



# Cootamundra High School Newsletter



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

## YEAR 12 FARWELL

What a great night the Year 12 formal, farewell evening recently held at the Ex-Servicemen's Club. The event was well attended by students, family, friends and staff. As the photos show, Year 12 presented themselves exceptionally well and enjoyed each other's company.



The auditorium was brilliantly decorated by the team led by Paul Frilay, Mana Scott and Mariette Hanekom. The 'masked theme', the wall photos, and the tables were very stylishly presented.



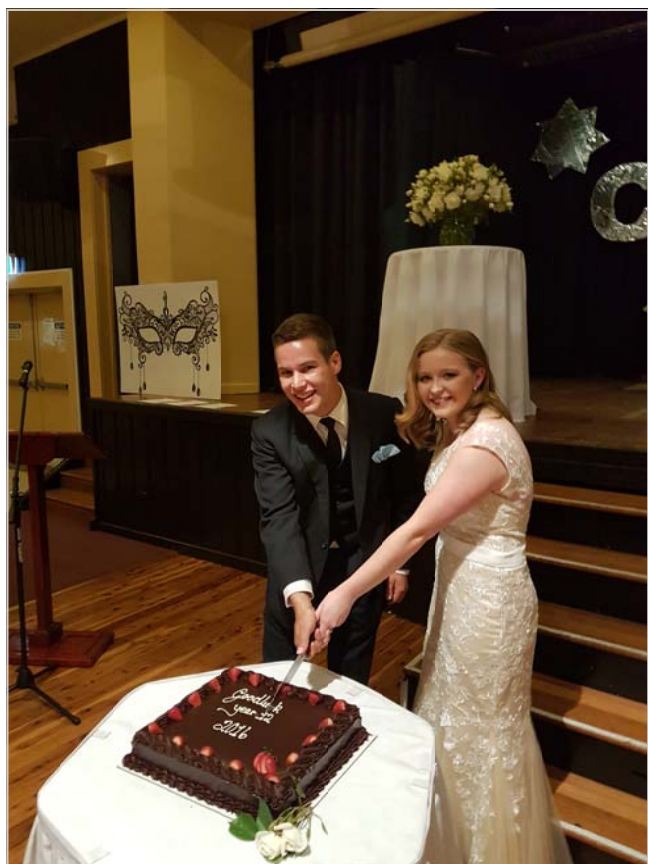
The evening's formal section included brief speeches from departing school captains Maddison Baker and Jayden Sutton, Dr Vey (Year Advisor) and Principal Mr Reaper.



The cutting of the Year 12 cake was performed by school vice captains Emily Webb and Ben Camilleri. On the dance floor the parent/student waltz was a major hit as was the "Nutbush".

A number of our students have already started full and part time jobs, accepted apprenticeship or gained early into university. We wish all our Year 12 graduates all the best for the future, of course re-

membering our core values of Respect, Responsibility and Excellence.



**YEAR 6 TO 7 TRANSITION DAY, 1 NOVEMBER**

Year 6 students from 6 local schools had the opportunity to experience being a high school student for a day. All students had the opportunity to sample classes that they will be participating in next year. Classes ranged from English through to Science. The day was the first of 2 for the students. The next day is on the 29th November. Students will need to be at the High School at 9am to start school on time. Students will not need to bring lunch as it will be supplied and they will need to ensure they bring a hat and are prepared to participate in physical activity.

**PSC LEADING WITH ACTION DAY 3RD NOV**

Eleven students had the opportunity to travel to Young and participate in the Premier's Sporting Challenge Leading with Action Day. The day is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills in a range of sports so they are then able to help others develop their skills.



Students participated in sports and activities ranging from dance through to softball. The students were also able to meet and interact with students from other schools in the region. The day was a great success with all students gaining knowledge and leadership skills that they will be able to use in everyday activities.

**SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL**

If your child is entering primary school at year 3 or high school at year 7 next year, you will need to do an update application for free school travel before 30 November 2016.

If you were granted an exemption from the mini-

CALENDAR	
<b>Week 7, Term 4</b>	
Mon, 21 Nov—Tues, 22 Nov	Year 9 & 10 Exams
Fri, 25 Nov	Proud & Deadly Awards
<b>Week 8, Term 4</b>	
Tues, 29 November	Year 6 to 7 Transition Day , 9am—12.30pm Year 10 UC For Yourself Experience Day—Canberra
<b>Week 9, Term 4</b>	
Mon, 5 December—Fri, 9 December	Year 10 Work Experience

minimum distance criteria because of special circumstances (e.g. a medical condition) you will also need to do an update application.

