



# Cootamundra High School Newsletter



**PRINCIPAL:** Mr Neil Reaper  
**REL. DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:** Mr Rob Brown

## WATTLE TIME FAIR 2015

Cootamundra High School was represented at the Wattle Time Fair by way of a static display of past Year photos as well as, selling sandwiches, home-made pumpkin soup and slice stall, all made by the Year 11 Hospitality Class.



Students and staff also marched in the parade representing Public School Education. Thank you to all dedicated staff offering their time to commit to this wonderful display.



## CALENDAR

### Week 9, Term 3

Mon, 7 Sept— Fri, 12 Sept	Year 11 Exam Week
Wed, 9 Sept	Year 12 Alcohol Awareness
Thurs, 10 Sept	Year 7/8 Debating Sports Gala Day—Young Harden Show
Fri, 11 Sept	

### Week 10, Term 3

Mon, 14 Sept— Tues, 15 Sept	Year 11 Cross Roads
Tues, 15 Sept	Defence Force Recruiting Talk
Thurs, 17	Year 12 Leaving Ceremony 11.55 am
Fri, 18 Sept	PBL Assembly
Sun, 20 Sept— Wed, 23 Sept	Melbourne Show

### Week 1, Term 4

Tues, 6 Oct	Students and Teachers return
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## THE PREMIER'S DEBATING CHALLENGE

### RIVERINA FINALS & WORKSHOP

On Wednesday the 5th of August, Teagan Mayor, Paige Sedgwick, Brianna Hefren, Olivia Monteleone and Shelby Nicka ventured to Leeton High School to participate in a two day debating seminar. The workshops covered structuring a debate, organising key arguments, developing rebuttals and highlighted the essential roles of the four members of a debating team.

While in Leeton the girls had the chance to interact with debating teams from all over the Riverina region and were able to build upon their debating skills through a series of mini debates. We also had the opportunity to watch the Regional Final and see which team would represent our region at the Junior State Debating Championship held in Sydney in December.



### YEAR 7/8 DEBATE: TIE-BREAK ROUND 1 - MURRUMBURRAH VS COOTAMUNDRA

On Thursday the 13th August, the Year 7/8 Debating Team (Paige Sedgwick, Teagan Mayor, Brianna Hefren and Justin Sheedy) travelled to Murrumburrah High School to participate in the Premier's Debating Challenge.

As the team was being driven to Murrumburrah (by the Year 7/8 Debating Co-Ordinator, Ms Sheppard) they began to strategize possible approaches to arguments using the skills that they had learnt at the Premier's Debating Workshop.

The topic of debate selected was "All zoos in Australia should be closed". Cootamundra High School was

awarded the negative side and quickly set about planning their arguments. The Cootamundra side cleverly argued that not all zoos are cruel to animals, most include open plains allowing animals to exist as if they were in the wild and zoos are a source of employment for many people. It was these arguments combined with effective rebuttals that led the adjudicator to declare the debate in our favour.



Thursday 10th September will see the Yr 7/8 team debate against Coolamon Central School in the final Tie-Break Rounds. The victor of this debate will go on to compete against Koorlingal High School in the Regional Quarter Finals.

Written by Teagan Mayor, Paige Sedgwick, Justin Sheedy and Brianna Hefren – with some assistance from Ms Sheppard and Ms Walker.





**YEAR 7 TAS AND VISUAL ARTS**

A collaboration of TAS and Visual Arts.  
 Year 7/3 Mexican Sugar Skulls;  
 cooked in D7, designed and decorated in Visual Arts.

**FROM THE CAREERS DESK****YEAR 12 UAC**

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. Not every university takes part in this scheme. Sydney University for example conducts a separate program called E12 (with applications closing 11 September).

