



# Cootamundra High School Newsletter



**PRINCIPAL:** Mr Neil Reaper

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:** Mrs Janine Nelson

## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our award winners from Monday nights presentation night. A large crowd of parents, community members and staff were on hand to celebrate the wide ranging achievements of our students.

Amazing musical performances by our talented mu-



sic students was another highlight of the evening. Many thanks to the P and C, via the school canteen for catering for the food and refreshments for the event.



On Tuesday morning we had our end of the year PBL assembly. The vast majority of student received a

PBL achievement certificate with 61 students obtaining the highest honour (double that of 2015),



## CALENDAR

### Week 11, Term 4, 2016

Mon, 19 December—Tues, 20 December

Staff Development Day—NO STAFF ON PREMISES

### Week 1, Term1, 2017

Fri, 27 January

Staff Development Day

### Week 2, Term1, 2017

Mon, 30 January

Years 7, 11 and 12 Return to School

Tues, 31 January

ALL Staff and Students Return

that being the Cootamundra Community Award. This award was celebrated with a morning tea for students, parents and our special guest, Christine Ferguson.

Congratulations to our Year 12 students of their HSC results. We had some amazing results with a large number of students achieving their personal best.

I would like to wish all our students, staff and community the very best for the festive season. Please have a joyous and safe holiday.

Neil Reaper.

### RFS CADET PROGRAM

During weeks 8 and 10 of this term, 15 students from year 10 and 11 participated in the Rural Fire Service Cadet program. This program has provided both students and staff with great deal of skill and knowledge in areas including fire fighting and safety, team work and leadership. This program was an outstanding success and one that the school will continue on a bi annual basis.

Special thanks must go to David Lee from the RFS (Harden) for his team's excellent delivery of the program. I would also like to thank Adam Palmer, a year 10 student at Cootamundra High School, who is already a member of the RFS for his leadership and support of other students during this training program.

To Ms Beddie, Ms Walker and Mr Gale, many thanks for their participation and support of this program.

On Friday 16th of December we had a morning assembly with guest including Christine Ferguson (Administrator- Cootamundra- Gundagai Regional Council), RFS guests, including Regional RFS Manager Simon Curry and Superintendent Andre Dillion.



All cadets were presented with their well- deserved Cadet Certificates. The ceremony was concluded with a morning tea in the library for cadets, RFS members, parents/family and teachers.

### PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Nine Year 10 students (Connor Thornley, Claire Sellars, Will Simpson, Shae Godbier, Ben Maher, Shelby Nicka, Wayne Parker, Lachie Riske and Matilda McPherson) have participated in a 3 day camp at Borambola Sport and Recreation camp.



This program aims to consolidate and develop skills and knowledge to perform a sports leaderships role confidently and effectively. Students participates in both theoretical and many practical activities where they had the opportunity to learn about leaderships concepts, to practise leadership in different situations, and to watch an learn from others as they exhibited leaderships.



At the end of the camp it was particularly pleasing to hear feedback from Borambola's Program Director. He said 'The Coota kids were outstanding. They showed initiative, good responsibility and persistence. They are an awesome group of leaders, whatever Cootamundra High School is doingg to produce kids like this, keep doing it.'



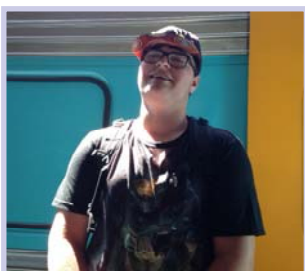


### SUMMER SCHOOL

Earlier this year three Cootamundra High School students were selected to attend summer school at the University of Newcastle.

During week 9 Shania Williams and Emily Potter attended 'girls' week'. This week was titled 'Girls' Choices'. They had a great time being university students for the week, attending lectures, living on campus and experiencing life as university students. This week it is 'boys week', called 'Live It' week and Robertt Alexander is from all reports enjoying the work and all the fun.

All three are enthusiastic to go to university after their HSC and gain tertiary qualifications.



### IN-SCHOOL TRAINEESHIP PROGRAM

Destini Warren has gained an in-school traineeship for her final two years at Cootamundra High School. The Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program provides a limited number of traineeships each year for Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander students who continue onto years 11 and 12.

Destini applied for the traineeship and was successful in the application and interview process. Over the next two years, besides working towards her HSC, she will complete a Certificate III in Education Support online through TAFE NSW as well as work some hours a week at one of the local primary schools.



### FROM THE CAREERS DESK

#### COOTAMUNDRA GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL LOGO DESIGN WORKSHOP

As a part of the community consultation process for the rebranding of our amalgamated councils, Ebony Davey, Jasmin Doolan and Maddy Corby were invited to attend a workshop on logo design with graphic designer Angela Pearce. The girls reported a very engaging day and worked alongside students from Sacred Heart Central and Gundagai High Schools.



**HONEYWELL ENGINEERING SUMMER SCHOOL (HESS)**

Ethan Schultz has spent this week in Sydney along with 100 students considering engineering as a career. The HESS is an action packed week, with Ethan involved in activities specific to mechatronics. Ethan is also to be congratulated on his Lions Club Award for School Citizenship which he received earlier this week.

