



# Cootamundra High School Newsletter



**PRINCIPAL:** Mr Neil Reaper  
**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:** Mrs Janine Nelson

## C BLOCK UPDATE

On Tuesday afternoon, October 4th at approximately 5.30 pm we had a freak storm come through Cootamundra. Unfortunately the storm caused enormous damage to part of C Block. As we understand it the storm blew out two large windows of the stairwell outside the PE Staff room. The stairwell then became a tunnel for the 100km plus winds that then blew out louver windows in the upstairs computer lab. This wind lifted parts of the ceiling and then "peeled off" the entire roof of the north/south running section of C block.



Sections of roof, insulation, air conditioners and other debris were then strewn across the quadrangle area. Lucky enough no one was injured and a member of staff was in the vicinity and called it in immediately. We were able to get emergency services and local 'tradies' on site quickly to secure the area, cutting off power, water and gas quickly.

Wednesday morning saw the clean-up begin with

## CALENDAR

### Week 3, Term 4

Tues, 25 October	P & C Meeting—7pm School Library
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### Week 4, Term 4

Tues, 1 November	Year 6—Year 7 Transition Day (9.30 am—12.30pm)
Wed, 2 November	Year 7 & 8 Touch Gala Day , Wagga

### Week 5, Term 4

Mon, 7 November	Year 11 Work Placement
-Fri, 11 November	Year 11 SKILLSFIX - CSU Wagga
Tues, 8 November	Year 12 RSA/RCG
	eSafety workshop, 6.30pm Cootamundra High School Library
Wed, 9 November	Year 7 & 8 Yearly Exams
- Fri, 11 November	
Wed, 9 November	Year 12 Farewell
Fri, 11 November	Cootamundra Touch Carnival

the Joss management group and Dept of Education personnel facilitating the extensive clean up. At times we had 25 to 30 workers on site during this process. Clean up externally was completed by Saturday afternoon.



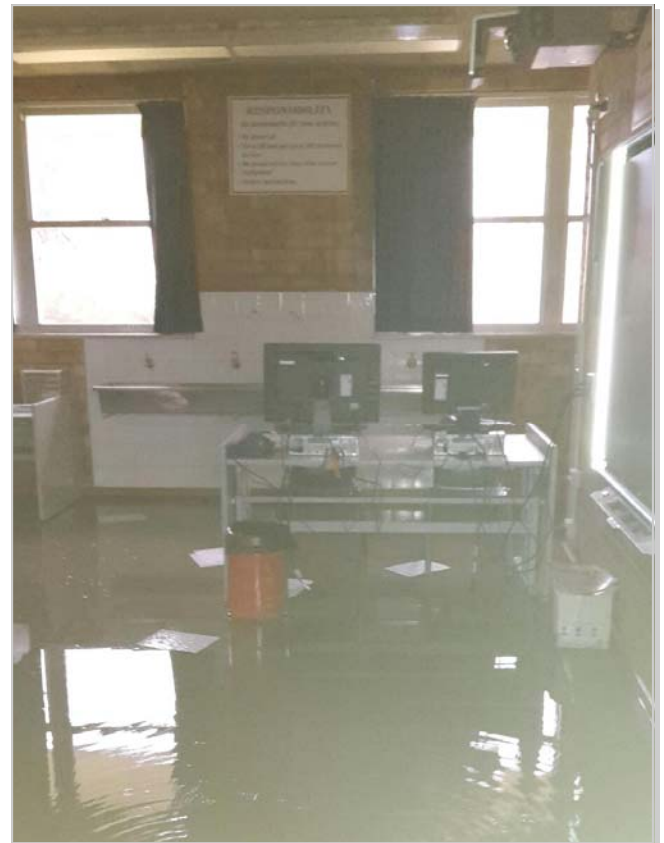
On the following Monday and Tuesday we had "staff and workers" only on site to assist in the removal and transfer of damaged items from this section of C block. Skip bins and containers were brought in to assist with this. The Maths and Careers staff rooms had to be moved into rooms in A block. During this time a number of professional builders, assessors and engineers studied the C block building and the surrounds.



