



# Cootamundra High School Newsletter



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## PRESENTATION NIGHT

Cootamundra High School's Sixty First Annual Presentation Night was held on the evening of Monday December 14th. As always it was a fabulous event, showcasing the range of talents of our students. Over 100 students were presented with academic awards, book awards and sporting awards.



The prestigious special awards were presented by our invited guests, including the Mayor, Mr Slattery, and the Director of Public Education for the Coot-



amundra Network, Mrs Toni MacDonald. Our visitors spoke highly of the night, in particular the musical performances organised by Mr Perry.

Thanks to all families, students and staff who attended the night and to those staff who dedicated a great deal of time to organising it.

## COOTAMUNDRA COMMUNITY AWARDS

Congratulations to all our students who received awards at our PBL assembly on Thursday. Also many thanks to Josh Davis for his brilliant music display and to our year 8 dance troupe for their performance during assembly.

The pinnacle of our PBL awards system is the Cootamundra Community Award. This year 27 students achieved this award, and along with parents were

## CALENDAR

### 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

### Week 1, Term 1 20106

Wed, 27 Jan	Teachers Returns
Thurs, 28 Jan	Years 7, 11 & 12 Returns
Fri, 29 Jan	Whole School Returns



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invited to a special morning tea after the assembly. For students to obtain this award they not only need to excel at our core values of Respect, Responsibility and excellence, they need to be consistently rewarded school merits for their performance in many areas, including academic, cultural, sport and 'community'.



Many thanks to Mayor Jim Slattery for being our distinguished guest and presenter on this important occasion.

### **PREMIERS SPORTING CHALLENGE CAMP – BORAMBOLA**

On the 30th November 12 students in Year 10 went and attended a 3 day leadership program at Borambola. The camp had theory workshops which provided us with useful information to develop skills involved in being a positive leader and an effective mentor. All the activities pushed us outside of our comfort zones, these included: kayaking, 'minute to win it', archery, rock climbing and many team building activities. The camp activities involved us doing things we never imagined ourselves doing or being able to do. A good example of this was when we were in pairs and had to change kayaks in the middle of the billabong without tipping the kayak over and landing in the billabong!

We all met new people that we are sure to be life-long friends with. Overall the camp was a great experience and encourage anyone that gets the opportunity to go! The camp experience pushed us, improved our social skills and made us realise we are capable of doing anything we put our minds to and wish to achieve.

A huge thank you to Mr Gale for taking us, the leaders at Borambola (Gus, Bridget, Joe and Ollie), for being so welcoming and pushing us to achieve the best that we can and last but not least the amazing

new friends we have made for making the trip enjoyable and one to remember.

By Tahlia Gatto

### **COOTAMUNDRA VINTAGE CAR CLUB**

The school quad was a little different on Thursday, gone was the many games of handball, replace instead by a dozen vintage cars. This included V8 Torana's, a Studebaker, a MG, a couple of Austins, a



Jaguar and even a 1972, Suzuki 100 motorbike. May students took this opportunity to check out the old cars and chat with members of the club. Many thanks to all members of the car club for this display.



### **HOLIDAYS AND 2016**

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year. The 2016 school year starts for staff when we return to work on Wednesday, January 27th, for years 7, 11 and 12 on Thursday January 28th, and for all other students on Friday, January 29th.



### ROTARY CLUB DONATION

The Multi Cat. Class would like to say a big thank you to the Rotary Club of Cootamundra for donating an iPad Air to the Unit. This technology will be a valuable asset to the Students in the coming years. It will be used for educational apps and as a tool to engage students in their learning.



### YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHERS CONQUER KOSCIUSZKO!

Last week, the year 11 geography family, had a fantastic and quite interesting excursion. We first made our way to the Yarrongabilly Caves. We were guided through the caves seeing the wonders of the karst ecosystem. We then made our way to beautiful Thredbo. We made it through the first night after getting lost in the village and nearly frying off our eyebrows on the BBQ...anyways.



The next morning, our big day had finally arrived...Mt Kosciuszko Day! During our walk, we

made a number of stops, participating in some field-work activities. With only 1 km to the summit, we were eager to have our glory...and we made it! The long walk was definitely worth the it. After many selfies and a quick ring to Mr Reaper...we made our way back to the chairlift. On the way down, we were lucky enough to have a snow fight in the summer. And boy, didn't Miss Dunn love that! We eventually made it back to our lodge, after the big day. With many truth or dares and hot dinners,



we decided to call it a day.

The next day, we made our Journey home. We made a number of stops including Perisher and the Skitube recording information on the management strategies. The excursion was definitely one the best we have all been on. A big thank you to Miss Dunn and Mr Black for making the excursion what it was.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT.

