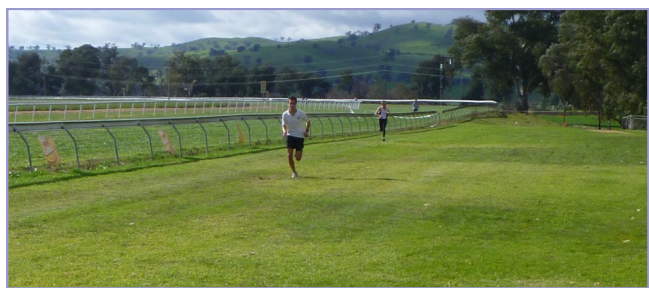


**PRINCIPAL:** Mr Neil Reaper  
**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:** Ms Janine Nelson

## STATE CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Year 10 student, Ben Camilleri, who is heading to Eastern Creek in Sydney on 18 July for the State Cross Country after placing **FIRST** at Riverina! Here is a short recount of Ben's big win at Riverina level:

"On Tuesday, 17 June I had the privilege of travelling to Gundagai and competing in the Riverina High Schools Cross Country Championships. It was a very cold day but great for cross country. When we arrived in Gundagai we waited around for a while and then walked the course. The course was very flat and long and looked to me to be more than 6km! After walking the course we waited for my race. When it was time for my race we marshalled with the starter and then we began the race. I took off in front and was quite a way in front for most of the race but as I neared the end of the race I had slowed down and was slipping back to the pack. I pushed hard at the end and was lucky to come up and win."



## YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTIONS

The last two weeks have been a busy time for Year 10. Firstly they attended a 'Taste of TAFE' Day on

Wednesday, 11 June at Cootamundra TAFE Campus. Next they had a Course Information day on Tuesday, 17 June in the School Library in which Head Teachers provided a brief overview of each of their faculty's courses.

Students had a few days to make their selection for Year 11, 2015. Head teachers then interviewed students to discuss their subject options. All students in Year 10 had the option to choose their subjects for next year, with round 1 of their subject choices to be submitted to Dr Vey by end of term.

## CALENDAR

### Week 1, Term 3

Mon, 14 Jul Thurs, 17 Jul Fri, 18 Jul	School Development Day BOS Evening—Ms L Billing State Cross Country—Eastern Creek NAIDOC Day
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### Week 2, Term 3

21—25 Jul Tues, 22 Jul Wed, 23 Jul 23—24 Jul Fri, 25 Jul	Year 12 Trials Parent Teacher Interviews (Yrs 7—10) Yrs 7-8 Debate Excursion. Batlow "Future Moves Program" (CSU) Baldry Shield. Wallendbeen
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### Week 3, Term 3

28 Jul—1 Aug  Tues, 29 Jul	Year 12 Trials Year 11 VET Work Placement Brainstorm (Yrs 7—10) P&C Meeting (7pm in the library)
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Next term there will be a Parent and Student Information Evening with Guest Speaker, Lindy Billing from BOS. Subject lines will be distributed to students and parents. Final subject choices are due by Friday, 1 August.

### **TSO POSITION CEASES**

The Technology Support Officer positions across the State all cease from 27 June. This position was part of the previous federal government 'Building and Education Revolution' funding. This funding no longer exists and consequently the program in its current state will no longer continue.

I would like to congratulate and thank Mr Jason McDonell for four and a half years of dedicated work to supporting students, staff and the community. Jason's knowledge, skill and supportive personality will be sorely missed. We wish him the best in his future endeavours.



### **SCHOOL CAPTAINS' LEADERSHIP DAY**

On Thursday, 19 June our School Captains—Danyelle Bailey and Thomas Worthington (myself)—and our Principal, Mr Reaper, left for Sydney at 4am to attend the 2014 Secondary Schools Student Leadership Program at NSW Parliament House.