I am happy to say that although the upper level of C block is isolated we can still use the bottom floor of C block. We are currently in the process of ordering replacement computers and should have room A7 up and running in the next two weeks as a computer lab.



The current plan for C block is that once the HSC exams are completed we can begin a rebuild of the affected areas. At the moment this will consist of some minor brick work, new ceilings and a new roof. It is also expected that the damaged rooms will be



fully refurbished during this period. It is our hope that the rebuild will be completed by the end of the year, and that we can again utilize the top section of C block from the beginning of 2017.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the general Cootamundra Community and our students, and parents/guardians for your support during this time.

Special thanks must go to our teaching and support staff for their hard work and understanding over the last couple of weeks.

To our local 'tradies', Joss management group and Dept of Education staff- many thanks for a brilliant job in getting our school up and functioning in such a short period of time. Without your dedication and long hours on site this would not have been possible.

Neil Reaper  
Principal

## JUNIOR SHOW JUDGING

Last Friday I popped along to visit our enthusiastic Agriculture students in action at the Cootamundra Show.



All students were engaged in learning new skills and applying prior knowledge in an authentic setting. A great day!

Mrs Nelson  
Deputy Principal



## SRC NEWS

At the end of Term 3, six students represented Cootamundra High School at the REROC Conference at CSU, Wagga. They were involved in leadership activities and networking with other students from around the Riverina.

Pictured below are the students from Cootamundra High School along with students from EA Southee, who also attended the conference.



## LLOYD MCDERMOTT UNDER 17'S SEVENS RUGBY CAMP

Jayden D'Aran and Benjamin Maher gained places at the Lloyd McDermott under 17's sevens rugby camp, held at Tamworth the last weekend of the holidays. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students (boys and girls) from all over Australia gathered to try out for the under 17's boy's and girl's Australian teams to play to for a 15 player squad selection in Perth in



November and then the U.K. next year. Both Jayden and Ben played well, and although not selected for Perth this year, because Jayden is only

15 and Ben 16, the boys have been invited back for selections next year.



## FROM THE CAREERS DESK

### STATE TRANSIT APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

State Transit is currently recruiting for our 2017 Apprenticeship Program. They are offering eight Heavy Vehicle Mechanic apprenticeships throughout the Sydney metropolitan area commencing in January 2017.

Further information, including application details, can be found at [iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) (enter reference number 00004SO5)

(<http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au/job/sta-heavy-vehicle-mechanics-apprenticeship-48415>)

[https://jobsnsw.taleo.net/careersection/sta\\_eoi/joblist.ftl](https://jobsnsw.taleo.net/careersection/sta_eoi/joblist.ftl)

Application closing date: 11:59pm on Sunday 6 November 2016

### YEAR 12 RSA AND RCG COURSES

Year 12 are reminded that money for these two courses is due by Monday 1 November. If there are any issues with payment, please see Mrs Alderman or Mr Reaper prior to the deadline.

### YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

A reminder to all Year 10 students that expressions of interest to undertake Work Experience this term are due no later than Friday 28 October to the Careers Office.

### YEAR 10 ASPIRE UC PROGRAM

The University of Canberra will be visiting Year 10 students this week as part of their Outreach Program. The Year 10 group will then attend the University in November for a tour and some career related activities.

