**Faculty In Focus – LOTE**

**A Little Taste of French Culture**

On Wednesday 1 April, Year 7 LOTE classes learnt a little about French Easter traditions. Canowindra High School students participated in an egg-rolling competition and an Easter egg hunt.

French children celebrate Easter in similar ways to Australian children. As 90% of the French population are Roman Catholic, the French follow the Catholic celebrations of Easter. Unlike Australia, church bells are silent from Good Friday (the death of Jesus) until Easter Sunday (when Jesus rose). French children are told that the church bells fly to Rome to visit the Pope on Good Friday and return with chocolate bells, chocolate eggs and chocolate fish on Easter Sunday.

French children play a range of games on Easter Sunday, including egg-rolling and egg tossing. Children roll a raw egg down a small hill or toss an egg in the air repeatedly until a final egg remains.

**Year 7 Excursion**

At the end of last term, Year 7 students travelled to Bob Scott's farm for three days of fun. Very soon after arrival to the campsite, tents were set up, firewood was collected and the activities began. Mr McKenzie's activities were very popular, whether it was trust activities or the personal challenges, all were eager to participate. Mrs Porter and Mrs Evans tested out brain, brawn and cooperation with a set of group challenges.
The night time activities involved a relay lolly search which was a successful sugar-hit find, but some students were a little worried with some strange “yowie” noises heard in the bush! Capture the flag tested out strategies and team work and was a favourite for the camp.

Cold nights were followed by beautiful days and groups were able to participate in yabbying, go karting and frisbee golf. The mandatory bushwalk through Mr Scott’s bushland was well-received and topped off with hot dogs for lunch.

Thankyou to the parents who were able to transport the students to and from the farm. Without your help, this excursion wouldn’t be possible. A massive thankyou to Bob for allowing us to use his farm, and for the extra effort to ensure the go-kart was running.

Principal’s News

Welcome to the start of another school term and one which already promises to be extremely busy for our students and staff. Staffing changes are always a fact of life in schools and this term is no different with us welcoming Mr Chris Forth into the Science faculty and Ms Jackie Smith who will be relieving for Mrs Kylie Parker in Agriculture. As mentioned at the end of last term, Ms Lyndall Ryan will be fulfilling the role of Librarian for the remainder of the year and Mrs Janeen Coutanche will be working with our Aboriginal students.

The sad events which occurred over the Easter vacation have had a significant impact on our community and on behalf of the students, staff and school community I would like to extend our deepest sympathies and support for our former colleague Mr Scott, his family and Stephanie’s fiancé Aaron. This Wednesday many of our students, including our school leaders, will join the majority of staff in attending Stephanie’s memorial service at Eugowra and we truly thank everyone for your understanding and support for this disruption to regular schooling on Wednesday.

This year celebrates 100 years since the Gallipoli campaign and our school will be holding its ANZAC ceremony to show our respect for the men and women involved on Friday morning at 10:15am. All parents and community members are welcome to join us for this very important assembly. Additionally we would also like to ask parents to encourage students to participate in the community ANZAC march with our school on Saturday morning.

Congratulations to Alana Smith and Aramis Keedle on being the winners of the final canteen voucher draw for Term One.

Neryle Smurthwaite
Principal
Bill Turner Cup and Opens Soccer

Boys Bill Turner Report

In a great first half of soccer Forbes scored first. This was then equalled by a magic left foot goal by Joe Coady minutes before half time. Joe Besedic and Mitchell Clarke setting the standard of play in a close first half. In the second half Red Bend starting to dominate play with many attacking moves, placing great pressure on our defensive line. Tristian O’Reilly worked his magic in the goals repelling the ball time and time again. Will Wright stepped it up in defence making it near impossible to pass his size 14 boot. It was only in the last 10 minutes that Red Bend slammed a sealer past Tristian. Canowindra continued to drive forward with Wade Kinsela and Hudson Izzard. However it wasn’t to be with the score ending up 2-1 to Red Bend. Man of the match Will Wright with great individual efforts from Joe Besedic, Tristian O’Reilly, Angus Fisher and Wade Kinsela.

Girls Bill Turner Report

The girls met with a very experienced and much older (and taller!!) Red Bend Team. The CHS team consisting mostly of Year 7’s showed great promise for the future with enthusiastic and physical play. After a strong start the girls were steadily overwhelmed by the opposition but continued to play with determination. Players of the match were Tess Chester-Frecklington, Julia Stanley and Alana Cramer. With a relatively unchanged side for next year the future looks bright for junior girls soccer.

Thanks to all our amazing drivers especially to Mrs McDonald herself Sandra!

Opens Soccer Report

In Opens soccer news the Opens Boys and Girls teams played their second round matches against Forbes High School at the end of last term. The boys had a great game with a hard fought 2-1 win. Super goals to Rhys Maere and Riley Frost and the most valued player was our goalie Mitch Stanley who made some outstanding saves. The team are to be commended on maintaining their composure and sportsmanship in a physical and challenging match.

The Open Girls team gave a convincing performance to win 3-0. Becky Thornberry and Joanna Balcombe scored goals. Mr Jones is sure they could have scored more if they’d opened their eyes and used their left foot. The girls team dominated the play with Forbes unable to get a foothold on the game.

Both teams now move into the next round against Dubbo High School.
THE CANOWINDRA CONSTRUCTION WARS OF 2015

In the dying days of March a challenge was thrown down to the students of Technology "using a single newspaper and a single roll of tape raise a tower to the lofty heights into the rarefied air above the school and claim the rights and privileges associated with the victors of any friendly competition......................Bragging Rights.

All years participated in the stouch with valiant efforts coming from Year 8 and Year 9 and a carefully considered but unattainable attempt by Year 7. The stand out though was Year 10 with a colossal 5.4m unsupported spire that cleared the top of the second story gutter. Scoff if you will but I now present the photographic evidence of this marvel in paper engineering.

Mental Health Awareness Night

A mental health awareness night is being held at St Joseph's School Eugowra on Thursday May 7 at 7pm. This night will give information on mental health issues and how or where help is available for mental health concerns.

This evening is for students from Year 10 to adults. No children please. A free sausage sizzle and salad will be provided by Centacare from 6pm.

If you are interested in attending or require further information please phone Jacko Barnes or Ann Stenhouse on 0429152380.