



Cootamundra High School Newsletter



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VICTOR CHANG SCIENCE AWARDS

On Wednesday, November 11, Alison Gilpin attended the prestigious Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute Award Ceremony at Junee High School. Alison was the recipient of a Victor Chang Science Award that recognized her excellence in science. Congratulations to Alison for winning this award, as it is a major academic and personal achievement.



Alison is pictured receiving her award from Dr Ro-maric Bouveret.

PROUD AND DEADLY AWARDS

Last Friday evening, the Proud and Deadly Awards were held at EA Southee Primary School. This is an annual event held in a number of schools around the Riverina and across the state, to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students engagement and

excellence in school life. Cootamundra High School was well represented in the awards.



CALENDAR

Week 9, Term 4

Mon, 30 Nov— Fri, 4 Dec	Work Experience
Wed, 2 Dec— Fri, 4 Dec	Year 11 Geography Excursion

Week 10, Term 4

Mon, 7 Dec	Year 7 & 8 Rewards Excursion — Wagga
Fri, 11 Dec	Year 9 Rewards Excursion— Borambola

Week 11, Term 4

Mon, 14 Dec	Presentation Night
Tues, 15 Dec	Year 11 Rewards Excursion—Wagga
Wed, 16 Dec	Year 10 Rewards Excursion— Canberra

Ms Thelmerie Rudd, Aboriginal Wellbeing Advisor from Public Schools NSW Wagga Wagga Office, MCd the event. We thank Southee principal, Ms Zita McLeod and her staff for hosting the event this year. Cootamundra High School is honoured to be able to host the event next year.

SENSORY ROOM



The Multicat. Class and Support Staff at Cootamundra HS would like to say a big thank you to the Cootamundra Lions Club for donating a cheque for \$300 to purchase a rowing machine to be used in the Sensory Room at the school. With that money we were also able to purchase some other sensory items ie wrist weights, balance board, sensory spiked balls and heat/cold balls. These have already been of great benefit to students.



FROM THE CAREERS DESK



A busy year is once again drawing to a close. Last Wednesday Year 10 enjoyed a successful and enlightening visit to the University of Canberra. Students were able to sample a ‘snap-shot’ of university life and explore the campus facilities and accommodation.



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

A number of students will be involved in the final work experience program for 2015. Students will be getting a taste of the Automotive, Education, Electrical, Policing, Physiotherapy and Retail industries, which are guaranteed to provide some excellent insights into ‘the real world’.

YEAR 12 STUDENT RECOMMENDATION SCHEME – RESULTS

A number of students have been made early university offers through the Early Entry Scheme. Students have had good news from Macquarie, Canberra and Charles Sturt Universities so far. Conditional offers have also been released to students upon receipt of their ATAR.

UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG DISCOVERY DAY

There has been a lot of interest in this trip to Wollongong in February next year. A reminder that the last day for payment is Friday 27 November.

PAINTING APPRENTICESHIP

A vacancy exists for an apprentice painter. The position is in Wagga and interested students can call into the Careers Office for further information.

CONGRATULATIONS

Kiara Wilson and Emily Brown have gained in-school traineeships for their two senior years at Cootamundra High School. The Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program provides a limited number of traineeships each year for Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander students who continue onto years 11 and 12.



Both Kiara and Emily applied for the traineeships and were successful in the application and interview process. Over the next two years, besides working towards their HSC, they will complete a Certificate III in Education Support online through TAFE NSW as well as work some hours a week at our local primary schools. They will certainly be busy!

SAVE THE DATE—2015 PRESENTATION NIGHT

Cootamundra High School's Annual Presentation Night is on Monday, 14 December 2015, at 7pm in the school hall. All welcome to attend.

WHAT'S ON AT THE ARTS CENTRE**SARAH WHITTERON AND MARK JOHNSON**

Save the date: 26th and 27th February 2016!

We're delighted to announce that Sarah Whitteron and Mark Johnson will be making their long-awaited return to The Arts Centre Cootamundra in February, their first concert together in their home town for almost five years.

The evening's programme will be full of gorgeous selections of songs and operatic excerpts by Puccini, Strauss, and Mozart, and will feature a complete performance of the magical and often overlooked song cycle 'The Dream City' by Gustav Holst, almost never performed in its original form for soprano and piano. Mark and Sarah gave a small taste of this hidden gem at their last Cootamundra appearance in 2011 and are eager to finally present the work in its entirety. This promises to be their most impressive collaboration yet, and another unforgettable two nights of music from some home-grown talent. Tickets available through The Arts Centre Cootamundra Now- the perfect Christmas present.

**ACCESS ALL AREAS AND THE FESTIVALISTS**

Access All Areas and the Festivalists present this year's short film festival supporting International Day of People with Disability

Short films include: Bunny New Girl, Cooking with Fire, Dancing with Gene Kelly, HIGH TIDE, Le Tour, Love Bites, Oddbots, The Visitors, The Witching Hour, the Duck.

All patrons are free and all films are family friendly - bring your whole family!

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**CHRISTMAS FAIR &
FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR**

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 28TH**



Chocolate Wheels, Kids Zone, Face Painting, Jumping Castle, Motor Cross Display, Train Rides, Cycle Challenge, Vortex Challenge and more. Food, Drinks and Market Stalls.

5pm till 9pm Fisher Park



SANTA arrives 6.30pm

"Schools and community groups on show"



Side show alley for little and big kids at heart. Show Bags, Dodgems, Dog Wood Dogs and much more.

TAKE CHARGE AND VOLUNTEER

The Take Charge and Volunteer representative Georgia Briggs came out and spoke to you about her cool volunteer experiences, and the new REROC initiative you could sign up for. Did you take a card off Georgia and promise to sign up?Did you do it...

It is definitely not too late to sign up for Take Charge and Volunteer on the website www.takecharge.org.au and take part in some awesome local events or organisations to help the community.

Like our Facebook page too for more info and easy access to our representatives to help you with any questions. www.facebook.com/TakeChargeRiverina Go on and sign up, YOU get to choose the place, YOU get to choose the time, YOU get the cool experiences, YOU get the extra activity for your resume, and YOU go into a monthly draw to win iTunes or phone recharge vouchers, and a yearly draw to win an iPad. What more could you want?!

2015 CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

The 2015 Carols by Candlelight will be held in Jubilee Park, from 7pm on Sunday 13th December. If inclement weather at Sacred Heart Church).

COOTAMUNDRA SWIMMING CLUB

Cootamundra Swimming & Lifesaving Club

Come and try on
Friday 4th
December 2015
at
4:30pm-5:30pm



Summer training commences 30th
November 2015

Junior squad-4:30pm-5:30pm
Senior squad-4:30pm-6:00pm

Training days- Monday, Wednesday,
Friday

Thursday Night club swims

To register go to-
- NSW swimming
- click join now
- select region (southern inland)
- select club (Cootamundra)
- then continue to follow the prompts
- registration fee \$65.00 per swimmer
- non-swimmer \$25.00
- parent must be registered for child under 18 years of age

Further details contact
cootaswim@gmail.com

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

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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 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

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