



Cootamundra High School Newsletter

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

Alice: "We're All Mad Here"

**A COOTAMUNDRA HIGH SCHOOL ORIGINAL
PRODUCTION**

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY HELENA ROSENKRANC

A take on the Lewis Carol classic, the play follows Alice, a young girl struggling to come to grips with her impending Madness. Reality and fantasy combine as Alice struggles to distinguish between what is real and what is in her head. The more time Alice spends in Wonderland, the more she is convinced it is where she truly belongs. The play took an abstract look at the teenage psyche as Alice struggles to find her identity. Carol's novel served as the platform to explore how teenagers often feel lost and disconnected in the world around them as she struggles to find a place where she is safe and free to be herself.



The first matinee performance was received well by the primary schools on Tuesday the 21st of June.

Staff and students alike were riveted by the vibrant lighting displays and the modern dance numbers which gave an interpretive representation of Alice's thought process. Many students from EA Southee PS and Cootamundra PS were excited and jovial at the prospect of participating in future productions as they make their way through high school.

CALENDAR

Week 1, Term 3

Mon, 18 July Tues, 19 July Thurs, 21 July Fri, 22 July	Staff Return Students Return Geography HSC Study Day, Culcairn PLB Assembly NSW Combined High Schools Cross Country , Eastern Creek
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Week 2, Term 3

Mon, 25 July— Fri, 29 July Tues, 26 July Wed, 27 July Thurs, 28 July	Year 12 Trial Exams P & C Meeting Year 10 Taste of TAFE Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Evening
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Week 3, Term 3

Mon, 1 August – Fri, 5 August Wed, 3 August	Year 12 Trail Exams Continued VET & TVET Workplacement Brainstorm Presentation, Year 7—10
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Following the success of the matinee, the main performances, on the Friday and Saturday night left audiences gobsmacked by the originality and depth of a seemingly simple play. The students performed admirably, a smooth and professional performance was delivered on both nights highlighting the talent of the Cootamundra High School Drama department.



This dynamic performance has been 12 months in the making. Staff and students alike have given two afternoons a week for the last six months for rehearsals as well as several weekends in the lead up to the performance. I, as the Drama teacher and production director, am so proud of all the students involved and what we have managed to accomplish. This play was truly a credit to the talent, hard work and dedication of all the staff and students involved. I look forward to working with students and the community on future productions for Cootamundra High School.



Cast-

Alice-	Brianna Hefren
The Cheshire Cats-	Eliza Cooper, Jess Sawyer
Epsilon-	Logan Collins
The Mad Hatter-	Josh Davis
The March Hare-	Hayden Harrison
The Queen of Hearts-	Azelyn Collins
Seven-	Jane Smith
Five-	Breanna Logue
Two-	Bethany Whitechurch
Doctors-	Justin Sheedy, Brooke Logue
Chorus-	Natahlia Lake, Kimberley Schade, Penny Khoury



Dancers-

Annie Khoury
Tori Nolte
Nykea Hanlon

Olivia Hamilton
Ella Ronning
Paige Sedgwick



With Special Thanks to-

Assistant Director	Lynne Vey
Producer	Margaret Taylor
Backstage Manager	Dianna Lonnen
Backstage Crew	Joshua Kostrubic
	Cody Hardy
	Rhys Derrick
	Jake Sparkes
Costumes	Amanda Willoughby
	Catherine Alderman
Props	Doug Phillips
Lighting and Sound	Ben Pepper
Sets	Charity Elford

SCHOOL DEBATING

YEARS 7 & 8 DEBATING

On June 15th of June the Year 7/8 debating team travelled to Coolamon Central School to participate in a Super Debate Day for the Premier's Debating Competition. There were three other debating teams that participated in the debates on the day. These

schools were West Wyalong High School, Ardlethan Central School and Coolamon Central School.

Our team participated in three close debates. We were the affirmative team for two debates and were declared the winners of these. The topics were "That class work should be done on computers apart from art" and "That all television networks should be banned from showing violent content before 9pm."

