Cootamundra High provides all students with quality educational options, both in and out of the classroom. In 2012 three of our Year 11 students participated in the Primary Industries Centre for Science Education (PISCE) program in which they were provided with an opportunity to develop skills, knowledge and expertise in areas of interest developed through their science courses. (See PISCE Report on page 4 by Karney Chester.)

On Tuesday the 12th of February I had the opportunity to attend the Cootamundra Rotary Club’s Dinner meeting. At this meeting Ariah Holmes was presented with her leadership scholarship for 2013. This leadership opportunity will allow Ariah to represent Cootamundra and Cootamundra High within our regional community.

Also at this meeting Dr Lynne Vey, one of our English teachers gave a presentation on using technology to support gifted and talented programs within Cootamundra High and across local schools. Dr Vey outlined how she uses technology and ‘Moodle’ to provide quality but challenging educational activities.

Technology is used extensively throughout Cootamundra High with the vast majority of classrooms containing interactive whiteboards. The school’s new ‘Moodle server’ and associated programs are being developed. Last week our Year 11 students used our ‘Moodle server’ to complete the compulsory BOS program “All my own work” online.

A number of Year 11 students recently joined other Regional schools and completed a two day visit to Wollongong University. This visit allowed students to develop a greater appreciation and knowledge of the workings and opportunities available from Wollongong University. Many thanks to Mrs Alderman for the organisation of this excursion.
Principal’s Report...

Cootamundra Work Skills also supports Cootamundra High school students with their scholarship program. Recipients for 2013 scholarships in Year 11 are Hayley Mitchell and Anthony McGaun-Smith. Our 2012 HSC Student Tertiary scholarship award winner was Hope Perry who is off to Latrobe University in Melbourne to study Animal Science.

Upcoming important dates includes:

Monday 25th of February
The school will be closed for the staff School Development Day to be held at the Town Hall.

Tuesday 26th of February
Our first P & C meeting for 2013 will be held in the school library at 7 pm.

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

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World of Maths Road Show

As a celebration of their true love for Mathematics Years 7 and 8 spent Valentines Day taking a leisurely tour around the World of Maths.

The students were divided into groups of four and set out to solve problems involving real world situations. Problems involved resource management, networks, area and volume, ratios, geometry and measurement.

Students are to be congratulated on their exemplary level of involvement and enthusiasm. The presenter from the World of Maths, Mr Peter Wilson, commended our students on their efforts during the day and said he would be happy to come to our school in the future.
PICSE Report

All we knew before heading to Yanco for a week was that PICSE was short for Primary Industries Centre for Science Education. Jon Martin, Will Barrett and I (Karney Chester) arrived at the Department of Primary industries unaware and some of us unprepared. The week ahead was awesome and full of adventures.

Some real highlights of the week were going over the entire rice industry starting from an organic rice farm moving right onto the Sun Rice processing plant and then onto the Freedom Foods factory where rice is value added and we followed some products right through the production process.

From there we moved onto Wagga where we had a great tour of the Charles Sturt University and got an insight to some parts and courses offered at the University. That summed up our week spent on camp with other students from Barham, Deniliquin, Wagga, Griffith, and even a travelling student from Adelaide.

From there I was lucky enough to be selected to go to Western Australia where I had another week of science based education at Curtin University. It was a great week and seeing Perth and all of the science that exists in the heart of a city was the experience of a lifetime.

After our week spent experiencing science based fields we were all given the opportunity of a week’s work experience with professionals in a primary industries sector that interested us.

Jon Martin went to CSU for his week working with post graduate students carrying an experiment that was testing indicators for anti-oxidants. Will Barrett chose to go to the Narrandera Fisheries where he helped to harvest 60,000 Murray cod fingerlings. I went to the Department of Primary Industries Research Station in Cowra where I got to help with a sheep feeding experiment where sheep were going to be fed algae to see the effects of the algae on Omega 3’s in the sheep.

The whole PICSE experience was incredible and well worth our time, if ever the opportunity came up for more students it’s definitely worth getting involved.

By Karney Chester

Yr 11 Study Day

Yr 11 Study Day next Friday 1st March, 2013.