**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.

### GTES EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

GTES are offering some excellent employment and pre-apprenticeship opportunities for school leavers. Current employment opportunities can be found on their website or in the Senior Study. GTES are also currently offering a fully funded 8 week pre-apprenticeship TAFE Course in Building and Plumb-

**Current Employment Opportunities**  
As of 31/08/2015



**GTES**  
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**Apprentice Electrician** ----- **Wagga Wagga**  
Applications close Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September

**Apprentice Light Vehicle Mechanic** -- **Wagga Wagga**  
Wagga Motors  
Applications close Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September

**Apprentice Light Vehicle Mechanic** -- **Wagga Wagga**  
Wagga Motors  
Applications close Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September

**Apprentice Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Technician** ----- **Wagga Wagga**  
Applications Close Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September

**Apprentice Electrician** ----- **Wagga Wagga**  
Applications Open

**2<sup>nd</sup> Year Apprentice Electrician** ----- **Wagga Wagga**  
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ing which commences in October. Expressions of interest can be completed on the GTES website. Go to [gtes.com.au](http://gtes.com.au) for more information.

### RSA COURSE

Interested Year 12 students will be completing an RSA course on Friday 6 November. The course is run in conjunction with SUMMIT Employment and has been generously subsidised by the school. There are still vacancies in the course, which should be completed if students are seeking part or full-time work in any licenced premises.

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR YEAR 10 CHOOSING A TVET COURSE FOR 2016

A reminder that Expressions of Interest are well past their deadline. Late applications cannot be guaranteed a place! If there are any issues with this, please contact Mrs Alderman in the Careers Office.

### SRC SCHOOL SOCIAL

The SRC held a social on the 1st of September. The theme was 'Beauty and the Geek'. We had a huge turnout of 140 students who all put in a lot of effort dressing up. Many thanks to our very own DJ from Year 11, Jayden Sutton.



Over \$500 was raised to go towards the school and students. We would also like to thank the teachers who gave up their time to supervise this event, without this dedication to the school, events like this would not be able to be held.





## RETIREMENT

It is with great fondness that Cootamundra High School says farewell to Pauline Seiler. Pauline has retired after 11 years of diligently cleaning the classrooms, corridors and grounds. She will be greatly missed by all at Cootamundra High School. Our floors may not have quite the same shine. Enjoy your retirement and catch that BIG ever elusive fish. A big thank you to Amanda Willoughby for making the lovely cake for Pauline.



## KANGAROO MARCH

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. Donations can be left at the front office at school.

## WALLEDBEEN KANGAROO MARCH

### 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.

#### Games for Kids

Food, Art & Performances

Evening Dinner & Entertainment

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

## WHAT'S ON AT THE ARTS CENTRE

### PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP

Printmaking Workop Saturday 5 September 9am-3pm.

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

**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](http://www.theartscentrecootamundra.org.au)  
[info@theartscentrecootamundra.org.au](mailto:info@theartscentrecootamundra.org.au)  
(02) 6942 4773

**STILL ALICE**

JULIANNE MOORE  
ALEC BALDWIN  
KRISTEN STEWART

**STILL ALICE**

A FILM BY  
RICHARD GLATZER AND WASH WESTMORELAND

September 16th Wednesday 10:30am & 7pm  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 5pm  
Rating – M  
Admission \$12

**TOWN LIBRARY HAPPENINGS****MEET THE AUTHOR**

**Meet the author**

**NICOLE ALEXANDER**

**Cootamundra Library  
Friday September 11  
11.00am**

Wild Lands is an epic novel of beauty, loyalty that takes the reader on a spellbinding journey from the streets of colonial Sydney to the heart of Australia's wild, untamed lands.

More information at [rlnsw.gov.au](http://rlnsw.gov.au)

**HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS**

**What's on in the...**

**"School holidays!"**

**Flying high**  
Make planes with polystyrene foam

1. Wed September 23 (11am-noon)
2. Friday October 2 (11am-noon)

\$2 per session  
Limited numbers: for bookings, ph 69402200.

**Li'l Melodies presents...**  
**UKULELE WORKSHOP**

Wednesday September 30  
10am-noon  
Cost: \$25

Numbers strictly limited  
Bookings: ph 69402200

**Colouring in & BOARD GAMES**  
Friday September 25

2-3pm  
\$1 per child  
Afternoon tea provided.

