



# Cootamundra High School Newsletter



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## MISS WATTLE 2015

Mikayla Large (Vice Captain of Cootamundra High School) was shocked to be nominated for the title of Miss Wattle. Having been crowned with the title of 'Miss Wattle 2015', Mikayla is looking forward to representing Cootamundra during the Wattle Time activities.



Cootamundra High School will be participating in the Wattle Time March on Saturday morning, 29 August. We will also be having an information stall selling yummy soup and sandwiches at the Wattle Time Fair.

## RIVERINA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Friday 31st of July sixteen students travel to Albury to represent Cootamundra High in the Riverina Athletics Carnival. These students were outstanding ambassadors for our school. They competed well and conducted themselves admirably. Twelve stu-

## CALENDAR

### Week 7, Term 3

Tues, 25 Aug	UC Visit, Aspire Year 10 P & C Meeting, 7pm CHS Library
Wed, 26 Aug	Vaccinations—ALL Year 7 & Year 9 BOYS
Thurs, 28 Aug	Year 12 AG Excursion Temora Ag Innovation Centre

### Week 8, Term 3

Mon, 31 Aug	Year 11 AG Farm Study Day
Wed, 3 Sept— Fri, 5 Sept	State Athletics Carnival—Homebush
Thurs, 4 Sept	Year 11 'Young Drivers Education Day'

### Week 9, Term 3

Mon, 7 Sept— Fri, 12 Sept	Year 11 Exam Week
Wed, 10 Sept Thurs, 11 Sept	Year 12 Alcohol Awareness Sports Gala Day—Young

dents participated in a range of individual track and field events, while others travel to Albury to ensure we field teams who were successful in two relay events.

Ban Camilleri, Mitchell Coleman-Hardy and Michaela Webb were successful in qualifying for the NSW CHS Athletics Carnival in individual events. Ben (17 years) placed 2nd in the 3000m, 1500m and 400m events. Mitchell won both the boy 16 years Discus and Shot Put and Michaela Webb placed 2nd in the 14 years girls High Jump. Two relay teams placed second and qualified for the state carnival. The girls 16 years relay team includes Louise Raleigh, Sarah Stephens, Caitlin Slavin and Michaela Webb and the Open boys relay team includes Jake Turner, Jesse Turner, Josh Kostrubric and Ben Camilleri (who will be substituted by Jason Cronin). We wish all competitors well for this carnival.

### BRAINSTORM PRODUCTION

On Tuesday the 19th of August Year 9 students from Cootamundra High School and Sacred Heart Central school watched a Brainstorm production in our school hall which was targeted at our age group and the difficult choices that we may need to make as we mature into young adulthood. The performance gave us the opportunity to explore the consequences associated with risk taking through the story of a fifteen year old boy called Andrew as he delved into the darker side of adolescence. We would like to thank Mrs Chris Edwards for her fund raising efforts for the Cootamundra community over many years which have been used for this lifelong learning opportunity.

Shelby Nicka

### 2015 MT SELWYN SNOW TRIP

Last Friday, 14th August, forty six Cootamundra High School students rose before the crack of dawn to attend the biennial Snow Trip to Mt Selwyn. This was a fantastic experience for those involved, with twenty



ty nine students getting their first glimpse of snow as we approached the ski field. An excellent day was had by both skiers and snowboarders alike with many students managing to stay upright for a portion of the day and some mastering their skills by the afternoon.

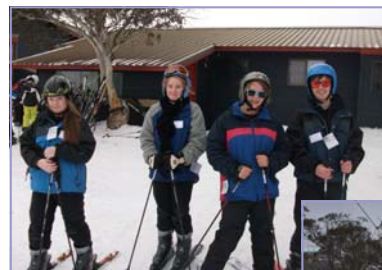
There were many snowball fights, numerous epic stacks and laughs had by all. Year 10 student, Azelyn Collins, was thrilled to be at Mt Selwyn again, having previously been on the trip when she was in Year 8 "I had a really fun time this year. I was able to pick up snowboarding easily this time around but I still need to work on the chair lift situation- falling over every time..."



Snowboarder Louise Raleigh stated "I think the Snow Trip is a really great experience for everyone it shows a really beautiful part of Australia that everyone should see and gives you a chance to hang out with your friends for a day".

