



# Cootamundra High School Newsletter

**PRINCIPAL:** Mr Neil Reaper**REL. DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:** Mr Rob Brown

## EA SOUTHEE BADGE PRESENTATION

On Tuesday, 10 February our School Captains, Andrew Clements and Kate Collingridge attended the EA Southee Badge Presentation with Mr Reaper. As invited guest speakers, Kate and Andrew spoke to students about the expectations of leaders and also how to behave at school to achieve the best learning possible. Kate as an ex- EA Southee Captain took great pride in presenting the current leaders with their badges.



## SHOW TEAM FUNDRAISER

Thank you to the community for supporting the Cootamundra High School Show Team Car Wash. This raises valuable funds to ensure this group has the opportunity to attend many shows during the year.

We raised close to \$500 and the students are to be commended for their effort and commitment. The group would also like to thank Mr

Forsyth for preparing the equipment and being there on the day.



## CALENDAR

### Week 5, Term 1

Mon, 23 Feb	School Photos
Tues, 24 Feb	Cyber Safety Police Presentation P&C Meeting—7pm in the library Canberra Show
Wed, 25 Feb— Fri, 27 Feb	
Thurs, 26 Feb	YR 11 & 12 CSU Visit

### Week 6, Term 1

Tues, 3 March	Science and Engineering Challenge Yr 10 Yr 7 Smoking Cessation Program
Wed, 4 March	Vaccinations—Yr 7(all) & Yr 11-12 MMR
Fri, 6 March	School Photo Catch Up Day Regional Swimming—Leeton Yr 11 Skill Fix Day CSU

### Week 7, Term 1

Fri, 13 March	Baldry Shield
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## SENIOR TUTORING

Senior Tutoring has once again started in the school library from 3.30 to 4.30. Staff will provide individual and group tutoring every Monday and Tuesday afternoon until further notice. This is a great opportunity for students to get that extra support, use the technology facilities in the library and get into the habit of studying.

## THE TELL THEM FROM ME STUDENT FEEDBACK SURVEY

This term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey has been sent home with stu-

dents. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday, 27 February**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

## FROM THE CAREERS DESK

### UOW DISCOVERY DAY

Year 12 students recently enjoyed a trip to the University of Wollongong. After sampling the residential side of university at International House and a tour around the city precinct, students attended lectures and workshops the following day including Physics, Philosophy, Law, Writing, Nutrition and Dietetics, Exercise Science and Rehabilitation, Environmental Engineering, Nursing, Education, IT and Economics. The trip was a great success, and current Year 11s are strongly encouraged to attend next year in February.



### CSU VISIT

Andrew Connell from Charles Sturt University will be visiting Year 11 and 12 students considering university as a post school option. Parents are also welcome to attend. The talks will commence at 2.30pm on Thursday, 26 February in the library. Interested students need to pre-register outside the careers office.

### WHS WHITECARD

A WHS whitecard course will be conducted on Thursday, 19 March. Should the course be over-subscribed, a second course will run on Wednesday, 18 March. Students in Years 9–12 are asked to register their interest outside the

careers office. The cost of the course is very reasonable at \$45 (commercial rates are around \$175).

### ADF GAP YEAR

Applications for a gap year in the Navy, Army and Air Force are now open. To find out more about the ADF Gap Year Program, visit [defence-jobs.gov.au/gapyear](http://defence-jobs.gov.au/gapyear).

### WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10 students have been given an 'expression of interest' form to complete for Term 1 Work Experience. The deadline for these is Friday, 20 February.

### 2015 RIVERINA CHS TRIALS

If you would like to be nominated to trial for a Riverina team, you need to **discuss this with Mr Gale at least 2 weeks** before the nomination date.

#### BOYS

Sport	Trial Date	Venue	Nomination Date	Age restriction
Aussie rules	23/4/15	Narrandera	2/4/15	Under 15 years
Rugby League	13/4/15	Wagga	20/3/15	Opens & 15yrs
Rugby Union	13/3/15	Wagga	6/3/15	Opens
Soccer	23/3/15	Wagga	16/3/15	Opens
Touch	30/3/15	Wagga	25/3/15	Opens
15yrs Touch	2/3/15	Temora	23/3/15	15 years
Lawn Bowls	8/5/15	Albury	1/5/15	Opens

#### GIRLS

Sport	Trial Date	Venue	Nomination Date	Age restriction
Aussie rules	1/4/15	Wagga	27/3/15	Under 17 years
Netball	24/4/15	Wagga	2/4/15	Opens
Soccer	20/3/15	Wagga	13/3/15	Opens
Touch	30/3/15	Wagga	25/3/15	Opens
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### COOTAMUNDRA JUNIOR SOCCER

Cootamundra Junior Soccer is now accepting online registrations for the 2015 Soccer Season. Players or their parent representatives just need to go to [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au) and follow the prompts for registration. The fees this year are the same as last year:

- \$65 each for the first two children
- \$55 for the third child
- Free for the fourth and subsequent children registered in a family.

