



Cootamundra High School Newsletter



PRINCIPAL: Mr Neil Reaper

REL. DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Mr Rob Brown

STATE MATCHPLAY GOLF

Joseph Trinder of Year 12 won the NSW All Schools Boys State Matchplay title for golf. He won the Riverina competition earlier in the year and played the first two rounds at Wentworth Falls in May. The semi-final and final were played in week 10 of Term 2 at Macquarie Links International Golf Course (near Campbelltown). The semi-final was played in the morning and Joseph beat a player from North Sydney. He then played the final in the afternoon against Reid Brown from the Hunter Region. He won the match 3 up with 1 to play.



N.S.W ALL SCHOOLS CROSS- COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

On the 17th of July Ben Camilleri and Louise Raleigh travelled to Sydney Motorsport Park to compete in the N.S.W All Schools Cross Country Championships. The weather was horrible and the track was even

worse but, Louise and Ben braved the cold to run for the Riverina Team and represent Cootamundra High. Louise ran in the 16's girls 4000m event and came in strong coming 60th with a time of 21minutes. Ben ran in the 17's boys 6000m event, completing the race in 21st with a time of 23 minutes. As this was the first time Louise had made it to the state cross country, she was very excited to challenge herself at a higher level. Louise said, "It was a great experience competing with other people from all across the

CALENDAR

Week 5, Term 3

Mon, 10 Aug	Year 12 Study Session
Wed, 12 Aug	Taste of TAFE—Health and Community Services
Thurs, 14 Aug	Year 7/8 Debating , Murrumburrah Taste of TAFE—Early Childhood and Mechatronics
Fri, 14 Aug	Ski Trip

Week 6, Term 3

Tues, 18 Aug	Brainstorm Production—Cheap Thrills
Thurs, 20 Aug	Discover Engineering Day - Wagga
Fri, 21 August	Taste of TAFE - Automotive Mechanical Yr 11 Biology & Senior Science—Pioneer Park

Week 7, Term 3

Tues, 25 Aug	P & C Meeting, 7 pm School Library UC Visit—Aspire Yr 10
Wed, 26 Aug	Vaccinations—ALL Year 7 and Year 9 BOYS



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state. I really enjoyed pushing myself to do my best, so the cold weather was worth it". Ben had competed at this level before but he still enjoyed it because of his desire to improve every time he competed. Ben said, "I was happy to have improved on my previous performances at state level and I enjoyed meeting up with old friends while I was there". Both Ben and Louise were thankful for the opportunity to compete at this level and would happily do it again if they were presented with another chance.



Mathemagic
(where every student counts)



For a student to achieve success in Mathematics a few basic rules should be implemented.

1. Bring your equipment, all students are required to bring a book to work in, a black (or blue) pen, a red pen, a ruler, a pencil, an eraser, a compass, a protractor and a scientific calculator. (phones cannot be used as calculators in tests and exams).
2. Complete assigned work, any work that is given in class needs to be completed to ensure the student reinforces the learning. If you are unsure of what work your student needs to do each day, give them a diary and get the class teacher to initial it each day. You can then check the diary each afternoon and this eliminates misunderstandings about what the student needs to complete.
3. Regularly revise course concepts, all ideas and concepts are quickly forgotten unless they are regularly revisited and reinforced. Cramming prior to tests and exams is not a successful strategy, regular revision is the only way to maximise your mark. To assist your child in maximising their learning and hence outcomes the school has purchased a subscription to mathsonline.com.au. Each student has their own login and password. This website contains explanations, animations, worksheets and tests for all topics from Kindergarten to Year 12 Extension II. If your child is unsure of their login details their class teacher can provide it to them.
4. Seek help when you need assistance, if a student doesn't understand they need to go to their teacher and seek help. It is easier to provide help if the student can tell the teacher what they don't understand. For example, I can't do question 2 in exercise

12 on number plane. Staff will help in class and are always keen to help students at recess, lunch or after school if required.

5. Regularly communicate with the school, if you as a parent have any questions please contact the school and make an appointment. Communication solves most problems before they become insurmountable. If you are unable to do this send a quick email to the Head Teacher (Rel) paul.frilay@det.nsw.edu.au and I will follow up the issue and get back to you ASAP. Please remember, you and your child are important members of our school community and we all have the same goal of achieving successful outcomes for your student.

