Swimming Carnival Report 2011

Last Thursday night our annual school swimming carnival was held in ideal conditions.

After a lunchtime rev up both Gilbert and Hall houses were keen to knock Gardiner off the top perch. All houses were light on in the senior years so it would come down to the younger brigade to bring it home for their house. With swimmers such as Ashley McLean, Alicia Earsman, Madison Vitnell, Jayden Brown and Jade Workman racking up multiple race wins Gardiner would be hard to beat.

Gilbert members started to show some grit and determination and had Gardiner in their sights with great performances from Jordan Kemper, Matthew Harrison, Regan Hughes and Gracie Brodie. For Hall house, Bailey Cain, Kain Earsman and Nick Willson were doing their best to stop the dominance of Gardiner swimmers.

In the end Gardiner recorded a convincing victory for the 4th year in succession (643pts). Well done to all Gardiner swimmers on a fantastic team effort. As stated before Gilbert were showing positive signs and finished the night in second position (464pts) ahead of Hall (383pts).

Records broken on the night included:

- Madison Vitnell 33m Backstroke 26.31 sec (old time 27.28)
- Hannah Roth 33m Breaststroke 25.73 sec (old time 28.85)
- Joshua Trayhurn 33m Freestyle 19.23 sec (old time 19.64)
- Jayden Brown 66m Butterfly 50.92 sec (old time 51.06)

A highlight at the end of the night was the belly flop competition. In a spectacular display Mitchell Stanley, Dean Wilson and Ashley McLean claimed title of the master belly floppers.

Thank you to all staff and parents who helped in running the carnival. Thank you also to Sue Townsend and the P&C helpers for cooking the BBQ.

Students who are interested in the western area carnival at Cowra on the 2nd March please see Mr McKenzie to see if you qualify. Entries close Tuesday 23 February.

Mr McKenzie

Discovering the University of Wollongong

Seventeen Year 12 students spent last Thursday discovering ‘University of Wollongong Week’ at a special program designed to inspire final year school students to set their sights on studying at university. Over 4000 students from 100 schools in southern Sydney, the Illawarra, South Coast, ACT and regional NSW attended UOW’s Discovery Days from February 10-12.
The students attended lectures and workshops conducted by academic staff, and received an insight into course and subject selection, enrolment and campus services and facilities. They were even entertained by bands at lunchtime.

Both Mrs Taylor and Ms Troy had high praise for all the Year 12 students who attended the day. "It’s perfect timing. The students have just come back from holidays and tend to drift a bit for the first week or two. Then they come to this day and it focuses them on what they want to achieve."

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**Principal’s News**

*Congratulations to all students for their efforts at the swimming carnival last week.*

![Swimming Carnival](image)

The warm balmy weather contributed to the positive and competitive atmosphere resulting in four broken records. The competition between the houses was also strong with Gardiner the winning house in the end. Many thanks to Warren McKenzie for his organisation of the event, and also to Sue Townsend and the P&C volunteers who cooked the BBQ and fed students, visitors and staff during the night.

*Congratulations to Rohan Toole who is now the number 1 under 15 squash player in Australia. A terrific achievement for Rohan!*

Year Seven students will today receive an invitation inviting parents/carers to make a booking for a three-way meeting next week with their Year Adviser Ms Peta Merchant and myself to discuss each child’s transition and adjustment to high school. This is an early opportunity to address any issues and support student learning. Year Seven parents are encouraged to contact the school on 6344 1305 to make a booking or to seek any further information.

Senior students last week were inspired to think about tertiary study following an excursion to Wollongong University. During the excursion students spoke with current students and experienced the atmosphere on campus. A number of year 12 students spoke very positively about the excursion, when arriving for the close of the swimming carnival, with a few who previously had said they would not consider tertiary study now thinking seriously about their options.

*Students in Year Nine last week received their laptops as part of the Digital Education Revolution. The new laptops have higher specifications than previous years including a stronger case which should minimise damage and increase performance. Thanks to all Year Nine parents/carers who were able to make it to the laptop night last week.*

All parents and caregivers are invited and encouraged to come along to the first P&C meeting for the year, Thursday 17 February 2011 in the staff common room at 5.30pm.