All players will get a training ball prior to the start of the season this year as part of their registration.


Any questions or queries to the club's registrar, Raylene Godbier, by email at [cjsregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:cjsregistrar@gmail.com) or phone 0419 123 508, or secretary, Roy Elmes, by email at [cjssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:cjssecretary@gmail.com) or phone 0414 439 682.

### COOTAMUNDRA ARTS CENTRE



THE ARTS CENTRE COOTAMUNDRA  
PRESENTS  
**TOUCH AND GO**  
A COMEDY: DEREK BENFIELD  
BY PERMISSION ORIGIN THEATRE  
DIRECTED BY ISABEL SCOTT  
7:30PM  
**MARCH 2015**  
THURSDAY 4TH  
FRIDAY 5TH  
SATURDAY 6TH  
2PM MATINEE (SATURDAY)  
TICKETS @ THE ART CENTRE BOX OFFICE  
EMAIL: [info@theartscentrecootamundra.org.au](mailto:info@theartscentrecootamundra.org.au)  
OUT OF TOWN BOOKINGS: 69 42 4773  
Only Out of Town Patrons must pay within 48 hours of booking.  
the tin shed theatre  
TICKETS \$25 EACH  
Supper available for a small fee  
All monies raised will support the Design & Construction of the Visual Art Studio.




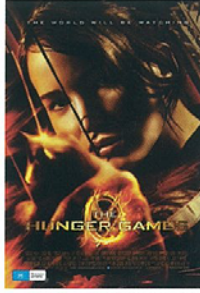


The Arts Centre Cootamundra Presents

**Hunger Games Week 8-15 March**

"MAY THE ODDS BE EVER IN YOUR FAVOUR"

**HUNGER GAMES,**  
SUNDAY 8 @ 5PM &  
WEDNESDAY 11 @  
10:30AM

**CATCHING FIRE,**  
WEDNESDAY 11 @ 7PM  
& MOVIE MARATHON

**MOVIE MARATHON**  
CATCHING FIRE &  
MOCKINGJAY PART 1  
FANCY DRESS, GAMES AND  
PRIZES, BOOKINGS  
PREFERRED  
BYO NIBBLES FOR  
INTERMISSION \$25

**MOCKINGJAY PT 1**  
MOVIE MARATHON &  
SUNDAY 15 @ 5PM

Please be seated 5 mins prior to start, tickets  
\$12 for single movie screenings

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## ENERGY REBATE

2014-2015  
**NSW Family Energy Rebate**

**\$150\***  
TOWARDS  
ENERGY  
BILLS



**APPLY  
ONLINE  
NOW!**

**Apply before  
Midnight  
16 June 2015**


**2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM**  
<https://applications.fer.trade.nsw.gov.au/>  
\* eligibility criteria apply

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE  
PHONE - Service NSW 13 77 88  
EMAIL - [fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au](mailto:fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au)  
WEB - [www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au](http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au)  
[info.familyenergyrebate](http://info.familyenergyrebate)

## TUMUT ART SOCIETY COMPETITIONS

**Design a mural  
competition**


- ARE YOU AT SCHOOL ?
- DO YOU LIKE TO PAINT ?
- DO YOU LIKE TO DESIGN?
- WOULD YOU LIKE TO  
HELP CREATE SOME  
COOL MURALS ?



Entering is easy:

Entries due in by 2nd March 2015

For more information ring Jennie



**5WAYS** TUMUT ART SOCIETY INC  
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**ART SHOW 2015**

**Sue Mac Youth Award**

1st prize \$200  
2nd prize \$75  
Any Medium  
Maximum image size: 1mtr x 1mtr

Friday 13th	March, 2015	• Entry forms to be returned
Saturday 21st	March, 2015	• Works received at 5ways Studio
Friday 27th	March, 2015	• Official Opening 6pm for 7pm start
Sunday 12th	April, 2015	• Exhibition Closes 1pm, pick up work

**Entry forms available on our website  
[tumutart.com.au](http://tumutart.com.au)**

Enquiries to: Studio (02) 6947 6785 or Jennie Forster 0409829419  
Email: [tumutartsociety@gmail.com](mailto:tumutartsociety@gmail.com)