



# Cootamundra High School Newsletter

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

## 2017 SRC

Congratulations to Cootamundra High School's Student Representative Council for 2017. Our SRC for 2017 consists of:

- Year 8 – Logan Collins, Lachlan Webb, Michael Perry and Penny Khoury
- Year 9 – Ella Ronning, Olivia Hamilton and Annie Khoury
- Year 10 – Matthew Friend, Brianna Hefren and Eliza Cooper
- Year 11 – Will Simpson, Shelby Nicka, and Connor Thornley
- Year 12 – Sarah Stephens, Chloe Janssen, Ethan Schultz and Adam Johnson
- Vice Captains – Jayden Campbell and Ebony Davey
- Captains - Lorcan Elleman and Tahlia Gatto.



Year 7 elections will be held in early February 2017. On Wednesday, 30 November the SRC had a planning day, which involved planning future events and fundraisers for 2017.

We would like to thank all Cootamundra High School students, parents and community member for their support in 2016.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday.

## RURAL FIRE SERVICE TRAINING

Year During week 8 and 10 this term, 19 students are participating in a RFS training course. All students have been 'kitted out' with their own PPE

## CALENDAR

### Week 9, Term 4

Mon, 5 December— Fri, 9 December Thurs, 8 December	Year 10 Work Experience  Stop Work Meeting 8.30am— 10.30am
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### Week 10, Term 4

Mon, 12 December	Rob Brown Memorial, 1.30pm <b>Presentation Night, 7pm</b>
Mon, 12 December— Wed, 14 December	Premiers Sporting Challenge Camp
Tues, 13 December	PBL Assembly, 9am
Tues, 13 December— Wed, 14 December	RFS Training
Thurs, 15 December	End of Year Excursions, Year 7,8, 9 & 10
Fri, 16 December	Last Day of School 2016 for stu- dents

### Week 11, Term 4

Mon, 19 December— Tues, 20 December	Staff Development Day—NO STAFF ON PREMISES
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(Personal Protection Equipment). All training is undertaken wearing the full uniform.



The students have taken over the bottom oval for training purposes, performing basic drills and safety, names of equipment, how to pump water, syphon from hydrants and other water sources. The students are learning the benefits of team work and the importance of giving back to the community.

The course has been run by David Lee who is the



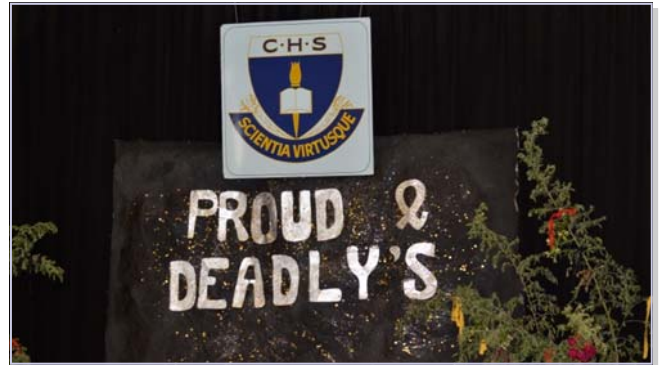
District Officer of the Southwest Slopes Zone, assisted by ex-student Peter Doyle and current Year 10 student Adam Palmer.



### PROUD AND DEADLY'S AT COOTA HIGH

Proud and Deadly's for our region were held on Friday evening at CHS. ATSI students and parents from CHS and our two local primary schools attended, as

well as guest from Temora public schools and Stockinbingal. Our Wallendbeen friends were that night in Sydney, at the Schools' Spectacular.



Welcome to Country was performed in English and Wiradjuri by our Elder Uncle Bob Glanville with his grandson Mr Peter Beath with one of our year 7 students, Charles Stanyer.



Certificates in a number of categories including Aboriginal cultural engagement were awarded to fifty two student between classes Kindergarten and Year Twelve.

The highlight of the night was the inaugural performance of the newly formed Coota Aboriginal Dance Troupe. The audience was toe-tapping and clapping to the beat and singing along with the songs as the dancers wowed them!

Written by Year 7 students Dylan Vivian and Charlie Stanyer





## RIVERINA DEBATING

On Monday, 28 November I (Brianna Hefren) had the opportunity to participate in the Junior State Debating Championships held at the Women's College, at Sydney University, representing the Riverina Region.

The Riverina Team was made up of all girls and we got along really well, which made our preparation time before the debates such a breeze.

Our team had a bye the first round and had a workshop with the adjudicators. We then won our next four debates, ensuring the Riverina a place in the semi-finals.

The semi-final was our fourth debate of the day and by then we were all a bit exhausted. We gathered for topic selection and got the topic 'Primary school teachers should receive an annual bonus based on student feedback'. We won the debate against a Sydney team, securing us a place in the final against yet another Sydney region.

The topic we debated was 'That all sports betting should be banned' and we were the negative. We lost in a very close debate, but despite this we were excited that the Riverina had made it that far.

