Now that we are well into the year, there is a lot going on within the English faculty at Canowindra High School. The students have had time to settle in and each year group is preparing to move into their second units. Our Year 12s are coming into a particularly busy period as they have recently finished their Module A work and are about to sit their Semester 1 examinations next week. It will be a taxing time for them requiring significant preparation. Following the examination period our Year 12 will begin their challenging Module B. For students in the Advanced English course this means a critical study of Shakespeare’s “Hamlet”, one of the most famous pieces of literature in the history of the English language. The Standard English course will begin exploring the war poetry of Wilfred Owen in a close study whilst the English Studies students will delve into the intriguing new world of social media.

These are fascinating topics that will challenge the way our students think and feel about the world around them.

The common module for Year 11, “Reading to Write: Connections in a Crowded World” is drawing to a close and has been a steep learning curve for this year group as they have had their first taste of Stage 6 English on their HSC journey. Looking ahead, the Advanced English course will be starting “Narratives that Shape our World”, the Standard English course will begin the “Into Contemporary Possibilities” unit and the English Studies students will begin a study of language in the world of sport, a very relatable topic for so many Australian students.

The study of drama will be the focus for Year 8 students, and in this unit they will have the opportunity to work with dramatic texts. This unit will help the students deepen their knowledge and understanding of theatrical conventions, especially in relation to scripts and performance. This unit will allow the more
dramatically inclined students that we have at Canowindra High School to understand the dramatic world in more depth, as well as enhance the understanding of drama scripts to be studied in the future for all students.

**Year 7** have now settled into high school life and are ready and roaring to get stuck into their introductory unit to poetry. In this unit the students will gain exposure to a range of poetic styles, forms and features as they continue to expand their understanding of the sophisticated ways that language can be used. Year 7 will continue to focus on developing their vocabulary throughout this course and will be provided the opportunity to test their increasing vocabulary through the creative outlet of poetry.  

*Mr. Ferguson*

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**Principal’s News**

On behalf of students and staff I would like to wish all the best to our year 12 students who commence their semester one exams this week.

Congratulations and thank you to our P&C on another fantastic year of support. At last week’s P&C AGM it was a pleasure to welcome our incoming executive for 2018 – Mrs Ashley Wright (President), Ms Bronwyn Lay (Vice President), Mrs Anna Stanley (Secretary), Mrs Amara Flannery (Treasurer) and Ms Penny Jones (Canteen Treasurer).

Thank you to the parents and guests who joined us last Tuesday for the annual SRC induction. It was great to be able to acknowledge the efforts of our student leaders throughout 2017 and to welcome our new student representatives. I look forward to sharing in, and celebrating, the achievements of this energetic group throughout the coming year.

The 2017 Annual School Report has been completed and is now available on our school webpage.

*Neryle Smurthwaite  
Principal*

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

The School Athletics Carnival will be held next Wednesday 11th April at the Sports Trust Oval. Parents and families are welcome to come along and enjoy what is always a wonderful day. Students are encouraged to come dressed in house colours! More information in next weeks newsletter.

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**STAFF PROFILE**

**Name:** Lee-Anne Jones  
**Position/Role:** Deputy Principal  
**Years Teaching:** 21  
**Years at Canowindra High:** 7  
**Hobbies/Interests:** Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction  
**Last book I read:** Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events, Book 13 – The End (Thank you Adelaide Ellis!)  
**Best thing about being a teacher:** seeing students go from Year 7 to Year 12 and all of the educational, physical and emotional growth they undertake.  
**Did you know?** I do High Intensity Resistance Training!
Our School

STUDENT RECOGNITION POLICY

Purpose:
At Canowindra High School, every student has the opportunity to be acknowledged in three areas: Excellence, Respect & Responsibility and Participation. This Student Recognition Policy is based on the Core Values from the Values in NSW Public Schools Policy 2004 and allows for students to be acknowledged immediately with a merit card. The examples below are not an exhaustive list of reasons for each area.

Areas for Recognition:

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<td>Being a proactive and productive individual and group member, having pride in and contributing to the school community.</td>
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What do I do when.....

I AM UNABLE TO PLAY SPORT?

Attendance at sport on Wednesday is compulsory to ensure compliance with Board of Studies requirements. If you are unable to play sport due to injury or illness a note must be brought from your parents/guardians explaining the reason. This must be signed by the sports organiser.
CHS Wednesday Sports Selections

Tomorrow, Wednesday 4th April, during year meetings, students will be asked to select a new sport to start Wednesday of week 1, term 2. They will need to choose 3 sports, with number 1 being their preferred choice. Each sport must have a minimum of 10 participants.

The following information regarding sports available is for parents, carers and students. Please take time to discuss these options, noting that some sports have a fee attached.

