



Cootamundra High School Newsletter



PRINCIPAL: Mr Neil Reaper

REL. DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Mr Rob Brown

Welcome back to everyone, especially our returning students, our new Year 7 students and students from other schools. It has been a busy start to the year with a lot of activity around the school.

We have a number of new teachers on staff in 2015. Ms Alison Strong has joined our Science staff, replacing Mr Rob Brown who is relieving Deputy for 2015 as Ms Janine Nelson has taken 12 months leave. Ms Helena Rosenkranc has been appointed as our new English/Drama teacher. Our school counsellor, Ms Fiona Lane, has had a transfer of duties to Queanbeyan for at least term one and has been replaced by Mr Anthony Sleeman who has been a school counsellor for a number of years working out of Leeton.

Congratulations to our Year 12 students on their HSC results. Many of our students have been offered university places, positions at TAFE or have gained employment. Congratulations to Tegan Kelly, Cassie Giles, Kiera White and Josh Kite who have been awarded Cootamundra Education Foundation scholarships to assist with their further studies.



Over the holidays the area between the canteen and the junior boys toilet has been built in and we now have a sensory room that will be used to support our students, particularly those in our MC class. Work on the new kitchen facilities in home economics has started, with the removal of all equipment, appliances and internal fittings complete. The re-building process has already begun. We expect all renovations to be completed by the beginning of Term 2. We are all looking forward to the finished product.

The school's P&C play a very important role in school life at Cootamundra High. A number of our stalwarts have indicated that they will not be continuing as P&C members in 2015. I accordingly invite all the parents/guardians of our 2015 students to attend and participate in our 2015 P&C. Our first meeting for the year will be Tuesday, 24 February in the school Library at 7pm.

CALENDAR

Week 6, Term 2

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| Tues, 17 Feb | NSW Schools Physical Activity and Nutrition Survey—Years 8 & 10 |
| Wed, 18 Feb | Cyber Safety Police Presentation |
| Fri, 20 Feb | Zone Swimming Carnival (Tumut) |

Week 7, Term 2

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| Mon, 23 Feb | School Photos |
| Tues, 24 Feb | Cyber Safety Police Presentation P&C Meeting—7pm in the library |

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A very successful swimming carnival was held yesterday. It was a day well supported by students with a great level of competition and participation.



Baldry were victors, notching up an impressive 888 points. Pinkstone came second (521), Anderson third (453) and McConaghy fourth (410).

Congratulations to the following students who were the 2015 Age Champions:

| Girls | Boys |
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| 12 Years | |
| Olivia Hamilton | Jacob Maher |
| Jessica Lake | |
| 13 Years | |
| Tegan Mayor | Matthew Rumble |
| 14 Years | |
| Michaela Webb | Jake Pymble |
| 15 Years | |
| Paige Hinds | Jaycob Madden-Bell |
| 16 Years | |
| Emily Webb | Mitchell Coleman-Hardy |
| 17 Years | |
| Holly Meadows-Blundell | Ben Camilleri |



Best Dressed Awards (below) – Alicia Slavin, Zoe Armstrong, Holly Meadows-Blundell and Hayden Basham



Belly Flop competition winner (below) – Tyler Whitechurch. Pictured with Tyler are the other finalists: Jayden Sutton, Shaun Flint and Jaidyn Campbell.



ABORIGINAL STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, SYDNEY

Three Year 11 Aboriginal students gained places at the UTS summer school program over two weeks in January. Kamika Bell, Kaleb McNally and Connor Oslizlok travelled by train to Sydney in mid January to begin two weeks attending classes, tutorials and workshops. Kaleb and Connor worked in the Faculty of Engineering while Kamika developed ideas and projects in the Faculty of Design.

It wasn't all work. Evenings and the weekend were for trips to Manly, going to the movies and other

great activities as well as relaxing at their accommodation at the Novatel.

UTS staff were very happy with our students and have invited them back for further study (and fun) for their July winter program.