I was extremely grateful have been awarded the Lily Gunther Shield for being chosen as the strongest speaker of the state-wide tournament.



Overall we had a wonderful time and learnt a lot from the feedback we received after every debate. I improved immensely over the duration of the cham-

pionship and look forward to debating again next year.

## YEAR 6 TO 7 TRANSITION

On Tuesday year 6 students had their second and final transition day. Students got to experience a range of classes that they will be participating in when they get to high school. Students also had the opportunity to participate in PE based activities.



The day was again successful and the students had very positive feedback about the day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the transition days, from teachers who ran classes to the student volunteers to looked after the year 6 students. The days would not have been a success without you all.



## FROM THE CAREERS DESK

The 2016 Careers Program is coming to a close, with some recent activities proving to be of great value to students.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

Next week, Year 10 will complete their last week of Work Experience in a variety of businesses around Cootamundra and in Sydney. Over 25 students participated in the Work Experience Program this year, and many have picked up part-time work as a result.

### ASPIRE UC

Last Tuesday, Year 10 attended a great university experience day at the University of Canberra. Students were addressed by some excellent keynote speakers, followed by a mini careers expo, anatomy and nursing workshops, a tour of the accommodation and a scavenger hunt around the university.



Year 10 is to be congratulated on the excellent manner in which they conducted themselves – it was a pleasure to travel with and accompany them.



### CSU FUTURE MOVES SKILL FIX DAY

A small group of Year 11 students attended CSU in Wagga as a part of their Equity and Outreach Program. The day was informative, but we are hoping that the university will provide some more 'hands on' activities next year.

### UOW DISCOVERY DAY

11 students have registered and paid for this excellent event that is coming up early in Term 1 2017. It is anticipated that the trip will be as equally as good as previous years!

### STOP WORK MEETING

On Thursday December 8th, the NSW Teachers Federation has called a stop work meeting to discuss and vote on the proposed Crown Employees ( Teachers in schools and Related Employees) Salaries and Conditions Award 2016.

The stop work meeting will begin at 8.30am, with all staff expected to return to duty by 10.30 am.

At Cootamundra High a number of teachers will be participating in the stop work meeting, therefore only "minimal supervision" will be provided for students in attendance from 8.30 to 10.30am.

Normal school process will begin at 10.30 am with roll call, followed by the usual recess. Normal classes will begin after recess.

If you have any queries regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact me at school on 69422711.

### 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.

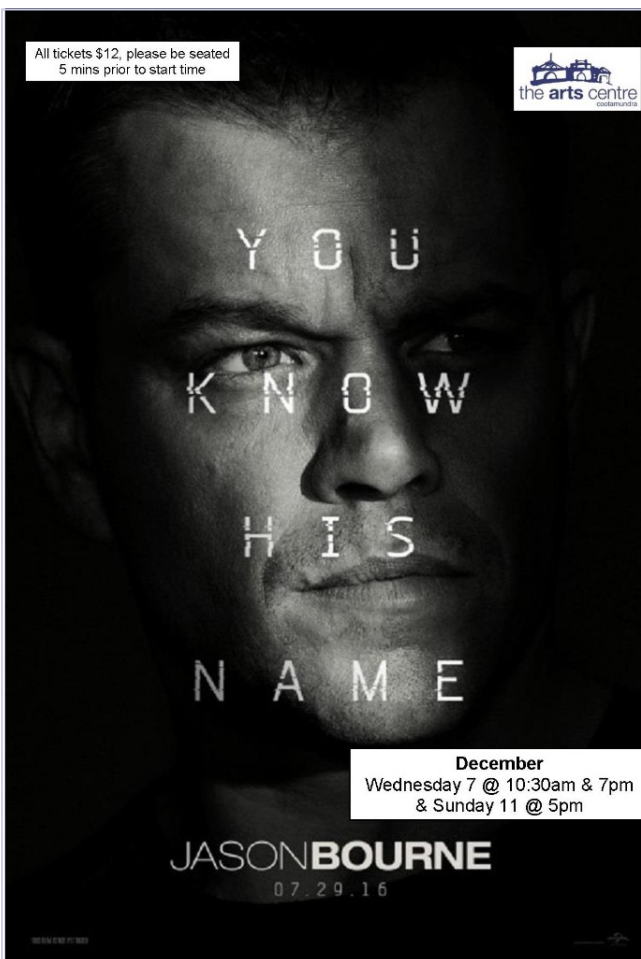
The website address for this is: [apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updatedetails](https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updatedetails)

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.

