



Cootamundra High School Newsletter



PRINCIPAL: Mr Neil Reaper
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GREATEST SHAVE DAY

Congratulations to our SRC and Kay and Alyssa Forsyth for their organisation and expertise last Friday for our Shave for a Cure day. Those being waxed and shaved obtained sponsors, a mufti day was held and students paid an entry fee to watch the action. This day raised \$1081 for cancer research.

Thank you to our student participants—Andrew Hennessy and Ben Camilleri—who had their lower

legs waxed, and to Chris Schmidt and Jarrod Chapman who had their heads shaved. Thanks also to Kay and Alyssa from Hair Design and Beauty who again gave up their time and expertise to wax and shave for a great cause.

Congratulations also goes to Year 7 student, Jane Smith, who raised over \$2000 for Shave for a Cure—well done Jane!



CALENDAR

Week 9, Term 1

23—25 Mar Tues, 24 Mar Wed, 25 Mar	Year 12 Half Yearly Exams 'Closing the Gap' Assembly Shoe Horn Sonata—Wagga (Yr 12 English Standard)
27—29 Mar	Future Moves Workshops, CSU State Swimming Carnival—Homebush
Fri, 27 Mar Sat, 28 Mar	Open Boys Cricket Show Team Nursery & Cake Stall

Week 10, Term 1

Mon, 30 Mar Tues, 31 Mar	SRC Induction Athletics Carnival P&C Meeting—7pm in the Library
Thurs, 2 Apr	Coota High Fun Run Last Day Term 1

Week 1, Term 2

Mon, 20 Apr Tues, 21 Apr Thurs, 23 Apr	Staff Development Day First Day Term 2 Girls Soccer Gala Day Parent Teacher Night
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SCHOOL CAPTAINS VISIT TO COOTAMUNDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL



On Thursday, 5 March School Vice-Captain, Mikayla Large, and School Captain, Andrew Clements, had the honour of presenting class councillor badges to the students of Cootamundra Public School. Mikayla delivered a speech on leadership and, as a previous

Cootamundra Public School leader, had a chance to reminisce about her time at Cootamundra Public School.

STATE FLAG



On Wednesday, 4 March local member for Bur-rinjuck, Katrina Hodgson, attended a brief school assembly and presented the school with a State flag. Katrina outlined the significance of the flag.

PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS

It is now 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 can be accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting **\$ Make a payment**.

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.

If the item you are paying for has an invoice or account number associated with it, PLEASE PROVIDE THIS NUMBER in the **Ref. or Invoice Number** box.

If you need further information or assistance with the online payment system, please contact the school on 6942 2711.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY

A reminder about the Department of Education's policies and requirements for the attendance of students in NSW government schools:

"Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven school days to the school. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school with-

in seven days of the first day of any period of absence.”

Please also remember that **the school day starts at 9.00am** at Cootamundra High School. If your child arrives late, parents/guardians are required to provide an explanation.

SHOW TEAM FUNDRAISER



The Cootamundra High School Show Team will be holding a fundraising stall at the school on Saturday, 28 March. A variety of plants and cakes will be on sale from 8.00am to 1.00pm.

BANGARRA DANCE COMPANY WAGGA WAGGA WORKSHOP



Twelve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) students from Cootamundra High School will be attending this year's Bangarra Dance Company workshop at Wagga Wagga High School on Friday, 24 April.

The students will be learning contemporary Indigenous dance repertoire from some of Bangarra's leading dancers. The aim is to foster the development of dance skills and deepen the understanding of the cultural significance of dance for ATSI students.

Students with exceptional talent and potential will be identified and may be invited to join the 2015 NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Company.

PEER LITERACY TUTORING



Seven enthusiastic Cootamundra High School Year 10 students began a course in Peer Literacy Tutoring at Riverina TAFE on Tuesday, 10 March.

The course will ensure the students gain the skills and knowledge required to work as a peer reading tutor. The Year 10 students will act as tutors to Year 7 students during 'Reading' at school. The program aims to assist with the development of both literacy and social skills.

MOTIVATIONAL MEDIA PRESENTATION: JIGSAW

On Monday, 16 March students from Years 7-11 got to experience a motivational media presentation in the school hall. The presentation was entitled 'Jigsaw' and the underlying message of the presentation was to understand that life is very much like a jigsaw puzzle—we put it together piece by piece. The presentation went through different situations that young people are confronted with such as bullying, the use of technology, body image pressures and choices in regards to alcohol and driving. The presentation used stories of young people who have encountered difficulty in their lives such as Paralympic gold medallist, Jacqueline Freney, who suffers cerebral palsy. At the end of the presentation all the students were asked to take away one key message from the presentation and to set one goal that they would like to achieve.

