



Cootamundra High School Newsletter



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SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

On our school development day, all staff from Cootamundra High School, Cootamundra Public and EA Southee attended a combined training program entitled "Our Shared History". This program examined both Aboriginal and European history, society and culture. This learning day has set the context for staff to understand the local rich Aboriginal contemporary and historical culture. Many thanks to our presenters Leigh Bowden and Chris Twining, along with the support and input from Wiradjuri Elder Uncle Bob Glanville and Colina Meadows.

PARENT TEACHER AFTERNOON

Thursday we had our first Parent Teacher afternoon for 2015. We had a steady stream of parents and guardians sitting down talking to staff about the achievements of their students and their future directions. If you were unable to attend this afternoon, please do not hesitate to contact the classroom teacher or year advisor for an update on your students' progress.

ANZAC DAY.

April the 25th, 1915 a momentous day in Australian history. On Friday we held our school ANZAC ceremony where the historical significance and the impact of Australia, and Cootamundra were clearly portrayed. I would like to thank and congratulate the staff and students who complied and presented this moving ceremony. In particular I would like to thank Mrs Vey for her input into the ceremony.



CALENDAR

Week 3, Term 2

Mon, 4 May	Young Careers Expo (Year 10)
Tues, 5 May	Year 9-10 Debating
Wed, 6 May	Open Girls League Tag – Young
Thurs, 7 May	War Memorial Excursion
Fri, 8 May	Buckley Shield (Rugby League)
	Rent it Keep it
	Zone Athletics Carnival—Temora

Week 4, Term 2

12—14 May	NAPLAN
Tues, 12 May	Year 10 Peer Tutoring TAFE Session
Fri, 15 May	NAPLAN Catch up'

Week 5, Term 2

Tues, 19 May	Cross Country Carnival
Thurs, 21 May	Future Directions Day CSU (Year 9)

To our many students and staff who represented the school and community at the traditional community ANZAC day march, I say thank you. I would also like to congratulate our school captains and vice captains on how they continue to represent their school with distinction.



COOTAMUNDRA HIGH SCHOOL ABORIGINAL STUDENTS IN CANBERRA FOR ANZAC DAY

By Kobi Bradshaw

Three Aboriginal students from Cootamundra High School were chosen to be part of a leadership group at the ANZAC Commemorations in the national capital last weekend.

Holly Meadows, Kobi Bradshaw and Ben Maher joined about forty other Aboriginal students from schools round the Riverina to commemorate the ANZAC Centenary. On arriving in Canberra we firstly visited the Tent Embassy on the lawns of old Parliament House. We then took part in a Smoking Ceremony and spoke with Aboriginal Elders about the role of Aboriginal service men and women in all the wars since the Great War. This was followed by a tour of old Parliament House.

Our next stop was the Australian Institute of Sport for a tour of the facilities and we were able to have some fun in the activities room.

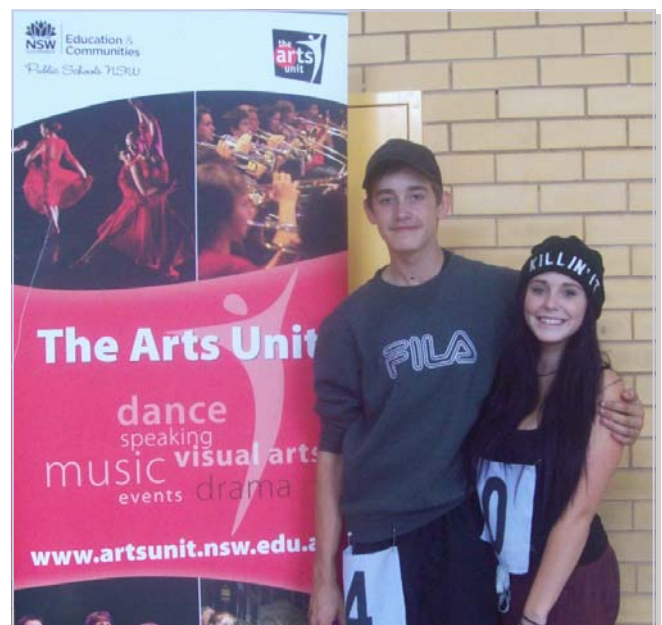
After lunch we visited The Australian War Memorial. A tour of this inspiring place was followed by the Last Post Commemoration, where two of our students laid a wreath at the base of the Pool of Reflection.

We then took a short walk up Mount Ainslie to the Aboriginal War Memorial Plaque. The students laid a wreath and spent some time reflecting on the price of war and the many thousands of Aboriginal service people who fought and sacrificed for our freedom. On Saturday morning we attended the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the War Memorial and we all were deeply moved by the experience.



