Launch of Canowindra’s new Anti-bullying Plan

Last Friday, the school community celebrated the launch of the school’s new Anti-bullying Plan through a half day festival incorporating dramatic performances on Cyberbullying by Charles Sturt University Theatre Media Students, presentations by staff from the Greater Western Area Health Service, stalls and displays in the school by community agencies, a performance by the ‘Wagambirra’ Aboriginal Dance Group and finally ‘Justice Crew’ making a surprise visit to further reinforce the aims of the new policy.

The Anti-bullying plan is the third policy in a series of three developed collaboratively with input from students, teachers and parents to clearly identify and establish a strong foundation for quality teaching and learning.

The other two policies include the new Student Recognition Policy and the Behaviour Management Policy. All three policies have been developed to ensure students at Canowindra High School develop into resilient and tolerant young people with a strong social conscience.

The Anti-bullying Plan is designed to maintain and further develop a positive, vibrant and safe learning environment. The school accepts this is everyone’s responsibility and as such the plan clearly outlines the role of the school, parents and students in ensuring students develop into strong and confident young people who learn in a supportive and encouraging environment.

The plan has several significant new features including the introduction of Student Mentors. The Student Mentors are trusted members of the student body whom other students aspire to emulate and are likely to ask for advice, help and assistance. The Student Mentors have undertaken training to ensure qualities and skills to support a safe and positive school environment. It is pleasing to see male and female representatives from nearly every year group step forward and volunteer to contribute to a positive school climate.

A second aspect to the plan is the introduction of notification schemes including the option of electronic notification of bullying behaviour. All students across the school are strongly encouraged to notify any incidents of bullying they observe. These are followed up quickly to ensure a positive and safe environment for all.

The core element of the policy is BOB or ‘Back Off Bully’, an acronym selected by student representatives on the Regional Student Representative Council (SRC) to communicate the core message that bullying in any form will not be tolerated at Canowindra High School.

Students, staff and visitors were presented with BOB wristbands and pens designed to fit into the Student Diaries. In addition, a design competition for the school’s BOB poster was conducted with students from across the school submitting entries. In the end, stage five student Renee Chelo’s design was selected as the concept for the final printed design. The poster will appear across the school and beyond.

Justice Crew has a strong social conscience and belief in the ability of everyone to be successful in whatever endeavour they choose. Anyone who has seen them perform live or on TV know that they practise what they preach and as such are excellent role models for young people in Canowindra.
Being able to have Justice Crew back up and support the launch of the policy added to the serious message that is contained within the policy. Canowindra High School is proud to support and stand for the fact that every student has a right to be respected, encouraged and to pursue their dreams in a tolerant and encouraging environment.

A big congratulations and thank you must go to Ms Nicole Bugeja for her leadership of the Anti-bullying Plan development. The policy is “home grown” and developed to suit the context of Canowindra High School. Because students, parents and teachers have been involved in each step of the process the policy is owned as part of the culture ensuing its effectiveness and longevity.

Congratulations to our under 15 rugby league team who won the Tom Kemp Shield last week in a convincing win over Lake Cargelligo Central School in the final held in Wellington. The score-line was 50 to 10 – a big win in anyone’s language!

Congratulations also to Alexander Bennett who was a member of the winning under 15yrs hockey team at the State Hockey Championships recently.

Faculty in Focus – English

We have been privileged to have Paula Payne from the Orange Schools Office visit and share her language and literacy expertise with our senior students. Paula ran a very interesting and useful session where she demonstrated how to unpack HSC questions in English. Paula explained the significance of verbs in the rubrics across all KLA’s and explained how they were the key to constructing well developed and structured responses. We are very grateful to Paula for sharing her expertise as it could make the difference between the bands that our students obtain.

With the reporting period looming, students in English have been busily working toward completing assessment tasks in all years.

Year 7 have completed some amazing poetry as demonstrated by Meg Austin’s Poem...........

Rainforests
By Meg Austin

Into the silent rainforest I venture,
As I follow a well worn track.
And then I gaze in silent amazement,
At the magical haven I have just entered.

Water crystals dripping from ancient tree limbs,
The unique footsteps from the unknown beasts of the rainforest.

Then I walk into a veil of sprouting Ferns and Pine trees,
Growing against the fierce sun.
The violent sun pierces the flourished scrub,
Splitting them in two.

