The P&C play an important role in any school community and on the 26th of March Cootamundra High School P&C held the annual general meeting. Many thanks to the parents and citizens who attended and congratulations for all those elected as office bearers for 2013.

President: Sharron Large  
Vice President: Robyn Holder  
Secretary: Juanita Dean  
Treasurer: Chris Manwaring  
Assistant Treasurer: Mark Forsyth

Mufti and Mind Matters

On Friday the 23rd of March the School Representative Council (SRC) ran a mufti day to raise money for charity. This successful day was also supported by staff who either came to school wearing hats or in ‘school uniform’. A few detentions were handed out to staff who were not quite in uniform!! This fun day activity also supports and promotes “Mind Matters” which is a personal and mental health awareness program. Lessons on “Mind Matters” will be introduced through “reading time” in term two. Many thanks to Mr Black and his team for putting this together.

Students’ Mufti day was supported by some brave teachers going back to school uniforms.

Mufti Day for students and Hat and School Uniform day for the teachers.  
Left to right: Erin Holder, Miss Dunn, Mikayla Large, Miss Willoughby, Taylah Storrier and Mrs Lonnen.

ANZAC Day

An important day in Australian culture comes our way on April the 25th. The school will be holding a special assembly for ANZAC Day next Thursday. The Cootamundra Community will hold its

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traditional ceremonies, including the ANZAC Day march, two weeks later during the school holidays. Members of the school SRC and staff will be participating in the march and I would like invite any student who would like to march as part of Cootamundra High representation to attend, in full uniform and participate with other members of the school community.

Term 2 School Development Day

Monday the 29th April will be a school development day for all staff at Cootamundra High. Staff will be completing training and curriculum development in the new National Curriculum areas for its implementation in 2014 and 2015.

As this is the last newsletter for Term 1 2013, I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable end of term holiday. All students are to return to school on Tuesday, 30th April.

Neil Reaper (Principal)

Calendar of Events

| Wk 11 | Tue 9 Apr | Recognition assembly and BBQ |
| Wk 11 | Fri 11 Apr | Anzac Day Assembly |
| Wk 11 | Fri 12 Apr | Last day of term |
| Term 2 Wk 1 | Mon 29 Apr | Staff Development Day |
| Term 2 Wk 1 | Tue 30 Apr | Students return to school |
| Wk 2 | | |
| Wk 3 | Tue 14 May | Naplan tests - Yr 7 and Yr 9 |
| Term 2 Wk 3 | | (Tuesday to Thursday) |

Today’s quote

A problem only grows when left unsolved.

Athletics Carnival Age Champions

Left to right:
Top row: Sarah Stephens, Joshua Kostrubic, Wayne Parker, Alecia Slavin, Ben Camilleri, Caitlin Slavin and Nathan Camilleri
Bottom row: Daniel Perry, Monique Dawson, Charlee McPherson, Nicola Hargraves and Haydn Cowled.
Athletics Carnival
The school library is an integral part of the learning and teaching curriculum at Cootamundra High School and is always enriching the HSIE programs. This term, being a term of Geography, Year 7 have spent much time with their HSIE teachers and Mrs Cunnington in the library learning about mountain environments and the important life skill of researching effectively. HSIE students and teachers would like to thank Mrs Cunnington for her time and expertise.
The “A Team”

The members of the A-Team (Cootamundra Assistance Team) have been busy doing jobs around the school that involve a bit of hard work and commitment from the team.

Some of jobs they have been doing are cleaning up and unscrewing boards down near the canteen area, putting up new whiteboards in the Support Faculty and also putting new blinds up in the Maths staffroom.

This team has been made possible with the assistance of Mrs Alderman, Mr Pepper and Mrs Meadows. Without Mrs Meadows and Mr Pepper it wouldn’t be run and organised as well as it is.

The A-team is a team that anybody interested can join and learn to work together as a team and use some of the skills they learn in the future for things both inside and outside of school.

We are actually looking for people that would like to join A-team which involves building, construction work, administration, running a business and lots of other different things.

If you are interested please see Mrs Alderman or Mr Pepper.

By Kamika Bell - Administrative and Publicity Officer

Pictures:
Some of the recent activities - removal of furniture no longer in use to improve the feel of space and tidiness within the school.
Australian Geography Competition

Year 10, 11 and 12 Geographers compete in the Australian Geography Competition

Last week our senior Geography students took part in the opening round of the 2013 Australian Geography Competition for the chance to represent Australia in two international geography contests.

Over 75,000 students from all around Australia have entered the competition, which is organised by the Australian Geography Teachers Association and the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland.

Outstanding students aged 14 or 15 years old are in the running for a place in the Australian team to go to the National Geographic World Championships to be held in St Petersburg, Russia, in July.

Two senior students from NSW will be selected to take part in Geography’s Big Week Out in Sydney later this year. From that event, Australia’s team will be chosen for the 2014 International Geography Olympiad in Krakow, Poland.

Australian Competition coordinator Ms Kath Berg said that representing their country in an international geography contest was a fantastic experience for a student.

“It’s not just going overseas without their parents” said Ms Berg. “It’s making friends with likeminded students from all over the world that is the enduring highlight for our team members.”

“The Australian and international competitions help enthuse students about geography, and we need young people to want to study geography. The structured way of understanding the world that geography gives us is vital if we are to develop sustainable responses to issues such as climate change, food security, land degradation or population shifts,” said Ms Berg.

Cootamundra High School traditionally does well in this competition, highlighted by Sarah Godman, one of our 2012 Year 12 students, representing Australia in the International Geography Olympiad in Germany in August last year.

We look forward to this year’s results. G. Black (Keen geographer and Head Teacher HSIE)
Cootamundra High School

Thank you to everyone who supported the “2012 Earn and Learn Campaign”. Your stickers allowed us to purchase much needed equipment for our school.

Cootamundra High School is again participating in this great campaign. Please send in your completed sticker sheets and stickers or put them in the CHS box at Woolworths.

Some of the school equipment we received from the “2012 Earn and Learn Points”
**Community Notices**

**Triple P Parenting Group**

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- **Is this your family?**
  - parents of children birth - 12
  - parents of teenagers
  - parents of children with a disability (Parenting Strategies Triple P)

- **Triple P can help you**
  - encourage behaviour you like
  - deal with problem behaviour
  - become confident as a parent
  - be realistic about parenting
  - take care of yourself

**Who is this for?**
- parents of children birth - 12
- parents of teenagers
- parents of children with a disability (Parenting Strategies Triple P)

**What happens at Group Triple P?**
- Supportive environment
- Group sessions
- Practical information
- Opportunity to practice
- Encouragement

**Farewell to Family Violence Awareness Week**

Cootamundra Basketball Association

**Celebrating Youth Week in conjunction with Cootamundra Shire Council**

**YOUTH WEEK 2013**

*Cootamundra Sports Stadium*  
Friday 12th April 2013

**Disco**  
6pm - 8pm

**Supervised by Basketball Assoc.**

**Infants & Primary 4pm - 6pm**

**High School 6pm - 8pm**

**Sausage Sizzle $2**

**BALLOON MAKING**

**61 per turn**

**BUNGEE RUN**

**Mission Australia**

**Cootamundra Basketball Association**  
Celebrating Youth Week in conjunction with Cootamundra Shire Council
Debutante Dress

Beaded bodice with shoe string straps.

Size 10 however it laces up the back so it could fit size 12.

If interested contact the Support Staff at Cootamundra High School.
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