SPORTS REPORT

UPCOMING SPORTS DATES

- 27 March—Open Boys Cricket V Murrumburrah High School
- 31 March—Cootamundra High School Athletics Carnival

- 2 April—School Fun Run - Periods 5 & 6
- 1 May—Davey Shield
- 19 May—School Cross Country

Congratulations to Louise Raleigh for her selection in the Riverina Open Girls Water Polo Team who will compete at the NSW Championships later in the year.

WAGGA'S OPEN BASKETBALL DAY



"Never have I been more impressed with a group of young men than I was today watching the Coota High Boys representing their school playing basketball in Wagga Wagga. For a team that has had little to no training they certainly gave the three opposing teams a real run for their money! Although they didn't win a game the boys showed great sportsmanship and pure enjoyment with just playing the game. With the leadership of coach Will Simpson they truly did their school proud. Well Done Boys! "

Jennifer Pigram, CHS Parent

DAVIDSON SHIELD WIN

On Tuesday Cootamundra High School's Davidson Shield (Open Boys Cricket) team played Mt Austin High School at Albert Park. Coota were convincing victors, bowling Mt Austin out for 64 and then chasing these runs comfortably with the loss of just three wickets. Jake Turner did the damage with the ball, returning bowling figures of 4 wickets for 11 runs off his 7 overs. Charlie Tucker also bowled well with 1 for 11 off 7 overs. After chasing Mt Austin's total of 64, Coota batted on for a little while. A dominant display of batting from Zac Craw ensured the total was reached comfortably. Zac finished with a score of 85 not out. Charlie Tucker and Jake Turner also chipped in with the bat, scoring 14 and 12 respectively. Our Davidson Shield side will play Murrumburrah High School next Friday.

CLOSING THE GAP



The Closing the Gap initiatives are a result of the Apology to the Stolen Generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Each year in March (about the time of the anniversary of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's Apology in 2008), the Prime Minister of the day delivers the Closing the Gap report card to the Federal Parliament. This year Prime Minister Abbott said he was disappointed that improvements in Indigenous health, literacy and employment levels were not on track to reach the set targets.

Schools and other organisations also acknowledge Closing the Gap in a variety of ways. Cootamundra High School had a short school assembly on Tuesday, 24 March. Guests were Uncle Bob Glanville who performed a Welcome to Country. He was followed by Ms Leigh Bowden who spoke to the students about the significance of the Closing the Gap initiatives as a way of improving the health, life expectancy and employment outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

FROM THE CAREERS DESK

WORK EXPERIENCE

Fourteen students have been involved in this term's work experience in a variety of settings including retail, medical, farming, early childhood, hospitality and public works. Students have reported having a great experience despite finding the extended days a change from school. Students and parents are reminded that Work Experience will run again in Terms 2 and 4. It is a very worthwhile undertaking, with several students gaining part time and casual paid work afterwards.

WHS WHITE CARD

This course has proven to be very popular and both classes were almost at capacity. Students and parents are reminded that this course traditionally runs early in the school year and is heavily subsidised to make it affordable for students. The course covers lots of work situations and is mandated for students wanting to pursue careers in building and construction, or to be present on worksites. It is also very handy for resumes.

CSU FUTURE MOVES

Next Wednesday Years 8 and 10 will be involved in workshops with Charles Sturt University as part of the university's outreach program. These sessions are very popular with students and help raise their aspirations to be involved in Higher Education options.

WESTERN SYDNEY CAREERS EXPO 2015

This Expo brings together over 140 exhibitors providing information on tertiary and training courses, career and employment opportunities, HSC subjects, study skills and gap year programs. It is being held from 18–21 June at Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park. For more details go to western-sydneycareerexpo.com.au

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK



NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK
An Australian, State, Territory and Local Government initiative

YOUTH WEEK 2015
Friday 10th April 2015
Cootamundra Sports Stadium
11.00AM-3.00PM

BUNGEE TRAMPOLINE (Booking essential)
Strap on a harness, and take flight.

ARCHERY
Find your inner Robin Hood with bow and arrow in hand.

ROCKET LAUNCHER
Test your reaction time, see how many balls you can catch.

This event is FREE!
Bookings through Cootamundra Swimming Pool 69402210

NSW Office of Communities Youth

STUDENT EXCHANGES

HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIPS & EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE - APPLY BY TUESDAY, 31ST MARCH

Scholarships valued from \$2,500 up to \$10,800 are open to students between 15-18 years of age and offer the unique opportunity to live and study overseas for a semester or year.

Students can also make a saving of up to \$1,000 off their exchange program fee with an Early Bird Discount:

The deadline for scholarship and early bird discount submissions for all programs departing between October 2015 – March 2016 is
Tuesday, 31st March.

www.studentexchange.org.au

1300 135 331 (cost of a local call)



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN OVERSEAS STUDENT?

