



Cootamundra High School Newsletter



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CYBER SAFETY

Over the last two weeks we have had Senior Constable Garry Mutton at Cootamundra High School delivering information to students from Years 7 to 10 regarding Cyber safety. The talk was about the importance of ensuring that students are careful with the internet and telephones. Mr Mutton also talked about the legal issues surrounding the inappropriate use of phones and the internet with regards to photos and cyber bullying. It is important for parents to be aware of what their children are doing with technology and the impact that using technology in the wrong way can have on others and themselves. We hope that our students have learned some valuable information from these talks.

COOTAMUNDRA WORKSKILLS SCHOLARSHIPS

Cootamundra Workskills Inc continually support Cootamundra High School with their scholarships for students entering Year 11 and students heading off for tertiary studies.



This year we are pleased to announce that Year 11 students Alison Gilpin and Georgia Gregg have been

awarded these scholarships. The tertiary studies scholarships go to Anthony McGaun-Smith and Jayme Skilton. Many thanks to Brenda Campbell and the Workskills Inc Committee for the continuing support for our students.

TAFE GRADUATION

Many of our senior students complete TAFE courses as part of their HSC. These courses include Automotives, Metals, Aged Care and Health Services.

CALENDAR

Week 7, Term 1

Tues, 10 Mar	Open Touch Knockout—Wagga
Fri, 13 Mar	Baldry Shield—Wallendbeen

Week 8, Term 1

16—20 Mar	Work Experience
Mon, 16 Mar	Open Boys Basketball
Tues, 17 Mar	Open Boys Cricket
Wed, 18 Mar	Forensic Science Program
18—19 Mar	WHS Whitecard
19—20 Mar	Year 12 Half Yearly Exams

Week 9, Term 1

23—25 Mar	Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
Wed, 25 Mar	Shoe Horn Sonata—Wagga (Yr 12 English Standard)
	Future Moves Workshops, CSU
27—29 Mar	State Swimming Carnival—Homebush



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Four students who recently graduated were Callum Baker (Certificate III in Health Services) and Mikayla Large, Jessica Meale and Abby Perry (all receiving a Certificate III in Allied Health). Congratulations to all those who successfully completed their certificate courses from Riverina TAFE—Cootamundra Campus.

COOTAMUNDRA HIGH SHOW TEAM REPORT



Cootamundra High School Show Team has increased in numbers this year which has been pleasing to see, with several newcomers to high school joining the ranks. This has had a positive effect on the existing members who have stepped up to the plate to ensure that they teach the junior handlers tips, tricks and valuable experience that they have previously learned.

GUNDAGAI SHOW

Gundagai Show is the first for the year and this year we took Bear and Diego (steers) and Jess and Connie, our two Murray Grey heifers. Jess and Connie were entered in their breed class and comfortably placed 1st and 2nd respectively, with Jess taking out Champion Senior Heifer and Connie Reserve.

In the paraders competition, James Collingridge and Sarah Edwards were called up into the final for the under 14 years and paraded well for their first show in the group. Unfortunately Sarah was unplaced in this final, but commented that she learnt some new things to try for next time and James received a third place.

In the 15 years age group and above, Louise Raleigh was also called out into the final but was unlucky to not receive a placing in this competitive age group.



The two steers were then judged as led steer and our steer 'Bear' was placed second in this class which gave us some confidence in light of the fact that the two steers had only been finished breaking in to lead a week before this show.

Congratulations to the new members of the team—you worked well and hard to ensure that you enjoyed your first show! A big thankyou to the parents who volunteered to transport students to and from Gundagai, and Mr Butt who transported the animals safely.

CANBERRA ROYAL SHOW

This year a small team of six students and two steers headed to Canberra to try their luck! The students participated in handlers classes with James Collingridge gaining a fifth place in the final of the 14 years and under.

The students also exhibited the steers to be judged on the Hoof and two days later they were judged on the Hook. The steers were in the Heavy Domestic



Class and did not place on the day. The Hook judging, however, placed 'Bear' second with a possible score of 92.5 out of 100 and the Champion Steer overall receiving 94.5 out of 100. This is a very pleasing result for the students to realise that the time and effort that is taken to select and feed the steer has warranted a place for the meat that so many of them consume.