Dear Parents,

The final years of High School for many students are a challenge. Some rise to them, many just cope and some are completely overwhelmed. We aim to provide the students with skills they can use to face these challenges with confidence.

Learn4Life offers a half day Seminar for students who wish to learn how to revise more effectively. We visit schools and present interactive workshops that encourage the student to become independent learners.

The student will be introduced to Note Taking as a tool to help understanding and recall. These skills will enable the student to prepare their notes for revision. The strategy has been proved as a very effective way of recording notes to enable both understanding and memory.

The Revision Workshop shows students how to maximise their ability to recall without the need to cram. This provides students with confidence in their learning and removes the stress and frustration associated with their current method of revision. The students will also consider their organisational skills and how they might need to improve them.

We will also cover Stress Management in a practical workshop that allows students to understand stress and how to manage it effectively. They will be given ideas of how to relax which will lead to greater concentration and improved memory.

We will ensure their time spent with us is both informative and fun.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Dingle.
Program Director, Learn4Life.
During Week Two, five of our Year 12 students ventured down to the University of Wollongong to take part in its annual UOW (University of Wollongong) Discovery Day. Students stayed in some of the campus accommodation offered by the University, enjoyed the beach and a tour of the CBD by foot and shuttle bus. The following day they joined with a large group of other schools to get a firsthand look at university life and experience a variety of lectures and presentations in their chosen fields of interest.

UOW Discovery Day is a great experience, and when registrations open later in the year, we hope to have everyone interested in going to university applying to go. Even if UOW is not your first choice it is still well worth the trip!

Here’s what the students had to say about their experience:
- “It was great to feel like a uni student and be part of the lectures”
- “It gave an honest feel of University life”
- “The bus from the accommodation to the campus is really convenient (and free!) for those who don’t want to drive”.
- “It was great to check out the accommodation and nice to know it’s so close to the beach”
- “The Wollongong University excursion was a very worthwhile experience”

Ready for lectures!
**Careers Information**

**Indigenous Winter School 2013**

**INFORMATION ABOUT WINTER SCHOOL**
The UNSW Winter School is a fully supervised, week-long residential program designed to provide Indigenous students in years 10, 11 and 12 with an opportunity to experience university life. The program is coordinated by Nura Gili and is sponsored by UBS who generously cover the costs for all participants.

During Winter School, 150 students are introduced to tertiary studies in an area of their choice whilst also participating in university life with fellow Indigenous students from around the country. The Winter School aims to assist students in identifying their paths of interest, in turn clarifying the subject areas required for further study in that field. The one-week program will combine expertise from the faculty, university and industry for an all-round comprehensive and unique experience. The program also aims to nurture the leadership, growth and development of all participants with a comprehensive, fun and engaging program of activities.

Subject areas offered for the 2013 camp are: Built Environment (including Architecture, Construction), Business, Education, Engineering, Indigenous Studies, Law, Medicine, Performing Arts, Science, Social Work and Visual Arts.

**Who can apply?**
Any Australian Indigenous student who is in year 10, 11 or 12 and who is aspiring to attend University is eligible to apply for Winter School.

**Cost**
The program runs at no cost to the student. Nura Gili arranges all travel for students outside the Greater Sydney area and accommodation is in colleges on campus for the duration of the program.

**Dates and location**
The 2013 Winter School will be held from **Sunday 7th July to Saturday 13th July 2013** inclusive. The program is held on the University of New South Wales (UNSW) Kensington Campus in Sydney and is coordinated by Nura Gili, the University’s Indigenous Programs Centre.

**What’s involved?**
The program runs for seven days and six nights and involves an extensive timetable which includes three full faculty days in the specific subject area, as well as academic sessions, cultural activities, excursions and night activities.
There will be an information evening to outline the:

**Education Reconnect Programme**
Date: 6th February
Venue: Hennessy Catholic College’s Hall, Ripon Street, Young
Time: 7 – 8pm

Are you aged between 18-35 years? Come along and learn how you can undertake university units in Education, Business and Health, locally in Young for FREE with the support of the Australian Catholic University.

