Term 2 – Week 7

Monday, 6 June 2011

**BOB Launch**

12pm  
Friday 10th

Cano says **NO** to bullying
Principal’s Report

I am very impressed with the number of students who volunteered to undertake training as ‘Anti-Bullying Mentors’ last week. In total 25 students from all year groups undertook training in strategies surrounding supporting other students and ensuring a positive, vibrant and safe learning environment for all students.

This week is a very big week with the major launch of our policy on Friday as a community event. All parents and community members are invited to share in the celebrations as we launch our new Anti-Bullying Plan and associated strategies. Please RSVP for seating and catering purposes.

Two of the biggest strategies include the development of electronic ‘anti-bullying boxes’ where students can notify instances of bullying, remaining anonymous if they choose, and the introduction of student mentors. An additional part of the package will be ongoing professional learning and support for students and the further strengthening of partnerships with parents as we seek to further improve the positive, vibrant and safe learning environment at Canowindra High School.

Congratulations to all students who dressed up in the Royal theme of ‘Kings and Queens’ in preparation for the cross country carnival last week. There were many creative and imaginative costumes as pictured below.

The winning entries, pictured below, were Gene Tarrant, Ebann Malae, Alicia Earsman, Becky Thornberry and Meg Austin.

Last week school captains, Penelope Whatman and Gerard Eppelstun travelled to Sydney to meet the Governor of NSW, her Excellency Mrs Marie Bashir. The aim of the event was to provide student leaders from across NSW with a deeper insight into the political and legislative process.

Parenting can sometimes be very difficult. For most of us it is a role we learn ‘on the job’ with little formal training. Over recent times, we have spoken to parents seeking answers to questions about raising and managing teenagers. While we are happy to help and assist on an ongoing basis, there is also another source of information parents may like to access called ‘ParentLine’. This is a Government funded source of information where parents can seek answers regarding raising and supporting the development of teenagers. Later in this newsletter is a letter from ParentLine with more information and contact details.

I look forward to seeing many interested parents, caregivers and community members at our Back Off Bully Launch on Friday. The launch day integrates community agencies into the anti-bullying education program and ensures a consistent community wide message that bullying in any form is simply unacceptable.

David Lloyd
Principal

New technology tools for your child

Over the next few weeks students will see their student portal change with a new look, enhanced features and a new URL. Four new student portals have been developed to support the different needs of students: Kindergarten to Year 2, Years 3-6, Years 7-12 and TAFE.

On 14 June 2011 Year 9 students will receive their new student portal. Year 9 will be followed by Year 10, Years 7 and 8, then TAFE. Years 11 and 12, Kindergarten to Year 2 and finally Years 3 to 6 will follow early in term 3.

From 14 June 2011 all school students will access their student portal, from home and at school, from a new URL: http://student.det.nsw.edu.au, whether or not they have access to the new student portal.

Students will be able to search, access and organise information for school tasks via their student portal on computers used at home or at school, at any time. The new student portal will have timetable and calendar portlets for students to add their own details. Students will also be able make their portal look the way they want by changing the colour scheme and rearranging, opening or closing portlets.

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School Captains’ Visit to Sydney’s Parliament House and Government House

On the 27th of May we, Gerard Eppleston and Penelope Whatman, flew to Sydney at 6am in the morning where we were invited to a captains’ day. Here, captains from all over the central west and surrounding areas came together to be involved in a motivational day where MP’s, from the areas in which the students came from, talked. Troy Grant, Member for Dubbo was pleased to meet with us. We received a book, ‘Australia’s First Parliament’, for the school library which Troy signed and we then had a photograph taken with him. Following morning tea we were shown around NSW Parliament House and sat in on some debating legislations. After lunch we were shown the Media room where most of the conferences are held.

Later that afternoon we went to the Old Government House where we were shown around, which was really interesting. We then met with the Governor General of NSW Marie Bashir. Marie gave us an inspirational speech, and answered some personal questions about family and how she became Governor. Following question time we had afternoon tea with her as well as photos. She spoke very highly about Canowindra and how it was really good wheat country. We then left for the airport and although it was hard for country kids to get a taxi, we made it to the airport. We waited three hours until we finally caught the plane to fly home. It was a really interesting day and we both found it very worthwhile.

Penelope Whatman & Gerard Eppleston
School Captains

--- Rugby League Report ---

Our 15 years team played Red Bend College, Forbes, on 25th May as part of the CRL competition. Red Bend had a large, mobile team with plenty of reserves and we were 12-0 down after 10 minutes. Our team fought back well and was only trailing 12-10 at the half time break. The second half saw Red Bend put on two quick tries, but once again we fought back to trail 22-20 and were finishing strongly. Unfortunately we ran out of time but came within a whisker of pulling off an upset win. Joshua Trayhurn, Alex Willson, Tim Middleton, Bradyn Cassidy and Bailey Cain all had very strong games.

On Thursday 2nd June we played Molong in the next round of the Tom Kemp Shield, after our good win against Condobolin. This became a home game at short notice which suited us. Our team played excellent football and after a nearly perfect first half led Molong 34-0. We went on to win the game 58-6. All the young men in this side played disciplined, committed Rugby League and should be very proud of their efforts. Once again Dan Middleton led this side very well with excellent support from Kain Earsman, Nick Willson (5 tries), Curtis Hughes and Jayden Brown.

The final of this competition will be played at Wellington against either Lake Cargelligo or Nyngan on Friday 10th June at 11.30am. Our team should be very competitive, especially if they play as well as they have been recently and will give this final a real shake.

J Cowell (Rugby League Coordinator)

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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.

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Deputy Principal
**What’s On**

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**ASSESSMENTS DUE WEEK 7:**
- Y12 - Biology 3
  - Geography 3
- Y9 - Timber 2
  - PDHPE 2

**ASSESSMENTS DUE WEEK 8:**
- Y12 – Mathematics 3
  - General Mathematics 3
  - English Standard 5*
  - English Advances 5*
- Y11 – Biology 3
  - Chemistry 2
  - Modern History 2
  - Visual Arts 3
- Y10 – Farm 2
- Y9 – English 3

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**TERM 2 SOCIAL**

**Thursday 16th June 2011**

**Time: 7.00 to 9.30**

Theme: Around the World

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**The next**

* Canteen Red Day is on
* Tuesday 14 June (Rural Cup)
* All the usual goodies will be available