SRC Guest Spot

**Cabonne Council by Imogen Brennan**

On Monday 16th of May, SRC Representatives, Caitlin Walker (senior SRC), Hayden Frecklington (Vice Captain SRC) & Imogen Brennan (Year 10 SRC) attended a meeting with Mayor Dowling and the Cabonne Council. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss plans that would benefit the youth in the community and how Cabonne Council could help with those issues. Molong Central School and Yeoval Central School also attended the meeting and presented some great ideas.

The issues that we put forward were finishing the skate park by putting some form of shelter over it, landscaping and putting in seats for parents and getting a tap with drinkable water. Councillors Anthony Durkin and Kevin Walker were supporting through their feedback, by offering help to apply for a clean water tap with Central Tablelands Water.

We were informed that many of these suggestions are currently in the pipeline and are in the next stage of the skate park’s development. We also raised the idea and request to fund a mini bus that could be utilized by all schools in the Canowindra community. Promoting the educational and financial benefits of such a vital facility

A suggestion made was to form a youth council. To make it accessible by all youth it was suggested we could make a ‘Cabonne Youth Council’ facebook page and hold a meeting monthly with the other 17 schools in the Cabonne Shire.

Another meeting will be held with Mayor Dowling and Cabonne Council to give the schools feedback on the proposals made. We hope to see these improvements in the community for the youth’s sake.

It was a valuable experience to see local government in action and it was encouraging to see the enthusiasm to hear the youth voice and hopefully to bring some of our concerns to fruition.

**Sport Carnivals**

**ATHLETICS**

With the athletics carnival results equal between Hall and Gilbert after the Wednesday carnival it would be touch and go to see who would win. With only 3 events left to complete in PE lessons it would be a race to the finish line. After entering results which saw the lead change twice it is disappointing that Gilbert ended up 3 points behind Hall.

- Hall 946pts
- Gilbert 944pts
- Gardiner 798pts

Well done Hall and look out next year!

Age champions for the carnival are as follows:

- Open girls: Keira-Lee Whatman
- Open boys: Kain Earsman & Nick Willson
- 16Yr girls: Rinah Gersbach
- 16Yr boys: Dean Wilson
- 15Yr girls: Simone Roe
- 15Yr boys: Bailey Cain
- 14Yr girls: Alicia Earsman
- 14Yr boys: Regan Hughes
- 13Yr girls: Becky Thornberry
- 13Yr boys: Callum Clyburn
- 12Yr girls: Laura Bermingham & Madison Spencer
- 12Yr boys: Jordan Kemper
A reminder to all interested athletes that Western Area entries are due to Mr McKenzie by 31st May. The Western Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 28th July 2011 at the Bathurst Showground.

Please check the following to avoid being banned by Western Area:

- **School Exam Dates**
- **Assessment Task Dates**
- **Family Holiday dates**
- Possible clashes for finals of other sports with this

Any student attending these trials must be willing to represent Western SSA at the respective state carnival for this sport.

Anyone who withdraws from a Western SSA team citing any reason covered above will receive a 12 month suspension from all WSSA activities to include this sport in 2012.

**CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL**

The annual cross country event has been postponed due to the ladies golf tournament. It is hoped that this will be held next Wednesday 1 June during sport time. A house meeting will be held on Friday afternoon to give more information and pre enter competitive runners. For those students not completing the run there is a run/walkathon around the sports trust oval being organised by the SRC.

Mr McKenzie
Sports Coordinator

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**Basic Microsoft Word Help!**

A free workshop from 5-6pm to learn the features of Microsoft Word will begin next Thursday. Parents and staff are asked to call the office to book a computer. The dates this term are: 2nd, 16th, 23rd, 30th June. Content will be based on the needs of those attending.

N Bugeja
Deputy Principal

**FACULTY IN FOCUS - MATHEMATICS**

With half-yearly exams looming for the junior school, I thought it would be timely to give you some tips on how to best prepare for your exams. Keep in mind that everybody is unique, but generally speaking, the following will help you to effectively manage and organise your efforts, in order to achieve the best possible results.

1. Plan ahead. The best preparation is done well in advance and not left until the last moment. It’s fine to study at the end, but this should be more of a quick revision for you, not a full cramming session. Mathematics is a subject with a diverse amount of topics. You need to stay on top of each topic and this is best achieved by preparing well in advance.

2. Get plenty of sleep the night before. Rest is important as it allows you to be at your optimum level of performance. So don’t study until the early hours of the morning. Make sure you have an early night so you’re fit and ready to go!

3. Double check your equipment. There is nothing more frustrating than turning up to an exam without your equipment. Pack your bag the night before if necessary. Have spares of all equipment, eg a couple of pencils, pens etc... Make sure your calculator is working well and in the correct mode. This is very important, as your calculator can give some very weird answers if it is not correctly set up. See your teacher if unsure.