We would like to thank Mr Frilay for supervising students, preparing meals and having fun! Thanks must also go to Murrumburrah High School who were able to fit the two steers on their truck and transport them to Canberra.

Thankyou for the support shown from the school to allow this group opportunity to pursue their passion.

COOTAMUNDRA HIGH RIDES FOR JAI



With an amazing display of community spirit and support, the recent Ride for Jai event was an outstanding success! The 12 hour RPM event hosted by COME ALIVE gym was held on 21 February and has gone a long way to providing support for Jai Godbier and his family.



In true Cootamundra style, the effort that our community goes to in order to show strong support when needed was extremely admirable. Over \$23,000 was raised from this event and will go a long way towards enabling the Godbier family to support Jai's needs.



From an idea which Miss Dunn proposed late last year, both students and staff have supported the Ride for Jai very well. Throughout the day Cootamundra High School's representation included approximately 40 students and 17 teachers riding in one hour time slots. In addition, Miss Willoughby, Miss Dunn, Mr Gale, Mr Ponton (previous CHS teacher) and Mr Berkrey (current casual teacher) were all a part of the '12 Hour Crazies' who rode all 12 RPM classes consecutively!



Over 325 individuals from the Cootamundra and Harden communities rode RPM classes throughout the day—showing an amazing amount of support. In relation to event organisation, the COME ALIVE gym must be acknowledged and commended for their generosity and support. The experience both Mark Elia and Sammy Read have in organising an event such as this was invaluable. They put in numerous hours of time into organisation prior to the event and on the day, along with COME ALIVE staff and RPM instructors donating time on the day to support this event.

Thanks must also go to Mr Ben Pepper for the use of his lighting and music equipment for the day—this certainly made it a great atmosphere.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Please be aware that invoices will be sent home soon for school fees and contributions. We have held off on sending these home this term until we have our online payments system up and running (which is explained in detail below).

PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS

As of 23 March it will be possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page will be accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting **\$ Make a payment**.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities. There will also be a category called Other—this is to cover items not covered in the previous headings.

When you access **\$ Make a payment** you must enter:

- the student's name, class and reference number, or
- the student's name and date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner. These details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

FROM THE CAREERS DESK

CSU VISIT

Last week Years 11 and 12 students enjoyed a visit and talk from Andrew Connell from CSU Student Recruitment. Andrew spoke to students about courses available, accommodation, campus locations and scholarships. Andrew will return later on this year to discuss the Student Recommendation Scheme (Early Entry) and how to navigate UAC.

CSU STUDENT VISIT – SKILLFIX

A small group of Year 11 students will be attending CSU in Wagga on Friday. Students will be touring the campus, exploring career options and having a look at what courses and facilities are available.

TAX FILE NUMBERS

As most people are aware, tax file number applications are no longer available through schools. More information on how students can apply online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC27248'. A comprehensive summary is also available on the school's careers website.

The advertisement features a man and a woman standing and talking. Above them are thought bubbles containing icons for a dollar sign, a piggy bank, a briefcase, a globe, a graduation cap, and an airplane. A speech bubble from the woman says: "Australia Post now offers an easy and simple way to get your tax file number". In the bottom right corner, a circular icon with a computer monitor says: "Go to www.ato.gov.au/TFNapply to find out more." The Australia Post logo is in the top right corner. At the bottom, text reads: "Australia Post now verifies your ID for tax file number applications" next to the Australian Government and Australian Taxation Office logos.

WHS WHITECARD TRAINING

Money and permission notes are now due for this course. Students need to ensure that they create and bring their USI (unique student identification) with their payment and permission note. Spaces in this course are filling very quickly so be sure to get payments in ASAP to avoid disappointment. The course will run on 19 March, with a second class scheduled for the 18 March due to popular demand.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Work Experience Week is fast approaching for Year 10 students. Around 15 students have elected to participate in Work Experience this term and deadlines are fast approaching. Students are reminded that employers need to be contacted and Student Placement Records filled out by next Thursday, 12 March at the latest.

OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYMENT IN HOSPITALITY

An opportunity exists with a business in the local area that is currently seeking an apprentice and/or trainee in hospitality. Students interested in part time/weekend work are also encouraged to express interest. Please see Mrs Alderman if you have any further enquiries.

COOTAMUNDRA JUNIOR SOCCER



Cootamundra Junior Soccer Club

REGISTRATION DAY

Saturday 14 March
9 – 12 noon
Front of Rudd's Sportspower, Parker Street

\$65 per player (1st & 2nd child)
\$55 per player (3rd child) and FREE for 4th child
5 to 16 years

All registered players receive a FREE soccer ball

** Players are also invited to register and pay on-line at
www.myfootballclub.com.au

COOTAMUNDRA NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Registrations can now be completed online. Please go to the following website and follow the prompts—www.cootamundrana.nsw.netball.com.au

Cost: \$60 NetSetGo/junior (netsetgo – ages 5-10 incl. participant pack; juniors – ages 11-17)
\$80 Senior (ages 18+) (Ladies who are playing in both comps only pay this fee)

Note: NetSetGo online registration closes 10 March. Reference all online payments with your name.

Manual registration

Nicholson park netball courts
17, 24, 31 March (4-5pm)
cash/chq payments welcome on the day

Netsetgo/Juniors Season (skills activities and game)

Where: Nicholson Park courts
When: Tuesday 17 March – 23 June
Time: 4-5pm

Seniors Season—Mixed

Cost: \$5 per week
Where: Nicholson Park courts
When: Tuesday 17, 24, 31 March
Time: Games starting at 6pm

Seniors Season—Ladies

Where: Nicholson Park courts
When: 21 April – 23 June
Time: Games starting at 6pm

Enquiries: John Leary (0428 744 851)
Cootamundra Netball Association

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

The Lions Youth Exchange Program gives Australian youth aged 16-21 years the opportunity to live with Lions families overseas during their end-of-year summer holidays. The Program does not involve tuition or school attendance but is rather a cultural holiday whereby students can immerse themselves in a new culture, enjoy supervised sightseeing and practise second language skills such as French, German, Japanese, Italian, Spanish, etc.
See www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye

Leo Clubs focus on the individual and social development of teens, and the personal and professional development of young adults. Membership is open to teenagers and young adults aged 12-30 years. Each Leo Club is mentored by, and works in partnership with, their local Lions Club.
See www.lionsclubs.org.au/activities/youth/leos

GETTING MITCH TO CANADA



Getting Mitch to Canada Yabby Races

Year 11 Cootamundra High School student Mitch has been selected to compete in Track and Field in CANADA! And he needs YOUR help to get him there. Come and join in the fun fundraising at the Wallendbeen Hotel!

- Yabby Racing
- Sausage Sizzle
- Chocolate Wheel



Live Music and entertainment with big BILL!

Fundraising afternoon
Wallendbeen Hotel
 3 pm Sunday 8th March
 For enquiries phone: (02) 69432512

WHAT'S ON AT THE ARTS CENTRE

Arts Forum

Wednesday, 11 March from 5.00-6.45pm

Scott Howie from Eastern Riverina Arts will guide a discussion on "Where to From Here?".

This community consultation will assist The Arts Centre in focusing its business plan. We are also hoping this information will assist Council in creating an Arts & Cultural Development Plan.

Whether you are a participant, artist or community member we would love to hear your input. Come along and be part of the conversation.

Newly refurbished Visual Arts Studio—Open Day

Thursday 19 March @ 10.00am

Walk through tour with tea and coffee

Visit www.theartscentrecootamundra.org.au for more information or phone 6942 4773.

WATTLE TIME DEBUTANTE BALL



Cootamundra Wattle Time
 2015 Debutante Ball
 15 August 2015

The Cootamundra Wattle Time Debutante Ball Committee is seeking expressions of interest from young ladies who are interested in making their Debut in Cootamundra in 2015

To register your interest and for further information please email your name, age, phone number and address to sales@kitchensonking.com

or phone

Julie-Anne on 69424565/0409906695

Limited spaces will be available
 (maximum 10)

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