We found the third debate to be most difficult, being the negative team to argue "That the government should put a curfew on teenagers" and Ardlethan were declared victorious.



We had a great day, learning how to structure our arguments and expand our points to meet the 6 minute time allowance for each speaker. These skills will help us in our future debates and also in other academic pursuits. Due to winning two out of three debates our team will now participate in another debate against Ardlethan later on next term to see who will progress to the zone final level.

Our team consisted of Logan Collins, Jane Smith, Jai Hefren and Ella Ronning accompanied by our coach Ms Walker.

Submitted by Logan and Ella.

YEARS 9 & 10 DEBATING

Students The Year 9/10 debating team participated in two debates, one against Batlow and one against Murrumburrah. We travelled to the debates with open minds and a ready attitude. The first debating topic was "That school teachers should be able to search the bags of students if they are suspected of carrying illicit items". We were affirmative in this debate and successfully argued our way to a win. The topic for the second debate was "That sports men and women should have an instant lifetime ban if found using performance enhancing drugs". For this debate our team was negative, our main points for the debate were that over the counter pain medication is counted as performance enhancing even though it is just to remove pain. We argued that a life time ban is a bit extreme because it was removing the players way of earning money for family. We

won both debates and are hoping to progress to the next level. Our team consists of Justin Sheedy, Brianna Hefren, Paige Sedgwick and Shelby Nicka. We would like to thank Ella Ronning for debating up an age group.

By Justin Sheedy



MATHEMAGIC



(WHERE EVERY STUDENT COUNTS)

APPRECIATING THE IMPORTANCE OF MATHEMATICS

Success depends on students forming a broad view of the usefulness of mathematics. It is concerned with *appreciating* the role of mathematics in society. For many students, this is a key to developing a *positive* attitude about it.

Many students are quite unaware of the dominant role of mathematics in the real world outside school. Despite their frequent use of mathematics, many adults have little realisation of the extent of their dependence on this discipline, often in simple ways. Such activities as reading numbers, reading a clock, understanding the passage of time and estimating distances are frequent and 'taken for granted' parts of our lives, so people sometimes fail to recognise them as mathematics.

Illustration 1: Shopping and shop keeping

Many pupils are familiar with the consumer's role in shopping, at least in simple cases, but they often have no realisation of the overwhelming use of mathematics in all aspects of running the business. Tasks such as balancing the books at the end of each day, banking, paying employees, ordering books, establishing prices, figuring profits, and so on, use mathematics in substantial ways. Book-keeping and accounting, with consequent use of spreadsheets and graphs, are samples of mathematical activities related to the running of most businesses.

Illustration 2: Sports and recreation

Mathematics pervades all sporting activities, from scoring and statistics to catering and ground management. Indeed all recreations use some mathematics: consider the costs of pet ownership, the use of time and money in travel, and the measurement and other skills needed to pursue a craft. Even gambling is subject to mathematical laws of chance, making it extremely likely that the casino is a profitable business.

Illustration 3: Manufacturing

Mathematics is a dominant skill in all trades, from measuring and costing to job planning. Some areas,

such as electrical trades, make constant use of important formulas. Every road, bridge, building, car park and car is designed with detailed planning and drawing of plans to scale.

Mathematics is interwoven through all aspects of our lives, understanding this will aid students to engage in their learning. This higher level engagement will result in increased success and open up future opportunities.

*Mathematics is the language with which
God wrote the Universe.*
- Galileo Galilei

Paul Frilay

Head Teacher Mathematics

PBL ASSEMBLY

There will be a formal PBL assembly on Friday 22 July, 2016, which acknowledges the achievements of students for Term 2. Years 7 & 8 assembly will be during Period 2 (9.57 am—10.47 am), and Years 9 to 12 during Period 4 (11.57 am—12.47 am). All parents are welcome to attend the assemblies in the School Hall.

BEYOND BLUE

Beyond Blue Fund Raiser

Beyondblue provides information and support to help everyone in Australia achieve their best possible mental health, whatever their age and wherever they live.



