STATE MATCHPLAY GOLF

Joseph Trinder of Year 12 won the NSW All Schools Boys State Matchplay title for golf. He won the Riverina competition earlier in the year and played the first two rounds at Wentworth Falls in May. The semi-final and final were played in week 10 of Term 2 at Macquarie Links International Golf Course (near Campbelltown). The semi-final was played in the morning and Joseph beat a player from North Sydney. He then played the final in the afternoon against Reid Brown from the Hunter Region. He won the match 3 up with 1 to play.

N.S.W ALL SCHOOLS CROSS- COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

On the 17th of July Ben Camilleri and Louise Raleigh travelled to Sydney Motorsport Park to compete in the N.S.W All Schools Cross Country Championships. The weather was horrible and the track was even worse but, Louise and Ben braved the cold to run for the Riverina Team and represent Cootamundra High. Louise ran in the 16’s girls 4000m event and came in strong coming 60th with a time of 21 minutes. Ben ran in the 17’s boys 6000m event, completing the race in 21st with a time of 23 minutes. As this was the first time Louise had made it to the state cross country, she was very excited to challenge herself at a higher level. Louise said, "It was a great experience competing with other people from all across the country," said Louise.

CALENDAR

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state. I really enjoyed pushing myself to do my best, so the cold weather was worth it”. Ben had competed at this level before but he still enjoyed it because of his desire to improve every time he competed. Ben said, “I was happy to have improved on my previous performances at state level and I enjoyed meeting up with old friends while I was there”. Both Ben and Louise were thankful for the opportunity to compete at this level and would happily do it again if they were presented with another chance.

For a student to achieve success in Mathematics a few basic rules should be implemented.

1. Bring your equipment, all students are required to bring a book to work in, a black (or blue) pen, a red pen, a ruler, a pencil, an eraser, a compass, a protractor and a scientific calculator. (phones cannot be used as calculators in tests and exams).

2. Complete assigned work, any work that is given in class needs to be completed to ensure the student reinforces the learning. If you are unsure of what work your student needs to do each day, give them a diary and get the class teacher to initial it each day. You can then check the diary each afternoon and this eliminates misunderstandings about what the student needs to complete.

3. Regularly revise course concepts, all ideas and concepts are quickly forgotten unless they are regularly revisited and reinforced. Cramming prior to tests and exams is not a successful strategy, regular revision is the only way to maximise your mark. To assist your child in maximising their learning and hence outcomes the school has a purchased a subscription to mathsonline.com.au. Each student has their own login and password. This website contains explanations, animations, worksheets and tests for all topics from Kindergarten to Year 12 Extension II. If your child is unsure of their login details their class teacher can provide it to them.

4. Seek help when you need assistance, if a student doesn’t understand they need to go to their teacher and seek help. It is easier to provide help if the student can tell the teacher what they don’t understand. For example, I can’t do question 2 in exercise 12 on number plane. Staff will help in class and are always keen to help students at recess, lunch or after school if required.

5. Regularly communicate with the school, if you as a parent have any questions please contact the school and make an appointment. Communication solves most problems before they become insurmountable. If you are unable to do this send a quick email to the Head Teacher (Rel) paul.frilay@det.nsw.edu.au and I will follow up the issue and get back to you ASAP. Please remember, you and your child are important members of our school community and we all have the same goal of achieving successful outcomes for your student.

Paul Frilay
Head Teacher Mathematics (Rel)

THANK YOU

Cootamundra High School would like to take this opportunity to thank the following local businesses for their participation in our Hospitality work placement program – CC’s Café, Country Cuisine, Courtyard Coffee Lounge, E’Claire’s Coffee Shop, The Khaya and Rita’s Kitchen in Albury. We appreciate the time you have taken to train and encourage our students and look forward to future collaborations.

FROM THE CAREERS DESK

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 12

- UAC Guides have arrived and can be collected from the Careers Office.
- Information in the Guide relating to CSU (Charles Sturt University) PREP scheme is incorrect. All applications for early entry need to be made through the Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS).
- University of Wollongong’s Early Admissions Program has opened.
- The Schools Recommendation Scheme has opened. (This is also an Early Entry Scheme that has 10 participating universities).
- A note to parents and students has been mailed home with important information on University, TAFE, Early Entry, UAC and Scholarships. Please see Mrs Alderman for this note if it has not arrived.
- Year 12 students will be given the opportunity to attend an RSA Course to be held at school
on Friday 6 November. Interested students need to register outside the careers office.

