



# Cootamundra High School Newsletter



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## HONEYWELL SUMMER SCHOOL

Mitchell Holmes, Alison Gilpin and Mitchell Coleman-Hardy of Year 11 have been selected for positions in the Honeywell Engineering Summer School in December this year. They will meet and learn from professional engineers from a large range of differing engineering backgrounds. This is a career avenue that these three students would like to pursue in the future, so this will give them an opportunity to experience the many types of engineering available. As Quoted in the Cootamundra Herald by Alison, 'Everything around us has to do with engineering, it is the way the world works and I would like to be part of that.'



The Rotary Club of Cootamundra has sponsored the students, sharing in the cost of attending with Cootamundra High School and the students.

## MORCOMBE VISIT



On Thursday the 22nd of October the Cootamundra community was privileged to welcome Bruce and Denise Morcombe, parents of Daniel Morcombe

who was abducted from a bus stop and murdered in 2003. They set up the Daniel Morcombe Foundation as a legacy to assist communities, educators and students in learning about personal safety.

## CALENDAR

### Week 5, Term 4

Mon, 2 Nov to Fri, 6 Nov Fri, 6 Nov	VET Work Placement HSC Written Exams RSA Course, Year 12 Touch Carnival
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### Week 6, Term 4

Mon 9 Nov to Fri, 13 Nov Tues, 10 Nov Wed, 11 Nov	Years 7 & 9 Exams VET Work Placement Year 7 2016 Transition Year 12 Formal
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### Week 7, Term 4

Mon, 16 Nov to Fri, 20 Nov Tues, 17 Nov Wed, 18 Nov	Years 8 & 10 Exams  Year 7 2016 Parent Information Evening. 6.30pm Year 7 2016 Transition
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Their message to students was to be able to **RECOGNISE** danger, have the ability to **REACT** by getting away and to **REPORT** the problem to an adult in their support network.



They also talked to students about the dangers of online social media sites such as Facebook and the steps we can all take online to keep our kids safe.

If you would like more information about the

Daniel Morcombe Foundation or Day for Daniel (30th October 2015) it can be found on the following website: <http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au/>



## JAPAN STUDY TOUR 2015 – PART 2

The last part of our journey took us to Hiroshima where we spent five days at the Hiroshima Language School. On arrival the centre held an opening ceremony where the students had to conduct a welcoming speech in Japanese. We then moved as a group to learn Ikebana, the art of Japanese flower arranging. It is based on the scalene triangle and features minimal blooms among stalks and leaves.



Friday saw the students participate in a Japanese language lesson in preparation for their home stay's. Students revised the Japanese language and were encouraged to practice with Japanese teachers. The group then trav-

elled to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and Park. Students learnt about the bombing of Hiroshima and its effects on the people of Japan. Photographs and memorabilia from the day of the bombing were on display. The group walked through the park observing the A-Bomb dome building, one of the few buildings to survive the bomb and well as the Memorial Cenotaph, Flame of Peace and Children's Peace Monument (featuring Sadako Sasaki-1000 paper cranes) built in memory of the children who died. In the afternoon the group went to Hondori shopping arcade to stock up on souvenirs. In the evening students were collected by their Japanese families to commence their home stay.



Students had varied experiences whilst on home stays. Ben and Jordan stayed with a family who had 3 small boys. They accompanied the family to the son's Karate lesson,

visited a sake factory and made their own sushi. Hayden stayed with a surgeon and his wife. They visited the 'Three Waterfall Shrine, Hiroshima Art Museum, Shukkeien Garden and Hiroshima Castle. Hayden tried sashimi (raw fish) for the first time.



While the students were on home stay the teachers and parents of the group travelled back into Hiroshima and visited the Shukkeien Garden and Hiroshima Castle as well as the shopping district.







On Sunday the students returned from their home stay and the group headed off, via ferry to Miyajima Island, one of the most scenic spots in Japan. While on Miyajima Island we visited the Itsukushima Shrine (the floating shrine on the sea) and walked down to the Great Torii.



On Monday the group received a lesson in wearing a traditional kimono, a long process which was quite challenging.