After arriving in Sydney at around 9 o'clock, we walked from the Domain car park to Parliament House where, after we signed in and waited, we got to know a little bit more about how our Parliament works. We heard from MPs Barry O'Farrell and Adrian Piccoli, just to name a few. After this we visited the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council Chambers where we experienced both the Lower House and the Upper House in session. After this we

had a surprise visit from Katrina Hodgkinson and got a photo with her.



After lunch, we walked to Government House, where we were given a tour, and then the Governor herself, Her Excellency Professor The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO, spoke to us about her personal experiences as being Governor and her early childhood. Listening to her was the highlight of my day—she was so inspiring, funny and down to earth!

After the program was finished at around 3.30pm, and once we were on the road home, Danyelle and I both slept through the afternoon traffic. Overall the day was an experience to remember.



I'd like to thank Mr Reaper for taking the time to drive Danyelle and myself to Sydney and back in one day!

### **YEAR 8 CANBERRA TRIP**

It was an early, cold Monday morning for Year 8 of Coota High. At 6.25am we bustled into the bus and cranked the heaters up. The trip to Canberra was a long trip with Elli Aranda and Gabby Wakefield singing the whole 2 hours!

We finally arrived at Questacon at 9.00am and the weather was showing no mercy. We had a quick toilet stop and then it was off to the 'Excite' gallery to face the free fall. Many students found the drop ter-



rifying and had to step down but the brave endured the drop. After this terrifying experience we were allowed to go and explore. Our group—which consisted of Gabby, Brigette, Brooke and Elli—were the first group to experience the earthquake house which was a replica of a level 5 earthquake. We then went to the Questacon café to grab a bite.

We piled onto the bus once more to go shopping at the Civic Centre. The girls bought so many clothes that we had trouble fitting back onto the bus, but the boys bought food. Ben Maher had the record of the day eating KFC, donuts, gelato and Maccas and Wayne Parker came in with a close second place!



We then went to Parliament House where we had a tour, roll play and watched some speeches in the Senate and the House of Representatives—finishing with a bite to eat. Afterwards, we ventured home to Coota.



## SUPERHERO SOCIAL



On Wednesday the SRC conducted a highly successful school social. Congratulations to the SRC organising committee, Mr Frilay, supervising staff, and students for making the night such an enjoyable evening. Well done to all.



## THE FAULT IN OUR STARS

On Wednesday, 11 June 9.1 English went to Wagga to watch the newly released film 'The Fault in Our Stars'. During Term 1 we studied the novel by John Green with a focus on the adversity faced by different characters. As a part of our close study of a text, we compared the film adaptation to the novel.



After watching the film, we concluded that the movie was reasonably accurate and true to the original novel. While some minor characters were excluded and a few scenes cut out, overall the class thought it was a decent adaptation of the book.

Although the class did enjoy the movie—with many laughs and tissues (for the girls) throughout—the majority still believed that the novel was better. The class preferred and appreciated the novel more be-

cause we were able to imagine the characters as individuals and experience the depth of emotion portrayed throughout as each character dealt with cancer in some form.



We had a great day and would like to thank Ms Walker, Mr Payne and Mr Lewis for their part in making our excursion an enjoyable experience.

Sarah Stephens and Melissa Kelleher

### NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

On Friday, 18 July Cootamundra High School staff and students will be celebrating NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee). NAIDOC is an annual week of celebrations held across Australia in July every year. It began in 1975 and gives all Australians the opportunity to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

At Cootamundra High School we will enjoy a range of activities from Koori games, art and craft activities (including everyone being able to make a loom band in the Aboriginal colours of red, black and yellow) to watching David Gulpillil's latest movie, 'Satellite Boy'.

Uncle Bob Glanville will be attending the celebrations and open the day with a Welcome to Country.

Everyone will have the opportunity to come to school dressed in either the Aboriginal colours or the Torres Strait islander colours (green, blue white and black).

We will have a sausage sizzle at lunch time for students and staff who would like to try a kanga banga as well as a beef sausage for the very reasonable price of \$2.50.