Importantly, the minimum distance criteria for free school travel change when a student enters primary school at year 3 or high school at year 7, as shown in the table below:

SCHOOL YEAR BAND	MINIMUM DISTANCE FROM HOME TO SCHOOL
Infant students (Kindergarten - Year 2)	No minimum distance
Primary students (Years 3-6)	More than 1.6 km (straight line distance) or at least 2.3 km walking distance
Secondary students (Years 7-12)	More than 2.0 km (straight line distance) or at least 2.9 km walking distance

This means that when you re-apply you may be living too close to the school to meet the eligibility criteria for the new school year band. If this is the case, even though you may not be eligible for free travel, you may still be able to purchase a school term bus pass for a bus operator in the Opal network at a reduced price for the whole of the school term.

In rural and regional areas, please contact your local bus operator to check if a term bus pass is available. If the student has already been approved for school travel and their address, school or name changes, their details must be updated by the Parent/Guardian online at the Transport NSW website. Also, ALL students entering Kindergarten, Year 3 or Year 7 in 2017 MUST have their details updated at the Transport NSW website.

The website address for this is: [apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updatedetails](http://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updatedetails)

Once parents have completed the online application form, they are to print it out, sign and date the form, then return it to the students enrolled school for endorsement.

**WHATS HAPPENING AT THE ATS CENTRE**

**END OF YEAR CELEBRATION OF MUSIC AND FILM**

This is Concert time of the year following on from our recent band performances at the Retirement Village, the Nursing Home and the Leeton Outback Band Spectacular!

This year, Geraldine Ryan and I are pleased to present our students and the Cootamundra Concert Band

members in our End of Year Celebrations. Along with music, we again have a film presentation. Emily McClintock (daughter of Karen and Michael now resident in Wagga Wagga and granddaughter of Graham and Lenore McClintock) is in her final university year of Media studies and has some beautiful film segments including a local scene "Exploring Spaces", her time on exchange in Scotland, some clever "remixing" and use of archival film for a fun film on technology. Emily has also added some interesting sound to enhance the films. The Arts Centre promotes "an artist's playing field" and Emily certainly fits this bill! How lovely to showcase what can be achieved in the Arts. We also have 2 drummers in our concert (unfortunately only available on the Friday night), students of Gerard Noonan, who teaches in Orange, Yass, Young and Cootamundra. Along with our singers and pianists, there are instrumentalists in our growing band on flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, trumpet, baritone and euphonium. Some outstanding examination results have been achieved by our students. The concerts are raising funds for The Arts Centre, commencing at 5:30pm on Thursday 24 November and 7:30pm Friday 25 November. Tickets are available at the door. Adults \$20 and students \$2 with supper included during interval. Geraldine and I are very keen to encourage performance and to show what can be achieved at any age!

**WONG FAMILY MUSIC**

Enjoy classical music on piano, violin, cello and others. Adults \$10, children \$5 Tickets on sale now or at the door.



**CINDERELLA**

Part two of the Fairytale series. Tickets on sale now or at the door.

**JANUARY WORKSHOPS**

- ◆ Three day Animation Workshop between Monday 16 to Thursday 19 January. These workshops will be run as part of a Regional Arts Scholarship.

All equipment will be provided.

- ◆ Tamara Dean two day Photography Workshop: Times and Dates to be advised. (Potential dates Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th of January). The workshops will be running for 4 hours per day.



Ebenezer Rock-Orp, The Edge 2015, Tamara Dean, image courtesy of the artists and Martin Browne Contemporary

**ATTENTION:**

**THE EDGE – Photography Workshop and project**

Looking for 15 to 25yr olds interested in photography to be involved in a very special 2 day photography workshop and project with internationally acclaimed photographer Tamara Dean.

In partnership with arts organisation The Wired Lab and The Arts Centre Cootamundra, Tamara is coming to Cootamundra to conduct unique photography workshops over Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th January. Workshop to be held at The Cootamundra Arts Centre and selected outdoor locations.

**TAMARA DEAN WORKSHOP - Summary Cost to be advised.**

- Workshop series over 2 days with a 4 hour workshop each day. Learn interior and exterior photography techniques that will capture our young people and natural beauty of Cootamundra.
- Open for up to 15 participants aged between 15 and 25.
- Participants are asked to bring a digital SLR or manual SLR (with product manual). If this is not available a tablet or smart phone is adequate.

Times and Dates to be advised. ( Potential dates Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> of January).

To more information and to book your place in these workshops contact Elise Magrath, Cultural Development Officer on 6942 4773 or 0488 060 270.

Prossly supported by The Arts Centre Cootamundra in partnership with The Wired Lab. This project has been assisted by the Australian government through the Ministry for the Arts' Catalyst- Australian Arts and Culture Fund.



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**VOLUNTEERING FOR MEALS ON WHEELS**



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.

