Welcome back to students, staff and the community to 2013. This year promises to be a busy and exciting one. I would like to congratulate our Year 12 students from 2012 on their excellent HSC results, and in particular I would like to mention Sarah Godman receiving an ATAR of 97.70 and Emma Liu a ATAR of 97.50. A big thanks to our staff who supported our students ‘above and beyond’ in assisting our students achieve to their potential. Many of our students have accepted placements at various universities throughout NSW. In the next newsletter I will endeavour to provide a comprehensive list of where our 2012 students are studying/training.

My introduction to the Cootamundra community and Cootamundra High has been a very pleasant and exciting one. I had the pleasure of attending the Australia day big breakfast at Jubilee Park and witnessed the celebration of the great community spirit. Congratulations to all award winners for their input in the Cootamundra community. Congratulations also to school vice-captains Jacob Frilay and Karney Chester on the way in which they represented Cootamundra High and hosted our visitors from Castle Hill High School.

I would also like to welcome new staff to the school—Ms Grogan in HSIE, Ms Taylor in Special Education, Ms Murray as Science Assistant and Ms Thatcher at the re-engagement centre.

Retiring from Cootamundra High at the end of 2013 were Mrs Anne Mason (Science Assistant) and Mrs Denise Bruce (Library Assistant) who have, over the years, provided great service to the public education of students, particularly in Cootamundra.
Principal’s Report...

The school year has started with a rush. Day one saw the staff completing training in Assessment and Reporting with Lindy Billings from the Board of Studies presenting an informative session on standardized assessment. Mrs Nelson, Mr Frilay and Mr Brown also presented an informative and challenging session on the upcoming National curriculum entitled “The Learner and the new curriculum”.

Many would have noticed the construction activity taking place at school. Re-roofing of the school is continuing, with A and B block currently having their tiled roofs replaced with Colorbond roofing. The entrance of the school is also being redeveloped thanks to the fundraising efforts of our P&C. I look forward to the completion of these activities. Beautification and re-vegetation of this area of the school will follow.

The public education community of Cootamundra will be participating in a professional development day that targets developing a greater understanding of sensory processing disorders on February 25 at the Cootamundra Creative Arts and Cultural Centre. This will mean that Cootamundra High School will be closed on Monday, February 25.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 26 at 7.30pm in the school library. All are welcome.

Lastly I would like to congratulate Mr Gary Mason on his many years of dedicated service to NSW Public education and, more recently, on his enormous contribution to the education of students at Cootamundra High. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

Neil Reaper
Principal

Immunisation

Cootamundra High School
School-Based Immunisation Program for 2013

Nurses from the local HealthOne Community Health Centre will visit the school on three occasions and provide the following vaccines during 2013.

**Wednesday 27 February 2013**
- Year 7 students: Dose 1 Hepatitis B and Boostrix
- Year 7 students: HPV Vaccination Dose 1
- Year 9 Boys: HPV Dose 1

**Wednesday, 1 May 2013**
- Year 7 students: Varilrix vaccination (chicken pox)
- Year 7 students: Dose 2 HPV vaccination
- Year 9 Boys: Dose 2 HPV vaccination

**Wednesday, 4 September 2013**
- Year 7 students: Dose 2 Hepatitis B
- Year 7 students: Dose 3 HPV
- Year 9 students: Dose 3 HPV

Consent packs will be sent home with students and signed consents should be returned to the school by Monday 25 February. Students will not receive vaccines without a signed consent. If you have any queries, please contact Fiona Grogan on 69401111 at HealthOne Community Health Centre.