In the afternoon the group went to Hiroshima Shinjo High School. While there students participated in a



cooking lesson making battered Momiji Manju (a Miyajima soft cookie), origami lessons and Japanese language activities.



Students were able to use their Japanese language skills with Japanese students. After school finished the Japanese students

stayed on the school grounds and went to after school sports. We were able to observe Baseball, Judo, Kendo and Wrestling.



Tuesday was our last day in Japan. The students had a closing ceremony at the centre and then began the long journey back to Australia.



## FROM THE CAREERS DESK

### YEAR 12 RSA

There are still vacancies in this course and money can be paid to the front office. Information on the course can be collected from Mrs Alderman. It will be held in A5 on Friday 6 November.

### YEAR 11 WORK PLACEMENT

Year 11 TVET students will complete their second round of work placement in the coming two weeks. Students are reminded that Student Placement Records must be signed by the Principal and Careers Adviser prior to attending their workplace.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

Expressions of Interest for the last round of Work Experience are now closed. Students will be notified of their placements in the coming weeks.

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Current Employment Opportunities**  
As of 28/10/2015

**GATES**  
Complete Apprentice Management

Tyrepower Trainee Tyre Fitter – Wagga	Applications close Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November
3 <sup>rd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> year Apprentice Electrician – Jerilderie	Applications close Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November
Apprentice Welder – Wagga	Applications close Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> November
Apprentice Cabinetmaker – Wagga	Applications close Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November
Apprentice Chef – Wagga	Applications close Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> November
Spare Parts Traineeship – Wagga	Applications Open
Apprentice Auto-Electrician – Wagga	Applications Close Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> November
Apprentice Locksmith – Wagga GOODLOCK LOCKSMITHS	Applications close Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November
Apprentice Heavy Vehicle Mechanic – Wagga HARTWIG	Applications close Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> November
Apprentice Heavy Vehicle Mechanic – Dubbo HARTWIG	Applications close Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November
Apprentice Agricultural Machinery Mechanic – Griffith HARTWIG	Applications close Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November
Apprentice Heavy Vehicle Mechanic – Griffith HARTWIG	Applications close Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November

## UNDER 15'S NETBALL KNOCKOUT – WAGGA

On Wednesday the 21st of October 9 students travelled to Wagga to participate in a Netball knockout competition. The girls had 5 games on the day and played against Finley, Yanco, Hay, Wagga and Tumut. Although the girls did not succeed in getting to the semi finals they gained great experience and had fun. Thank you to Azelyn Collins for being our umpire.



Back: Tori Nolte, Eliza Cooper, Meg Sutherland, Jessica Harris, Trinity Slade, Michaela Webb, Shelby Nicka, Jessica Sawyer.

Front: Emily Potter and Azelyn Collins

## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

**FREE Keeping Children Safe**

**3 Session Program:**  
Thursday 19 November 2015  
Thursday 26 November 2015  
Thursday 3 December 2015

**10:30am to 2pm**

**Mission Australia**  
Unit 2, 36-40 Gurwood St,  
Wagga Wagga

To help parents understand:

- The importance of creating a safe home environment for their children
- The need to protect children and young people as they grow and develop
- What to teach your children to keep them safe

Bookings are essential please contact your Case Manager or RSVP by emailing [ParentingRiverina@missionaustralia.com.au](mailto:ParentingRiverina@missionaustralia.com.au) or contact Stacey on 6942 8001

A light lunch will be provided.  
(Please advise of any special dietary requirements at time of RSVP)  
Please note child care is not being provided

**MISSION AUSTRALIA** together we stand

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## OPEN GARDEN— BUNDARBO STATION

**Open Garden Bundarbo Station**

**Bundarbo Station**  
Dating originally to 1823, Bundarbo Station sits on a glorious stretch of the Murrumbidgee River.  
John Walling visited the garden over a number of years and his hand can be detected in the enclosing stone wall that delineates the inner garden from the historic outbuildings.  
The driveway of E. Mountfort leads to extensive parklands, magnificently retained and expanded in more recent years. Roses, lavender beds, an olive grove, orchard and herb garden create a tranquil and beautiful space where time stands still.

