Breaking Rugby League News

As reported in last week’s Rugby League report Josh Trayhurn and Alex Willson attended the Western Region Rugby League Trials last week. Both boys have now been selected in the Greater Western 15yrs team to play in the state trials at Toronto in a little over two weeks. This is a wonderful achievement by these two young men who have done themselves, their school, their community and their families proud.

We wish them all the best for possible state selection.

J Cowell
Rugby League Coordinator

Cabonne Community Reading Day

On Friday the 13th May, we ventured down to St Edwards School for a Cabonne Community Reading Day. Although it was chilly, the children were quite accommodating. The day was enjoyable and we got to spend time bonding with the younger students from the Pre-School, Primary School, Playgroup and St Edwards School. We learnt to make sponge fliers and the children left with smiles on their faces after being rewarded with a helium balloon.

Demi, Haydon, Hayley, Philly, Stewart and Imogen
A group of Year 11 girls travelled down to St Edwards on Friday. We all had the fun, creative task of face painting. It was certainly a big hit and everyone including the parents and teachers all got their faces painted. Thanks to Miss Davis for organising the day for us and escorting us back to school. We had a great time. We would also like to congratulate St Edwards School and the Health care workers for putting the day together. It would have taken a lot of time and work, especially for the Lions Club for the nice warm sausage sizzle on a cold day.

Year 11 Girl.

I would like to give huge congratulations to all the students who attended the day. They were very responsible and acted as great leaders for the variety of activities. They not only did themselves extremely proud but also the school and myself as their supervisor. It was also commented on numerous times throughout the day by many organisers, how pleased everyone at the day was with their efforts. Thank you.

Miss Davis
Numeracy Coordinator

FACULTY IN FOCUS - ENGLISH

Focus on Literacy

Ongoing programs at Canowindra High which endeavour to increase and improve student reading include: DEAR (Drop Everything And Read), where students engage in silent reading for approximately fifteen minutes, four mornings each week; and the Peer Tutor Reading Program, coordinated by Mrs Davidson, which involves student volunteers guiding younger students through an intensive reading program.

New initiatives aimed at improving student literacy outcomes include:

- the establishment of a Reading Mentor group. These adult volunteers from our community, under the guidance of Mrs Cathy Ellis and with Mrs Watts our teacher librarian, will work with selected Year 7 students each week in an effort to develop students’ confidence, comprehension and enjoyment when reading.
- the establishment of a reading circle, currently led by a Year 8 student, where books are read and reviewed, issues raised are discussed, and opinions shared.
- the development and implementation of a new literacy improvement program which utilises technologies such as iPads, ebooks and SMART Boards. Funding has been secured for the purchase of two iPads, with the hope that additional units will be purchased later.
- the collection and showcasing of quality student writing in a school magazine to be published each term, with several students also keen to submit their writing to external competitions such as the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards and The Whitlam Institute What Matters? Essay Competition.

Meredith Healey
Head Teacher – English (Relieving)

Principal’s Report

Congratulations to all students for the positive way every one approached the NAPLAN assessments last week – especially given the extremely cold conditions following the first ‘blast’ of winter. Last Tuesday students undertook assessments in writing and language conventions, Wednesday was reading and comprehension and numeracy on Thursday. Friday was a catch up day for students who may have been away earlier in the week.
Given that NAPLAN assessments are nationwide tests, and as such marked externally it will take time for the tests to be marked and collated. Parents will receive a detailed report indicating exactly which questions were completed correctly for individual children while the school receives this report and also the aggregated school-wide results. These will be analysed by teams of staff and used to further guide the development of teaching and learning.

It was good to finally see fences arrive and site preparation begin for the Hospitality re-development last week. The demolition crew will start later this week. At times there will be significant noise as brick walls and the like are demolished and trenches cut in the concrete for the services etc. It is hoped major entry and exit to the site will be via the main entrance of the school and thus be right away from students. As the work to be completed in coming weeks is of a ‘heavy’ nature involving the demolition of walls etc, students and visitors are reminded to stay well clear.

This week students in year eleven will complete their half yearly exams. I would like to wish them all the best as they complete the assessments. A reminder that all year eleven students are to remain at school and in class or designated study if they are not completing an exam.

Just a final follow-up from last week reminding year twelve parents who would like to but have not yet had an opportunity to make an appointment for a three-way interview by phoning the school on 6344 1305. The interviews will be conducted this week to review student achievement following the distribution of reports. Careers adviser Mrs Bev Taylor will also be involved to ensure a matching of abilities and achievements with future career goals. Year 12 students received a separate letter last Monday to take home to parents inviting them to book interviews through the front office. Reports for those students/parents unable to make interviews will be distributed on Tuesday afternoon this week.

The next P&C Meeting will be conducted this week on Thursday 19 May at 5.30pm in the staff common room. Parents and caregivers are invited and encouraged to come along and contribute to the priorities, direction and emphasis of our school. Speaking of P&C, the major fundraising event for the parent group for the year, the Debutante Ball will occur this week. Good luck to all of the girls and their partners. Any further information can be obtained from P&C President, Mrs Cathy Ellis.

David Lloyd – Principal

On Wednesday May 25 we will have our first ‘Red Day’ for term 2. This is an important fundraiser held twice each term to help finance the running of the canteen.

On Red Day you can buy all those items not regularly on the menu such as:

- Hot Dogs, Pies, Sausage Rolls, Spring Rolls,
- Potato Scallops, Soft Drinks, Sweets, Cakes & Donuts.

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- Y12 – Visual Arts 3
- Y11 – Sem 1 Exams
- Yr 10 English 2
- Yr 10 – Timber 1

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- Y12 - English Standard 4
- Y11 - Primary Industries 2 SLR 2
- Y10 - Semester 1 Exams