Calendar of Events

| Wk 3 | Mon 11 Feb  | Yr 11 Parent Information night  |
|      | Thu 14 Feb  | Maths Enrichment                 |
|      |            | Yr 7 Periods 1 and 2             |
|      |            | Yr 8 Periods 3 and 4             |
| Wk 4 | Mon 18 Feb  | School Photos                    |
|      | Thu 21 Feb  | Zone swimming - Tumut            |
| Wk 5 | Mon 25 Feb  | Staff Development Day—Students do not come to school |
|      | Tue 26 Feb  | P & C meeting—Library 7.30pm     |
|      | Thu 28 Feb  | Yr 9 Parent Information Night    |
|      |            | Digital Education Revolution (Laptops) |
Swimming Age Champions

Left to right front row:
Luke Annetts, Charlee McPherson, Shawn Delany, Daniel Perry, Shelby Nicka, Aaron Basham, Kamika Bell, Emily Webb and Mikayla Johnston

Left to right back row:
Swimming Carnival

Belly Flop Competition
Winner: Blake Caldwell

Free Time Swimming
Welcome back to a new and exciting year in the Mathematics faculty. This year we have adopted the mantra of “Every student counts.” This is reflective of our desire for every student to feel valued and to develop their numeracy skills which will enable them to maximise their educational and life outcomes.

To assist us achieve this goal, students are reminded that they must bring all equipment to class. They are to ensure they have textbooks, workbooks, pens, ruler, compass, protractor and calculator. Years 9 to 12 students are to ensure they bring their laptops fully charged.

We must remember that our students are competing against students at other schools who spend two to three hours a night studying and revising. To compete, our students must implement a regular study program.

If you have any concerns or require any further information on any issue please ring the school to make an appointment or alternatively you can send an email.

Contact details
Phone: 6942 2711
Email: paul.frilay@det.nsw.edu.au

We look forward to 2013 being a productive year in the Mathematics Faculty.

Paul Frilay
Head Teacher Mathematics (Relieving)

World of Maths Road Show

On Thursday 14th February Years 7 and 8 will be attending the World of Maths Road Show.

Sessions times:
Year 7 9:00 – 10:30
Year 8 11:10 – 12:40

The school is funding the cost of this experience. The road show will exhibit and demonstrate mathematics in applied and real world situations. We anticipate this will be an exciting and
Year 7 have impressed all of their HSIE teachers this week with their excellent application, enthusiasm and good manners. They have commenced an Introduction to Geography — discovering a variety of ways to map and describe the environment around them. Their first assignment, a mapping task, will be issued next week, due in Week 5.

Keep up the great work!!! Mr Black, Head Teacher HSIE.
Welcome back to all students for the 2013 academic year. All students have settled in quickly, are focused and working well in class.

For your information:

- The TAS faculty would like to congratulate students on their excellent HSC results in 2012. Sarah Collingridge achieved a high band 5 in both Hospitality and Community and Family Studies, Emily McClintock achieved a band 5 in both Visual Arts and Community and Family Studies, Noah Trickett achieved a band 6 in Industrial Technology Timber—the guitar that he made was nominated for exhibition. Zac Scholtz and Ryan Schade achieved band 5 in Design and Technology.

- Yr 7 and 8 Technology classes have been timetabled together to allow classes to rotate through each of the specialist areas.

  Yr 7 will change teachers every 13 weeks and will have the following teachers:
  - Ms Tinnock: Information and communications (Multimedia Healthy Eating Promotion)
  - Mrs Green: Product (Utility bag)
  - Mr Duggan: Built Environment

  Yr 8 will change teachers every 10 weeks and will have the following teachers:
  - Ms Tinnock: Built Environment (Café Design—model making)
  - Mrs Green: Product (Fabric Decoration—cushion)
  - Mr Nelson: Information and communication
  - Mr Duggan/Miss Jamieson: Product

- It is a requirement of students that they must wear leather covered shoes in all practical lessons as a safety measure. Students with incorrect footwear may be given written work in practical lessons. Shoes recommended for uniform meet the safety requirements.

- It is important that students’ subject fees are paid as this money is used to cover the cost of materials, paint, food and equipment used in elective classes. Students will still be required to purchase some of their own materials as a way of minimising costs and allowing for individual choice.

2013 should be an exciting year for Years 7 and 8 with the change in the delivery of Technology. However the challenge exists for all students to improve their skills in both literacy/numeracy and practical areas and to build on what skills they already have in TAS and Visual Arts.

