Principal’s News

Welcome to the 2011 school year. I would like to begin by welcoming back all returning students and their families and offer a particularly warm welcome to new families and students who have enrolled for the first time at Canowindra High School.

Canowindra High School prides itself on caring for young people in a warm and nurturing environment. Students benefit from experienced and skilled staff who are passionate about their subject areas. Teachers recognise individual student strengths and strive to maximise educational achievement in all areas. Canowindra High School is a well resourced school with electronic SMART Boards now installed in almost all learning spaces. By week three this term, all students in years nine, ten and eleven will have their own laptop computer.

The most valuable resource in any school is the staff. It is pleasing to begin the year with a full complement of highly trained staff. This year we welcome four new teachers. Mrs Meredith Healey has most recently been teaching at Canobolas Rural Technology High School and will relieve as English Head Teacher for term one while the position is advertised. Mrs Healey also teaches students at Xsel, Western Region’s virtual selective High School and brings with her a wealth of experience. Ms Lauren Adamson is our new English teacher who comes to Canowindra from Moree High School. Mrs Patricia Daniel is a our maths teacher who comes to us following several years of experience in Western Sydney and finally Mr Mark Huynh accepted the role as maths/computing teacher following the completion of his university studies. All four teachers are looking forward to the year ahead and bring with them a wide a range of skills and perspectives that will benefit students at Canowindra High School.

Congratulations to Mr Nick Berry who was awarded the Cabonne Shire’s Citizen of the Year award at the Canowindra Australia Day Celebrations last week. Mr Berry has been a teacher and head teacher at Canowindra High School for more than 30 years and is highly respected for his efforts and contributions to the school and community over a long period of time.

Mr Nick Berry - Cabonne Shire Citizen of the Year
Congratulations also to **Teiya Thornberry**, Canowindra’s Young Citizen of the Year. Teiya is vice school captain for 2011 and has contributed to the school in sporting, cultural and academic pursuits since her enrolment in year seven.

Regular readers today will remember the’ faculty in focus’ as an additional weekly section in the newsletter. Each week a different team in the school will publish information, articles and examples of student work from their respective areas of the school. The ‘faculty in focus’ is designed to give readers a more detailed idea of the day to day learning students are undertaking. We aim to make student work a feature in the newsletter as we celebrate achievement and success in all areas across the school. Our English team volunteered to be the first cab off the rank and have prepared this week’s report.

Our annual swimming carnival will be conducted on Thursday evening 10 February at the Canowindra pool from 3.30pm. Thursday will be a regular school day with lessons, following which students and staff will make their way to the pool at the conclusion of regular lessons. This arrangement has worked well in previous years allowing the carnival to be conducted in the cool of the evening. Holding the carnival after school also provides an opportunity for parents and caregivers to come down after work, share in the event and perhaps even chat with your child’s teachers. (Please note that due to the pool being closed to the public only parents, caregivers and supervised siblings are permitted to attend.) The carnival will finish by 9.30pm. Friday 11 February will be a day in lieu for students meaning they will not be required to attend school. Arrangements will be made for students to attend school if parents are unable to organise care. Requests for students to attend school can be made by contacting the front office at the school. Any questions regarding the above arrangements can also be directed to the front office of the school. Students will receive a note with all of the details later this week.

This year our school is committed to developing further links with our parents, carers and the wider community. With this in mind I would like to encourage people to contact the school at any stage with any questions or queries, no matter how small or insignificant.

As was our practice last year, **we will publish a newsletter every Monday**. The weekly newsletter will provide comprehensive reports about events and initiatives as well as keeping everyone up to date with other important school related information. **Sending the newsletter weekly to your email address reduces** the chance of it getting lost on the way home from school. If you have not done so, we encourage any parents with email addresses to phone the front office or email us on canowindra-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au and ask for yours to be added to the growing number of people having the newsletter emailed each week. In addition the newsletter is added to our website each week www.canowindra-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

David Lloyd
Principal
Welcome to 2011, a new and exciting year in the study of English, History and Geography. It is a real privilege to have been asked to perform the role of Relieving Head Teacher of English at Canowindra High School for the beginning of 2011.

English is not only a compulsory subject to be studied at school. It is also a vehicle to success. It is the language that we speak and think and it is an integral part of the way we understand the world. The more at home we are in the use and understanding of language the better prepared we are to navigate our way in the world. It is for this reason that I encourage all students to work hard to achieve their potential and enjoy the process.

The English course is designed to equip students to better understand the way in which English is structured and the way in which it can be manipulated for different purposes and audiences.