SEEKING DONATIONS

For our new Sensory Gym at Cootamundra High School we are looking for any mechanical fitness machines in good working order that you are no longer using and would be willing to donate. For example, bikes, rowers, steppers. Please contact Emma O'Loughlin in the support faculty if you are able to assist.

SHOW TEAM FUNDRAISER

The Cootamundra High School Show Team will be holding a car wash fundraiser at the school this Saturday, 7 February from 9.00am to 1.00pm. The cost will be \$10-15 per vehicle.

SKOOLBAG UPDATE

For new parents to our school, you are encouraged to download our Cootamundra High School Skoolbag App. Skoolbag is a mobile App that allows us to communicate directly with parents and students. It works with smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). For information on how to download the App, go to <http://www.skoolbag.com.au/forparents.php> or see the flyer at the end of this Newsletter.

For existing Skoolbag users, Version 3 of Skoolbag is now ready for download in both the Apple App and Google Play Stores. If you have an earlier version of Skoolbag installed on your devices, you will see this new version as an App update. Some users may already have automatic updates switched on, in which case the App will update itself.

New Version 3 features include:

- Support for iPhone 6 and 6 Plus resolution,
- Rotation/landscape view when viewing landscape on larger resolution devices,
- New interface design and content navigation improvements,
- iPhone version has new Accessibility mode for visual impaired users,
- iPad version.

SCHOOL BASED IMMUNISATION PROGRAM

Nurses from the local HealthOne—Community Health Centre will visit the school on three occasions and provide the following vaccines during 2015:

Wednesday 4 March 2015

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| Year 7 students | Boostrix |
| | Varilrix |
| | HPV Dose 1 |
| Year 11-12 students | MMR |

Wednesday, 29 April 2015

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| Year 7 students | Dose 2 HPV |
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Wednesday, 26 August 2014

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| Year 7 students | Dose 3 HPV |
| Year 9 students | Dose 3 HPV |

Consent packs will be sent home with students and signed consents should be returned to the school by Friday, 20 February. Students will not receive vaccines without a signed consent.

Information sheets from NSW Health are available at the school's front office, or if you have any queries contact Fiona Grogan at HealthOne on 6940 1111.

FROM THE CAREERS DESK

This year has seen a very busy start, with Year 12 students already having returned from the University of Wollongong's annual Discovery Day. More information and photos will be available in the next newsletter.

TAFE COURSES

Metals and Engineering and Automotive students (Years 11 and 12) are advised that their courses will commence on Wednesday, 18 February and **not** 11 February as previously advertised. Health Services will commence on 11 February. All other course information will be delivered to students as it becomes available.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Students are reminded that Expressions of Interest for Work Experience this term are due on Friday, 27 February. Further information will be delivered in careers lessons but please don't hesitate to contact the careers office for clarification or further enquiries.

CSU MYDAYS

These days are being advertised already and more information is available in the flyers below.

Charles Sturt University
MYDAY
YOUR UNIVERSITY FOR A DAY

MyDay is your day at CSU

Come and experience life as a CSU student for a day at the MyDay Biomedical Sciences, Medical Radiation Sciences & Nursing in Wagga Wagga

Did you know?

- CSU's Bachelor of Medical Science degree is an internationally recognised & accredited course offering diverse career options in the health care industry.
- CSU's Bachelor of Pharmacy incorporates diverse practice such as community or hospital pharmacy, dispensing, medication management & health counseling to equip graduates with skills for immediate employment.
- Developed in close association with the nursing profession and healthcare industries CSU's Bachelor of Nursing is a fully accredited course and addresses the needs of today's nurse.

A CSU degree can take you all over the world before you even graduate!

Travel and study through various CSU Global programs in destinations including North America, Europe and Asia

Find out more about our courses:

- Bachelor of Medical Science
- Bachelor of Nursing
- Bachelor of Pharmacy
- Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science

When: Friday 27 February, 2015
10am – 2:00pm

Where: Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga Campus
Boorooma St, Wagga Wagga

Dress: Casual clothing. *Please note that closed in footwear must be worn as a requirement for participation in activities and entry into Labs*

Food: BYO or food and beverages can be purchased from the on campus food outlets

See your Careers Advisor for a Registration Form or register your interest at: www.csu.edu.au/contacts/myday

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Are you interested in a career in:

- Sports coaching
- Sports Administration
- Strength and conditioning
- Health promotion
- Corporate or community fitness
- HPE teaching
- Personal training
- Rehabilitation
- Working with Physiotherapists as an exercise scientist?

