Senior History

As the midpoint of Term 2 passes both Years 11 and 12 Ancient History classes have reached some important milestones.

Year 11 have just successfully completed their first examination and the results reveal that they have developed excellent study habits and are poised for continued success.

They are currently studying *The Iliad*, an ancient poem that includes details of the Trojan War. They have been investigating the physical evidence of the Trojan War and are now looking at the poem. We watched the film last week so now we will compare the two texts.

Year 12 is half way through the core study for the HSC, *Cities of Vesuvius: Pompeii and Herculaneum*.

We are having a wonderful time discovering the daily lives of the people of these two towns made all the more poignant as they lived in the shadow of Mt Vesuvius. Students are working hard to finish this topic and embark on studies of Minoan Crete which is the final topic in the course.

Thermopolium (aka takeaway food bar) at Herculaneum
Aurora Science Day

Some of the experiments undertaken during last Tuesday’s Aurora Science day were:

Jared Kelly, Year 7– Investigating how the angle of the inclined ramp affects the distance the ball travels

Will Wright, Year 9– Comparing electrical circuits set up in parallel and series

Chanse McLean, Year 8– Determining which food preserving method is most effective

Principal’s News

Through the efforts of Mr Phelan and Ms Daniel our students have had a one off chance to participate in a Robotics program. The twenty plus students who have taken advantage of this opportunity have already been involved in a video conference with robotic experts and an after school workshop. Further workshops will be held over the remainder of the term acknowledge both these teachers for giving their own time to enable these students to have such a valuable experience.

Congratulation to our Open Girls soccer team who have travelled to Broken Hill this week to participate in the CHS Western Region semi-finals. This is an amazing accomplishment for our team and we wish them well with the game knowing they will “do us proud” irrespective of the outcome. I also would like to thank Mr Andrew Holmes and Mrs Kath Balcombe for assisting the team coach, Mr Rod Jones, with the driving and helping make this trip possible. A more detailed report on the match will be given in next week’s newsletter.

Last Tuesday our three Aurora students Will Wright, Chanse McLean and Jared Kelly spent the day working with our school coordinator Mrs Peta McKenzie, enjoying the challenges of the science lab and undertaking the mandatory practical component of their course. I would like to commend the boys for their enthusiasm in undertaking the many varied tasks.

The staff and students have welcomed Ms Kate Butcherine to our school. Kate a university student undertaking her teacher training in PDHPE and History and is here to complete one of her mandatory practicums. Kate will be with us until the end of term observing lessons and, on occasions teaching some classes.

It’s often quite difficult for parents to assist their children with their high school homework and study. Even if we have professional experience in the subject area, children tend to find it difficult to take parental advice when it comes to school. (Don’t feel bad, teachers’ own children do exactly the same thing.)

www.khanacademy.org is an excellent, not-for-profit website which may help your child study and revise tricky concepts in science, maths and the humanities.

Again the older class photo published last week created a talking point and for those interested, last week’s were:

Back Row: Mark Wythes, Rodney Thomas, David McCarron, Craig Scott, Danny Grant Middle Row: Ian McAlpine, Glenn Campbell, Cathy Wright, Cathy Jarrett, Deanna Loomes, Scott Dromgold Front Row: Allison Lawrence, Kim Stibbard, Kylie Grant, Kim Hullick, Natalie Cullane, Kathryn Masters, Connie Gosper

Congratulations to Sarah Treavors on being last week’s merit draw winner of the canteen voucher.

Neryle Smurthwaite Principal
Students involved in the robotics program at Canowindra High School recently had the opportunity to take part in a Video Conference led by robotics expert, Mr John Burfoot, from the ICT Innovations Centre at Macquarie University.

Prior to the video conference students had to follow instructions to build their own LEGO robot ‘The Harvester’. Mr Burfoot taught the students how to program their LEGO EV3 robots using LEGO Mindstorms software, set them a series of open ended challenges and was able to answer questions the students had regarding their robots.

Students will continue to develop their robotics skills with Miss Daniel and Mr Phelan in a series of workshops held on Monday afternoons during Term 2.

Some of the more senior students may also have the opportunity to take part in an Advanced Robotics Video Conference later in the term.

Year 8 English A are currently studying Shakespeare’s ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’.

As part of their course they were asked to present a monologue to the class. Students had a great time dressing up in character costumes and acting out scenes from the play.
**LIBRARY NEWS**

The library has been a hive of activity this term. It is the place to be at lunchtime with many students utilising the computers for assignments as well as leisure (we have quite the games club!). There has also been the battle of the chess board with constant challenges among the students. Students are reminded that the library is open every lunchtime except Wednesday and is the perfect place to research and complete assignments.

We have been lucky enough this term to receive lots of new fiction and non-fiction books that have now hit our shelves. It is great to see so many students borrowing these new books. We have also received many new textbooks for students and I thank Mrs Harrison and Mrs Vidler for the huge job of getting them all covered ready for our students to use. Well done ladies!

Students are reminded to use the suggestion box to let Miss Ryan know what books they would like to see in the library in the coming months.

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**What's On**

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**Assessments Due**

**Week 6B**

Yr 12- Ancient History (3), PDHPE (3)
Yr 11– SLR (2), Visual Art (3)
Yr 10– Food (2), IT-Timber (2), Maths (2), Visual Arts (2)
Yr 9– Ag(2), Geo S1(3), Hist S1(3), IT-Timber (2), Maths (2), PDHPE (2)

**Week 7A**

Yr 12-Eng Adv, Eng Standard, Eng Studies (4), SLR (3)
Yr 11-Business Studies (2), Mathematics Ext (2)
Yr 10-IT Metal(3)

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**Annual General Meeting P&C**

**THIS WEEK!!!!!**

The AGM will be on Tuesday 26 May at 5pm. The meetings are held in the Staff common room in the administration block.

ALL WELCOME