### HARMONY DAY POSTER COMPETITION

On Tuesday, 17 June Brittany Hefren travelled to Parliament House in Sydney to receive her Harmony Day Poster Competition award at the Harmony Day Ceremony.



Brittany won \$150 for her poster promoting harmony throughout our community. She won the Riverina section of the competition which received approximately 5000 entries from across the state, and was one of the top 9 entries in the senior division.





One of the highlights of the ceremony was the keynote speaker, Hugh Remington, who is a Channel 10 newsreader, has a master's degree in peace keeping policy, and has had a long held interest in promoting harmony.

### FROM THE CAREERS DESK

#### BUILD A BRIDGE

The 'Build a Bridge' project is an annual event that aims to engage students in Years 10, 11 and 12 in learning more about engineering. Interested students should see Mrs Alderman as soon as possible – numbers are strictly limited.

#### HONEYWELL ENGINEERING SUMMER SCHOOL

Liam Moston, Andrew Clements, Ben Jackson and Adam Martin have gained successful entry into this excellent Summer School to be held later on this year in Sydney. Congratulations boys!

#### DISCOVER ENGINEERING DAY

There are certainly a lot of opportunities at the moment for students to attend workshops and various schools to do with engineering. There is a large skill shortage across a wide range of areas in engineering and Engineers Australia is once again sponsoring this particular day. To be held at Mater Dei High School in Wagga on Thursday 14 August, it is open to all interested students in years 9 and 10. See Mrs Alderman to register and/or for further details.

#### HSC IN THE HOLIDAYS

A number of institutions are offering extra assistance to students in the holidays in preparation for their HSC. For more information, go to [www.hscintheholidays.com.au](http://www.hscintheholidays.com.au)



Cootamundra High School  
Year 10 Parent and Student Information Evening  
Subject Choices for 2015  
Guest Speaker: Lindy Billing  
from the Board of Studies  
Thursday 17th July  
7.00 p.m.  
High School Hall

### AECG MEETING

An extraordinary AECG meeting will be held in the Steven Ward Rooms at the town library on Thursday, 17 July at 4pm.

### 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.

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.

**NB: This is not a school organised excursion**

### BOLLYWOOD COMES TO THE ARTS CENTRE



Fiona Braybrooks and the Cootamundra Bollywood Students present the "Retro to Recent" Bollywood Dance Recital.

Come on a journey through Indian Dance from the 1960s to 2014 and enjoy the sparkle, glitz and glamour that is Bollywood Dance! This is Fiona's first solo choreographed show accompanied by a group of talented Cootamundra Bollywood Dancers!

Saturday, 28 June at 6pm in the Tin Shed Theatre. Tickets are available at The Arts Centre Box Office. \$20 Adult, \$10 Child and \$50 Family. Phone 6942 4773 for more information. \$10 Dress Rehearsal Tickets are available for Friday, 27 June.

## Parenting Skills for Resolving Teenage Behavioural Problems

**Engaging Adolescents™**

3 sessions:

Monday 28 July 2014  
 Monday 4 August 2014 and  
 Monday 11 August 2014

7.00 to 9.00 pm

Stephen Ward Rooms  
 Cootamundra Library



• An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective •

**Learn:**

- Reasonable expectations to have of your adolescents;
- Building your relationship with your teenager
- Skills for tough conversations to handle those problems you just can't ignore.

**Bookings are essential please RSVP to Cootamundra High School on 69422711**

This course is being run by Parentshop® licensed practitioners.

[www.parentshop.com.au](http://www.parentshop.com.au)

**YEAR 10 EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP**

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange (SCCE) is offering a 3-month Scholarship for November 2014 – January, 2015 to your choice of France, Germany or Italy.

Scholarship is valued at \$3,950—50% off full program fee. It includes:

- Return flights to destination country on Singapore Airlines
- Domestic transportation in host country and Australia
- Selected host family
- Attendance at overseas local school
- Full 24/7 support in host country
- SCCE professional support
- Fully comprehensive insurance cover
- Program departure date: 29 October 2014. Returning 3rd week of January 2015.