Students in Year 7 will begin the year with a media study that focuses on newspapers. In this unit students will investigate the design and language of newspapers. They will examine what is in the news, study the meta-language and learn about how papers are constructed.

Year 11 Preliminary English is designed to mirror the Year 12 HSC course and to equip students for the journey towards the HSC. The Preliminary course begins with an Area of Study which is the study of an abstract concept and gain better understanding of that idea through the study of a variety of texts.

Year 12 HSC English is divided into four sections. The first topic which students have already completed is the Area of Study. This unit constitutes the first paper in their HSC exams. The second paper is made up of three modules. Students are currently beginning the first module. Advanced English is studying Frankenstein and Blade Runner in the unit "Texts in Time" and Standard are studying 'The Story of Tom Brennan.'

Meeting my staff for the first time on Friday made me realise what a group of passionate, dedicated and competent teachers I will be working with.

Teaching History are David Lanham and Jenny Watts. David’s love of the school and of his subject is infectious and his students are very fortunate to have a teacher who is so passionate about what he does. David is teaching Year 7 & 8 History, Year 9 & 10 History and Ancient History in Year 11 and 12.

Jenny Watts is a qualified English/History teacher as well as being a highly competent librarian. Jenny is excited about returning to the classroom to teach senior Modern History.

In charge of Geography is Christine Conley, an experienced and capable teacher who has taught subjects in HSIE for many years. She is also responsible for Business Studies, Legal Studies and Commerce.

Mrs Keren Myers has been teaching English at Canowindra for four years and has been a local of Canowindra since 1989. Keren loves being a part of the Canowindra community and thoroughly enjoys teaching English to students whom she says are the best you would find anywhere.

In 2011 Keren will be teaching year 12 Standard English, year 11 Standard English, year 9 and year 7.

Mrs Myers has high expectations for the homework she set for the holidays and is confident every one of her students will arrive at school with the work complete however, in the unlikely case that they have forgotten, they still have another week before it is due.

Our newest staff member is Ms Lauren Adamson who comes to Canowindra from Moree where she taught for two years. Canowindra is Lauren’s first permanent appointment and she is very excited about making a home here.

Lauren has studied psychology, sociology, human resources, English and Education. She has worked in human resources in Sydney and Brisbane before doing a Masters in English Literature and a graduate diploma in education to retrain to become an English teacher. She has worked as an English teacher in Wollongong, Moree and now Canowindra. She looks forward to sharing with the students of Canowindra her enthusiasm for the written word.

Lauren will be teaching Year 11 Advanced and Extension English along with year 7, year 9 and year 10 English.

I have lived and worked in Orange for the last twenty five years and taught all courses of English at both Canobolas Rural Technology High School and Orange High School. I am currently teaching English for Xsel which is a Virtual Selective High School for Western NSW.

It is a real pleasure to be given the opportunity to teach at Canowindra High School and I am really excited about meeting the students and working with them.

Meredith Healey
Relieving Head Teacher English
CANOWINDRA SWIMMING CLUB
TWILIGHT GALA DAY
5th February 2011 starting at 3pm

Entry will be on the day of the carnival (come up behind the blocks when your event is called).

No entry fee for any events.
There will be a club point score run for a perpetual trophy. Points will be awarded as follows:
3 points for 1st, 2 points for 2nd, 1 point for 3rd

Entry to the pool is $4.00 per person. Season ticket holders must pay entry on Carnival Day.
Kiosk facilities available.

Annual Business House Relay 6pm. Six swimmers per team at an entry cost of $6.00

COME ALONG AND ENJOY A FUN DAY WITH THE CHILDREN AND HAVE A SWIM AND MAKE THE CANOWINDRA SWIMMING CLUB CARNIVAL A DAY WITH A DIFFERENCE.

For further information please contact:
Angela 6344 1854 (Treasurer)
or Anne 6344 1805 (Secretary)

ABSENCE NOTE

CHILD’S NAME: ________________________________ YEAR: _______ ROLL: ______

I wish to advise that his/her absence on: ________________________________ was due to:
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Parent/Guardian signature: ____________________________ Date: _______________________

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What’s On

Week 2

| Monday, 31 January | School year begins for Yrs 7, 11 & 12 |
| Tuesday 1 February | School year begins for Yrs 8, 9 & 10 |
| Wednesday 2 February | Lifesaving continues |
| Thursday 3 February | Yr 9, 10 & 11 Assessment Mtgs |
| Friday 4 February | House captain elections |

Week 3

| Wednesday 9 February | Lifesaving continues |
| Thursday 10 February | Yr 12 to Univ of Wollongong Exc Annual Swimming Carnival |
| Friday 11 February | Day in lieu |