Faculty In Focus – TAS

Recently Canowindra hosted the annual 100 Mile Dinner in the main street. Mr Smyth and Mrs Pickering went as volunteers and also took two Year 11 students from Canowindra High School. Brandon Bourke and Louis Grant in Year 11 volunteered for the night commencing at 4pm and finishing at 11pm they worked tirelessly in the kitchen to cater for over 270 guests. The restaurant that was catering for the evening was restaurant 9inety 2wo located in Bathurst with Head Chef Brett Melhuish and his team.

The guests enjoyed a five course degustation menu consisting of local produce from around the region. Thank you to Brandon and Louis who assisted in plating over 1000 dishes for the evening. Mr Smyth, Mrs Pickering and all of the chefs from restaurant 9inety 2wo were very impressed with the level of plating skills displayed by both students who have only commenced the Hospitality course at the beginning of this term.

The Head chef Brett Melhuish was so impressed that he asked the boys to complete their work placement at his restaurant in Year 12. It was great night enjoyed by all.

Textiles and Design up and running again at Canowindra High School

Textiles and Design has been reintroduced back into the Technology (Mandatory) course in Year 7 and 8 under TAS Head Teacher, Karen Pickering. Students have commenced the design process and have learnt how to safely use the sewing machine, over lockers, tools, material and equipment in the classroom by producing a variety of embellishing samples. The students first design project is to create a ‘Carry Bag’ that has a minimum of two embellishing techniques on the outside or inside of their bag.
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The last two weeks has put students’ patience to the test in class when we commenced hand stitching and practiced a variety of embroidery stitches. Embroidery is a great skill to have but can be difficult for students to master.

The students are looking forward to commencing their next step in the design process and producing their final product the ‘Carry Bag’. We are looking forward to seeing the project completed early in Term 2.

Student fees are used in Technology (Mandatory) to ensure that each student is provided with the tools and equipment required across each of the Technology (Mandatory) focus areas including, Food, Wood, Metal, Agriculture and Textiles so please keep your fees coming in so that we can provide the best learning opportunities for all of our students.

Introducing the TAS Faculty with some old and new faces

In 2015 the TAS faculty commenced the year under the direction of TAS Head Teacher, Karen Pickering. We have a number of new faces in the TAS faculty that we would like to introduce you to.

Absent from photo, Letitia Vidler (Rlg Food Technology Assistant), Mark Edwards (TAS Teacher), Jarrod Breen (Rlg Farm Assistant), Karen Pickering (TAS Head Teacher), Kylie Parker (Rlg Agriculture Teacher), Rob Cain (Causal, TAS Teacher), Kevin Smyth (TAS Teacher) and Kathy Davis (Rlg Careers Adviser)

The TAS faculty is looking forward to working with you and your children to ensure quality educational programs are delivered across all Technological and Applied Studies courses.

Principal’s News

I would publicly like to thank Mr Ian Pattingale, Deputy Principal from Cowra High School, for overseeing things in the school last Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday whilst our schools Executive team and I participated in the HOW2Learn professional learning program. This program, which is focused on building students’ capacity to learn and based on sound educational research and data, will be introduced to our other staff over the coming months.

All students will be completing the Tell Them from Me survey next week along with 1200 other schools. This anonymous survey by the Department of Education and Communities, will collect valuable information on the current state of teaching and learning at our school and across NSW. Parents and teachers will be asked to complete a similar survey during term three. If you have further questions about this survey please feel free to contact the school and talk with myself or the Deputy, Mr Ball.

Despite the warm weather our students and staff with gloves and garbage bags in hand took to the local streets and parks last Friday for Clean Up Australia Day. Everyone involved is to be congratulated on the amazing effort they made in collecting rubbish and for the positive role they displayed in our community.

This Friday 20 March 2015 is the fifth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. This annual day provides a focus for all schools to say Bullying, No Way! and to strengthen their existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time. Students are permitted to wear orange to school on Friday in return for a gold coin donation. Students are reminded that clothing and footwear MUST be appropriate.

Congratulations to Sophie Irvine on being last week’s canteen voucher winner.

Neryle Smurthwaite
Principal
‘Tell Them From Me’ student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 23 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

RYDA Program

On Tuesday 10 March, Year 11 students from Canowindra High School attended the RYDA Road Safety Education program, organised by The Rotary Club of Cowra, with students from The Henry Lawson High School and Cowra High School.

RYDA is a Road Safety Education program aimed at equipping young people with the knowledge to stay safe on our roads. Presented over the course of the day, RYDA delivers six interactive sessions aimed at exploring crucial aspects of travelling safely: Stopping Distances, Hazards, Distractions and Risks, Plan B: Alcohol, Medicines and Fatigue, Crash Survivor, Road Choices: Legal & Financial Ramifications, My Wheels: Choosing & Maintaining a Safe Vehicle.

Pictured Above – Year 11 students from Canowindra High School after viewing a practical demonstration on stopping distances at 40km/h, 50km/h and 60km/h.

Year 11 Agriculture Farm Case Study

On Friday 13 March, Year 11 Agriculture travelled to Michael and Leanne Harrison’s property “Boxlands” for their Farm Case Study Assessment.

Students learnt about the enterprises conducted on the farm, the timing of operations within these enterprises, the influences of climate and technology on the farm and conducted soil tests on various paddocks.

We would like to say a big thank you to Michael and Leanne for their hospitality, we had a great day.
**Clean Up Australia Day**

During Period 6 on Friday students participated in a Clean Up Australia day activity organised by the school’s SRC. Students were provided with gloves and garbage bags, split up into year groups and were given an areas surrounding the high school to collect rubbish. The students filled 3 wheelie bins!

Thank you to all students who participated in this valuable community project. As a thank you from the SRC students were given an ice block when they returned to school.

**University Road Show**

Year 12 students travelled to Orange High last Tuesday to attend an University information seminar. Canowindra High students sat alongside Orange, Canobolas High and Yoeval and Molong Central schools as part of the combined schools Rural University Roadshow.

University of New England, Charles Sturt and Southern Cross University show cased what they had to offer to potential students across their numerous campuses. They discussed course options, study loads, campus locations and specialties, accommodation, social and cultural opportunities and fee and payment options.

A big thanks to Miss Davis and Narelle Hughes for organising and attending the day.

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### What’s On

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### Assessments Due

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- Yr 12– Eng Ext 1
- Yr 11– Ancient Hist (1), D&T (1), SLR (1), Vis Arts (1)
- Yr 10– English (1), Geography (1)

#### Week 9A  
**Term 1**

- Yr 11-Ag (1), Business Studies (1), Chem(1), Maths Ext (1)
- Yr 10– Food (1), Maths (1)
- Yr 9-Ag (1), Maths (1), PDHPE (1)