*P&C at Canowindra High School is an active group who support the school in lots of big and small ways. We look forward to seeing you there and welcome your thoughts and contributions.*

David Lloyd
Principal

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**FACULTY IN FOCUS – SCIENCE**

Following the successful Science results in the Higher School Certificate and School Certificate, the Science faculty has started 2011 with enthusiasm. Science results in 2010, especially in the School Certificate, were very pleasing with the majority of students achieving from bands 3 to 6.

The new Science Centre (MBSC) is now fully operational with our senior students enjoying working in ‘state of the art’ school Science facilities.

This year a new Science course is running at the school in Yr 11. It is Senior Science and it provides students with a broad range of experiences in areas including Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Earth & the Environment. It is ideal for anyone wanting a Science background for their tertiary students.

As we enter week 4 of the year, now is the time for students to think about setting up a program of regular revision of work covered in their Science course. It has been found that continued revision and learning of work studied over a long time is the best preparation for exams.

Mr Harvey
Head Teacher Science

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*Are your details up to date?*

Have you moved or changed phone numbers? Please inform the front office with any changes in your living situation so we can easily contact you if the need arises.
** Maroon for a Day **

All of us have been shocked and moved by the devastation caused by the Queensland floods. Along with hundreds of other schools around NSW, we want to lend a hand.

So, this Thursday 17 February, we’re going to be Maroon for a Day. Your child is encouraged to wear a maroon top and make a gold coin donation. All other school uniform requirements must be worn. (No midriffs, singlets or slogans). All the money collected will go towards assisting Queensland public schools affected by the floods.

The floods damaged more than 90 Queensland public schools, six TAFE institutes and more than 80 government child care centres have also been affected.

We hope you’ll join us in this worthwhile effort.

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** CANOWINDRA JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE **

Canowindra Junior Rugby League is already making arrangements for the new season, with the first Committee meeting taking place on Tuesday night 18 January 2011. At this meeting nominations for coaches were taken and the successful candidates were appointed.

Coaching staff are still being sought for the Under 10’s side so if you are interested please pick up an application form from Lawrence’s IGA.

REGISTRATION will begin on Tuesday the 15th of February at 5pm and will continue each Tuesday and Thursday for approximately 6 weeks. Those wishing to register will need to bring a parent as there is paper work to fill in.

All new players will be required to bring copy of your birth certificate and the original certificate also needs to be sighted by us.

Fees for the 2011 have been subsidised by the club and will be $35 per player. The club has also made the fees cheaper for family sign-ups:

$35 each for the first 2 children, $25 each for the next 2 children and then $15 per child after that.

Players and parents must remember that due to insurance requirements NO player can train or play until all paperwork is signed and fees are paid.

At this stage training for teams is set to start at 5.30pm on Tuesday the 1st of March 2011, with our first game taking place in April.

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** U16’s Tigers Training **

Pre-season team fitness training commences on **Thursday 17th February** at the Pool from 5.30pm to 6.30pm and will continue every Thursday for 4 weeks. This session will involve land and water based training. Please bring joggers, towel, sunscreen and lots of water!

An entry fee of $2.20 applies if you don’t have a season pass.

Training on Tuesdays, as well, will begin 1st week of March at the Oval.

Remember you need to be registered to train.

Any queries please contact Peter Middleton on 63640233

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** What’s On **

** Week 4 A Week **

| Monday 14 February | Yr 12 Work Placement |
| Tuesday 15 February | Yr 12 Work Placement |
| Wednesday 16 February | Yr 12 Work Placement  
Lifesaving continues |
| Thursday 17 February | Yr 12 Work Placement  
P & C Meeting 5.30 pm  
‘Maroon For A Day’ |
| Friday 18 February | Yr 12 Work Placement concludes |

** Week 5 B Week **

| Monday 21 February | Year 7 Interviews |
| Tuesday 22 February | Year 7 Interviews  
Scripture Yr 10 Period 3 |
| Wednesday 23 February | Yr 7 Interviews  
Lifesaving continues Wed A bells  
Canteen RED DAY |
| Thursday 24 February | Yr 7 Interviews |
| Friday 25 February | Yr 7 Interviews  
Yr 11 Ag to Cowra saleyards |