**BOAT LICENCE UPDATE**  
Last term we advertised for interested parents and students a Boat Licence Course. There were not sufficient numbers to make it viable. However, Border Boating Licence is running one at the Cootamundra RSL Club on Saturday 29 August commencing at 5.30 p.m. finishing around 10.00 - 10.30 p.m. The cost is $130 regardless of age, or $120 pre-paid. The good news is that students who returned their expressions of interest to me last term will only have to pay $100. A list of those students will be sent to Blair Talbot, the course coordinator. For more information and to register, call Blair Talbot on 0409 594939 or go to info@borderboatlicence.com.au

**ADF GAP YEAR**  
Applications have reopened for selected Gap Year jobs in the Army and Air Force for 2016. For more information go to http://www.defencejobs.gov.au.

**TASTE OF TAFE**  
Many Year 9 and 10 students have expressed interest in attending some one day courses that are being offered by TAFE at the Cootamundra campus:
- Metals and Engineering: Wednesday 26 August
- Automotive – Mechanical: Friday 21 August
- Early Childhood – Caring for Children: Thursday 13 August
- Health and Community Services: Wednesday 12 August
- Mechatronics: Thursday 13 August
Students are reminded that permission notes are due back to the Careers Office no later than Monday 10 August.

**STARTED WORK? LODGE YOUR TAX RETURN WITH MYTAX - IT’S EASY**
- is the fastest way to lodge
- is easy to access (via tablet, smart phone or computer)
- already includes some of your personal information (pre-filled from employers, banks, government agencies and more).

**HOW TO LODGE**
- Get your tax file number and your birth certificate, passport or citizenship certificate ready.

Create a myGov account at my.gov.au
- Phone the ATO on 13 28 61 and press 5 at the prompt to get your unique linking code.
- In the myGov Services page, link to the ATO with the unique linking code.
- Lodge your return through myTax by 31 October.
POSITIONS VACANT – GRAINCORP

GrainCorp are recruiting for the 2015/2016 harvest season in our area. Students interested in earning some money prior to heading off to University, TAFE or work are encouraged to apply. For more information, go to www.graincorp.com.au/careers

2015/16 HARVEST STAFF REQUIRED

GrainCorp is one of Australia’s largest agricultural supply chain and logistics companies. We operate 210 grain receival sites across Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria, where we receive and store grain for up to 30,000 growers.

We currently have positions available for:
- Grain handlers
- Grain Sampers
- Weighbridge Clerks

These are seasonal roles with limited accommodation offered at certain sites. All successful applicants will be required to attend pre-harvest training days to be held during October 2015. Work is to commence October/November.

To apply please visit www.graincorp.com.au/careers and click on “Harvest Recruitment”

For any enquiries please contact:
- Blake Fisher
  Ph: 54 7600 940
  Email: bfisher.graincorp.com.au
- Aidan Smith
  Ph: 0446 461 498
  Email: aaidan@graincorp.com.au

SKOOLBAG APP

We are pleased to announce that Skoolbag is now available for Windows. Phones running version 8.1 of Windows, and Windows devices running Windows 8.1 or 10 (eg Surface tablet, Laptop, PC etc).

This makes the app even more accessible than before to our parents and student community, with the ability to receive messages directly to a PC, Laptop, or Surface Tablet running Windows 8.1 or 10.

To install Skoolbag on your Windows device, look up "Skoolbag" in the Windows Store, and install it. Once installed you can find your school, and pin it to your Windows Home Screen. Please note: You must be running at least Windows 8.1 on your device for the app to function.

HELPING LEARNER DRIVERS

Teaching someone to drive can be a happy experience.

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a FREE one-hour workshop.

The next workshop in your area will be held:

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Helping learner drivers become safe drivers

Media Release

August 2015

HELPING LEARNER DRIVERS

BECOME SAFER DRIVERS

FREE ONE HOUR WORKSHOP FOR COOTAMUNDRA

Cootamundra Shire Council will hold a free workshop for parents and supervisors of learner drivers at the Cootamundra Shire Council Chambers on Thursday 5 March.