**MISSION AUSTRALIA FAMILY DAY OUT**

# FAMILY DAY OUT



**WHEN:** Friday 25 November 2016  
**WHERE:** Jubilee Park, Cootamundra  
**TIME:** 4:30pm till 8:30pm

Free community event to promote positive interaction between men & their families

- Free Local Entertainment
- Free BBQ
- Free Family Activities
- Bring your own chairs & picnic rugs

For enquiries please contact:  
 Georgie Visser 0455 050 806  
 VisserG@missionaustralia.com.au  
 Jayne Halls 0428 162 559  
 HallsJ@missionaustralia.com.au

This is an alcohol free event

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**TOWN LIBRARY HAPPENINGS**

A Riverina Regional Library Active Minds Program

KID'S EDITION  
 Ages 8-14

# Card Crafting

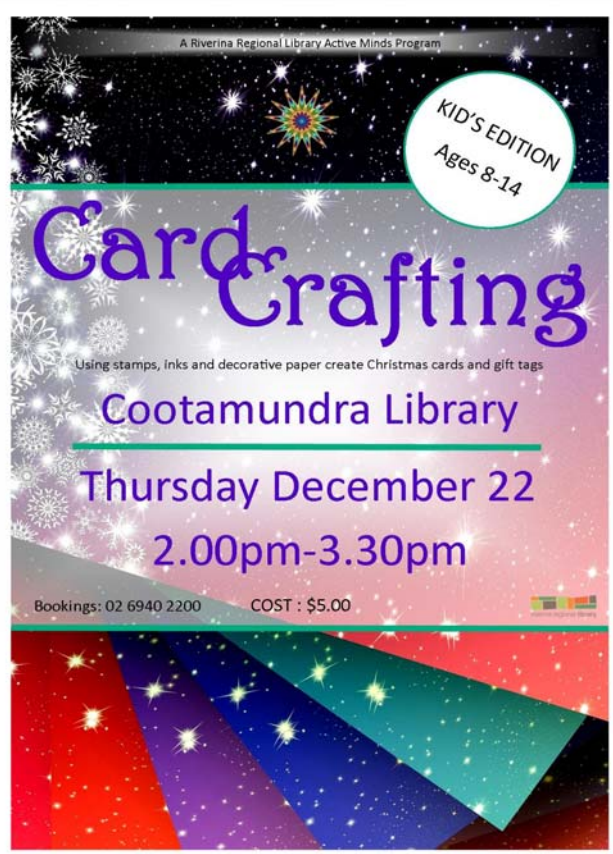
Using stamps, inks and decorative paper create Christmas cards and gift tags

## Cootamundra Library


### Thursday December 22

### 2.00pm-3.30pm


Bookings: 02 6940 2200    COST : \$5.00



**POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM**




wellbeing for all  
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### Triple P

#### Positive Parenting Program



### "Kids don't come with an instruction manual"

Whether you're a mum, dad, single parent family, step-parent or carer the Triple P Positive Parenting Program can help you with a specific problem, or provide tips on parenting and help with understanding your child's development and behaviour.

The Triple P positive parenting program is for parents with children aged 3-8 years.

The program gives you the tools to:

- encourage behaviour you like from your child
- deal positively and consistently with problem behaviour
- take the stress out of parenting.

Triple P can also help to develop family relationships assisting children to reach their full potential.

## Cootamundra Community Hub

24 Bourke St, Cootamundra

Thursdays: 3rd Nov, 10th Nov, 17th Nov, 24th Nov

12.30 pm—3.00pm


Cost: **FREE**

**Parents will receive:**

- Accompanying resources for the program
- Light refreshments
- Certificate of Attendance


Developed by the University of Queensland Parent and Family Support Centre, Triple P parent groups have helped families in Australia and throughout the world for more than 30 years.

For further information or to register your interest please contact the Cootamundra Hub on 0269428800  
 Drop into the Cootamundra Community Hub, 24 Bourke St, Cootamundra  
 Email manningm@centacaresnsw.org.au or phone 0438500554



**LOINS CHRISTMAS FAIR**

### COOTAMUNDRA LIONS CLUB




## CHRISTMAS FAIR & FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>

### 5pm till 9pm Fisher Park

Chocolate Wheels, Kids Zone, Face Painting, Jumping Castle, Train Rides, Cycle Challenge, Vortex Challenge and more. Food, Drinks and Market Stalls.





SANTA arrives 6.30

Entry- Gold Coin per Person All Profits go back to the community

"Schools and community groups on show"

Side show alley for little and big kids at heart. Show Bags, Dodgems, Dog Wood Dogs & more





THIS EVENT IS AN ALCOHOL FREE ZONE. BRING A PICNIC RUG FOR THE HILL TO ENJOY THE FIREWORKS  
 DOG OWNERS BE AWARE - FIREWORKS DISPLAY

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