Canowindra High’s Mentoring Program

Canowindra High School’s Mentoring Program began again on Monday 21 February 2011. Our group consists of eight wonderful mentors who give an hour of their time each Monday for Period 2 in the library over each term.

Eight Year 10 students volunteered to be part of the program for this term as a way to decide what they would like to do when they leave school. Students follow through a booklet focussed on careers.

The program was first run in Term 3 2010 with five mentors and was very successful. Students who participated at the time enjoyed talking with their mentors about their ambitions and received a lot of encouragement from them.

The mentoring program looks set to continue for the remainder of the year.

Any community members who are interested in helping with mentoring are encouraged to contact myself or Bev Taylor at the school on 6344 1305.

Cathy Ellis
Mentoring Coordinator

Principal’s News

Thank you to all parents of year seven students who made time to visit the school last week for a short meeting to review their child’s transition and adjustment to high school. I believe the interviews were a valuable exercise in facilitating a review of student progress and learning at an early stage in their high school experience. As a school, we look forward to maintaining and further developing close contact with parents and the wider community as we seek to support and enhance student learning at Canowindra High School.

Parents and carers of year eleven students are invited to make appointments at the front office on 6344 1305 for a short interview between students, parents, their year adviser and myself to review their adjustment to senior school. This is a great opportunity to fine tune individual goals for the final years of school and make adjustments to current efforts and subjects. The interviews are scheduled to occur on Monday and Tuesday 14 and 15 March 2011. If these dates are not suitable, please be encouraged to contact the school and make arrangements for another time. Students will receive a separate letter to bring home with this newsletter today.

Congratulations to Kim Edwards and Jacqueline Kinsela on their appointments as part time school administration manager and school administration officer respectively. Both applicants demonstrated very high qualities and will be worthy additions to the staff team.

This week is a busy one at school with many extra curricula activities occurring including the installation of a further three electronic smart boards in learning spaces across the school. The installation of these latest boards will mean nearly all learning spaces are equipped with the latest technology to support student learning.

Good luck to our swimmers competing in the Western Trials at Cowra Aquatic Centre on Wednesday. Competing on March 2nd will be Hannah Roth, Timothy Middleton, Alexander Willson, Regan Hughes, Madison Vitnell, Alicia Earman, Grace Brodie, Joshua Trayburn, Rohan Toole and Bailey Cain. If successful at Cowra, swimmers will then compete at the State carnival in Homebush later this term.

Good luck also to our open boys cricket team competing against Forbes High School in the Alan Davidson Shield
knockout at our school oval today. This team comprises Nicholas Willson, Blake Willson, Matthew McLean, Harry Myers, Kain Earsman, Jacob Devlin, Mathew Beaton, Rohan Toole, Harrison Whatman, Alexander Willson, Timothy Middleton, Bradyn Cassidy and Bailey Cain.

We are lucky to have such talented students in sporting, cultural and academic areas and it is always great to see students compete, work together and achieve at the highest level possible.

David Lloyd
Principal

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**Cabonne Council’s 2011 Community Consultation Meetings Schedule – First Round.**

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Everyone is welcome to attend. If you would like an item included in the Agenda please contact Council’s Administration Officer Stephanie Giumelli on 6392 3217.

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**Pictured at the Cowra Lamb Sales**

Yr 11 Agriculture students: Simone Middleton, Tahlia Pearce, Ellen Blair, Natalie Hare, Mollie Briggs & teacher Mr McLaughlan.

Pen of CHS lambs which made $150 per lamb. Year 7 Agriculture Students care for the Isa Brown chicks.
**This Week’s Special Buy – Only $12**

The Agriculture Department’s Isa Brown layer chickens are for sale. They are 9 weeks old and have been vaccinated.

Isa Browns are wonderful laying birds, producing up to 300 eggs per year and are bred to rarely go broody. There is a limited supply so if interested please ring Owen McLaughlin on 6344 1305.