Bookings: ph 69402200

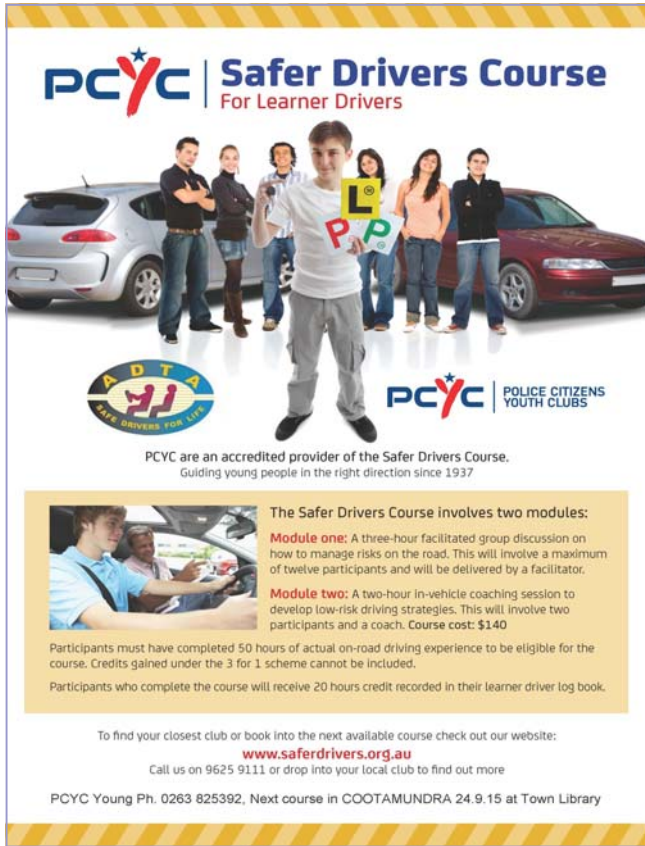
**COOTAMUNDRA JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE****CHANGE OF PRESENTATION DAY DATE**

Cootamundra Junior Rugby League

Please note that our presentation date has been changed to Saturday September 19 2015 starting at 11.30am



## PCYC SAFE DRIVING



**PCYC | Safer Drivers Course**  
For Learner Drivers

PCYC are an accredited provider of the Safer Drivers Course.  
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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](http://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 24.9.15 at Town Library

## KITE FESTIVAL



**KITE FESTIVAL**  
Saturday 10th October 2015  
HARDEN PICNIC RACECOURSE  
11am - 5pm Entry by donation  
♥ ALCOHOL FREE EVENT ☺

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FREE Climbing Wall  
FREE Bungee Trampoline  
FREE helium balloons  
FREE face painting  
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Contact: KEN MCKAY (02) 6386 3526  
hardenbearings@bigpond.com  
Markets: SARAH ROWAN (02) 6386 2685  
rowans1979@hotmail.com  
Web: hardenkitefestival.org

## DISTRICT SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS

## NATURAL HISTORY EXCURSION

NATURAL HISTORY EXCURSION IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Dr David Read, Natural Resources Manager for Wagga Council has agreed to do a spotlight tour of mammals on the Bland Creek north of Stockinbingal on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September these coming school holidays.

Dr Read came to the Stockinbingal Landcare Field Day in June to create awareness of nocturnal mammals in our area, & it gave me the idea to ask him to do a field evening during the school holidays which he graciously & immediately agreed to. We hope to see bats, wallabies, possums, gliders & other animals at different sites along the creek. Dr Read shall also do a commentary as we move along.

Imrie Bus Services Cootamundra are providing the vehicle & driver for the 4 hours at a cost of \$12 per person. Both children & adults are welcome for a maximum 37 seats, so book early!

DATE: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015

TIME: 6.45p.m. for 7.00 p.m. departure. Return by 11.00 p.m.

MEET: Cootamundra High School & Stockinbingal Bowling Club (about 7.30 p.m.)

PAYMENT: \$12/head. Please pay exact amount to driver.

BOOKING: Alan East 0407 428 888 or [alan.east1612@gmail.com](mailto:alan.east1612@gmail.com)

Bring a strong torch, suitable clothing but no food or drink onto bus.

Looking forward to an interesting night!



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**Junior Competitions: 12yrs and under**  
**Teens Competitions: 13yrs to 19yrs**

**11:00am: Odds & Ends challenge opens - Open**  
Build a kite from our odds & ends box. You have all day to construct a kite to take part in the last competition of the day.