### UOW DISCOVERY DAY

University Commencing Year 12 students are invited to attend the UOW's Discovery Day, an overnight excursion to Wollongong in February 2017. Interested students should see Mrs Alderman for further

details.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH GTES

**Current  
Employment  
Opportunities**  
As at 10/10/2016

**GATES**  
Complete Apprentice Management

**Apprentice Heavy Vehicle Mechanic**  
WAGGA WAGGA  
[Applications close Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October](#)



**Apprentice Agricultural Machinery Mechanic**  
WAGGA WAGGA  
[Applications close Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October](#)



**Apprentice Welder**  
WAGGA WAGGA  
[Applications close Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October](#)



**Apprentice Light Vehicle Mechanic**  
WAGGA WAGGA  
[Applications close Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October](#)



**Spare Parts Trainee**  
GRIFFITH  
[Applications close Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October](#)



**Apprentice Heavy Vehicle Mechanic**  
GRIFFITH  
[Applications close Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October](#)



**Apprentice Heavy Vehicle Mechanic**  
DUBBO  
[Applications close Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November](#)



**Apprentice Electrician**  
NARRANDERA  
[Applications close Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November](#)



**1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Apprentice Chef**  
WAGGA WAGGA  
[Applications open](#)

**Apprentice Welder**  
CANBERRA  
[Applications open](#)

**Spare Parts Trainee**  
WAGGA WAGGA  
[Applications open](#)



**Apprentice Heavy Vehicle Mechanic**  
QUEANBEYAN  
[Applications Open](#)



## BRYANT ENGINEERING

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### Expression of Interest- Apprentice Fitter Machinist

Bryant Engineering Pty Ltd is a family owned and managed general engineering business located in Wagga Wagga. We are currently looking for an apprentice Fitter Machinist.

Once qualified, the fitting and machining apprenticeship will offer you an understanding in the general engineering trade including lathes, mills and boring machines and knowledge in welding. As a fitter machinist you will work at industrial breakdowns, planned maintenance, onsite fitting and repairs as well as on workshop equipment. The apprenticeship provides you with onsite training and TAFE structured learning.

Successful applicant attributes:

- Competency in Mathematics.
- Metal Work Studies or welding experience would be a benefit.
- Good communication skills.
- Attention to detail and pride in their work.
- Willingness to work in a team environment.
- Able to work in a reliable and safe manner.
- Physically fit.

If you would like any further information please contact Andrew Bryant (Managing Director) on 02(69) 217 283 or email [Bryant.andrew@bigpond.com](mailto:Bryant.andrew@bigpond.com).

Regards

Andrew Bryant

(Managing Director)

## eSAFETY WORKSHOP



**About**

An eSafety expert from the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner will be delivering a FREE workshop on how you can help keep young people safe online.

For more information visit [esafety.gov.au](http://esafety.gov.au).

**Learn how**

- young people are using social media and technology
- to make a complaint about child cyberbullying
- we can help remove serious cyberbullying material.

**When**

Tuesday 8th November 2016  
COOTAMUNDRA HIGH SCHOOL, Poole Street Cootamundra.  
6:30PM - 7:30PM  
Contact Joe Camilleri on Ph 69420099. Food and Free child minding provided.



Office of the Children's  
eSafety Commissioner

[esafety.gov.au](http://esafety.gov.au)

Mobile phones, computers and ipads etc are now part of our everyday life. Communication and the use of social media using these devices is an everyday occurrence.

Sadly, at times, the communication in these forums

is at time inappropriate and illegal. Studies show that many parents do not know what their children are doing online – what they are saying and what they are uploading.

Photos which once were the domain of the family photo album can now be quickly uploaded into cyberspace and be viewed worldwide. The practice of sending, receiving and sharing provocative photos is known as “sexting”, is an issue in our society and can have major ramifications of those participating now and in the future.

The NSW Police have arranged for an safety expert from the ‘Office of the Children’s e safety Commissioner’ to deliver a FREE workshop on how you can help young people on line.

The workshop is for parents/guardians ONLY and not for students.

The workshop will provide an overview of how young people are using technology, and the risks they may be exposed to. It will provide practical information to support conversations and safety measures that can be used to support today’s youth. Strategies for safe use of the internet will be explained and useful links to the Office’s safety resources will be provided.

The presentation will be held at:

Cootamundra High,  
Tuesday, November 8th,  
School Hall  
6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

Child minding facilities will be provided by our Year 11 Exploring Childhood class and teachers. A sausage sizzle will also be provided at the end of the presentation.

