



Newsletter

Cootamundra Public School

RESPECTFUL RESPONSIBLE LEARNERS

Term 4, Week 10

18 December, 2018



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM KINDERGARTEN



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Every child will reach their potential in future focused learning environments that are inclusive and driven by excellence



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School holidays begin **Thursday 20 December**.

Amazing teaching and inspired learning commences for students on
Wednesday 30 January for all students K-6

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU TO OUR 2018 SCHOOL EXECUTIVE



Captains Jack Finch and Abbey Sloan flanked by Vice Captains William Lubke and Andie McTavish

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2019 SCHOOL EXECUTIVE



Captains Isobel Cram and Oliver Hall flanked by Vice Captains Isabella Carr and Hugo Emery

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MESSAGE FROM LUCY

It is hard to believe that the end of the year is upon us! What a wonderfully productive and busy year it has been. On behalf of staff and students at Cootamundra Public School I would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday period.

To our Year 6 students – farewell and good luck for your transition into high school. We look forward to watching your progress from afar and hope you are able to take the time to stop in once in a while to say hello!

To the families whose youngest child is now moving on to high school – thank you and good luck! We have loved having you as part of the CPS community and thank you for all of your efforts over the years. From P&C events to class reading and everything in between, your contribution has been valued.

For those of you not at our recent presentation day, please find below a copy of my closing report for 2018.

It is my absolute pleasure to present this closing report for 2018 as we celebrate the outstanding application and achievements of our students throughout the year.

Cootamundra Public School has certainly been a hive of activity over the past four terms. From sports carnivals to camp, leadership opportunities to STEM projects and everything in between, our students have had a wonderful year of learning and have relished every opportunity sent their way. Our learning and performance culture has continued to grow throughout the year as we maintain focus on our three strategic directions of 'Excellence in Learning', 'Excellence in Teaching', and 'Excellence in Leading'. As a school, we have been focused on supporting students through differentiated curriculum within the framework of being Respectful, Responsible, Learners. Our embedded commitment to growth mindset, and an underpinning ethos of 'Yindyamarra Yambuwan' meaning 'Respect Everything' (be gentle, give honour, take responsibility) in Wiradjuri, has also set the tone for learning this year.

There have been so many noteworthy individual and collective achievements this year. It is impossible to mention each one of them here, but there have been some significant moments for students and staff through the year;

Perhaps the biggest undertaking was our wonderful production of 'The Lion King Kids'. The preparation for this production was able to enrich all curriculum areas across our school, with students developing skills in design process, memorisation, arts, language and technology. It was particularly special to watch the growth of our lead and support cast who all stepped outside of their comfort zone and worked collaboratively with each other to produce a show that was nothing short of amazing!

On the sporting field we continue to compete with skill, great sportsmanship and integrity. Please see the sports report for a summary of the achievements made by our most successful sportspeople for 2018! When thinking about the years sporting achievements, it is important to acknowledge the input of so many parents,

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teachers and community members who have helped our students achieve what they have – we thank each of you for the hours spent in the car taking students to trials, games and sports camps, the fundraising efforts, the washing of sports kits and so much more. I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful work of the Cootamundra Sports Foundation who have financially supported students who progressed to State level competitions this year. Your support of families and our school is much appreciated!

Connections with our local community have also been wonderfully enriching for students this year. Our partnership with The Arts Centre Cootamundra (TACC) has allowed for student involvement in a variety of projects including 'The Secret World' (ongoing into 2019 with a focus on technology, story telling and installed art), Murmuration's inclusive arts performance called 'Ripple Effect' as well as drama incursions for our lead cast and drama group from the Lion King, run by Monkey Baa theatre company. TACC were generous enough to offer scholarship places to our students for the Ripple Effect project and the feedback about the experience has been nothing short of glowing! Staff have also benefitted from this important community partnership, by attending professional learning for inclusive arts, STEM and coding, as well as an educators screening of 'Gurumul' to support our priorities in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education.

