Agriculture

The Year 9 Agriculture class is currently undertaking the unit Tractor Safety. Students had to first complete a theory component, including parts of a tractor and possible hazards and once completed satisfactorily did a practical test.

Thank you to our farm assistant, Jarrod Breen, who set up a course which included 40 litre gallon drums and copper logs. Students had to complete the course by weaving in and out of these, being able to stop and start on request and tackle reverse parking.

Year 11 also took part in a practical session and it was great to see the tuition coming from the Year 11 boys who assisted some of their classmates who were less experienced with tractor driving.
School Uniform News

With the change in weather, there has been an increase in the students wearing incorrect uniform. Girls may wear black pants or skirts. Boys’ uniform includes grey shorts or long pants. Please see the accompanying photo for clarification.

The following items are **NOT** part of the school uniform:

- Hoodies
- Tracksuit pants of any sort (except sport days)
- Clothing with coloured logos
- Canvas shoes

Families experiencing difficulty can contact the school as financial help may be available. If your child is going to be out of uniform, PLEASE send a note to school with your child, otherwise they will have a lunchtime detention for being out of uniform.

If you wish to discuss any matter related to the school uniform please contact the school.

Principal’s News

What an amazing result! Congratulations to our Open Girls soccer team who were successful in their match against Broken Hill last week. The team will now participate in the CHS Western Region finals against Cowra High School in what will be a home game for our school. We hope that parents and community members will be able to join our students in cheering the team along.

The school has been successful in obtaining quotes for the upgrade of our school canteen and work will commence as soon as practical so as to minimise disruption to its operation. The upgrade will include the inclusion of two stainless steel work benches, an increase in available bench space as well as an increase in pantry space. In addition to the carpentry work we will also be installing new flooring and relocating the stove. The cost of this work has been included in our planned refurbishment across the school for this year and has been made possible due to the funds raised by our community last year after our devastating break-in.

All of our Year 7 to 11 students have, over the past few weeks, completed their Semester One exams and assessments. Classroom teachers are now starting to write reports which will be issued at the start of week ten prior to the scheduled Parent-Teacher night.

Last Friday the staff held a morning tea for Owen McLaughlan to acknowledge his retirement and his contributions to the school over the years. A further opportunity to acknowledge Owen’s invaluable contribution to the education of hundreds of students will occur next term when the school will host a retirement dinner in his honour.

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

Neryle Smurthwaite
Principal
It was an early start to the day on Sunday, the 24 of May for 17 hardy souls. Fourteen talented soccer players, one supercoach (me), and his two trusted assistants (Balks and Holmesy) left in the pre-dawn darkness for the town of Broken Hill. It was only a lazy 1000km trip. Just all in a days work really.

The girls were in high spirits and pretty soon songs were blasting out over the speakers in the mega-bus. It was clear very early on that Ash had the choice music, and as such was nominated the DJ.

The miles rolled on and after a while we ended up in Cobar. Here we were watered and fed, stories/lies told and sunglasses eventually purchased. And then on to Wilcannia. The girls were very well received here, but were quick to hop back on the bus with the odd, “let’s go Holmesy – quick!!!”

Next stop – Broken Hill, where champions have risen and defenders have been crushed to dust. Lake View Caravan park was our destination, and the students were keen to view the lake and try Mrs Balcombe’s infamous ‘Spag Bol’. Hayley, Paige & Ashley were particularly impressed with the dinner and quickly lined up for more. Bedtime was early as tomorrow morning, the big event was on.

The sun was under the horizon, and I was quick to scope out the venue. I had invited the girls out for an early morning team walk, but I must have given them the wrong time, because no-one else came.

We were as prepared as a team had ever been. At a team meeting the previous night, we had resigned ourselves to the loss of our super goalie Molly, so it was time for another to stand up and take her place. When the dust settled we were left with 4 alternatives. Paige, Alicia, Breeze and Amelia. All of them would have done a magnificent job, but after much thought, Amelia was given the custodial role. And she would shine.

The moment had arrived. It was game time. The ref was ready and with nerves aplenty, the girls ran on. We dominated the first 15 minutes, and had a couple of chances, but we failed to find the net. Then, out of nowhere, Jo turned, found space and blasted the ball into the net. We were jubilant, but still much remained to be done. Another goal followed soon after Cramer found space and crossed the ball to Hayley who finished the move off. 2-0!! The crowd was going wild.

This was the score at half time but we all knew that Broken Hill would come out swinging, and that they did. However, with defence of steel, Alicia, Kelly, Paige and Meg did not give them a chance. Our halves led by Becky, Alana S and Ash started to make serious inroads and it wasn’t long before 2-0 became 3-0. It was the goal of the match. Becky started a run near half-way. She dribbled the ball to about 25 yards away and then unleashed the perfect shot. It flew high into the right corner and smashed into the back of the net. I could relax… I knew then we had it won.

Three more goals followed and when the final whistle blew, Canowindra High had done the unthinkable. We had defeated the opponents on their home turf 6-0.

Our victory song echoed around the hills. ‘We Are The Champions’ was sung (led by Adelaide) loud and clear. It was their right… they had won the right to cheer and be merry. They had played the perfect game, achieved the perfect result and now only Cowra High School stands between them and title of Western Region Champions...

Congratulations girls, you’re already champions in my eyes. Jonsey :)

The team: Back Row- Alicia Earsman (C), Meg Austin, Becky Thornberry, Ashley McLean (VC), Paige Gaffey, Molly Grant, Alana Cramer Front Row- Breeze Knight, Jo Balcombe, Kelly Price, Amelia Holmes, Alana Smith, Hayley White, Adelaide Ellis Coach: Mr Jones, Assistant Coach Mrs Balcombe and Mega-Bus co-driver, team mentor and room buddy extraordinaire: Andrew
P & C Pie Drive

The Canowindra High P&C are holding a Pie Drive as one of their annual fundraisers. There are a variety of flavours available for $9 each. Order forms were sent home with students last week and more are available from the office if required.

Order forms and correct money must be returned to the school by next Wednesday 10 June. The delivery will be the following Friday 19 June.

Athletics Carnival

The school Athletics Carnival is scheduled to be held this coming Friday June 5. The fitness path upgrade is currently taking place and while this is occurring the Sports Trust Oval has not been available for use. It is anticipated the upgrade will be finished this week so it is assumed the Carnival will be going ahead. If this cannot happen students and families will be notified.

Assessments Due

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)

Week 8B

Yr 12– Mathematics (3), Maths General 1&2 (3)
Yr 11– Biology (3), IT- Metal (2)
Yr 10– Science (2)
Yr 9 Science (2)