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Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home



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1300 135 331 (cost of local call)

WRITING WORKSHOPS



Free writing workshop
500 WORDS

In April, ABC Open invites you to share a story about a special grandparent and how they shaped your life. Learn to write and publish a short true story online in this workshop.

JOIN THE WRITING WORKSHOP:
Thursday 16 April, 2015
10am - 12 noon
Stephen Ward room, Cootamundra library

Bookings essential. Contact:
Sonya Gee, ABC Open producer for the Riverina
Phone: 02 6926 4826
Email: abcopen.riverina@abc.net.au

OPEN TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT 500 WORDS VISIT ABC.NET.AU/OPEN

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS @ THE ARTS CENTRE

NATURAL DYEING FOR KIDS with Jemima Saunders

An introduction into the rainbow of dye colours available in our gardens and community. Students will participate in the creation of their own naturally dyed artworks while increasing their natural plant knowledge and vocabulary. All dyes are made without the use of synthetic chemicals and are safe for young and old to handle and wear.

Date: Tuesday, 7 April
TIME: 10.00am—2.00pm
COST: \$55
BOOKINGS BY 1 April

PRINTMAKING FOR KIDS with Jemima Saunders

This is an introduction into the world of print. Students will learn some of the history of printmaking and some basic techniques to create their own original artworks. They will be using recycled and gathered materials to create their own set of hand pulled

prints. A number of different techniques will make up the big bag of skills that participants will take home from this workshop.

DATE: Wednesday, 8 April
TIMES: 9.30am—2.30pm
COST: \$55
BOOKINGS BY 1 April

DRAWING & PAINTING with Karen Walsh

An ideal opportunity for your children to learn from the best. Karen will teach drawing techniques in the morning session and painting in the afternoon to children wanting to learn this wonderful lifestyle skill.

DATE: Tuesday, 14 April
TIME: 10.00am—12.00pm & 1.00—3.00pm
COST: \$25 one session or \$40 for both
BOOKINGS BY 1 April

KIDS MUDLARKS - Pottery with Lyn Cameron

Children will be guided through the creative process of construction with clay and receive their art piece back one to two weeks later after firing and glazing. This is a rewarding, hands on muddy craft workshop so please wear appropriate clothing.

DATE: Wednesday, 15 April
SESSION 1: 10.00am—12.00pm
SESSION 2: 1.00pm—3.00pm
COST: \$26 / session / child
BOOKINGS BY 8 April

SWISS DRUMMING with Gerard Noonan

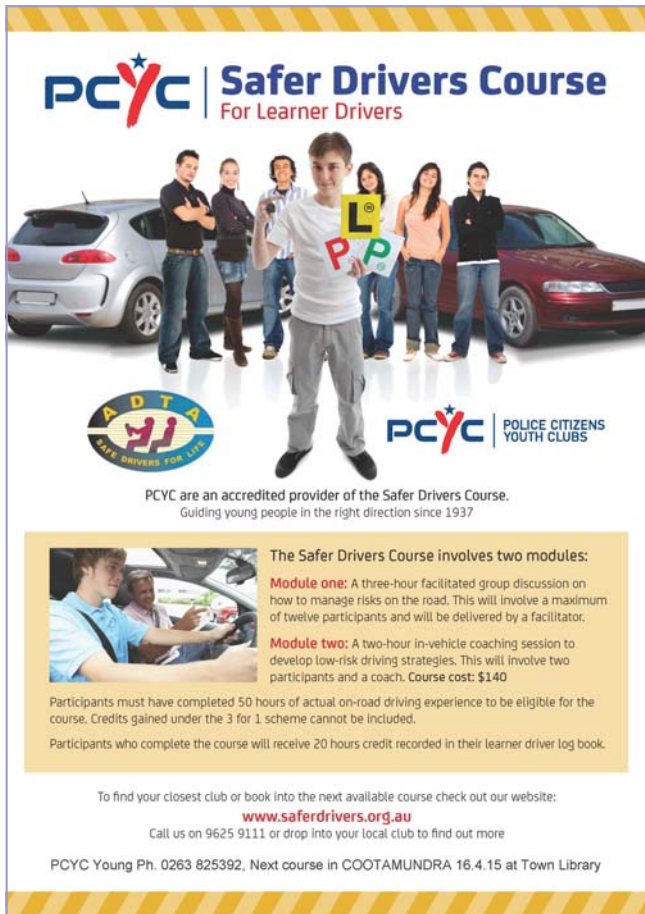
It's dynamic! It's energetic rhythm and fun for your children's school holiday Arts Centre experience. Book early as these sessions will be very popular.