## NETBALL TRIALS FOR 2017

Young and District Netball Association are holding there trials for the 2017 Representative Season.

The trials will held on the following dates:

Monday October 17

\* Age Groups - Under 11's, Under 12's, Under 13's and Under 14's

\* Trials will commence from 4.30pm.

Monday October 24

\* Age Groups - Under 15's, Under 17's and Open's.

\* Trials will commence from 4.30pm

Information and forms that need to be handed in are as follows:

\* Representative Player Application Form

\* Photo Permission Form

\* Requirements of Representative Player Form - both player and parent need to sign.

\* Birth Certificate

If you have any questions please email your enquiries to [youngnetball@watexptyltd.com.au](mailto:youngnetball@watexptyltd.com.au).

## SPRING GALA NETBALL COMPETITION

Gala Competition for Net Set Go, Juniors and Intermediate for boys and girls.


Commences 24th October and runs for six weeks.

Get your teams in by coming to the club room on Monday October 10 or Monday October 17 from 4.30pm.

Cost is \$10 per player.

Come and give Netball a go, it is a great team sport.

## AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT MOBILE SERVICE CENTRE



**centrelink**

**medicare**

**child support**

### Australian Government Mobile Service Centre

The Australian Government Mobile Service Centre is supporting rural communities by providing convenient access to Australian Government payments and services. This specialised vehicle offers a wide range of face to face and self service assistance for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

You can visit the Mobile Service Centre:


Near the Library, Wallendoon Street

**COOTAMUNDRA**

Monday, 14 November 2016      9.30 am to 4 pm

Experienced staff travel with the Mobile Service Centre and provide friendly, face-to-face service, information and support. On this trip, the Australian Taxation Office will be available to assist with advice and information about tax and superannuation. If the assistance you're after is not available, arrangements will be made for someone from the relevant organisation to contact you.

For more information, go to [humanservices.gov.au](http://humanservices.gov.au) and search for Mobile Service Centre or call **132 316**.



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Human Services**

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## WHATS HAPPENING AT THE ATS CENTRE

### THE AUSTRALIAN BALLET CINEMALIVE

The Australian Ballet Cinemalive comes to Cootamundra with the "Fairytale Series" All tickets \$15

- The sleeping Beauty Friday October 21 3:45pm & 6:30pm
- Cinderella Wednesday 23 November 6:30pm
- Coppélia April 2017 Dates to be confirmed

The Arts Centre is so pleased to be able to present all three performances in the series. All tickets are \$15 (this cost is set by CinemaLive). We hope that all dance students are able to attend before their trip to Sydney for Coppélia in December.

### VOLUNTEERING FOR MEALS ON WHEELS



Featuring Volunteering is a way to give something back to the community or a chance to make a positive difference to the lives of the people around you.

If you have an hour to spare every 6 weeks (or as often as you like), would like to meet new people or find new and interesting ways to use your existing skills, get in touch with our local service.

As our older volunteers retire we need to maintain our current numbers to ensure we can continue to deliver the service 7 days per week to those most at need within our community.

For more information please contact the Meals on Wheels office on 6942 4695 or call in at 262B Parker Street.

## POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

## ROTARY MARKETS

# Family Fun Ride at the



Join us on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October and do the  
10km ride for FREE !!



(other available rides are 38km, 60km & 94km - cost \$25)



A great fun family day so come along and enjoy the festivities including market stalls, food stalls, Oktoberfest at the Olympic Hotel, trivia night and more...

Prizes for:

1. Best decorated bike
2. Best fancy dressed rider
3. Best fancy dressed family
4. Oldest rider
5. Youngest rider



For more information please go to our website [www.cootabikefestival.com.au](http://www.cootabikefestival.com.au)

Ride commences at 9am and riders must be registered by 8:45am to enter the 10km event. All riders must abide by terms and conditions of the event and wear an approved helmet. All riders under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