Thank you to Mr Payne, Mrs Scott, Mr Berkrey, Mr McPhee and Ms Walker for their supervision and organisation on the day.

The Snow Trip will run again in 2017 and all students are invited to attend this wonderful day.



## FROM THE CAREERS DESK

### YEAR 12 UAC and EARLY ENTRY (UNIVERSITY)

The University Admissions Centre (UAC) is now open to Year 12 students wishing to apply for a course at university in 2016. Students are reminded that there is a registration fee, which increases significantly if not paid by the deadline. Once paid, students can then register for SRS (School's Recommendation Scheme) if they wish. This scheme is an 'early entry' process, whereby students may apply to be made early offers to university.

Please note that not all universities participate in the SRS, and institutions such as Wollongong have their own process, which need to be applied for separately.

### UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

This is a busy time for Open Days, with Canberra hosting a large Open Day on Saturday 29 August from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. The University of Canberra, Canberra Institute of Technology (TAFE), the Australian National University, ADFA (Australian Defence Force Academy), and the Australian Catholic University will be open for tours. For more information, visit [www.tertiaryopenday.com](http://www.tertiaryopenday.com)

### TAFE RIVERINA INSTITUTE CAREER GUIDES

The 2016 Riverina Career Guides have been released, with some copies available from the Careers Office and the Cootamundra TAFE. Courses for 2016 can also be found online at [www.rit.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.rit.tafensw.edu.au)

### YEAR 12 USI NUMBERS

The deadline for submission of these has passed, and the school **urgently requires them from all students**. USI stands for Unique Student Identification and needs to be created and held by all students. It is now mandatory for attending courses such as First Aid, WHS White Card, Responsible Service of Alcohol and importantly, where a student has done a TVET or VET Course at school.

### HSC DANCE

HSC Dance is currently run at Temora High School. Should any students currently in Years 9 and 10 be interested in including this in their HSC pattern of study, please see Mrs Alderman in the Careers Office for further information.

### 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](mailto:info@borderboatlicence.com.au)

## KANGAROO MARCH

A re-enactment of the centenary of the march which took place from Wagga to Campbelltown to enlist soldiers for WW1 will take place on the 11-13 /9/15

Spending Friday and Saturday nights in Cootamundra and Sunday night at Wallendbeen. When the march passed through towns 100 years ago they were volunteers which were mostly unsupported and school children bought to school a egg and a potato for the marchers. Our community would like to recreate this by asking students to donate a tin of food of any type, which will then be forwarded to local charities or the soup kitchen. This is a great opportunity for students to realise the feeling of giving and sharing in our community.

## SCHOOL BASED IMMUNISATION

Nurses from the local HealthOne- Community Health Centre will visit the school on:

Wednesday 26th August 2015

And provide the following immunisations

- Year 7 students 3rd Dose HPV

The consents for these, were completed prior to the first dose and are held at HealthOne

If you have any queries, please contact Fiona Grogan on 69401111 at HealthOne- Community Health Centre.

## 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.

### EVERY DAY COUNTS

**EVERY DAY COUNTS....**  
A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed... **Every day counts!**

### WALLEDBEEN KANGAROO MARCH

Join the Wallendbeen and surrounding community on SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2015 from 12 noon when the Governor-General of Australia, Sir Peter Cosgrove will commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the Kangaroo March.

It will be an afternoon of family fun with a fabulous WALLEDBEEN PRODUCER'S FAIR being held at the Wallendbeen Oval where over 25 producers are taking part & selling their products. The Fair celebrates the quality and variety of products which are designed, created, grown or made within 100 miles of Wallendbeen. You will be amazed by what you'll find!

There will also be a jumping castle and games for children, stock-whip cracking and sheep dog trial demonstrations, musical performances and much, much more.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!!

### MEET The Governor-General, His Excellency Sir Peter Cosgrove IN WALLEDBEEN



Sunday  
13th Sept  
2015

from 12 pm  
onwards

### AT THE 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY & RE-ENACTMENT OF THE KANGAROO MARCH

#### March Activities

12pm - March leaves Wallendbeen Cemetery  
12.20pm - Ceremony at the Wallendbeen Cenotaph, King St.  
1.30pm - Governor-General gives an address to the public at the Oval

#### At the Wallendbeen Oval

#### Producer's Fair

From 12.30pm at the Oval.  
Celebrating products within 100 miles of Wallendbeen.