Paul Frilay

Head Teacher Mathematics (Rel)

THANK YOU

Cootamundra High School would like to take this opportunity to thank the following local businesses for their participation in our Hospitality work placement program – CC's Café, Country Cuisine, Courtyard Coffee Lounge, E'Claire's Coffee Shop, The Khaya and Rita's Kitchen in Albury.

We appreciate the time you have taken to train and encourage our students and look forward to future collaborations.

FROM THE CAREERS DESK

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 12

- UAC Guides have arrived and can be collected from the Careers Office.
- Information in the Guide relating to CSU (Charles Sturt University) PREP scheme is incorrect. All applications for early entry need to be made through the Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS).
- University of Wollongong's Early Admissions Program has opened.
- The Schools Recommendation Scheme has opened. (This is also an Early Entry Scheme that has 10 participating universities).
- A note to parents and students has been mailed home with important information on University, TAFE, Early Entry, UAC and Scholarships. Please see Mrs Alderman for this note if it has not arrived.
- Year 12 students will be given the opportunity to attend an RSA Course to be held at school

on Friday 6 November. Interested students need to register outside the careers office.

BOAT LICENCE UPDATE

Last term we advertised for interested parents and students a Boat Licence Course. There were not sufficient numbers to make it viable. However, Border Boat Licence is running one at the Cootamundra RSL Club on Saturday 29 August commencing at 5.30 p.m. finishing around 10.00 - 10.30 p.m. The cost is \$130 regardless of age, or \$120 pre-paid. The good news is that students who returned their expressions of interest to me last term will only have to pay \$100. A list of those students will be sent to Blair Talbot, the course coordinator. For more information and to register, call Blair Talbot on 0409 594939 or go to info@borderboatlicence.com.au

ADF GAP YEAR

Applications have reopened for selected Gap Year jobs in the Army and Air Force for 2016. For more information go to <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au>.

TASTE OF TAFE

Many Year 9 and 10 students have expressed interest in attending some one day courses that are being offered by TAFE at the Cootamundra campus:

- ♦ Metals and Engineering: Wednesday 26 August
- ♦ Automotive – Mechanical: Friday 21 August
- ♦ Early Childhood – Caring for Children: Thursday 13 August
- ♦ Health and Community Services: Wednesday 12 August
- ♦ Mechatronics: Thursday 13 August

Students are reminded that permission notes are due back to the Careers Office no later than Monday 10 August.

STARTED WORK? LODGE YOUR TAX RETURN WITH-MYTAX - IT'S EASY

- is the fastest way to lodge
- is easy to access (via tablet, smart phone or computer)
- already includes some of your personal information (pre-filled from employers, banks, government agencies and more).

HOW TO LODGE

- ♦ Get your tax file number and your birth certificate, passport or citizenship certificate ready.

- ♦ Create a myGov account at my.gov.au
- ♦ Phone the ATO on 13 28 61 and press 5 at the prompt to get your unique linking code.
- ♦ In the myGov Services page, link to the ATO with the unique linking code.
- ♦ Lodge your return through myTax by 31 October.

FIRST TIME

LODGING YOUR TAX RETURN?

The easiest and fastest way to lodge your return is online.

Follow these simple steps

1

Make sure you have your tax file number (TFN) handy and one of the following documents:
Your birth certificate, passport or citizenship certificate.

2

Create a myGov account
(See my.gov.au for more info)

3

Call the ATO on 13 28 61 and press 5 at the prompt to get your unique linking code to verify your account.

4

In myGov, go to the Services page and link to the ATO.
Select 'I have a linking code' and enter your linking code when prompted.

5

From 1 July, lodge your tax return online.
(See ato.gov.au/lodgeonline)

When are tax returns due?

You have from 1 July to 31 October to lodge.

Keep track of your tax and super by downloading the free ATO App

Download on the App Store

Get it on Google play

Download from Windows Phone Store

Australian Government
Australian Taxation Office

POSITIONS VACANT – GRAINCORP

GrainCorp are recruiting for the 2015/2016 harvest season in our area. Students interested in earning some money prior to heading off to University, TAFE or work are encouraged to apply. For more information, go to www.graincorp.com.au/careers



2015/16 HARVEST STAFF REQUIRED

GrainCorp is one of Australia's largest agricultural supply chain and logistics companies. We operate 180 grain receival sites across Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria, where we receive and store grain for up to 10,000 growers.

