Regional SRC-Wambalong

Last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Jack Beath, Emily McTaggart and Taihau Ah Mat attended the regional SRC camp. Despite the freezing conditions they thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The camp involved leadership activities and bonding with other SRC students from around the region. Emily and Jack were involved in leading some of the activities for the group. Taihau enjoyed the experience so much he is inspired to try out for state SRC representation.

SRC ‘Ronald McDonald House’ fundraiser report.

Last Friday the SRC organised a Mufti Day to help raise money for Ronald McDonald house.

Ronald McDonald House Charities is an independent, non-profit organisation, which helps seriously ill children and their families when they need it most.

After a great turn out of people wearing non-uniform we raised a huge $250 for the charity. Well done Canowindra High School for supporting such a good cause.

Jade Workman and Ellen Blair (SRC members)

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SEMESTER 2

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

DON’T COME TO US...WE’LL COME TO YOU!

Date: Thursday 4th August
Time: 4 – 6:30pm
Location: Canowindra Bowling Club, Ryall Street.

Please call the school to arrange a time to meet with your child’s teachers on 6344 1305. The parent teacher meetings will be 10 minutes each in length, a great opportunity to discuss your child’s progress and areas for development! If you are unable to make it, please also call to arrange another time or phone interview.

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Principal’s News

Congratulations to our Dance Troupe who performed to a packed audience at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre last Thursday in the Regional Dance Festival. The night showcased dancing students from public schools across the region. It was wonderful for our students to be a part of the event and perform at such a high level. The evening provided our dancers with an opportunity to play to a ‘full house’ and develop their talents further.

Last week our school proudly hosted ten wonderful ‘Beyond the Line Students’. The Beyond the Line students were final year university students from Sydney and the
Central Coast who experienced our school as an example of a rural school.

For these young teachers, pictured above, the two things that stood out most were the terrific students here and great relationships they have with teachers and, secondly, the positive atmosphere at Canowindra High School. All students have left contact details and requested to return in casual, temporary and/or permanent capacities. For staff at Canowindra it was good to be reminded once again that the future of teaching is in such capable and safe hands with some very obvious exceptional teachers graduating from university and ready to teach.

Congratulations to Simone Middleton, Natalie Hare, Tahlia Pearce and Tanisha Whatman who were presented with Introduction to Rural Management scholarships at Charles Sturt University last week as part of the Agriculture/Business Management link. They are pictured below with Agriculture teacher, Owen McLaughlan and Principal, David Lloyd, at the scholarship presentation ceremony.

As many will have seen on the local news, once again, students from our school excelled. Despite being the smallest school in terms of student numbers, we achieved the highest number of students gaining scholarships from a single school – remember these positions are achieved through merit – the students applied and were interviewed by people well beyond our school and from Charles Sturt University; another reminder of the number of talented students at our school. I am hopeful this program will be the first of further initiatives where students in their senior years at Canowindra High School complete the first units of university while still at school and guarantee entry to university upon completion of school.

The first phase of our Year 6 into 7 2012 Transition Program has been very successful with visits to most partner primary schools last week. 2012 Year 7 Adviser, Ms Kathy Davis has done a tremendous job developing a comprehensive transition program outlined below to support the orientation of our newest students. The program focus will switch this week to the development of a teaching and learning program that will cross the Year 6 to 7 boundary and be part taught this year whilst the students are at primary school and then completed next year in Year 7. This will ensure the orientation has a teaching and learning focus in addition to support. Students in primary school have been very positive about high school and the possibilities that next year will bring. The first of the orientation initiatives will occur on Tuesday 26th July (Week 2 Term 3). The focus is on parents of new students and will take the form of a new parent morning tea and school tour.

Student reports are in the final stages of being finalised with Year 10 to be distributed today and Year 7, 8 and 9 to go home later in the week. Reading Year 9 and 10 reports over the weekend, I have been very impressed with the majority of student achievements and efforts. There are more very positive comments and a generally higher level of achievement than in previous years. This is something to celebrate and use as a foundation for further improvements in the second half of the year.