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

Work Experience has finished for the year, with student and employer feedback being very positive. Students going into Year 10 are encouraged to start thinking about where they would like to do their Work Experience for 2017.

**UOW DISCOVERY DAY**

A final reminder for Year 12 students attending the annual University of Wollongong Discovery Day – money should now be finalised and more details regarding accommodation will be available early in next term.

**POSITION VACANT**

Sutton Street Store is advertising for an enthusiastic worker to join their team. School students are encouraged to apply and are asked to drop their resume into the store.

**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 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:

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](https://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.

### TOWN LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

#### CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING

**COOTAMUNDRA LIBRARY**



**CHRISTMAS  
COOKIE  
DECORATING**

**WED 21ST DECEMBER**

**11AM—11.45AM**

**KIDS 5—12YEARS**

**\$10.00**



**RSVP—69402200**

#### CARD CRAFTING

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

#### FRENCH LESSONS



## FRENCH LESSONS FOR KIDS

**JANUARY 2017**

**TUESDAYS** 3rd, 17th, 24th

**WEDNESDAYS** 4th, 18th, 25th

**THURSDAYS** 5th, 19th

**COST** \$40.00

**AGES** 9 - 15 years


**TIME** 5.15pm - 6.15pm

**LOCATION** Stephen Ward Rooms

**s'amuser Francais avec Annabel**

**COOTAMUNDRA LIBRARY**

**BOOKINGS - 69402200**



## COOTAMUNDRA STRIKERS SOCCER CLUB



Cootamundra Strikers Soccer Club  
The new Coaches and Managers for the  
2017 Season

Invite **ALL NEW** and **RETURNING** players

To a meet and greet

ON

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December

At

9am

At

O'Connor Park

Bring your boots for a bit of a kick around



## ANIMATION WORKSHOP



Three Day Workshop  
with Alice Markham  
for children 8-16 yo  
\$30 per child.

6942 4773 or [info@theartscentrecootamundra.org.au](mailto:info@theartscentrecootamundra.org.au)

Three Day Workshop from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2017.

Bookings will only be confirmed with payment. Call 6942 4773 or email  
[info@theartscentrecootamundra.org.au](mailto:info@theartscentrecootamundra.org.au)

Payment in cash or cheque to the office 9:30am - 1:30pm Tuesday - Friday or by direct  
deposit to CCACC BSB 802 367, ACC 400138690 REF: Animate'Surname'

Morning Sessions - Ages 8-12 - 9:30am -12pm

Afternoon Sessions- Ages 13-16 - 1pm-3.30pm

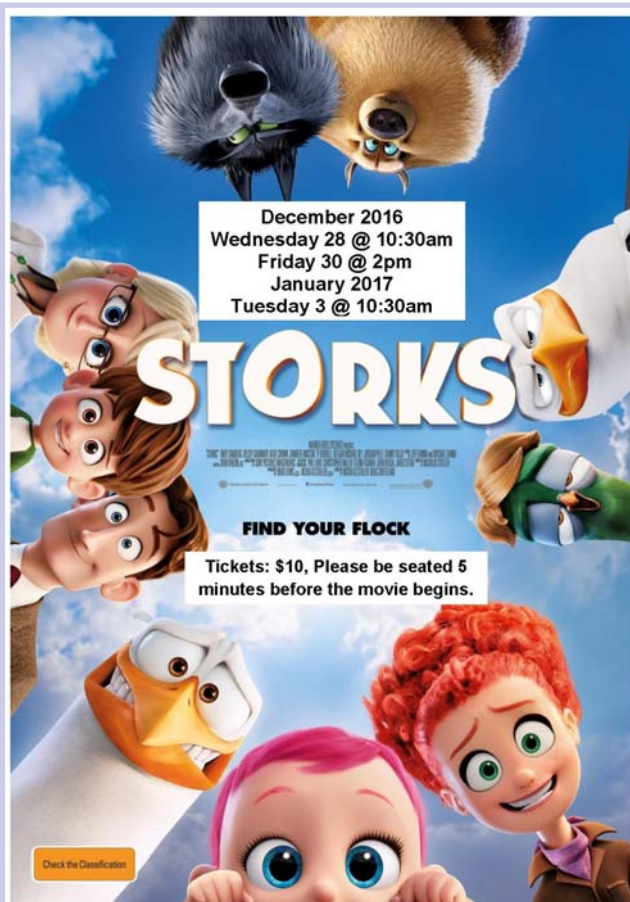
\$30 per child covers all three days

Maximum 12 people per class. All equipment will be provided.

By the final day students will have produced an animation or short animated film.

## WHATS HAPPENING AT THE ATS CENTRE

### MOVIE—STORKS



## JUNEE RHYTHM 'N RAIL FESTIVAL



Get your thinking caps on!!

It is with great excitement that we are writing to invite you and your organisation/school to join with the community and participate in the first *Rhythm 'N Rail Festival Parade* to be held on Broadway, Saturday morning, March 11, 2017!

June Shire schools, community organisations, sporting groups, businesses, and individuals are welcome to enter – floats, marching groups/bands, decorated bicycles/wagons, classic vehicles, and more! All are encouraged to vie for the inaugural 'People's Choice' award/prize! For more information [www.juneerhythmnrail.com](http://www.juneerhythmnrail.com)