On Tuesday 28th June Cootamundra HS supported a Beyond Blue day by wearing blue clothing to school and donating a gold coin. Some of senior SRC members baked cup cakes with blue icing to sell in the

playground. We were able to raise \$385 for Beyond Blue and would like to thank everyone who supported this worthy cause.

If anyone is having difficulties with depression, anxiety or just not feeling themselves please contact:

Beyond Blue on

1300224636 24 hours/7 days a week.



FROM THE CAREERS DESK

WORK EXPERIENCE

Our first round of Work Experience for Year 10 has drawn to a close, with lots of positive feedback from students, parents and employers. It was a very damp week for some of our trades, and these students certainly got some first-hand experience on working in inclement conditions, along with some early mornings! Our next Work Experience Week is scheduled for Term 4.

WORK PLACEMENT FOR VET AND TVET STUDENTS

Students in Year 11 will be commencing their first round of mandatory work placement in Weeks 3 and 4 of next term. It will be a great opportunity for students to implement and trial the skills they have learned in their vocational courses so far. Cootamundra High School is extremely grateful to our employers in the local area who continually support and host our students in the workplace.

WAGGA WAGGA CAREERS AND TRAINING EXCHANGE

Unfortunately this excursion for Year 11 had to be cancelled. The day was an outstanding success, with over 800 students sampling some excellent career opportunities from around the state and local region. It is very important that in future, students take the opportunity to attend these days, which can otherwise only be accessed by travelling to Sydney or Canberra.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 12

Last Next term will prove to be a challenging one for Year 12 as they prepare and sit their trials, and consider their post school options beyond the HSC. I will be meeting with all students over the coming months. Parents are strongly encouraged to make an appointment if they have enquiries or concerns about post school options for work or further study.

COOTAMUNDRA HIGH SCHOOL P & C

The Cootamundra High School P & C are holding a raffle to raise funds for the school. Tickets will be on sale at the Front office of the school and at Hair Design leading up to the Federal Election. They will also be available to purchase in the foyer of the school on election day, 2 July 2016. The raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the polling booth opening hours.

1st Prize: Hamper

2nd Prize: \$100 Fuel Voucher



COOTAMUNDRA **HIGH SCHOOL** **P&C.**

RAFFLE.

\$2.00 per ticket.

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TOWN LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

CRAFTY KIDS

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Make the dough Knead the dough Create your own sensation

Cootamundra Library

Wednesday 13 July

10.30am-12.30pm

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
(02) 6940 2100

library@cootamundra.nsw.gov.au



School students only
\$1 per library member
\$3 non-member
Adults must stay with children 5-17yrs
CALLING ALL TEENS
WE NEED YOUR HELP ON THE DAY!
Contact your library

What's on in the holidays??



Bookings essential for all holiday programs. Phone 69402200.



Cupcake decorating

With Sara McPherson

- Friday July 8 & Friday July 15
- 10.30-11.30am
- \$10 per child
- Ages 5-12 yrs



Learn to Knit With the Coota Knitting Ladies

- Thursday July 7 & Thursday July 14
- 11am-noon
- \$2 per child
- Bring a ball of 8 ply wool



Salt Clay Modelling

Make, knead, and sculpt with salt clay dough!

- Wednesday July 13
- 10.30-12.30am
- \$2 per child
- Ages 5-12 yrs
- Children under 7 to be accompanied by an adult



Win a \$20 voucher at Rudd's Toyworld!

**Just borrow any
NON-FICTION BOOK
during the holidays!**

You choose the subject: pets, bikes, monsters, volcanoes, crocodiles, craft, cooking...!



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DRUMBALA



Kids Drumming Playshop



A Playshop is 1 hour of fun and games played on djembe drums and percussion instruments (which we supply) facilitated by Katy and Warren to promote creative expression and interactive group play.