**All proceeds will support the Jugiong Public School**

**Entry \$10.00 per person (children free)**  
Devonshire Teas, Garden Stalls, Picnic Hamper Lunches, Lucky Door Prizes, a Raffle, Garden Tours and more.

Visit our Facebook page – Bundarbo Open Garden or email us to pre-book:  
• Picnic Hampers • Garden Tours  
Email: [jugiongpublic@gmail.com](mailto:jugiongpublic@gmail.com)  
or call the Jugiong School on 6943 4210

**Sunday 15 November, 2015**  
8am to 5pm

From Riverside Drive, Jugiong, turn onto Bundarbo Road, and follow the signs.



## WHAT'S ON AT THE ARTS CENTRE

## STAKES

the arts centre  
cootamundra  
"an artist's playing field"

**STAKES**  
It's a lot more than just luck

330 MEDIA PRESENTS "STAKES" FEATURING OLIVIA GLENN, KAITLY SMITH, JUSTIN SHERIDAN, ADAM DRUMMOND, BILL TURNER, TY BUTLER, MATT COLEMAN, BERNIE MAXWELL, FRANK GOODYER, KEN DAY AND BRAD FETSON  
DIRECTED BY RICHARD OWEN  
SCREENPLAY BY KEN BARNARD, JANE ELIZABETH AND ELLEN WESCHERT  
EDITED BY TED KORTEKLAAS AND MATT OLSEN

The Arts Centre Cootamundra 18-20 Wallendoon Street 6942 4773 info@theartscentrecootamundra.org.au

**COOTAMUNDRA FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER 7pm**

www.stakesthemovie.com.au facebook.com/StakesMovie

Don't miss out on a fun night of locally made film, and optional fashions off the field, raffle, bar snacks and drinks will be available.

Movie tickets \$17.

Support local film makers and see our ex local Michael McClintock in a cameo!

Additional screening Wednesday 11 November 10:30am \$12

## MY CHOICE MATTERS

On Tuesday 17 November, My Choice Matters will be holding a get more skills funding workshop at The Arts Centre Cootamundra. It will be a most helpful meeting for people with disabilities and carers regarding the planning of funding for individuals.

## Start thinking about a good life

my choice matters  
NSW Consumer Development Fund

Living Life  
My Way

- **Hea**r about changes to the disability support system and what it will mean for you
- **Talk** about planning and things to consider for your life
- **See** what some people are already doing.

## Get More Skills



**COOTAMUNDRA WORKSHOP**  
Tuesday 17th November  
10.00m - 2.00pm

The Arts Centre Cootamundra  
18-20 Wallendoon Street,  
Cootamundra, NSW, 2590

For people with disability, their families and carers. Registration essential. Get in touch if you have any support or dietary needs.



Lunch will be provided.

My Choice Matters workshops are fully accessible.

## To Register

1800 144 653  
info@mychoicematters.org.au  
www.mychoicematters.org.au/  
what-s-on

## To Connect

/mychoicematters  
@mcnmw

## Find out more

Head to [www.mychoicematters.org.au/what-s-on](http://www.mychoicematters.org.au/what-s-on)

## PIONEER PARK INTEREST GROUP MEETING

## AN INTEGRATED COMMUNITY PROJECT

## PIONEER PARK

The benefits, possibilities and signage upgrade for safe  
Tourism and Local Community enjoyment.

## AN ARTS CENTRE / CDC TOURISM TASKFORCE FORUM

TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2015 (yes! Melbourne Cup Day after the race)

Time: 5.30 to 6.30pm sharp

Venue: Studio 4 - The Arts Centre COOTAMUNDRA



Proposed Outcome: To form a group of interested community members to take this project forward for the social, recreational and economic benefit of Cootamundra Shire

An Arts Centre Initiative  
the arts centre  
cootamundra

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new country living  
Cootamundra Development Corporation  
Ph: 02 6942 1430





## WHOOPIING COUGH ALERT

### Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for [information for childcare and schools about whooping cough](#).