After the recent Semester 1 Examinations, it seems to me that a large number of students either didn’t do any study, or as some students have commented, didn’t study the right things. Study for exams is essential, however, it must be part of an ongoing revision program. Here are my hot 10 tips on how to study for your next examination.

1. Attend class every day. Listen and pay attention to the material. Maths is typically more visual than other subjects due to the equations and problem solving. Jot down any example problems from the class. When you review your notes later on, you will have a better knowledge of the specific lesson that was taught, rather than relying on your textbook.

2. Ask your teacher any questions that you might have before the day of the exam. The teacher might not tell you specifically what is going to be on the exam, but he or she may give you helpful guidance if you don’t understand. Highlight any questions you are unsure of and take them to your teacher who will always be happy to help you with the problem.

3. Do homework problems. Most classes have assigned, or at least suggested, problems that the teacher feels are most useful. A lot of exam problems are extremely similar to homework problems; sometimes they are even exactly the same. Do as many problems as you can so that you can get as much practice as possible and become familiar with the different problem set ups.

4. Try to find out various ways to tackle a certain problem. For example, with simultaneous equations, you can solve them by either substitution, elimination, or graphing.

5. Start studying weeks before a major exam. Do not wait till the last minute. As for the day before the exam, do not be stressed and just relax. Clear your mind when you sleep and you will definitely be prepared. Study as much as possible the day before the test, but allow yourself time for other activities too.

6. Join a study group. Different people see concepts in different ways. Something that you have difficulty understanding may come easily to a study partner. Having his/her perspective on a concept may help you to comprehend it.

7. Know that teachers will go back into the past. Even if you’re studying for a chapter or two, they may “polish” your skills and come up with maths problems that you studied a while back or at the beginning of the term.

8. Solve problems. In this way, you have the tendency to understand and realise the formulas and the given problems. You can solve the problems that have been given to you. Solve some problems even if you don’t know the answer and let someone check it for you.

9. Don’t look up the answer as soon as you get stuck on a problem. Struggling with it for some time will be much more beneficial, because you may find a new way to understand the problem. Even if in the end you need to look up the answer anyway.

10. Get plenty of rest before an exam. This helps to keep your mind fresh and allows you to perform to the best of your ability.

I hope this helps, but remember, always keep a good balance in your life. Fun and rest are just as important so you stay happy, healthy and positive.

Mr Jones (HT Maths)
Library News

At last! MOST of the new books that were requested by students have arrived. We are busy covering and accessioning them and they should be ready for borrowing on Tuesday. New books include Let it Snow by John Green, the latest Alex Rider book titled Russian Roulette by Anthony Horowitz, The Conspiracy 365 Series by Gabrielle Lord and Ascend, Switched and Torn by Amanda Hocking. And there are more! Game of Thrones fans should know that A Feast for Crows has just arrived as well. Come up to the library and look at them on the new display!

Competitions

Don’t forget that all borrowers this term go into the draw for a book prize of their own choice. This will be drawn on the last Wednesday of term.

The words for this week in our vocabulary competition are MANIPULATE and EXTRAPOLATE. The first three students to give me correct definitions will get a prize. Everyone who answers correctly will go in the draw for a $5 canteen voucher.

Writing Competition

All the words that have been in the competition will be given to teachers as well as posted outside the library. Anyone who can write a clear, paragraph that makes sense containing all those words will be in the running for a $5 canteen voucher. The entries should be placed in the box on the borrowing desk inside the library. Writers should not write more than 5 sentences.

Principal’s News

WORKPLACEMENT. This week our Year 11 Hospitality students are gaining industry experience by completing their first mandatory work placement. These valuable opportunities allow students to consolidate the outcomes covered in class with practical experiences in the workplace setting. I would like to acknowledge and thank the businesses that willingly support our students and school in making these opportunities available.