4. Get to your exam early. Make sure you’re there early and ready. If you’re rushing to get there, then you are most likely not going to be in the best frame of mind for the actual examination.

5. Use your reading time wisely. Most exams have an allowance for reading time. Use this time to read the exam and start to plan and formulate...
your responses. This is important as it sets your brain ticking and gets you into the right frame of mind to deal with the sorts of questions you will eventually have to answer.

6. Work steadily and calmly. Rushing your exam is a recipe for disaster. You will tend to make more mistakes and get less marks than if you had worked at a slower pace and thought about the questions and your responses.

7. Read the question thoroughly. A majority of incorrect answers are due to the student not reading the question correctly. If you fail to read or understand what the question is asking, then your chances of answering it correctly are almost nil.

8. Check your responses if there is time. If you finish early, then this is your chance to go over your test and see if you have made any mistakes. So many students just breathe a sigh of relief when they are finished and shut down. Use this time to go over and double...triple check your answers.

9. Work carefully with your calculator. The calculator is only as good as the person using it. I have observed some amazing answers over the years, because the student has written down what the calculator has displayed, only to realise later on that they had pressed a wrong button somewhere. Check that the answer makes sense and if unsure, pop the numbers in again just to be safe.

10. Finally, realise that it is only a test. If you don’t do as well as you might have hoped, then it’s not the end of the world. Look at how you can improve next time and plan a little better. If you give it your best shot, then you can hold your head high, and that’s the most anyone can ask of you. Good luck to all of you!

Rod Jones
Head Teacher – Mathematics

Principal’s Report

Congratulations to Mrs Lee-Anne Jones who has been appointed English/HSIE Head Teacher from the start of next year (2012). Lee-Anne’s most recent role has been English Head Teacher at Deniliquin High School in the Riverina and as such she will bring many experiences working in rural schools with her to Canowindra. Congratulations also to Mrs Healey our relieving English Head Teacher who is doing a terrific job. We are very lucky to be able to call on professional educators from surrounding schools to support ongoing teaching and learning development.

Congratulations also to student teachers Mr Josh Graham and Ms Hayley Byrnes as they complete their professional experience time at Canowindra High School this week and return to finalise their study at university.

Congratulations also to Ms Kathy Davis who has been appointed as Numeracy Coordinator when Ms Michelle Davis takes maternity leave in a few weeks. This will ensure continuity of numeracy programs across the school.

Due to a clash with the Tertiary Open Day at Charles Sturt University, the date for Rural Cup has been changed from Thursday 16 June to Tuesday 14 June. This round of the competition, the final round for 2011 will be between our school and Molong Central School at Canowindra. It is likely the winner of this round of the competition will determine the winning school for 2011. Thus many teams are already training at lunch and other times. Go Canowindra High!

Over the next two weeks, our school will host Head Teachers from Lachlan, Bathurst and Orange schools for professional learning days. Today we are hosting 20 English and HSIE Head Teachers. During the day the teachers will be developing teaching, learning and leadership strategies. On Friday we will host the equivalent event for Mathematics Head Teachers and next week design and technology, creative and performing arts and PDHPE events.

David Lloyd

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| Thursday 2 June | Y9 Semester 1 Exams |

### ASSESSMENTS DUE WEEK 5:
- Y12 - English Standard 4  
  English Advanced 4
- Y11 - Primary Industries 2  
  SLR 2
- Y10 - Semester 1 Exams

### ASSESSMENTS DUE WEEK 6:
- Y12 - Agriculture 3  
  PDHPE 3  
  Modern History 4
- Y11 - Hospitality 2  
  Primary Industries 3  
  Physics 3
- Y10 - PDHPE 2  
  Metal 2  
  PASS 2  
  PDM 2

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### Schools and Activities Coordinator

Youth Services  
Full Time  
Flexibility of Location

OCTEC is seeking a skilled facilitator and coordinator with a background in youth work and/or education to manage our Youth Connections Schools and Activities Program. Major responsibilities include communication and liaison with schools, small group work in schools, proactive youth focused activities and outreach services, support for the case management of Youth Connections’ clients and assistance with projects aimed at strengthening services for at risk youth. OCTEC offers competitive salary packages, use of a company vehicle and the opportunity to join a successful community business based in Orange. The position covers a service area from Lithgow to Condobolin and there is some flexibility as to where the position is based. Applicants must obtain an information pack by calling 63627973 or visiting our website: www.octec.org.au Applications are required by Monday 30 May 2011 and should be addressed to:

CEO, OCTEC Limited  
PO Box 1566 Orange NSW 2800  
or applications@octec.org.au

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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 of those items not regularly on the menu such as:
- Hot Dogs, Pies, Sausage Rolls, Spring Rolls,  
- Potato Scallops, Soft Drinks, Sweets, Cakes & Donuts.