We currently have positions available for:

- Grain Handlers
- Grain Samplers
- Weighbridge Clerks

These are seasonal roles with limited accommodation offered at certain sites. All successful applicants will be required to attend pre-harvest training days to be held during October 2014. Work is to commence October/November.

To apply please visit www.graincorp.com.au/careers and click on "Harvest Recruitment"

For any enquires please contact:

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SKOOLBAG APP

We are pleased to announce that Skoolbag is now available for Windows. Phones running version 8.1 of Windows, and Windows devices running Windows 8.1 or 10 (eg Surface tablet, Laptop, PC etc).

This makes the app even more accessible than before to our parents and student community, with the ability to receive messages directly to a PC, Laptop, or Surface Tablet running Windows 8.1 or 10.

To install Skoolbag on your Windows device, look up "Skoolbag" in the Windows Store, and install it. Once installed you can find your school, and pin it to your Windows Home Screen. Please note: You must be running at least Windows 8.1 on your device for the app to function.

HELPING LEARNER DRIVERS

Teaching someone to drive can be a happy experience.

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a FREE one hour workshop.

The next workshop in your area will be held:

TIME & DATE:	VENUE:	BOOK NOW ON:
Thursday 20 August 2015 6pm	Stephen Ward Rooms – Library	6940 2100

Helping learner drivers
become safe drivers

**Media Release**

August 2015

HELPING LEARNER DRIVERS BECOME SAFER DRIVERS FREE ONE HOUR WORKSHOP FOR COOTAMUNDRA

Cootamundra Shire Council will hold a free workshop for parents and supervisors of learner drivers at the Cootamundra Shire Council Chambers on Thursday 5 March.

The free one hour workshop, *Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers*, is organised in conjunction with Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) and will offer parents and supervisors hands-on, practical advice on how to provide the most effective driving practice for learner drivers.

Cootamundra Shire Council's Road Safety Officer, Michelle Doolan is presenting the workshop, and says it is well worth attending.

"Parents and supervisors of learner drivers have a crucial role to play in making our roads safer. They play a vital role in advising and supporting novice drivers and this course was developed by the RMS to support and better prepare them for the job," Ms Doolan explained.

"The workshop covers topics such as the new licence conditions for learner and P plate drivers, how to use the Learner Driver Logbook, the benefits of on-road driving sessions, tips on supervising a learner driver, and the importance of giving the learner constructive feedback.

"Parents and supervisors who have attended this workshop in the past have found that it boosted their confidence, helped them better plan driving sessions and allowed them to share their experiences with other parents and supervisors," Ms Doolan said.

Passing on the right driving skills to learner drivers can save their lives, Ms Doolan added.


"It is a well-known fact that young drivers face the greatest risk on the roads within the first two years of having their licence, so it is vital that parents and supervisors pass on the right information and skills to keep their young drivers safe on the roads," she said.

The *Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers* workshop will be held at the Cootamundra Stephen Ward Rooms (Library) on Thursday 20 August commencing at 6pm.

Bookings are essential and can be made by calling Cootamundra Council on (02) 6940 2100.

AN EVENING WITH FRIENDS

Geraldine Ryan and Mark Forsyth present:
'The Best Of...'



An Evening With Friends

Cootamundra Arts Centre.

Friday 28th and Saturday 29th August. 6.30pm for 7pm.
Sunday Matinee 30th August. 12.30pm for 1pm.
Friday 4th and Saturday 5th September. 6.30pm for 7pm.

Celebrating 10 Years of An Evening With Friends

Tickets available at **HAIR DESIGN** Adults - \$25
263 Parker St, Cootamundra. Ph: 6942 3658 Children & Concession - \$20

TOWN LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Free writing workshop
500 WORDS

Join a writing group that publishes online as part of ABC Open's 500 Words writing challenge. Each month, share a short true story on a set theme and learn how to publish it on the ABC Open website. You're also invited to bring a piece of writing you're working on to share.