Students from K-6 continued to push themselves this year, with successes and growth in learning evident across all classes. Our Kindergarten students were awarded a 'Highly Commended' for their efforts in the Wagga Wagga Speech Eisteddfod, our senior dance troupe performed in Sydney at the Schools Spectacular, and we have had students demonstrating a vast range of skills in Kids Teaching Kids, Genius Hour, and through STEM challenges made possible by the Department of Education's initiative STEMShare. The Multicultural Public Speaking, Premiers Spelling Bee competition and the ICAS competitions were other ways our students were able to stretch their mindset and skills this year!

Classroom learning has again been enriched by extra-curricular activities and visitors to our school. It was a highlight of our year to have Christine Anu present her 'In song and Conversation' tour for NAIDOC week, the theme of which being 'Because of her we can'. Students from CPS and surrounding schools were in awe of Ms Anu's talent and stories of life in the music industry. Another special visitor this year was John Heffernan, who acted as an artist in residence, helping students build their skills in writing. John's work over the week residency was brought together in a great sharing assembly where each grade group presented the writing and raps they had been inspired to write.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the unrelenting support of our school community. This school works so well because of the input of parents, grandparents and community members who are all so invested in the success of our students. I would like to extend a special thanks to our P&C who, as usual, went above and beyond the call of duty to provide whatever was necessary to add to our students' already rich school experience. I can't thank everyone enough for your endless hours of volunteering, reading, organising, donating and doing whatever was necessary to support students—both at home and at school. Your children do you credit every day and your efforts to make Cootamundra Public School the best it can be do not go unnoticed. Thank you also to our local police who have supported our school throughout the year – from coming in during morning play to enjoy a game of handball with students, to speaking to our

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students about safety, helping serve at breakfast and including our school boundaries in your general patrols during holiday periods – we appreciate your support!

Throughout the year, programs such as Playground Pals, Garden Club, Kids Teaching Kids, Seasons for Growth and the various structured playground games on offer each day have contributed to the overall wellbeing of our students. These experiences and opportunities could not occur without the endless energy, skills and dedication of the Cootamundra Public School staff. I feel privileged to work alongside such a capable and inspiring group of professionals.

This year, we have dedicated time and funding to build the capacity of staff in a broad range of areas – including L3 (Language, Learning and Literacy), approaches to whole school mathematics, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education with high impact, inclusive arts and music. Professional development across our network of schools, and for all staff, continues to be a priority and will drive the continued success and growth of student learning outcomes in the future. All staff members have worked on personalised learning goals for their own development, with teaching staff also opening their classrooms for observation and feedback by colleagues.

This year we will be saying farewell to a number of our dedicated staff members. Sharon Shoard (School Administrative Officer) and Gael Millar (Librarian) are both moving into the (hopefully) relaxing days of retirement, Joanna Trickett (Year 5) has been offered a promotion to Instructional leader in Coffs Harbour, Ingrid Fish (Year 3) has accepted a teaching role at E A Southee Public School, Destini Warren (School Based Apprentice) has now completed her placement and will be heading off to uni after being accepted into early entry teaching, and Sharon Smith (Library Volunteer) will be moving to the coast with her family. We are also temporarily saying farewell to Vanessa Bennett (Year 1) who has been offered a relieving position as teaching Principal at Koorawatha Public School for Term 1 of 2019. On behalf of the staff and students of CPS, I would like to extend heartfelt thanks and best wishes to each of these amazing educators – you have challenged and inspired us to be our best and we will miss you!

A final word to Cootamundra Public School students: Thank you for all your hard work throughout the school year. Thank you for sharing your work with me, for your contributions to our school, and for all the great days we have shared. I am so honoured to be your principal; you make me so proud! I am grateful for your joy, astute insights and amazing talents. To our Year 6 students who leave us next year, I hope that always remember how much you have to offer those around you – make smart choices, be kind to one another, and always remember make your life something special!