For more information about this opportunity, please contact Frances Moore.
Frances Moore,
Equity Pathways Officer, Canberra Campus
Australian Catholic University
Phone: 02-6209 1137
E-mail: frances.moore@acu.edu.au

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**Junior Retail Trainee**
This position is to work in a newsagency based in Wagga and requires a friendly and outgoing person to participate in a junior retail traineeship.

**Warehousing Traineeship**
This position is to work in a fast paced organisation in Wagga who deals in the supply and distribution of lighting and electrical equipment. Applicants must hold a current drivers licence.

**Agriculture - Rural Skills**
ATEL is recruiting on behalf of a local property owner to employ an Agricultural Trainee to work in the Coolamon area. A current drivers licence is essential.

**Retail Traineeship**

**Corporate Fashion**
This position is to work for a corporate uniform organisation based in Wagga and requires a friendly outgoing person who has an interest in corporate fashion and textiles.

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**Wagga Wagga Careers Advisers Association**
**Gap and Exchange Expo**

**WHEN:** Wednesday 27th March 2013
**WHERE:** Mater Dei Catholic College Hall
**TIME:** 11.30 – 1pm

**WHO SHOULD COME:** Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 that are interested in student exchange, volunteering overseas or undertaking GAP exchange programs.

**COST:** $2

**PRESENTERS:** Latitude Global Volunteering, Camp America, Projects Abroad, Charles Sturt University, Peru Challenge, Lions Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Exchange.
Cootamundra Shire Council Community Consultation 2013

As part of the long term planning process to ensure Cootamundra Shire continues to be a great place to live Council is conducting a series of community consultations. The aim is to identify existing constraints and potential improvements to infrastructure within the Shire.

We invite you to attend the consultation. Council highly values the contribution people make in the community and will likewise value your participation in this session.

The session details are as follows

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Your attendance would be warmly welcomed, all ages are encouraged to attend.

Light refreshments will be provided. For catering purposes would you kindly advise of your attendance to Julie Manwaring on 6940 2118.

Representation will ensure you have an opportunity to influence the future development of our Shire.

Ken Trethewey
General Manager
Cootamundra Shire Council
DRAMA COACHING

- Auditions
- Monologues
- Eisteddfods

Contact: Roslyn Berg, Diploma in Creative Arts (Hons) DRAMA

Phone: 6942 6087
**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 10yrs & 11-12 yrs.
- Primary School Teams
- Secondary School Individual
- Secondary School Teams
- Open 16–34 years, 35 years & over
- Open Teams

**EVENT DISTANCES**
- 10yrs & 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](http://www.cootatri.weebly.com)

Entry will also be available on race day.

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**Community Notices**

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**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.

The event is for Under 18s and will be a strictly alcohol and drug free event and no pass outs will be issued.

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.

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**Junee Rhythm N Rail Festival**  
Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd March 2013

Junee’s Rhythm and Rail Festival is fast approaching so highlight it on the calendar! The festival highlights Junee's distinctive rail heritage and features lots of fun activities for the whole family.

Start your weekend of fun off with a trip down memory lane and jump aboard on the Historic Tin Hare Trains!

The historic ‘Tin Hare’ rail motors are a must-see and will be available to shuttle you between Wagga Wagga, Junee and Cootamundra.

The Rhythm N Rail Festival Photography competition is open to all ages and the Junior category is a fantastic way for kids to explore their artistic side.

Entries are open until Wednesday 27th February so get snapping!

Make sure you head over to the Junee Licorice Factory between to be part of making chocolate history!

Let the kids go wild at the Factory Funland!

Sit back while the kids are entertained on the famous giant slide, jumping castle and animal petting zoo.

Another fantastic attraction to the event calendar is the markets held on both the Saturday and Sunday of the Festival. Filled with boundless fun filled activities for the kids as well as produce and boutique shopping for the adults!

Don't miss out on your chance to be a train driver of the Thomas the Tank Engine on the model Railway at the exhibition in the Junee Recreation Centre!

The Junee Rhythm n Rail Festival is a great way to discover everything Junee has to offer.