UPCOMING WORKSHOP DATES:

JULY 20 - Writing theme 'Car Stories'

AUGUST 10 - Writing theme 'For Better Or For Worse'

SEPTEMBER 14 - theme TBA

Each session runs 10am - 12pm at Cootamundra library

Bookings are essential.

Contact Sonya Gee, ABC Open producer for the Riverina:

6923 4826 or abcpopen.riverina@abc.net.au

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

"Reptiles in the library!"

Encounter a croc in August

Love them or not, we are all fascinated by reptiles. During Book Week, kids can see, touch, and learn about some of Australia's unique reptiles and amphibians at the library, to learn the value of biodiversity and conservation.

Meet crocs, pythons, turtles, and lizards at Cootamundra Library on **Wednesday August 26 at 1pm. Now open to kids and carers of all ages. \$5 per person.**

Bookings essential: ph 69 40 22 00.



COOTAMUNDRA LIBRARY

**Wednesday
26th August
1-2pm**

**KIDS 5-13yrs
\$5 each**

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WHAT'S ON AT THE ARTS CENTRE

UNBROKEN - DIRECTED BY ANGELINA JOLIE

Do not miss this amazing film!

See article below about local woman Gina Halbisch and her experience as an extra in the film and meeting the Director, Angelina Jolie!

"Unbroken" by Gina Halbisch – a Cootamundra local who was an extra in the film.
These are Gina's words about the filming and her conversation with the director;

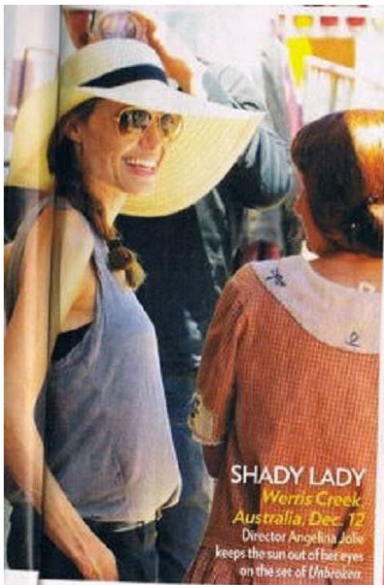
Unbroken was filmed in Werri Creek NSW a little south of Tamworth although the stunning King George Avenue in Tamworth was used to its full potential in the film with its tree lined landscape.

"So there I was lucky enough to get a gig on a big budget movie as an extra. I wore my own stockings but true to the era mine were too shiny so I was handed a pair of pantyhose which were a better colour. Mind you my dress was so long you barely see them but I LOVE the attention to detail. It is a pity I am not quite so attentive. I get dressed in a dark corner of the makeshift campus, present for inspection and pass. Awaiting the moment when I am called, I am aware of a slight discomfort in the pantyhose "area". Sitting on the grass in the shade of a tree I look down and see for the FIRST time that I was handed seamed pantyhose to put on and I notice then that my seams are slightly skew whiff. I sit on the grass and straighten them as best I can. Throughout the several visits to the ladies room I also try and get those blasted seams to run up the back of my legs arghhh IMPOSSIBLE!!! How did they do it in the 1920s?? Finally I make a visit to the little

girl's room quite late in the day. At this point I discover that for the entire day I have been wearing the said stockings back to front! The seams were running beautifully up the front of my legs. By that time I was so tired I didn't give a rats... so that is the way they stayed for the entire shoot!!! Talk about doing things the hard way!"

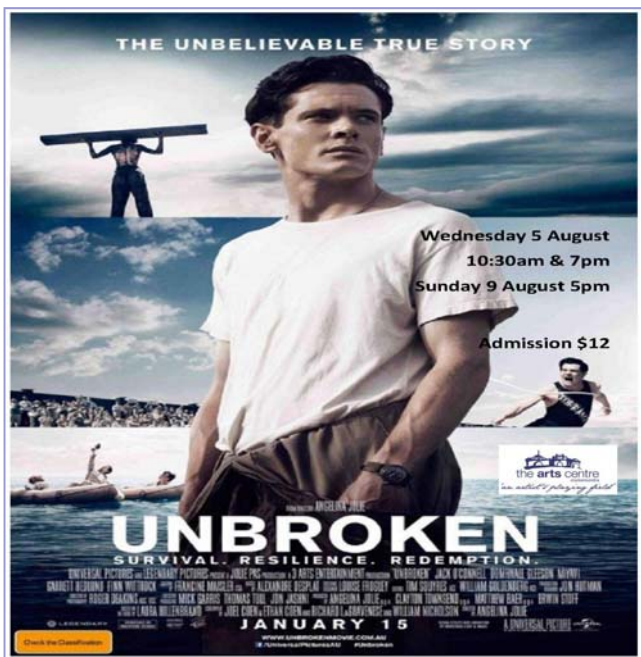
So yes, I stood there chatting to Angelina being photographed by People magazine, with my stockings on backwards!