Age: 5yrs to 12yrs

Date: Saturday 9th July 2016

Time: 11.00am to 12noon

Venue: Cootamundra Library

Cost: Kids \$10.00 Adults \$5.00

Bookings essential
Soul Love & Happiness Centre
Or call 0450 509882

www.drumbala.com

Wiradjuri group from Cootamundra, from pre-white settlement until now, including maps and photographs

- traditional Dreaming stories from our area and the meanings they hold
- the display of a traditional gunyah, with an explanation of how gunyahs were built and the materials used to make them
- understanding Aboriginal cultural protocols and the need for them
- a display and presentation of local bush tucker, with a description of traditional and contemporary uses, including medicinal
- Aboriginal painting - the meaning of symbols found in Aboriginal paintings and how to 'read' them, with the opportunity for people to tell something about themselves in Aboriginal symbols
- Wiradjuri language – including the importance of expressions and gestures. People will learn some useful words and phrases.
- the didgeridoo – a demonstration, explanation and having a go
- Aboriginal dance – so much more than just getting your groove on

FILMS

There will be films on rotation all day in the theatre:

- 'Lousy Little Sixpence', (1983, Ronin Films), is a documentary which tells of the NSW Aboriginal Protection Board's policies of breaking up Aboriginal families and removing the children. Through old newsreels, archive film, photographs and interviews with Elders the film weaves a moving account of a hidden history, the early struggle for Aboriginal land rights and self determination.



WHATS HAPPENING AT THE ATS CENTRE

NAIDOC CELEBRATES ABORIGINAL HISTORY, CULTURE AND ACHIEVEMENT.

EVERYONE'S INVITED!

This free community event will include:

PRESENTATIONS, PERFORMANCES, WORKSHOPS AND STORIES

- "Welcome to Country" in the Wiradjuri language
- the history of the Gudhamangdhuray clan, the

- 'Cootamundra Aboriginal Girls Training Home Centenary Commemoration', (2012, Gaia Films).
- The National Centre for Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) Showreel (2012); Jason Glanville, Cootamundra and inaugural CEO of the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, describing the excellence vs deficit model of Aboriginality (2012) and the NCIE Young Leadership Program (2016).

A FEED

Indigenous/Contemporary Australian Fusion by Mark Lees from Nimbo Fork Lodge (The menu for our day includes bush tomato sausages, crocodile curry with lemon myrtle damper, kangaroo stew with wattle seed damper and lemon myrtle cheese cake).

STALLS

Information provided by local organisations providing services for Aboriginal people.

CELEBRATION

One screening of 'The Sapphires' (2012) at the end of the day (5 pm) – to acknowledge the contribution and achievement Aboriginal people and to celebrate. All welcome.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

NRL HOLIDAY CLINIC



Holiday Clinic

LOOKING FOR SOME FUN DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS? GET DOWN TO OUR HOLIDAY CLINIC

Venue: Keith Cullen Oval

Young - Tuesday 12th of July



To register for a clinic simply go to <http://www.playnrl.com/programs/> and enter your location then follow the prompts... For \$40 you receive a football, a backpack, a hat and more!! See you there!

Luke Branighan - South West NSW
Mobile: 0407426105

PLAYNRL.COM

KIDS IN THE PARK

2 - 17 July 2016

Maps

Transport & Parking



Kids in the park



Sydney's largest school holiday program returns this winter school holidays! There are 60+ fun-filled activities to keep kids active, outdoors and entertained. A range of activities are free or under \$25, making it affordable to discover Sydney's most exciting playground this holidays.

Archery - Kids on Target & Little Archers
All Day Holiday Recreational Program
Science, cooking, writing workshops
Gymnastics
Circus Skills & Flying Trapeze

Futsal - Indoor Soccer
Park Patrol - Mangrove Mysteries
Sport & adventure camps
Creative Genius Drama Workshop
...and lots more

Full details at www.kidsinthepark.com.au

It would be greatly appreciated if you could include the above activities in your school newsletter.

Kind regards


Sydney Olympic Park Team

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COOTAMUNDRA NAIDOC COMMUNITY CELEBRATION



**Saturday 9
July 2016
10 am - 4pm
The Arts Centre**

**followed by a
FREE screening of
THE SAPPHIRES
at 5 pm**