## WHATS HAPPENING AT THE ATS CENTRE

### MOVIE—JASON BOURNE (M)

This latest iteration reunites Matt Damon with director Paul Greengrass who, as ever shows his mastery of muscular, deafening, frenetically edited action sequences - the visual equivalent of a drum-roll. Greengrass, who has co-written the film with his editor Christopher Rouse, whisks us to cities all over the world and the drama here culminates in an eye-poppingly spectacular finale in Las Vegas, whose skyline is dominated by the Trump hotel. Also starring Julia Stiles and Tommy Lee Jones. Mature themes and violence. Duration 123 mins



## 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.

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

## COOTAMUNDRA—GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL



A NEW LOGO IS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE DUAL NAME OF THE COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL AND EMBRACE THE SHARED VALUES OF THE PEOPLE IN ITS COMMUNITIES.

The Council represents and services residents who hold strong values. Everyone who lives, works, shops or visits the Cootamundra-Gundagai region is interacting and adding to this brand.

This logo will be applied to every Council sign, letter, leaflet, uniform, building, vehicle, social media platform or website within the Region.

**COUNCIL INVITES YOU TO HAVE YOUR SAY INTO THE NEW BRAND AND LOGO. PLEASE JOIN US IN:**

**COOTAMUNDRA - Ex-Servicemen's & Citizens Memorial Club**

**Wednesday 7th December 12.30 to 1.30pm**

**or**

**GUNDAGAI - Gundagai District Services Club**

**Thursday 8th December 12.30 to 1.30pm**

**A light lunch will be provided at both meetings.**

All community members are encouraged to attend and play a key role in the shaping of the new Council brand.

## 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.

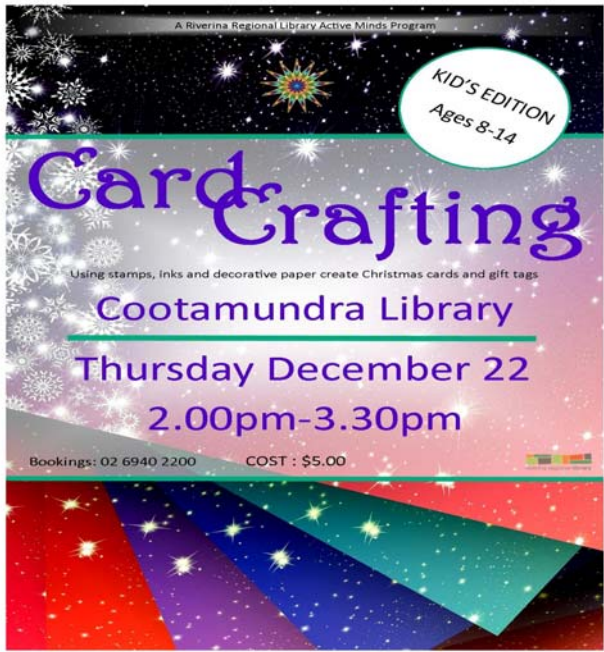
If you have an hour to spare every 6 weeks (or as often as you like), would like to meet new people or find new and interesting ways to use your existing skills, get in touch with our local service.

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.

## TOWN LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

### 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

### CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING



**COOTAMUNDRA LIBRARY**

**CHRISTMAS**

**COOKIE**

**DECORATING**

**WED 21ST DECEMBER**

**11AM—11.45AM**

**KIDS 5—12YEARS**

**\$10.00**

**RSVP—69402200**

## COOTAMUNDRA JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE



Expressions of interest are sort for a Girls Tackle 9s Competition for the Under 14's and U16's to be held at Parramore Park, Wagga on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

This competition is an initiative by 'Hogs for the Homeless' and is supported by NRL and CRL. Brad Fittler and the H4H riders will be in attendance on the day to support players and to provide an opportunity for the kids to meet and greet a number of ex-NRL stars while they make an important charitable contribution to the 'Youth Off the Streets Program' run by Father Chris Riley.

Teams are limited so please contact Club Secretary **Lisa Crick** – Ph: 0400191377 or Email: [lisacrick9@gmail.com](mailto:lisacrick9@gmail.com) **BEFORE 5pm on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016**



## CADETS



**The Australian Army Cadets Recruiting Now!**

The Australian Army Cadets (AAC) is a youth development organisation sponsored by the Australian Defence Force, dedicated to providing opportunities for all young Australians to obtain comprehensive personal challenges, experiences and growth, enhanced self-esteem and self-discipline and adventurous enjoyment in a military setting. Cadets need to commit for an initial 12 months period to complete the basic skills sets.

**LEARN SKILLS SUCH AS:**

- Navigation, Fieldcraft and Camping
- Communications & First Aid
- Safe Weapon Handling
- Leadership & Personnel Management
- Adventure Training & Military History
- Opportunity to be selected to represent your State or Country overseas.

**MAKE NEW FRIENDS, LEARN ABOUT THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY AND HAVE FUN**

**Age:** Must be 13 yrs and in Year 8  
**Day:** Monday Evenings  
**Time:** 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
**Where:** Cootamundra Army Drill Hall  
 Enrolment in February and May

For more information please phone Major (AAC) Jacqui Vincent on 0429 693 095 or post back the form on the reverse side.

256 Army Cadet Unit