“BIG SISTER” CONGRATULATIONS. A small group of our Year 12 girls have taken it upon themselves to introduce a “Big Sister” program to support female students in the junior years. Last Friday afternoon, after school, this band of enthusiastic young women, supported by Mrs Bronwyn Troy, Mrs Louise Gregson and Mrs Erin Loinitenisi, held a voluntary workshop to promote the messages of positive self-image, personal wellbeing, resilience and anti-bullying.

The afternoon was a great success with approximately twenty students from Years 7 to 9 attending and participating in the activities. Further sessions have been organised as well as access to peer support and mentoring during school hours. Congratulations to these students – Lucy Harrison, Teagan Wilson, Emma Springall, Tanika Wensley, Catherine Davis, Emily Price and Annie Elliott – what great role models for our students.

ATTENDANCE. With the end of term almost upon us and the onset of colder weather it is timely to remind everyone that attendance at school is mandatory for all school age students. Normal lessons will be held until the last day of term and students are expected to be present to maximise their educational opportunities.

RURAL CUP. This Thursday Canowindra High School will host Oberon High School in our final round of the Rural Cup. All students are still required to attend school for the day and I would also like to encourage parents to come along and help cheer on our students to do their best. The final result for 2014 will not be known until week nine after Molong travel to Oberon for their final round games.

CONGRATULATIONS to Donald Boyd on being last week’s Canteen voucher winner.

Neryle Smurthwaite
Principal
**Western Region Cross Country**

Last Wednesday the 11th the following students ran at Wellington to trial for the Western Cross Country team.

Seraphin Keedle 4th 12 year old girls
Anika Macela midfield 13 year old girls
Hudson Izzard midfield 13 year old boys
Ashley Frost 17th 14 year old boys
William Burrows 14th 15 year old boys
Tommy Pye 8th 17 year old boys

It was our youngest competitor Seraphin, who made it to the next level. She will now compete at Sydney in Term 3.

Well done to all runners and train hard Seraphin.

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**Year Group Challenge**

Each year group is invited to compete in a goal shootout.

Winner of each year will receive a new soccer ball. (Year 11 & 12 one group)

$2 entry on the day of your competition.

Money raised goes towards prizes and lunchtime equipment.

**Week 9**

Year 7 Monday
Year 8 Tuesday
Year 9 Wednesday
Year 10 Thursday
Year 11 & 12 Friday

**Rules of competition**

1. Players will have 2 attempts at kicking a goal to advance to the next level.
2. Must kick from between set markers.
3. Level 1 larger goal. Level 2 medium goal, Level 3 small goal.

Distance out 20m.
If more than 1 student left at level 3, marker will be moved on an angle.
### What's On

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### Assessments Due

**Week 8A**

- Yr 12– Maths General 2 (3), Maths (3) Ext Maths (3), Music (3)
- Yr 11– Eng Ext (2)
- Yr 10– Science (2)
- Yr 9– Science (2)

**Week 9B**

- Yr 12– Bio (4), EEC (3)
- Yr 11-PDHPE (3), Physics (3), Visual Arts (3)
- Yr 10-PDHPE (2)
- Yr 9– Visual Arts (2)

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**Clothing Pool Donations**
The school clothing pool are looking for any unwanted items of school uniform that are in good condition but no longer required. Donations of winter clothing would be particularly useful. Thank you.

**CONTAINERS PLEASE**
The Food Tech/Hospitality Department are once again in need of clean containers with lids. If anyone has containers at home that they are able to donate it would be much appreciated. They can be given to Mr Smyth at school.

**Agriculture Study Day**

Last Wednesday the Year 12 Agriculture class attended a HSC Study Day at CSU in Orange. This day was very valuable to the students who selected topics for revision and consolidated for their HSC Agriculture Examination.

**Boots Camp Fitness**

Give your Fitness a rev along for 2014. Term 3 commences on Wednesday 23rd JULY

One hour of guided fitness challenges. So arrive 10 minutes early so we can start on time with a warm up, then into our workout. Bring water and a towel. 2014 take control of your health and fitness.

ANGELA ELLIS FITNESS
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23rd July – 10th Sept 2014

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Monday, 16 June 2014