Come and experience life as a CSU student for a day at MyDay Exercise & Sport Science, Bathurst

Did you know that CSU's Exercise and Sport Science course is recognised by the peak international body, the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) in the USA. Graduates are therefore well placed to gain employment around the world

Find out more about our nationally accredited courses:

- Bachelor of Education (Health and Physical Education)
- Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science
- Bachelor of Sport Studies / Bachelor of Communication (Journalism)

www.csu.edu.au/courses/exercise-science

When: Friday 27 February, 2015
9:45am – 2:00pm

Where: Charles Sturt University - Bathurst Campus
Panorama Ave, Bathurst

Dress: *Please note that exercise clothing and closed in footwear must be worn as a requirement for participation in activities and entry into Exercise Science labs*

Food: BYO or food and beverages can be purchased from the on campus food outlets

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ARTS CENTRE GENERAL NOTICE

The Arts Centre Cootamundra would like to inform you of the Tin Shed Theatre laneway. From this date forward, it will be the entrance to the Tin Shed Theatre for movies and other specified theatre events. The laneway can be found between the Men's Shed and the Pickled Pantry. It has an archway sign "Tin Shed Theatre"

Please note changes in the parking area. Entrance only via Wallendoon Street, and exit onto Sutton Street. There are three parks and one disabled spot facing the Pickled Pantry, and eight parks facing Sutton Street.

COOTAMUNDRA TRIATHLON

The 2015 Cootamundra Triathlon will be held on Sunday, 15 February, with registrations from 6.30am -7.15am at the Cootamundra Town Pool.

More information can be found on the website at <http://cootatri.weebly.com/>

YOUTH GROUP

Scots Presbyterian youth group recommences tonight, 6 February, at the Cootamundra Sports Stadium starting at 7pm and finishing at 9pm.

"SHEAR STORIES" SHORT STORY COMPETITION

This is a national competition, and an opportunity to craft an experience, a memory or a character into a written story which can communicate, entertain, document history, and earn a substantial reward.

Simple rules for the competition are as follows:

- Subject matter of stories to have a link to the bush, to shearing or the world of sheep and wool. The story may be drawn from real life and real events, it may be biographical in nature, or it may be fictional and based on the imagination.
- Multiple entries from individuals are welcomed
- Entry free
- All entries to be accompanied by a signed declaration stating that the work is original and unpublished, and the writer has not earned more than \$10,000 from writing in the last 12 months.

- Entries to be submitted, preferably electronically, by 30 March 2015 to Shear Outback
- Stories will be judged by a panel of authors, and winners announced at the Festival of Blades on 4 April 2015
- Stories will be the property of Shear Outback, and selected stories will be published in the Shear Outback Newsletter or other publications associated with Shear Outback.

There are three categories of entries:

1. Open age category 1000-5000 words. Prize \$1000
2. Secondary school (age 12-18 years). 1000 word limit Prize \$200
3. Primary school (age 5-12 years) 500 word limit Prize \$100

Contact Ian Auldist on 02) 6993 1092 for more information.


WHAT'S ON AT THE TOWN LIBRARY

Sharing our stories with **historyp'n**

Do you have any old photos, videos or memories?
Bring along your photos and discover how Historypin can help you to share these and create a multimedia map of your community's history.
Take a look at the details below and get involved!

Cootamundra Library
Tuesday February 10
10.00am-11.30am

RSVP: 02 6940 2200
library@cootamundra.nsw.gov.au



FREE SAFETY CHECK

FREE child car seat safety check

2 in 3 car seats are not being used properly

Make sure your child is safe with a free inspection by Authorised Restraint Fitters. You can have your child car seats, harnesses and booster seats checked for safety and fit.