How to apply:

Email your name, address, phone number and name of your school and year level to [scceaust@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaust@scce.com.au). Ask for a scholarship application kit or enquire at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au). You will be required to submit a 1000 word essay (maximum length) on a particular topic by 1 August 2014.

**COOTAMUNDRA LIBRARY HAPPENINGS****KNITTING FOR KIDS**

Learn how to knit at the library.

When: Wednesday, 2 July and Wednesday, 9 July

Time: 10.00am—11.30am

Cost: \$2 (includes morning tea and wool)

Bookings: 6940 2200

**FUN WITH CARTOONING**
**LIFE STORY WRITING WORKSHOP****Life Story Writing Workshop**

**Stories are how we make sense of our lives**

This practical workshop will help anyone interested in writing about some aspect of their life – including growing up or living in a local area, relationship with the land, local history, experiences of other cultures and travel.

Whether your interest is in memoir, a travel diary, articles for a newspaper or magazine, poetry or essay, this workshop will support your writing.

Practical experience of various writing techniques are included in the workshop. A range of exercises assist with story selection, planning, getting started, overcoming blocks, editing – and writing that's enjoyable to read.

The workshop is suitable for both beginners and more experienced writers.

**Workshop presenter**

Drawing on his background in adult learning and community development Graeme Gibson has presented writing workshops since 2007. He has contributed to a number of short story collections and self-published the non-fiction book "Beyond Fear and Loathing: Local politics at work". See [www.morethanjusttalk.com.au](http://www.morethanjusttalk.com.au)

**Workshop details**

Venue: Cootamundra Library, corner of Wallendoon and Thompson Streets  
 Date: Thursday 17 July  
 Time: 9.00am – 12.00pm  
 Cost: \$25

**Please register and pay for the workshop at the library**

Bring pen and paper and some ideas you would like to write about

**More Than Just Talk**  
 For stories that matter



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Kids<sup>in</sup>the park

Sydney's largest school holiday program returns this winter, with over 50 fun-filled activities to keep your kids active, outdoors and entertained. A range of activities are free or under \$20, making it affordable to discover Sydney's most exciting playground this holidays!

Archery – Kids on Target & Little Archers  
All Day Holiday Recreational Program  
Art, Cooking, Writing Workshops  
Cheerleading & Gymnastics  
Circus skills & Flying Trapeze

Fizzics Science Workshops  
Solarus in Space show - FREE  
Sport & Adventure Camps  
Sports Star and Sing Star- FREE  
...and lots more

Full details at [www.kidsinthepark.com.au](http://www.kidsinthepark.com.au)

It would be greatly appreciated if you could include the above activities in your school newsletter.

Kind regards

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# KIDS' WINTER CAMPS 2014

**Learning and fun outdoors!**

Looking for a fun and healthy school holiday activity that won't break the bank? Get your kids off the couch and unhooked from the iPad with a Sport and Recreation Centre holiday program.

Sport and Recreation Centres are government-run facilities. These overnight and day adventures are offered in great Australian bush and coastline locations for kids aged 5 to 16.

**See your child blossom**

Our programs use challenging, adventurous activities to help kids develop independence, self-esteem and social skills.

Under the supervision of friendly and qualified staff, conquering these age-appropriate challenges can help kids develop confidence as they master new skills and make new friends.

Our affordable school holiday packages include all activities, accommodation, nutritious meals and 24-hour supervision. Supervised transport is also available to and from most camps.

**Sport and Recreation Centres: getting kids active outdoors for over 60 years.**

Active Learning for Life...