This week, students in all years who have achieved Bronze and Silver Levels will be awarded their certificates at the end of term assembly at 10.10am on Friday in the Jack Sherwin Memorial Hall. Certificates will also be presented for other achievements including scholarships, debating and community service. All parents and interested community members are invited to attend as we celebrate student efforts and achievement. Please sign in at the front office upon arrival.

I would like to conclude with a big thank you to all the parents who have supported their child’s education at our school in any way big or small during the first semester. Just a few of the ways include helping out with student mentoring programs, working bees, transport of students to sport and specialist activities, canteen, P&C and attending Parent Teacher interviews. The last few weeks of term have been very intense but overall the term has been productive with ongoing development in a lot of areas.

The school focus for the rest of the year will be strongly around literacy and numeracy. This includes a multifaceted approach including professional learning for staff as we work to intentionally integrate literacy and numeracy into every KLA. In addition, the newsletter each week will include articles designed to assist parents supporting their children at home to attain higher literacy and numeracy skills. The DEAR program will also be revamped. The school development day will have a strong literacy focus to kick off the term.

David Lloyd (Principal)
Faculty in Focus: Science

This week marks the end of semester one and for our Year 12 students it is a time to reflect on how they will prepare themselves for the HSC exams.

Term 3 is the time period when a student puts in the real 'hard yards' in their exam preparation. The first step along the path of preparation for the HSC is the Trial HSC exams which take place in week 3 next term. In preparing for the Trial and the actual HSC exams, a student needs to put into place an extensive and regular program of revision and learning of key information and concepts, together with doing and learning how to do, a large number of varied questions from previous exam papers.

This latter aspect, practising exam questions, is very important because students need to be familiar with, and ideally have learnt the steps involved in answering the various styles of exam questions found in HSC exam papers. Students find exam questions easier to answer if firstly they are familiar with the style of questions being asked and secondly have had experience in how to answer them. It is difficult for students when they come across different types of questions for the first time in exams. Time is of an essence in exams and a student cannot afford to waste time working out how to answer a question.

Now is the time to put an effective HSC exam preparation program in place. The goal is the HSC exams with getting ready for the Trial exams a step along the way. If students need help in creating an effective plan, now is the time to seek help from their teachers so that a 'tailor-made' revision program can be developed for each student.

What's On

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Year 9 students are looking forward to some fun in the snow

Year 9 students pictured with 1st and 2nd prize in their Snowy Mountains excursion fund raising effort. The prize winners will be drawn early in Term 3. Tickets cost $1.

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ASSESSMENTS DUE WEEK 10:

Y12 - IT Auto 4, Primary Industries 2
Y11 - Ancient History 2, Hospitality 3
Y10 -
Y9  - Visual Arts 3

ASSESSMENTS DUE WEEK 1 TERM 3:

Y12 - PDHPE 4
Y11 - Biology 4

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Guest Speaker
Phil Beadle

Biography
Phil Beadle is Britain’s most famous teacher. Awarded London Secondary Teacher of the Year in 2004, United Kingdom Secondary Teacher of the Year the same year, he is a serving teacher, and regularly provides training in his techniques all around Britain.

He has written a column, ‘On Teaching’ for the Guardian newspaper for several years and has written a best selling book for parents, ‘Could do Better’, which was serialised in the Daily Telegraph and looks at multiple intelligences and ways that parents can involve themselves in their child's education. This book will be the topic of Phil’s talk at the dinner hosted by Rotary to raise funds for the Cowra Education Foundation.

Cowra Education Foundation invites you to
Dinner
at the
Cowra Bowling Club
Brougham Street
Thursday July 28th, 6.00pm for 6.30pm

Cost $35.00 per person
Tickets available at Cowra Visitors Centre
Phone 6342 4333

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Assisting young people to get started in their careers.

ABSENCE NOTE

CHILD’S NAME: ____________________________ YEAR: _______ ROLL: _______

I wish to advise that his/her absence on: ________________________________ was due to: _____________________________________________________________________

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