**11:30am: Best home-made Kite - Junior & Teens.**  
Made from any material, any size & shape. Kite must fly. (Must be the work of entrant)

**12 noon: Family Relay - teams of four** (must include one adult)  
First two teams over the line, keeping kite continually flying at all times including changeover, will be judged the winners.  
Relay Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$50

**12:45pm: Kite in a Barrel - Teens & Adults**  
A test of precision flying against the clock. We provide the kite and you fly and drop it into a barrel in the stipulated time.

**1:30pm: Ducks-in-a-Row World Record Challenge**  
Bring your supplied duck or get one at the Competition Tent, sign it with your name and date and be part of the record.

**3:00pm: Kites with longest tail - Open**  
Tail must be completely off ground for approved time. Extra tails available at comp tent. (no wool/string only tails) Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> \$50, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$30

**Odds & Ends challenge closes**  
Time is up for constructing your kite. First to fly wins.

**3:10pm: COMPETITION & GATE DRAWS**  
First name to be drawn out of barrel will be the winner.  
Sibelco Australia Lucky Kite Draw **WIN \$100**  
Bendigo Bank Lucky Gate Draw **WIN \$100**

PICK UP YOUR Bendigo Bank LUCKY GATE ENTRY COMP ENTRY BOX IS AT THE Bendigo Bank TENT (One entry per person).

\* Conditions apply to all comps, please visit the Competition Tent to register.

## KIDS CAMPS



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## SPRING HOLIDAY CAMPS

### DON'T MISS OUT

☒ New friendships   ☒ Fun  
☒ Great value   ☒ Safe

Our popular Spring Kids' and Family Holiday Camps are filling fast. Find out what's on including our popular Cooking 4 Kids, Adventurer, Kids' Club and Duke of Edinburgh camps plus lots more.

Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands. Our Kids' Camps are suitable for kids aged 7 and over and range from 1 to 5 days.

Residential Kids' Camps include:

- 24 hour supervision
- Instructor led activities
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Supervised transport

Family Camps include:

- Instructor led activities
- Meals
- Accommodation
- Use of all facilities i.e. BBQ area, pool, tennis courts etc.

[sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/familycamps](http://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/familycamps)  
[sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps](http://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps)  
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NSW Office of Sport & Recreation

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## EVERY DAY COUNTS



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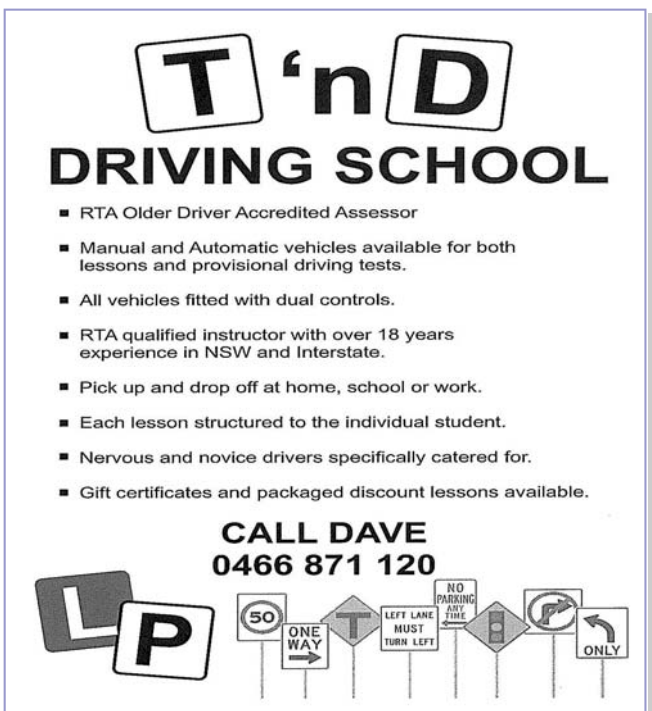
A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

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!**

Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday









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## ADF Careers Information Session

**Tuesday 15th September 2015**

**6:00pm**

**Cootamundra Ex Servicemens & Citizens Memorial Club, 299 Parker Street Cootamundra NSW 2590**

To reserve a seat email [cptnswevents@dfrc.com.au](mailto:cptnswevents@dfrc.com.au) with your name and numbers of seats required

There are limited positions available for these sessions so reservations are essential.

Hope to see you there!

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# 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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