Lucy Greene
Principal, 2018

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 4, Week 10

Wednesday	19 December	CPS' Got Talent Staff vs Year 6 Netball
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END OF TERM

Term 1, Week 1

Tuesday	29 January	Staff Training Day
Wednesday	30 January	Students return to school

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday	8 February	CPS Swimming Carnival
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**STRATEGIC
DIRECTION 1**

*Excellence in
Learning*

**STRATEGIC
DIRECTION 2**

*Excellence in
Teaching*

**STRATEGIC
DIRECTION 3**

*Excellence in
Leading*

OUR AWARD WINNERS

SPECIAL HONOUR AWARD (120 Achievement Awards)

Scarlett Adams



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CERTIFICATE OF HIGH DISTINCTION (100 Achievement Awards)

Logan Johnson



SPECIAL HONOUR AWARD (80 Achievement Awards)

Toby Lawson



CERTIFICATE OF MERIT (50 Achievement Awards)

Emily Tanks



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HONOUR AWARD



From back: Kia Mansfield (inset: Jett Perry, Emme Piffero)
 Middle row: Annabelle Main, Caitlin Collins, Ariella Northe
 Front row: Amity Cross, Mia, Audrey Collier, Mikayla Parsons

PROUD AND DEADLY AWARDS

Daisy Whitehead- Encouragement 1B	Mitchell Simons 6N- Sporting
Indianna Smith-Heaton- Encouragement 1B	James Moore 5J- Encouragement
Graham Neale- Encouragement 5T	Kyia Stewart 6N- Citizenship
Kian Adams- Encouragement 5T	Isabel Anderson -Attendance 1C
Amy-Lee Bowditch- Overall Excellence 6B	Ebony Bowditch -Attendance 5T
Ben Perrin- Academic 3/4K	Josie Bowditch -Attendance 2V
Baily Taylor- Citizenship KH	Kaylee Craw- Attendance KH
Kaylee Craw- Encouragement KH	Riley Craw -Attendance 6B
Xavier McNally- Encouragement KH	Xavier McNally -Attendance KH
Riley Craw 6B- Cultural Engagement	Makayla Mitchell- Attendance 6B
Kaitlyn Shoard- 2V Cultural Engagement	Kaitlyn Shoard -Attendance 2V
Josie Bowditch- 2V Citizenship	Kyia Stewart- Attendance 6N
Harry Simons 2V- Encouragement	Kian Adams- Attendance 5T
Callum Wisz 3F- Encouragement	

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COOTAMUNDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL 2018 P&C PRESIDENT'S REPORT

CPS is the luckiest school in the.....WORLD!

2018 heralded incoming new Principal Lucy Greene and the school has blossomed with happy teachers, happy students and the Circle of Life! On behalf of the P&C I would like to congratulate Lucy on her position as permanent Principal and to Todd Kable as Vice Principal starting next year.

The P&C is a small band of meeting attendees supported by a large number of class parent representatives, Belinda Campbell in the canteen, canteen volunteers and parent helpers for differing events throughout the year. Thank you to you all.

The fundraising events this year included:

- The Art Show,
- Easter raffle,
- Mother's Day stall,
- Father's Day stall
- The Fete



Contributions from families including the voluntary payment, Cootamundra and businesses further afield as well as students and teachers efforts, made these fundraising days well worth the time and energy. Raising over eighteen thousand dollars this year. Thank you for any donation small to large – it all makes a huge difference.

P&C funds have always been distributed to the school by request of the Principal and teachers and this year monies have gone into:

- Building air conditioning replacements,
- Bus subsidies for excursions,
- Kindergarten hats and stickybeaks
- Also being earmarked for the new water filter system under the COLA (with school council fundraising paying dollar for dollar).
- The Fete was able to collect enough profit to share half the cost of the new shade sails over both the infants and primary play equipment.

The canteen is being expanded to twenty six hours a week paid staff in 2019 with Belinda and a casual person to cover the days when volunteers are at work! Tracy Tregear again worked tirelessly to keep the canteen going, and thank you to outgoing treasurer Debra Cram.

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The P&C and CPS began recycling in the school with TOMRA (reverse vending machine) boxes in the playground. Some children have also been savvy enough to bring bags to school to take home their own recycling to make pocket money. It would be great if all eligible containers at school are recycled in this manner and help to raise funds for P&C and therefore the school. We have been lucky enough to be chosen as a TOMRA partner for three months until 24 February 2019. When you are at the Return and Earn station (machine in the Woolworths

Cootamundra carpark) please consider donating your recycling payment to CPS by pressing DONATE then Cootamundra Public School. If everyone did this once over the three months we would make a tidy amount to give back to the school.