DATE: Thursday, 16 April
SESSION 1: 10.00am (7-12 year olds)
SESSION 2: 1.00pm (13-17 year olds)
COST: \$15
BOOKINGS BY 1 April

Registration is 10 minutes before start time. Please be early to ensure classes start on time. All classes have limited numbers and minimum class size. Places will only be held for bookings with payment.

All bookings with the Arts Centre Box Office
18-20 Wallendoon Street
Phone: 6942 4773
Email: info@theartscentrecootamundra.org.au

SAFER DRIVERS COURSE



PCYC | Safer Drivers Course
For Learner Drivers

PCYC are an accredited provider of the Safer Drivers Course.
Guiding young people in the right direction since 1937

The Safer Drivers Course involves two modules:

Module one: A three-hour facilitated group discussion on how to manage risks on the road. This will involve a maximum of twelve participants and will be delivered by a facilitator.

Module two: A two-hour in-vehicle coaching session to develop low-risk driving strategies. This will involve two participants and a coach. Course cost: \$140

Participants must have completed 50 hours of actual on-road driving experience to be eligible for the course. Credits gained under the 3 for 1 scheme cannot be included.

Participants who complete the course will receive 20 hours credit recorded in their learner driver log book.

To find your closest club or book into the next available course check out our website:
www.saferdrivers.org.au
Call us on 9625 9111 or drop into your local club to find out more

PCYC Young Ph. 0263 825392, Next course in COOTAMUNDRA 16.4.15 at Town Library

TUMUT EASTER BAZAAR



Tumut Easter Bazaar

Good Friday April 3
Easter Saturday April 4
at BOYS CLUB HALL
(next to Ambulance Station)

9am to 4pm BOTH DAYS

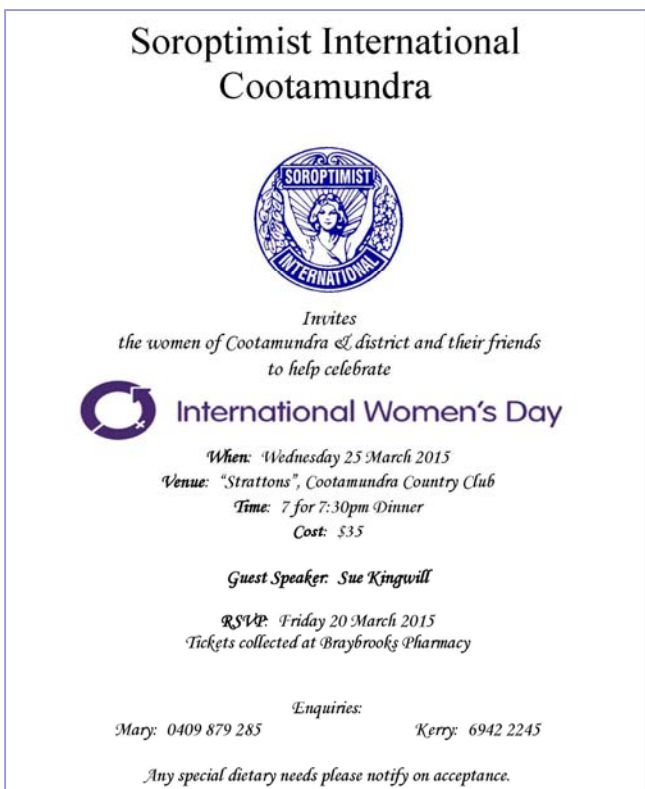
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GREAT BARGAINS
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Jams, Cakes and Lots, Lots More


B.B.Q Tea & Coffee

Bookings: ph 02-42322337 or 0419427801

INTERNATION WOMEN'S DAY



Soroptimist International
Cootamundra



Invites
the women of Cootamundra & district and their friends
to help celebrate

International Women's Day

When: Wednesday 25 March 2015
Venue: "Strattons", Cootamundra Country Club
Time: 7 for 7:30pm Dinner
Cost: \$35

Guest Speaker: Sue Kingwill

RSVP: Friday 20 March 2015
Tickets collected at: Braybrooks Pharmacy

Enquiries:
Mary: 0409 879 285 **Kerry:** 6942 2245

Any special dietary needs please notify on acceptance.

ATTENDANCE HINTS AND TIPS FOR PARENTS

Celebrate Attendance

There are some simple yet effective tips that parents can follow to ensure their child has a happy day at school.

Make sure your child has a good nights sleep.

Make sure you and your child get up early enough to

- have breakfast
- get lunch ready
- pack a school bag
- get dressed

Be organised – help your child pack bags and have homework and sports gear ready for the next day.

Be involved with your school – meet with your child's teacher and talk regularly.

- Offer your support and help.
- Read notes from school and reply on time.
- Phone the school if you want information.
- Listen to your child read.
- Show an interest in homework



Missing school leaves gaps in your education