FACTS DAY for Year 12

Year 12 students attended a Facts About Careers & Tertiary Studies day at Charles Sturt University, Bathurst last Thursday with Mrs Troy and Mrs Taylor. This was an opportunity for students in the Central West to talk with tertiary representatives and employers about options for next year.

Students attended a motivational talk in one of the largest lecture rooms, visited the careers market and were taken on a tour of the CSU campus by two CSU Student Ambassadors.

Year 12 students and their parents are advised to attend any university open days as they occur as a follow up to this FACTS Day.

Basic Microsoft Word Help!

A free workshop from 5-6pm to learn the features of Microsoft Word will begin on Thursday, Week 8. Parents and staff are asked to call the office to book a computer. The dates this term are: 16th, 23rd, 30th June. Content will be based on the needs of those attending.

N Bugeja
Deputy Principal

Sport News

The annual cross country is on this Wednesday during the one hour sport session. Students will be involved in either a walkathon at the Sports Trust Oval or a competitive run at the golf course. Parents are welcome to watch their child run at the golf course with races starting at 2.30pm.

Students wanting to attend Western Area Cross Country on the 15th June at the Wellington race course will need to see Mr McKenzie for a permission note.

Athletics files have been added to the student directory in Resources then Sport 2011 folder. These files allow you to look up your individual times and distances.

Good luck to Joshua Trayhurn and Alex Willson who will be playing for the Greater Western Rugby League team this week.

Winter Sport Selections -

During period 2 on Wednesday students will select new sport choices from the following sports:
- Walking
- Horse riding (Week A only)
- Soccer
- Handball
- Softball
- Dance
- Skate park
- Netball
- Touch

Coonabarabran Equestrian Expo

This week five representatives from Canowindra High School head to Coonabarabran to compete against many students from across NSW at the North West Equestrian Expo, the largest pony club event in Australia, outside the Sydney Royal Easter Show. Students will be competing in a range of events over five days. These include show jumping, dressage, cross country, sporting and hacking on the final day. There are 547 riders nominated for this event and 640 horses from 108 different NSW schools. The eager competitors from our school are Taryn Buhagiar, Jennifer Holmes, Gemma White, Haydon White and Hayley White. This competition is a great experience for both horses and riders. Good luck to all students and congratulations on representing your school.
FACTOR IN FOCUS – SCIENCE

Last week, it was announced that two of our Year 12 Science students, Casey Edwards and Rosie Wilson won scholarships from the NSW Minerals Council to support them in their studies over year 12. The hard work and commitment of these two students in their Science studies has been acknowledged by the award of these scholarships and for this they are to be congratulated. These two students join a considerable list of Canowindra High School students who have won these awards over recent years.

Since the beginning of term 2, the Science faculty has been investigating ways of developing the persuasive writing skills of our students in Science. Persuasive Writing is a key skill students need in answering free-response questions in Science exams. The aim of writing persuasively is for a student to put together a written argument to convince the reader to accept a particular point of view. The basic format of this type of writing is for a student to adopt the following writing framework:

- An introduction where the student outlines what he/she wishes to achieve in the writing and how it will be achieved.

- The main body of the passage which consists of a number of paragraphs. Each paragraph contains a particular piece of information the writer wishes to put across.

  - The paragraph needs to consist of a key sentence which contains the key piece of information that the student wishes to express. This information then needs to be explained in great detail, along with examples, so that the reader clearly understands each point being made.

- Finally the student finishes the writing with a concluding paragraph which aims to tie together the gist of the argument.

- It is important to note that the way a persuasive writing argument is developed and written by a student will depend on the ‘syllabus key verb’ that is used in the question given. However the basic format of Persuasive Writing – Introduction, Body of Writing organised into paragraphs, and the Conclusion – remains the same.

As the term continues, the faculty will continue to work on developing strategies to help our students improve their skills in this area of persuasive writing.

Tom Harvey
Head Teacher – Science

Principal’s Report

Congratulations to Rosie Wilson and Casey Edwards who have been awarded Minerals Council Scholarships. Both students are exceptional candidates and worthy recipients. As a result of the award, both students will receive $1000 a year, beginning this year and continuing throughout their tertiary studies at University. Rosie and Casey will be presented with their award at a dinner next Wednesday evening.

I am pleased to announce Kathy and Michelle Davis will share the role of Year Seven Adviser for 2012. Both teachers have an ability to establish very strong connections with students. As a further enhancement to the transition program, there are plans to create a teaching and learning linkage to support students in their movement to high school. Later this term, the year advisers and myself will visit our partner primary schools and meet with students as the first stage of the orientation program. Any parents who would like more information on what our school has to offer are invited and encouraged to contact the school either in person, via phone on 6344 1305 or email canowindra.h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Canowindra High School has agreed to collaborate with the Educational Measurement and Accountability Directorate to assist with the development of NAPLAN equivalent assessment materials. The result will be NAPLAN style assessments that can be used to investigate and measure student achievement in between the nation-wide NAPLAN assessments. As a result students in year seven and nine will this week take part in an EMSAD pilot project developing assessment materials that mirror NAPLAN assessments. Parents of students in these two year groups would have received a letter last week regarding the program.

There have been recent new policy developments in relation to student attendance. Under the new guidelines, it may be possible for students to be ‘exempted’ from school (subject to individual cases meeting the guidelines of the policy). Possible reasons may include family holidays or some long term illnesses. If you believe your child might be eligible to be exempted, please contact the front office of the school for an information pack and application form.

David Lloyd
Principal
**BOB**

*Back Off Bully*

Canowindra High School has updated its Anti-bullying Plan. **Friday 10th June is the launch day!** Parents and caregivers are invited to attend an afternoon of entertainment and information sharing regarding our new policy. A mini expo of representatives from Greater Western Area Health and other local services will be there to provide information. A free sausage sizzle is also being run by the P&C.

Please RSVP to the front office by Tuesday 7th June for catering and seating purposes. All visitors are asked to sign in at the front office when arriving.

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**What’s On**

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**School Uniform news**

White CHS polo shirts are now available at *Mr Embroidery*, Cowra.

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**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

**ASSESSMENTS DUE WEEK 7:**

- Y12 - Biology 3
  - Geography 3
- Y9 - Timber 2
  - PDHPE 2