The movie is VERY MOVING and strongly themed and because of my memories of my dad and his war experiences I found it hard to watch and very close to home on many levels, it jumps from era to era and I believe, is beautifully edited but it may prove a little taxing for some audiences. I loved it but won't watch it again as it was an emotional journey like no other and a great exhibition of humanity...eventually. A must see.



Show times:

Sunday 9th August 5pm



COOTAMUNDRA GIRL GUIDES



Cootamundra Girl Guides

Date 9th August	Contact Belinda
Time 9am till 1pm	Phone 69423638
Location Sunday Markets	




FLYING FRUIT CIRCUS

Flying Fruit Fly Circus

TO: Schools	DATE: 29 July 2015
FROM: Donna Baldwin	PHONE: 02 6043 0777
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SUBJECT: Advertisement for your next School Newsletter	

It would be most appreciated if you would be able to include the following advertisement in your next school newsletter please. Please contact me if you would like to receive this electronically.

TRY OUT FOR AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL YOUTH CIRCUS

Try out for a place at Australia's National Youth Circus; it might just change your life!

The annual National and Regional Auditions will take place on 30 August in Albury-Wodonga at the Circus' HQ, or you can post or email the company a 5-minute example of your work.

The Flying Fruit Fly Circus is the only full-time circus school in the country and world-renowned for its high standards of skills training and innovative performance program, which creates and tours dynamic and inspiring circus shows for young audiences.

While based regionally in Albury-Wodonga, the 'Fruities' have forged national and international partnerships with Sydney Opera House, National Institute of Circus Arts (NICA), Vietnam School of Circus Arts and Vaudeville and other notable organisations. In 2015 the company toured its acclaimed work nationally and overseas to Turkey. These collaborations offer exciting and valuable opportunities for the company's young artists.

Another key partnership is with the Victorian Department of Education, which provides the educational program for students of the circus through a select entry school based in Wodonga.

The Flying Fruit Fly Circus is a unique and comprehensive creative learning environment committed to growing the appreciation of circus as an art form and engaging young people in the performing arts.

When and where: 10am – 12 noon at Flying Fruit Fly Circus HQ, Hovell Street, Albury NSW

Age requirements: School years 3 to 12

Send video material to: PO Box 796 Wodonga VIC 3689 or email info@fruitflycircus.com.au before 7th August.

Please read the guidelines and information on the website first:
<http://fruitflycircus.com.au/training/how-to-join-our-circus/>

COOTAMUNDRA 'ICE' FORUM

**What is ice and
how does it work?**

**Where do you go to
get support?**

**What can you do
to help?**

**What are the
impacts on family
and friends?**

WHEN: September 9th 2015
6:30pm – 8:30pm

VENUE: Cootamundra Ex-
Services Club.
Corner of Parker
and Wallendoon
Street,
Cootamundra.

COST: **FREE!!**

For all enquiries
contact Danielle on
(02) 6942 8005

Come be involved and help spread awareness on the current issues surrounding ice use in our country, and its effect on the community. Join members of the Cootamundra community in gaining a further awareness into issues faced every day by users of the drug and of those who see the effects first hand in their current professions.

We welcome Crios O'Mahony from not for profit organisation the Penington Institute, Crios has had 20 years of experience working with people directly affected by problematic drug use. Additionally, we will be welcoming members from Cootamundra Police, Family & Community Services, NSW Health and more! At the conclusion of the main presentation, members of the community will have the opportunity to ask questions for the panel to answer.

There are a lot of people talking about amphetamines and ice and what the community might be hearing can be worrying and frightening. We would like to help you understand the truth about ice and what you can do if you or someone you know is using it.

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