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Cowra Junior Soccer Registrations  Canowindra Registration Days:

Will be held at the Canowindra High School Hall on:

- Thursday, 10th March  - 3.30 to 5.30 pm
- Thursday, 17th March  - 3.30 to 5.30 pm

In previous years people have been late in deciding whether or not to play and have made it difficult to organise teams. Please be organised early and note the rule above for late registrations. Anyone interested in helping to organise the Canowindra teams or in coaching would be greatly appreciated. Please make yourself known at the registration days.

Registration cost for the young none competitive age groups will be $50.00 per child (5s,6s, 7s and 8s) and cost for competitive age groups will be $80.00 per child (9-10s,11-12s,13-14s,15-16s17-18s).

For further information and to view the teams and draws, you can visit our website www.cowrasoccer.org.au.

For those that would like to help out this year with Coaching a team or helping with the younger age groups skill and training please contact email registra@cowrasoccer.org.au

For any enquiries please contact Kath Balcombe 63640273.

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**Faculty in Focus – English:**

Bell’s Shakespeare

The most exciting event to happen in English this term is that The Bell Shakespeare company has agreed to come to Canowindra High School to run a workshop for our students. Shakespeare is part of the fabric of our society. He is so much a part of our culture that the Department of Education has deemed him worthy of being a compulsory study for all years of English. Bell Shakespeare makes Shakespeare’s plays easy and accessible for all students. The workshops bring the written word off the page and into the student’s world. It is a very entertaining and fun packed way for students to gain understanding of what can otherwise be a difficult text.

As our school is only small in number we are counting on the support of all students to make this event successful. The workshops are expensive and we have taken a gamble in committing to this event. Due to past support for school events we were fairly certain that parents would recognize the value in this event and support us by encouraging their student to attend. The workshops are to be held during sport afternoon on the 31st Aug and the whole school will be in attendance. Our expectation is that every Canowindra High student will attend.

The Bell Shakespeare Company is booked heavily and most NSW schools have access to their services. They were booked out in Orange, Cowra and Molong and we were delighted when they agreed to come to our school. To secure our booking we have to pay our deposit by the 10th March. The cost is $10 per student. Notes will be distributed in English classes this week. We believe our students should have the same opportunities as every other school.

Please support us by sending money and note back as soon as possible.

Assessment Tasks

English students have been very impressive in their class work and it is pleasing to see them preparing so effectively for the assessments that have been distributed in the last two weeks. Most students will have either a class test or an assessment task to be completed that will indicate their achievements for the term.

To prepare for class tests students should spend some time reviewing the work they have done during the day and completing any homework that has been given. We have seen some amazing work from many students already this term. An example is the following poem written as a response to Dorothea MacKellar’s, “My Country” by year 8 student Sarah Clunes.
Umina Beach by Sarah Clunes Year 8

The glimmer of the water
As the sun rises in the east
The squawking of the seagulls
During their early morning feast

I see the clear blue water
And taste the salty air
I sit on the sand and wonder
What creatures are out there

I look out on the water
As the fishermen head to sea
They know that in this weather
It's the perfect place to be.

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Debating

We have entered a senior team in the Orange Rotary Cup. The first debate is to be held any day soon. We intend to take a junior team to the Rural Cup in week nine. We are also intending to enter debaters and speakers into the Lithgow Festival of Speech. Any student who is interested in either debating or public speaking should see Ms Adamson as soon as possible.

Cowra District Hockey Registrations

Registration afternoons on Wednesdays: 2nd March, 9th March and 16th March at the Hockey fields opposite McDonalds. Fees are Minky - $45, U/11’s - $50, U/18 - $65, Over 18 - $105. There is also a fund raising levy charge of - Family $20; Singles $10. This levy can be recouped by on-selling the raffle tickets.

All players must be registered and financial before they play. Competition begins on Saturday March 26th.

Players from Canowindra are to contact Rossanne Holmes on 63442067.