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**Special Notice for Parents**

**Monday 25th February—Week 5**

Pupil free day (Staff Development Day)
School Photos

School Photos will be taken for all students on Monday 18 February. These will be taken by the same company that has been used in recent years. Below is a sample of the order envelope that students will receive within the next week, as well as a cost schedule.

All students are requested to be in their best school uniform for these photos.

This is a copy of the order envelopes which outlines what photos are in each pack.

The prices are as follows:

- A Pack $34
- B Pack $45
- C Pack $50
- D Pack $22
- E Pack $25
- Gift Packs $15 each.

Send no money to the school. All money is to be sealed in the Photo Envelopes and presented to the photographers on Monday 18 February.

If you have questions or require further information please contact Mr Black at the High School on 6942 2711.
C.S.U. MyDay Program

These career information days are for senior students on the courses offered at Charles Sturt University. The school will organise excursions to the Wagga Campus events when there is sufficient interest to organise bus or car transport. For small groups parents may be asked to assist with transport. If numbers are insufficient for an organised excursion, Year 12 students will be given official leave from school to attend the event. Students will have to organise their own transport and register for the event which can be done online.

If parents have any enquires regarding the CSU MyDay events please contact Mr McDonnell or Mrs Alderman.
Clothing pool items required

Any school uniform items surplus to your needs, especially summer items, are greatly appreciated. Drop them into the school office. Thankyou.

Meditation Classes

Meditation classes are available to all students and community members free of charge on Thursday evenings at Cootamundra High School.

Meditation can help you to relax, put life into perspective, improve concentration and help you get to know yourself better. Classes are friendly and beginners are welcome.

Classes start at 7.30 p.m.
Loose, comfortable clothing is recommended.
You do not have to be able to sit in a cross legged position!

If you would like more information please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Martin McCarthy

Jazz Timetable for Term 1, 2013

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Private Classical Ballet lessons are also available by appointment.

For more information or to register for class, please contact Jessica Roxburgh on (M) 0409 718 767.

Thank you for your support and participation in my dance programs!
Jessica Roxburgh
Coota Beach Triathlon
Sunday 24 February 2013

TIMES
- Registration from 6.30am to 7.15am
- Primary & Secondary
- Race briefing 7.15am, Race starts 7.30am
- Open & Teams
- Race briefing 8.00am, Race start 8.15am

CATEGORIES
- Cootamundra School participation trophy
- Primary School Individual under 10 yrs & 11-12 yrs.
- Primary School Teams
- Secondary School Individual
- Secondary School Teams
- Open 16-34 years, 35 years & over
- Open Teams

EVENT DISTANCES
- 10 yrs & under: 50m swim / 2km ride / 1km Run
- 11-12 yrs.: 100m swim / 2km Ride / 1km Run
- Secondary: 200m swim / 4km Ride / 2km Run
- Open: 18km Bike / 300 swim / 5.4km Run

COST
- $30 per team
- $15 per individual
- $5 per primary/secondary individual
- $15 primary/secondary team

More information and entry forms are available on our website: www.cootatri.weebly.com

Please email your nomination form to cootatri@hotmail.com before 5pm on Friday 22 February 2013.

Entry will also be available on race day.

Coota Beach Volleyball Pool Party

On Saturday 23 February 2013
(the Saturday of the Beach Volleyball event)

an

Under 18s Pool Dance Party
will be held from 6pm to 10.30pm at the Cootamundra Swimming Pool.

No Pass Outs will be issued.
The event is for Under 18s and will be a strictly alcohol and drug free event.

The night will see Canberra-based bands
The Street Light Parade
and Fun Machine performing,
along with DJ Wiggy from Riverina DJ
and local bands.

Admission will be $5 per head.
Food and drinks will be available for purchase at the Pool Kiosk.

The event is sponsored by
Cootamundra Shire Council and
The Wattle Time Debutante Ball.

NEW SOUTH WALES
AECG
INCORPORATED

The next meeting of the Cootamundra Local AECG will be held at 4.00pm on

Wednesday 13th February 2013

in the Steven Ward Rooms at the Cootamundra Library:
Wallendoon Street, Cootamundra