#### Horse Activities

#### Games for Kids

#### Food, Art & Performances

#### Evening Dinner & Parade

BRING THE FAMILY TO JOIN IN THE FUN!

For More Information & Bookings:

[www.kangaroomarch.org.au/location/wallendbeen/](http://www.kangaroomarch.org.au/location/wallendbeen/)  
Kangaroo March - David Jacobs, 69432621, wallendbeenmarch@gmail.com  
Wallendbeen Producer's Fair - Annie Jacobs, 69432551  
Evening Dinner - Toby Bassingthwaite, 69432545

### AN EVENING WITH FRIENDS

Geraldine Ryan and Mark Forsyth present:

The Best Of...



Cootamundra Arts Centre.

Friday 28th and Saturday 29th August. 6.30pm for 7pm.

Sunday Matinee 30th August. 12.30pm for 1pm.

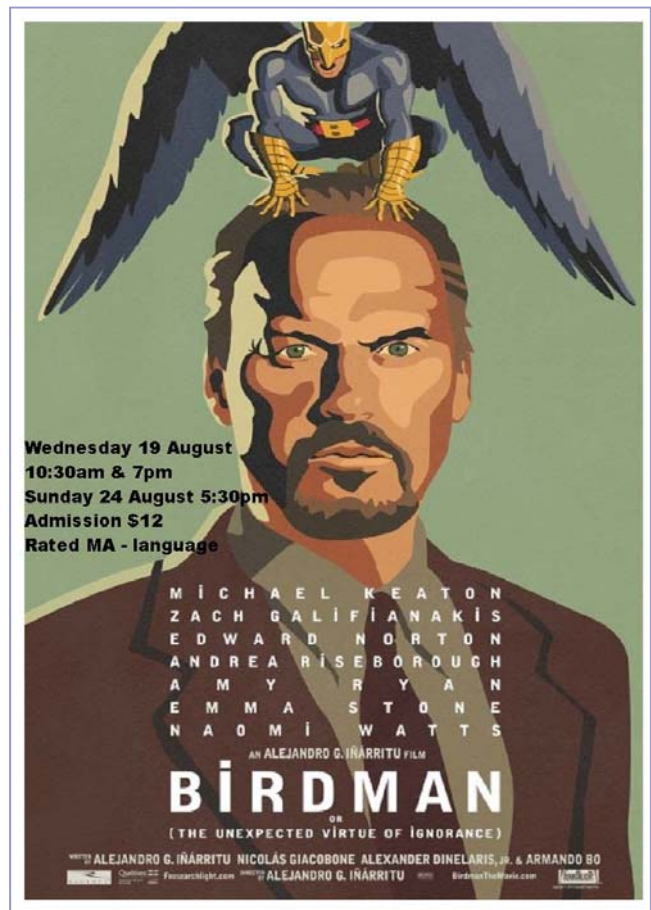
Friday 4th and Saturday 5th September. 6.30pm for 7pm.

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

## WHAT'S ON AT THE ARTS CENTRE

### BIRDMAN

One final screening of Birdman - don't miss out Sunday 23 August at a slightly later time of 5:30pm



### PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP

Printmaking Workop Saturday 5 September 9am-

**Printmaking** with Jemima Saunders



**Saturday 5 September 2015**  
**9am – 3pm**

This one day course will serve as an introduction to intaglio printing using an etching press, and relief printing using found objects. A number of different techniques will make up the big bag of skills that participants will take home from this workshop. These workshops will utilise an etching press donated to the Centre by Janet Dawson gifted to her by her late husband Michael Boddy.

DATE: 5 September 2015  
COST: \$70  
**REGISTRATIONS BY: Monday 31 August**

18 – 20 Wallendoon Street  
Cootamundra NSW 2590  
www.theartscentrecootamundra.org.au  
info@theartscentrecootamundra.org.au  
(02) 6942 4773

**the arts centre**  
cootamundra  
*"an artist's playing field"*

3pm.

Jemima Saunders will delight with the skills of a real printing press.

## EARN AND LEARN

## MORE 2015 MT SELWYN SNOW TRIP PHOTOS





# 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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AUSTRALIA** | together  
we stand



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