There's no P&C without a secretary and a treasurer and huge thanks from me to Lucy Main keeping the communication flowing and to Marjory Taprell for keeping the funds flowing – in the right direction! Thanks to Bec Scifleet for stepping in as Vice President when there was no one else, and a special thank you to Kylie Bowditch for helping organise both the mother's and father's day stalls.

It's goodbye this year to Kellie Johnson – Cake Stall runner extraordinaire, and to Penny Crawford who has run the book club sales for many years. Sharon Shoard – your help in the office will be most missed (as well as your sick nurse capabilities), as well as Gael Millar in the library. The school may feel a little different next year without you all, Thank you and best wishes.

P&C meetings are always held the second Tuesday each month of term at 6pm and the AGM with all office bearer positions available, on Tuesday 12 March 2019.



Julie Cowell
P&C President

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COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS IN FOCUS AT COOTAMUNDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

MEN'S SHED & BICYCLE USER GROUP

Over the past three years, Cootamundra's Men's Shed and Bicycle User Group (BUG) have enhanced the overall learning and wellbeing outcomes for a diverse range of K-6 CPS students. In 2016 and 2017, the BUG members, led by Alan Moston and Rhonda Douglas, supported teacher's delivery of Cycling Australia's Let's Ride 2nd Gear program to Stage 1 learners. Students began by learning about bicycle set-up and maintenance, and progressed to developing skills for riding safely with others through participation in targeted and structured lessons. Part of the program required the learners to follow simulated traffic conditions, such as stopping for pedestrians, and turning by indicating.

The Men's Shed, led by John Paag, John Ashcroft, and Bryan Gawthrop, volunteered in 2016 by constructing tripod frames for the road signs, which were used in the program. Later in 2018, the Men's Shed supported CPS's Kids Teaching Kids sustainable transport group. They assisted the students design, engineer, and construct pushcarts mostly made of reused or recycled materials. Their presence in the school playground was significant, as both participants and onlookers engaged in rich scientific discussion about the project. The Men's Shed have committed to supporting the school beyond 2018, so watch this space for more exciting news! Below are excerpts from student interviews conducted by 2B student Darcy Thompson with John Ashcroft, President of Cootamundra's Men's Shed:

1. What did you enjoy about helping us this year? *Helping you learn about word work, how to put things together, and how to use tools safely.*
2. Are there many men in the Men's Shed? *There are 33 who all have different skills and can do different things.*
3. Do you know if there are other Men's Sheds around Australia? *Yes, there are many, for example in Young, Grenfell, and Boorowa.*
4. Are there any ladies in the Men's Shed? *Umm, no.*

Student responses to questions about the Men's Shed project at CPS

What did you learn from the Men's Shed? *Learning how to use different types of tools, such as spring washers.*

What was your favourite part of making the pushcarts? *Painting, pushing, and driving.*

What projects would you like the Men's Shed to do with you next time? *We would like to make a motorised vehicle, like a go-cart.*


Would you like to visit the Men's Shed? *Yes, because we would like to learn about what other projects they do in their space.*

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HOW DOES MY GARDEN GROW?



This term students have been busy growing and harvesting a variety of veggies in the school garden. We have had great success in growing lettuce, carrots and onions. The onions were used in our meal deal on Thursday in the hamburgers. We look forward to growing more delicious fruit and veggies next year to use in class cooking. Pictured are Bridee Gartside and Chelsea Anderson with a basket of veggies.

YEAR 6 GETTING INTO THE FESTIVE SPIRIT



Amy-Lee Bowditch, Brooke Ronning, Emily Crawford, Hannah O'Loughlin, Olivia Phillips, Andie McTavish, Charli Leggett and Ava Gallagher had fun cooking Christmas tree cakes, decorating them and eating them.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Please be at the canteen on your duty day at 9.30 am. Thank you.

Week 10

Monday	17 December	R Magrath
Tuesday	18 December	CLOSED
Wednesday	19 December	J Hillier, M Radnedge

Thank you to all the wonderful helpers in the canteen this year.