The free one-hour workshop, Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers, is organised in conjunction with Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) and will offer parents and supervisors handle practical advice on how to provide the most effective driving practice for learner drivers.

Cootamundra Shire Council’s Road Safety Officer, Michelle Doohan is presenting the workshop, and says it is well worth attending.

“Parents and supervisors of learner drivers have a crucial role to play in making our roads safer. They play a vital role in advising and supporting novice drivers and this course was developed by the RMS to support and better prepare them for the job,” Ms Doohan explained.

“The workshop covers topics such as the new licence conditions for learner and P plate drivers, how to use the Learner Driver Logbook, the benefits of on-road driving sessions, tips on supervising a learner driver, and the importance of giving the learner constructive feedback.

“Parents and supervisors who have attended this workshop in the past have found that it boosted their confidence, helped them better plan driving sessions and allowed them to share their experiences with other parents and supervisors,” Ms Doohan said.

Passing on the right driving skills to learner drivers can save their lives, Ms Doohan added.

“It is a well-known fact that young drivers face the greatest risk on the roads within the first two years of having their licence, so it is vital that parents and supervisors pass on the right information and skills to help their young drivers stay safe on the roads,” she said.

The Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers workshop will be held at the Cootamundra Stephen Ward Rooms (Library) on Thursday 5 March commencing at 6pm.

Bookings are essential and can be made by calling Cootamundra Council on (02) 6940 2100.
AN EVENING WITH FRIENDS

“Reptiles in the library!”
Encounter a croc in August

Love them or not, we are all fascinated by reptiles. During Book Week, kids can see, touch, and learn about some of Australia’s unique reptiles and amphibians at the library, to learn the value of biodiversity and conservation.

Meet crocs, pythons, turtles, and lizards at Cootamundra Library on Wednesday August 26 at 1pm. Now open to kids and carers of all ages. $5 per person.

Bookings essential: ph 69 40 22 00.
WHAT’S ON AT THE ARTS CENTRE

UNBROKEN - DIRECTED BY ANGELINA JOLIE

Do not miss this amazing film!
See article below about local woman Gina Halbisch and her experience as an extra in the film and meeting the Director, Angelina Jolie!

"Unbroken" by Gina Halbisch – a Cootamundra local who was an extra in the film.

These are Gina’s words about the filming and her conversation with the director.

Unbroken was filmed in Wonga Creek NSW a little south of Tamworth although the stunning King George Avenue in Tamworth was used to depict the jungle in the film with its unique blend of bush and city.

"As there I was lucky enough to get a gig on a big budget movie as an extra. I was so over the moon when they offered me the role but not just because of the fame. I was able to see the film being shot up close and it was an experience I’ll never forget. I was so excited to be able to contribute to something so big and to meet the cast and crew. It was an amazing experience and I’m so grateful to have been a part of it."

Show times:
Sunday 9th August 5pm
COOTAMUNDRA
‘ICE’
FORUM

What is ice and how does it work?

   Where do you do go to get support?

   What can you do to help?

   What are the impacts on family and friends?

WHEN: September 9th 2015
       6:30pm – 8:30pm

VENUE: Cootamundra Ex-
       Services Club. 
       Corner of Parker and Wallendoon
       Street, Cootamundra.

COST: FREE!!

For all enquiries contact Danielle on
(02) 6942 8005

Come be involved and help spread awareness on the current issues surrounding ice use in our country, and its effect on the community. Join members of the Cootamundra community in gaining a further awareness into issues faced every day by users of the drug and of those who see the effects first hand in their current professions.

We welcome Crios O’Mahony from not for profit organisation the Penington Institute, Crios has had 20 years of experience working with people directly affected by problematic drug use. Additionally, we will be welcoming members from Cootamundra Police, Family & Community Services, NSW Health and more! At the conclusion of the main presentation, members of the community will have the opportunity to ask questions for the panel to answer.

There are a lot of people talking about amphetamines and ice and what the community might be hearing can be worrying and frightening. We would like to help you understand the truth about ice and what you can do if you or someone you know is using it.