Location	Camp name	Code	Date	Age	Cost 12 years and under	Cost 13 years and over	Transport available
1-DAY CAMPS							
Berry	Kids' Club (day only)	67874	1 Jul	7-9 years			
		67875	2 Jul	7-12 years			
		67876	3 Jul	10-12 years	\$45.00		No
Lake Ainsworth	Kids' Club (day only)	67951	30 Jun	5-12 years			
		67952	1 Jul	5-12 years	\$45.00		No
		67953	2 Jul	5-12 years			
Myuna Bay	Kids' Club (day only)	67846	10 Jul	7-12 years	\$45.00		No
		67847	11 Jul	7-12 years			
2-DAY CAMPS							
Broken Bay	Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying	67814	10 - 11 Jul	13 years & 9 months - 16 years		\$180.00	Yes
3-DAY CAMPS							
Broken Bay	Duke of Edinburgh Practice	67811	6 - 8 Jul	13 years & 9 months - 16 years		\$210.00	Yes
5-DAY CAMPS							
Borambola	Snow Combo	67859	7 - 11 Jul	9-12 years	Ski - \$469.55 Board - \$507.90		Yes
	Sports Crazy	67770	7 - 11 Jul	10-13 years	\$255.00	\$295.00	No
Broken Bay	Adventure Camp	67800	30 Jun - 4 Jul	12-15 years	\$285.00	\$320.00	Yes
	Hooked on Fishing	67804	30 Jun - 4 Jul	12-15 years	\$341.00	\$376.00	Yes
	Adventure Camp	67808	7 - 11 Jul	7-12 years	\$285.00		Yes
	Sky High	67810	7 - 11 Jul	12-15 years	\$285.00	\$320.00	Yes
Lake Ainsworth	Adventure Camp	67948	7 - 11 Jul	7-12 years	\$285.00		Yes
Lake Burrendong	Mountain Biking	67895	30 Jun - 4 Jul	12-15 years	\$237.00	\$267.00	Yes
	Hooked on Fishing	67896	7 - 11 Jul	7-12 years	\$277.00		Yes
Lake Keepit	Kreative Kids	67924	30 Jun - 4 Jul	7-12 years	\$265.00		No
	Hooked On Fishing	67798	30 Jun - 4 Jul	7-12 years	\$341.00		Yes
Milton Island	Adventure Camp	67806	30 Jun - 4 Jul	7-12 years	\$285.00		Yes
	Adventure Camp	67807	7 - 11 Jul	7-12 years	\$285.00		Yes
	Cooking 4 Kids	67809	7 - 11 Jul	7-12 years	\$315.00		Yes
Myuna Bay	Adventure Camp	67848	30 Jun - 4 Jul	7-12 years	\$305.00		Yes
	Cooking 4 Kids	67850	30 Jun - 4 Jul	7-12 years	\$345.00		Yes
	Kreative Kids	67851	30 Jun - 4 Jul	7-12 years	\$345.00		Yes
Sydney Academy	Kids' Club (day only)	66063	30 Jun - 4 Jul	8-12 years	\$267.50		No
	Kids' Club (day only)	66064	7 - 11 Jul	8-12 years	\$267.50		No
	Environmental Art (day only)	67792	7 - 11 Jul	5-7 years	\$267.50		No
7-DAY CAMPS							
Jindabyne	Snow Sports	67414	28 Jun - 4 Jul	10-16 years	\$1,066.75	\$1,076.75	Yes
		67418	5 - 11 Jul	10-16 years	\$1,066.75	\$1,076.75	Yes

For full details including program descriptions, head to our website at [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps). Please note, age restrictions do apply for some activities.

#### Introducing online enrolments

Your enrolment can be submitted online 24/7! Enrolments close on the Monday one week prior to camp. Book early to avoid disappointment.

[www.dsr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au)



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#### How to enrol

Call 13 13 02 to book and pay over the phone, or submit your enrolment with full payment online.

Visit [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps) for details.

Our friendly staff are always ready to help with your booking and answer any questions. We recommend you book as early as you can to ensure your child doesn't miss out.  
Tel: 13 13 02 Language assistance phone: 13 14 50  
Email: [sportrec@communities.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sportrec@communities.nsw.gov.au)

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