Sports on offer are:

- Basketball
- Lifesaving First Aid Course-cost of the course is $60
- Golf-cost is $3 per week; students are encouraged to bring their own golf clubs (if possible)
- Gym
- Netball
- Soccer
- Skate Park-must have scooter and helmet
- Tennis
- Touch Football
- Volleyball
- Walking

Mr McKenzie (Sports Coordinator)

Duke of Edinburgh News

Last Tuesday, our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze level students, along with Mr Phelan and Mrs Coutanche, attended the media launch for the 2018 Canowindra International Balloon Challenge. The Balloon Challenge runs from 21-29 April and during this time these students will be volunteering as part of the target teams.
SRC Induction Assembly

Last Tuesday, a special assembly was held to thank the outgoing Student Representative Council (SRC) and induct the new SRC for 2018. After an address by our Principal, Mrs Smurthwaite, SRC Representatives Alana-Rose Cramer and Ashley Frost delivered the SRC Report for 2017. The outgoing SRC were then presented with certificates of appreciation for all of their hard work throughout 2017. This was followed by the presentation of badges to the SRC for 2018. Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen to represent their year groups:

Yr 7 - Alexander Mitchell & Lilly Wakeling; Yr 8 - William Harrison & Hayley Watson; Yr 9 - Toby Besedic & Darcy Merchant; Yr 10 - Hayden Cummings & Julia Wright; Yr 11 - Hudson Izzard, Jamie Austin, Anika Macela & Georgia Cole; Yr 12 - Julia Stanley, Alana-Rose Cramer, Mackenzie Lazarou, William Wright, Ashley Frost and Angus Fisher; ATSI Rep - Chanse McLean (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Representative).

Thank you to the outgoing SRC from 2017, shown below receiving their certificates of appreciation, from left to right: Alana-Rose Cramer, Julia Stanley, Angus Fisher, William Wright, Chanse McLean, Georgie Fisher, Josie Clements, Samuel Austin and SRC Co-ordinator Mrs Curtis. Absent: Maisie Harrison and Jackson Reeves.
Term 1 Week 10

School Hours

Parents/carers and students are reminded that school supervision starts at 8.30am. Students should not arrive at school before this time as they will be unsupervised. Thank you.

REMINDER TO PARENTS & CARERS:

School Uniforms:

Winter is coming and it is time to be organising your winter uniform items!

New items: These can be purchased through Mr Embroidery in Cowra or alternatively, the school had a large number of second hand black polar fleece jumpers available for purchase. Please be aware that school jackets are not available off the rack and will need to be ordered through Mr Embroidery.

Layering: As it becomes colder we need more layers to keep warm. White t-shirts or tops are best for this. Please remember that coloured hoodies are not appropriate.

Sport: Black tracksuit pants can also be purchased from Mr Embroidery. If purchasing another brand please choose those without stripes or coloured logos. Any logos should only be of a small size.

Labelling: Please remember to always label your uniform items, especially jumpers, jackets and tracksuit pants. This makes it much easier to return them if found. If an item is lost and has no name, it will be put in the Lost Property room which is located in the locker room.

TECHNOLOGY NEWS:

USB Sticks in schools

The unreliability of USB flash drives (or sticks) is well known, yet still there are staff and students who regularly rely on them to transport their important work files between school and home. Some even use them as their primary storage device!

The problem is, USB sticks can fail, get lost and also be a transport for malware. Their best consumer role is for file backup and for sporadic use. The obvious alternative is to use your freely provided GSuite Drive or Office 365 OneDrive cloud storage which is easily accessible wherever connection to the internet is available.
School Fees

School fees are now due. These can be paid online, or by cash, cheque or eftpos at the front office. Please note that non-payment of subject fees will affect participation in all non-curriculum based excursions such Rural Cup, which will be played Friday Week 2 Term 2 in Molong.

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<td>School ANZAC Service, 10.30am Last day of term</td>
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Assessments Due

Week 10A

Y12: Bio (2), Chem (3), Eng Adv, Stand, Studies (3), Legal Studies (3), Maths Ext (2), Maths (2), Maths Gen 1&2 (2), Mod Hist (4), PDHPE (2), Sen Science (2)

Y11: Mathematics Standard 1&2 (1)

Y10: PDHPE

Week 11B

$5 LUNCH SPECIALS at The Hub

Monday: Easter Monday
Tuesday: Spaghetti Bolognaise
Wednesday: Creamy Chicken & Bacon Fettucine
Thursday: Pasta Bake & Salad
Friday: Hot Dog & Drink

Also available to order every day are meat and salad bowls for $6.00; chicken Caesar salad for $6.00; meat & salad wraps for $4.50; and assorted fresh sandwiches for $4.00.

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