BANGARRA DANCE CO. WORKSHOP, WAGGA WAGGA

On Friday April 24th ten Aboriginal students from Cootamundra High School travelled to Wagga Wagga High School to take part in a workshop with dancers from Australia's famous Bangarra Dance Co. Sixty Students from schools all over the Riverina attended and it was one of four such workshops conducted



around NSW.

Preparing the students for the strenuous workout involved about an hour and a half of stretching and warming up before a step was learned. The lessons then began. All the students commented on the intense physical activity and how exhausting it was. Over the day the students learnt a routine and then performed in small groups. From that performance the Bangarra Dance Co. teachers selected 9 girls and 3 boys to be shortlisted. Those students may form part of the Aboriginal Dance Group at this year's Schools Spectacular. One of our Year 10 students, Kiara Wilson was selected.



All of the students had a fun day and a fun trip over to Wagga Wagga and home.

We would like to thank Ms Tweneboa, Ms Lewis and our bus driver, Mr Reaper for joining us for the day and looking after us so well.

FROM THE CAREERS DESK

UMAT

(Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test) is a compulsory examination that needs to be sat by all students considering medicine, dentistry, optometry and other health science courses in 2016. Further information is available from Mrs Alderman or by visiting umat.acer.edu.au. Registrations close on 5 June 2015.

YOUNG CAREERS EXPO

Year 10 will be visiting the Annual Young Careers Expo on Monday 4 May. Students are reminded that payment for this is due on Friday 1 May. There will be many stall holders present including: Aboriginal Employment and Careers Initiative, Academy of Interactive Entertainment, Aspire Institute, Universities including Canberra, Newcastle, Macquarie, Wollongong, Sydney, ACU and ANU, Defence

Force Recruiting, Job Centre Australia, Latitude Global Volunteering, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, Manildra Meat Company, St Andrews, Robert Menzies, Dunmore Lang, and Macleay Colleges, William Angliss Institute, JMC Academy, Mercy Care Centre, Young Shire Council, GTES, Job Centre Australia, International College of Management Sydney, Tractor Design School, NRG Fitness Centre, TAFE NSW Riverina Institute, Foundation Education, State Training Services, My Health Career and Automotive Group Training.

Whilst this excursion is not mandatory, all Year 10 students are strongly encouraged to attend.

NSW BOAT LICENCE COURSE

Border Boat Licence is offering students the opportunity to obtain their boat licence at school. Students from 12 years of age can apply and sit for the examination. There is a cost involved, and more information is available from Mrs Alderman or by visiting www.borderboatlicence.com.au.

UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG INFORMATION EVENING

An information evening will be held in Young on 3 May for interested students and parents. Sessions are for students in Years 10 – 12 and will address subject selection, the ATAR, UAC applications, degrees and opportunities, accommodation and early admission. Wagga will also hold a session on 14 July. For more information and to access all venues and dates, visit the UOW Events Page or call in and see Mrs Alderman for further details.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

All Year 10 students have been handed an Expression of Interest form to complete if they wish to undertake Work Experience this term. It will be held from 15 – 19 June and the deadline for EOIs is Friday 8 May.

P & C NEWS

The Cootamundra High School P & C Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday, 31 March 2015. The P & C Executive elected are:

President : Sharon Large
Vice President: Ian Armstrong
Treasurer: Linda Hamilton
Secretary: Angela Trinder.

CLAIMING THE DATE:**COOTAMUNDRA HIGH SCHOOL P&C TRIVIA NIGHT**

Friday, 19 June

More Details to follow in the next School Newsletter.

'SORRY DAY'

Tuesday, 26 May 2015

More Details to follow in the next School Newsletter.

PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS

As of 23 March it has been 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.

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.

BANGARRA DANCE THEATRE

Tickets now on sale for our
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Community Night performance of *Iore*



Friday 5 June, Sydney Opera House, 8pm

Community Night is fast approaching! Join us for the very first performance of our brand-new double bill, *Iore*.

It's a fantastic night where the company shares great pride in showing our newest work to our mob.

This program features *Sheoak* by Frances Rings and *I.B.I.S.* choreographed by Bangarra dancers Waangenga Bianco and Deborah Brown.

All Community Night tickets are \$15 and can be booked [here](#) or by using the code [loredance15](#) when booking on [my.bangarra.com.au](#)

Please note:

- This is a special community performance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Please collect your tickets by 7:30pm from the Bangarra Ticketing desk in the Drama Theatre Foyer, Sydney Opera House
- Tickets are subject to availability – so get in quick before they sell out!

If you have any questions about booking tickets please [email us](#)

ENERGY REBATE

2014-2015
NSW Family Energy Rebate

\$150*
TOWARDS
ENERGY
BILLS

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ONLINE
NOW!**

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**Apply before
Midnight
16 June 2015**

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