Here are some of our Faculty signs that Year 9 Art has made this year. Aren't they great.







### END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

Here are some of the students taking part in the Outdoor games as part of the end of year activities. Students participated in novelty events such as sack races, 3 legged races, blindfold soccer and wheelbarrow races. Other activities on offer include Christmas cooking, film review, swimming, bush craft, dance, drama, writing workshops, golf, school improvement, mural painting, weaving, paper tolling, reading, board games and bowls,



### WHAT'S ON AT THE ARTS CENTRE

#### *BEGINNERS CALLIGRAPHY COURSE JANUARY 2016*

There has been sufficient interest to offer this course in the New Year, with some places still available

**Commencing:** Monday mornings January 18 – February 22 2016

**Duration:** 9:30am – 12 Noon for six weeks

**Cost:** \$60 Plus approximately \$10 initial materials cost


**Tutor:** Rae Webber



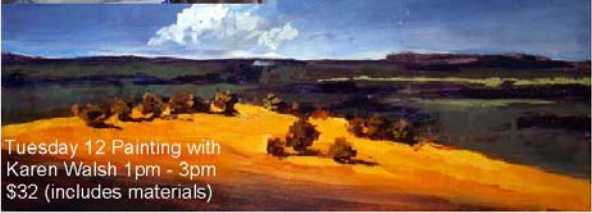
## JANUARY WORKSHOPS

**January School Holiday Workshops**

Thursday 7  
Swiss Drumming with Gerard Noonan  
11am – 12:30pm \$20



Tuesday 12 Drawing with Karen Walsh 10am-12pm \$28 (includes materials)  
Minimum age 7 for Karen's classes



Tuesday 12 Painting with Karen Walsh 1pm - 3pm  
\$32 (includes materials)

**the arts centre**  
cootamundra  
*"an artist's playing field"*  
15 - 35 Wallerston Street Cootamundra NSW 2590  
www.theartscentrecootamundra.org.au  
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## ODDBALL

SHANE JACOBSON SARAH SNOOK ALAN TUDYK DEBORAH MAILMAN

# Oddball

Every underdog has his day

**JANUARY 2016**  
Wednesday 6 at 10:30am  
Friday 8 at 2pm  
Sunday 10 at 5pm



Please be seated 5 mins prior to start. Duration 141Mins

**All tickets \$10**

General

## TOWN LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

## PAN

HUGH JACKMAN AS BLACKBEARD GARRETT HEDLUND AS HOOK ROONEY MARA AS TIGER LILY LEVI MILLER AS PETER PAN



# PAN

EVERY LEGEND HAS A BEGINNING

WARNER BROS. PICTURES PRESENTS  
IN ASSOCIATION WITH PATRACQUINE ENTERTAINMENT & BERLANTI PRODUCTIONS A JOE WRIGHT FILM

**JANUARY 2016**  
Wednesday 13 at 10:30  
Friday 15 at 2pm  
Sunday 17 at 5pm

Please be seated 5 mins prior to start. Duration 138 Mins  
Rated PG No food or drink to be consumed in the theatre All tickets \$10

**What's on in the holidays??**

Bookings essential for all holiday programs. Phone 69402200.

**Gingerbread Christmas Trees**

Decorate your own delicious tree!

- Tuesday December 22
- 2.30-3.30pm
- \$10.00



**Packing Bead Sculptures**

Recycle—Reuse—Create!

- Friday January 8
- 2.30-3.30pm
- \$5.00



**Cupcake Decorating**

Create your own masterpieces!

- Wednesday January 20
- 2.30-3.30pm
- \$10.00



**Beaded Spider Craft**

Jewelled arachnids to amaze your friends!

- Friday January 22
- 10-11.00am
- \$20.00



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## BEADED SPIDERS

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Join Tanya Mendes from *Old, New & Out of the Blue* for this creative workshop. This cute little spider is made from beads and wire and looks lovely catching the light from a window or peeking out from the leaves of plants.

**COOTAMUNDRA LIBRARY**  
Stephen Ward Room

Friday 22 January 10.00-11.00am

Specialty for kids and teens 10 years and older  
\$20 each includes FACE PAINTING

BOOKINGS REQUIRED  
P: 02 6940 2200 E: library@cootamundra.nsw.gov.au  
Additional kits may be purchased on the day \$12.95

## NETBALL HOLIDAY CLINIC

**COOTAMUNDRA**

## 2016 NETBALL

The Cootamundra Netball Association aim to provide a skills based program that will develop the netball capabilities for children of all ages. Each Tuesday players will meet at 4.00pm and be instructed in a variety of netball skills. We hope to then be able to offer a mini-competition at 5.00pm where players will be able to apply the skills they learnt into a game situation. This will depend on the number of registered players.