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CANTEEN ROSTER 2019

Term 1, Week 1

The roster has not been finalised at this stage for 2019. Canteen Manager Belinda Campbell will contact you directly to advise which day you are rostered on.

The school canteen is a great way to be involved with your children at school. You can see them in the playground interacting with friends and they love seeing you there. It also gives you a better idea of what goes on during the school day.

For those who would like to help in canteen but are not sure if it is something you could do, why not come in for a few hours and see what it is all about. We also encourage dads and grandparents to come along. If serving and money handling is not your thing, be a food preparer, pikelet or milkshake maker, dish washer or fridge packer.

Remember it is only once a month, 10 days if you take out school holidays. It is a fun day and we guarantee you will be addicted by the end of your first day.

If you would like to help out in the canteen please contact Belinda Campbell (Canteen Supervisor) on 0427 423 628 or complete the form below and return to the front office as soon as possible.

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CANTEEN 2019 - COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN

Name

Phone

☐ Please keep me the same day as last year

☐ Please change my day to (please circle) Monday Wednesday Thursday Friday

☐ I can volunteer this year, I would like to work Monday Wednesday Thursday Friday

☐ I would like to work with

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Start a String Player in 2019!



Group Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass for beginners at Cootamundra Public.

INSTRUMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR HIRE FOR NOMINAL FEE.

No need for home practice initially.

For enquiries or expressions of interest please contact

Katie Spicer

Mob 0423177015

Email Cootamundrastrings@gmail.com

School Holiday Dance Workshop at TACC with Angela French

(B Dance Ed, freelance choreographer & teacher)

THURSDAY 17 JAN 2019

Exploring movement with Fun, Funky Music

10am-12noon

8-12 years

\$25

no prior movement experience needed

More info: Angela French 0410 264 958, angelafrench@hotmail.com

Bookings TACC Office 6942 4773 or info@theartscentrecootamundra.org.au

(NB Office closed for Christmas 21 Dec - 8 Jan)

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WHAT EXCITING EVENTS ARE ON IN THE HOLIDAYS



Beeswax Candles

All ages and families welcome

THURSDAY 20 DECEMBER

2.00pm

Cost: \$10.00

Participants will roll beeswax candles and decorate them ready for giving. These healthy candles do not produce by-products or soot when burned and help to neutralize pollutants in the air.



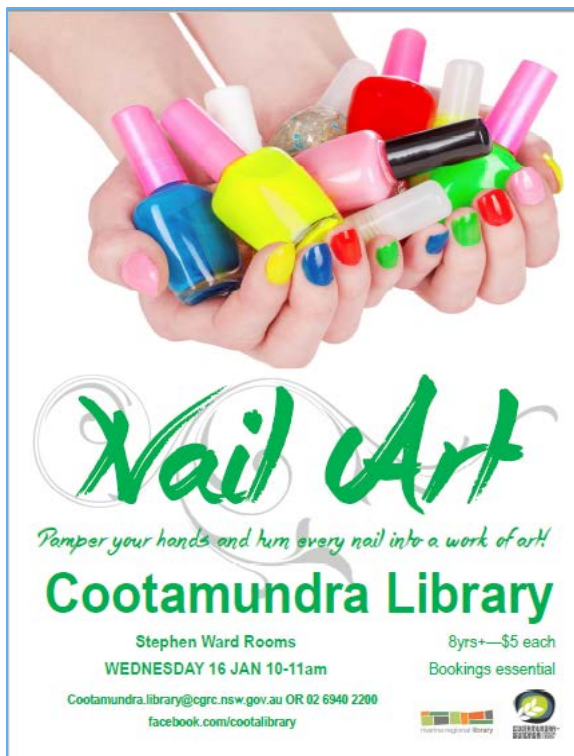
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YOUR TRASH IS SOMEONE ELSE'S TREASURE

January Trash and Treasure Stall

OPENING HOURS

Wed 9 Jan - Wed 23 Jan

9.30-1.30pm Tuesday - Fridays

If you are having a January clean out of household items TACC welcomes your donation of clean, usable items for sale at our trash and treasure event.

TACC is a not for profit community organisation providing education and participation activities.

All funds raised go towards continuing to provide quality programming for our community.

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