DATE: 16 - 20 February, 2015

TIME: 9.30am - 4.30pm

LOCATION: S G Chambers P/L
30 Wallendoon Street
Cootamundra NSW 2590

Bookings are essential on (02) 6942 2144.



An initiative of your local council as part of the Local Government Road Safety Program



WEP STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is now accepting applications from students who wish to participate in 2015/16 exchange programs for a summer, semester or year.

Students can choose to study and live life with a carefully selected host family in more than 25 countries. Exchange students return to Australia with maturity, confidence, and in many cases, proficiency in another language. If learning another language is not for you, excellent programs to the USA, Canada, the UK and Ireland are also available.

Find out more...

Request an information pack online to find out everything you need to know about this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Visit www.wep.org.au to find out more. Early Bird Specials and Scholarships are now available for programs commencing in 2016!

Explore The WORLD With WEP



"I hardly seem to have a spare moment here!! After three weeks, things are starting to feel more and more normal and life here is starting to become natural. Sometimes it feels weird to speak English!!"

School, at first, was quite difficult because I am living in a small town, my whole class have known one another since they were petite. However, they were all friendly and I have made acquaintance with just about the whole school, so there is always someone to talk to or ask questions. The language difference isn't too much trouble. Miming is funny anyway and it's good for breaking the ice!

My host family are very accommodating and always have new things to share and do with me. I am trying my best to do the same back, bringing my own bit of Australia here with me in Belgium. We are celebrating Australia Day tomorrow and I am teaching them how to make pavlova.

See Rome, Paris or New York in 2015 with WEP Student Exchange!

Request a FREE Information Pack NOW!

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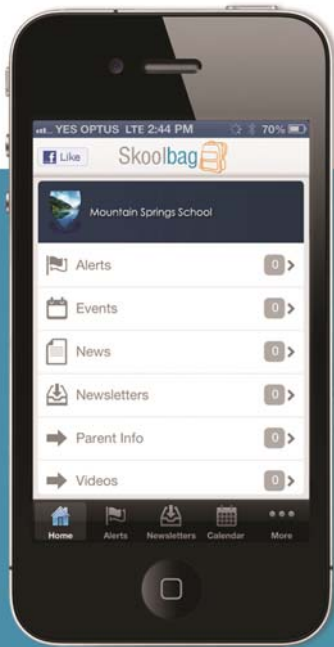
**Apply before
Midnight
16 June 2015**

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EMAIL - fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au
WEB - www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au
info.familyenergyrebate

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Preliminary HSC Assessment Task Schedule 2015

| | Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 | Week 5 | Week 6 | Week 7 | Week 8 | Week 9 | Week 10 |
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| Term 1 2015 | | | | | IT – Multimedia Mathematics Gen Maths | Music | ADV English STD English Eng STUD | Agriculture Ext Maths Physics | CAFS Geography Modern History PD/H/PE Senior Science | Ancient History Biology Business Stud. Chemistry EXT English IT (Timber) Music Visual Arts |
| Term 2 2015 | | Half Yearly Exams Ancient History Biology CAFS Geography IT - Multimedia Mathematics Ext Maths Gen Maths Modern History PD/H/PE Business Stud. Chemistry Geography | | Half Yearly Exams Agriculture Senior Science Music | ADV English STD English Eng STUD | Physics Visual Arts | Biology Geography Mathematics Gen Maths Modern History | Agriculture Chemistry IT (Timber) Visual Arts | CAFS Music PD/H/PE Senior Science | |
| Term 3 2015 | | ADV English STD English | Ext Maths | | Ancient History Business Stud. Chemistry EXT English IT (Timber) Music PD/H/PE | Agriculture Biology CAFS Geography Gen Maths Physics Senior Science Visual Arts | English STUD Modern History | | Preliminary Final Exams | |



Skoolbag

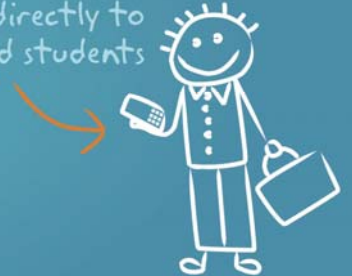


Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.




Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



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