Players will also have the opportunity to participate in local and regional carnivals. These are a great way to meet other kids and further develop skills.

Season will commence **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016**. Players can access online registration from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016. A link is available through our website [www.cootamundra.nsw.netball.com.au](http://www.cootamundra.nsw.netball.com.au).

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**Registration Open:**  
1<sup>st</sup> January 2016

**Registration Close:** 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

**Net-Set-Go Ages**  
5yrs to 10yrs  
Cost: \$65

**Junior Ages**  
11yrs to 17yrs  
Cost: \$65

**Where:** Nicholson Park Cootamundra  
**Time:** 4:00 to 5:30  
**Day:** Tuesday  
**Starts:** 16<sup>th</sup> Feb

**COOTAMUNDRA NETBALL ASSOC**  
Adams street  
Cootamundra NSW 2590

Website: [cootamundra.nsw.netball.com.au](http://cootamundra.nsw.netball.com.au)

## 2016 NETBALL

**NETBALL | FUN | FRIENDS | FITNESS**

## Holiday Clinic Fun

**JOIN IN THE FUN!  
REGISTER YOUR CHILD  
IN A NETBALL NSW  
SCHOOL HOLIDAY  
CLINIC NEAR YOU!**

**GREAT HOLIDAY FUN FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 10**

- 3-hour clinic run by accredited coaches
- Tailored to all abilities
- Learn and improve your netball skills
- Make new friends
- Get lots of exercise in a safe environment
- Receive a Netball NSW goodie bag, and Certificate of Participation

**ONLY \$40 PER CHILD**

**When:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
**Time:** From 9:00am – 12:00pm with Sign On at 8:30am  
**Where:** Cootamundra Netball Association  
**Address:** Nicholson Park Cootamundra, NSW  
**Bring:** Healthy snacks, drink bottle, sunscreen and a hat

**Registrations Close Friday 8 January 2016**

For further information or to register visit [letsplaynetball.com](http://letsplaynetball.com)  
Call (02) 9951 5000 or email [netball@netballnsw.com](mailto:netball@netballnsw.com)

## RUGBY 2016

## PLAY TOP CLASS RUGBY

### In 2016 Canberra Schools' Competition

**Under 16s / Under 18s**

**INTERESTED???**

**CONTACT: WALLY 0428 426 094  
DON 0409 174 214**

- **STRUCTURED COACHING & FITNESS TRAINING**
- **HOME & AWAY SERIES AGAINST CANBERRA'S TOP SCHOOLS**
- **MID-SEASON TOUR TO NEW ZEALAND**
- **PRESEASON TRAINING 'BOOTCAMP' AT LAKE BURRENDONG**
- **SUBSIDISED BUSES TO CANBERRA GAMES**
- **EXPOSURE TO BRUMBIES AGE GROUP SELECTORS AND COACHES**
- **REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES: PLAYING JUMPER TO KEEP, SHORTS, SOCKS, TRAINING TOPS & INSURANCE**

# Police warn of underage sexting risk

SEVEN young people have had their phones destroyed as part of a local underage sexting investigation.

The practice of sending, receiving or sharing provocative photos, known as “sexting”, is viewed by many as flirtatious and commonplace in the age of smart phones.

Police though are warning it can carry serious penalties.

“All people should be seriously conscious of online security,” Cootamundra Local Area Command (LAC) sergeant Damian Nott said.

“It is a criminal offence to produce and disseminate provocative images of anyone under the age of 18. Police will investigate, and any device involved will be seized as evidence and destroyed.”

NSW legislation allows for mobile phones to be destroyed if any person is found guilty and convicted of offences including “Production, dissemination or possession of child abuse material”.

In recent weeks seven young people in the Cootamundra LAC had their mobile phones destroyed after they were found to be sexting and distributing provocative images of themselves to friends.

The phones were valued in excess of \$500 each.

Mr Nott warns though that sexting can have “far-reaching” consequences beyond losing your smart phone.

“Individuals and families can get caught up in a criminal investigation, which can have an obvious effect on your future,” he said.

“There are predators in society and young people are exposing themselves to risk factors. You can never guarantee the security of images you share.”

Young people are increasingly aware of the danger of sexual predators online, but may let their guard down with friends or partners.

Organisations including the Australian Human Rights Commission are currently trying to bring in stricter privacy laws to deter “revenge porn”.

The concerning trend sees former partners or friends using sexually suggestive images to blackmail, bully, embarrass or harass victims.

The message from police to young people is a simple one: don’t send or publish images of yourself and don’t distribute any sent to you.