But still they venture on their amazing race,
To reach the cruel sun’s harsh light.

I travel onwards, on that well worn track,
Then I hear a secret sound.
The once hidden creek,
Has now turned into a flowing stream.
Then SMASH! It hits the limestone rocks,
And catapults down the sheer cliff face.
Then it heavily falls to the bottom of the mistral pool....

I am awakened from my deep thoughts of my ideal destination,
By the sounds of city life.
But, faintly I can still hear that flowing stream......
Year 8 have completed a Media unit based on television sitcoms.

Year 9 are exploring the world of movie making. They have worked in groups to produce a movie trailer for their own version of Shakespeare’s Hamlet. In this unit students have been able to explore and experiment with the different technologies available on their laptops.

Year 10 have been working on their creative writing. The following extracts are examples of the work they are producing:

**Cross**
By Imogen Brennan

Charlie woke up with an ugly morning breath. The alarm clock was beeping on the nightstand beside him. He rolled over with a moan of pain and turned it off. He turned and thumped his thick, aging feet on the floor below him then walked sluggishly to the bathroom. He looked in the vanity cabinet mirror and saw the same face as yesterday, the same apricot toilet and shower behind him. The taps squeaked on in the shower and the water refreshed him into a new day. He made his way slowly to his little apartment kitchen for breakfast. He looked out the peeling teal-painted window over the rusting sink to see the rush of working ants 24 levels below. He sat at his kitchen table, still facing the window, the mush of corn flakes sitting in his mouth, when he saw a white, almost angel-like figure fall from above.

Andrea watched the sun rise and hadn’t closed her eyes once during the darkness before it. The taste of vodka and cigarettes was still overpowering her mouth. She didn’t bother going into the bathroom this morning, she wouldn’t be getting ready today.

**New Kid**
By Jessica Forsyth

The classroom had a dank and musty feel to it. The white washed walls were chipped and faded and there were bubbles in the paint where the water pipes had leaked continuously, creating a patchwork of decay and disrepair. There was a steady, "thump, thump", coming from the heater at the back of the room and the teacher had to scream to get the attention of the unruly students. The white board behind her was ageing and had a thump, "thump", coming from the heater at the back of the room and the teacher had to scream to get the attention of the unruly students. The white board behind her was ageing and had a thump, "thump", coming from the heater at the back of the room and the teacher had to scream to get the attention of the unruly students. The white board behind her was ageing and had a thump, "thump", coming from the heater at the back of the room and the teacher had to scream to get the attention of the unruly students. The white board behind her was ageing and had a thump, "thump", coming from the heater at the back of the room and the teacher had to scream to get the attention of the unruly students. The white board behind her was ageing and had a thump, "thump", coming from the heater at the back of the room and the teacher had to scream to get the attention of the unruly students. The white board behind her was ageing and had a thump, "thump", coming from the heater at the back of the room and the teacher had to scream to get the attention of the unruly students. The white board behind her was ageing and had a thump, "thump", coming from the heater at the back of the room and the teacher had to scream to get the attention of the unruly students. And she had cancer. As the doctor injected the toxins into her veins, her nerves calmed; all was still, she than drifted into a deep sleep.

**White Walls**
By Philippa Myers

"Both pupils are dilated, ears are responding well"…

Carly looked out at the sea of autumn leaves, they rustled in the wind like an outdoor orchestra. The golden colours of the leaves shone like flakes of gold, as they whirled around and around the park. Light and carefree. Carly envied their existence, although meaningless, the leaves were living their cycle.

Today Carly would undergo her first round of chemo, yes, she had cancer. As the doctor injected the toxins into her veins, her nerves calmed; all was still, she than drifted into a deep sleep.

**MUNA 2011**

The 2011 Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) was hosted by the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Sunrise Inc. at Wagga Wagga High School, on Saturday May 21st 2011. Two Canowindra High students, Ni-Ollien Maliae and Jessica Forsyth, attended the event and enjoyed the opportunity to develop their public speaking and debating skills.

The girls were allocated the country United States of America, and using background information researched beforehand, debated current issues surrounding United Nations countries. Ni-Ollien and Jess found the day interesting, fun and informative and look forward to participating in MUNA 2012, which is to be held in Blayney.

Thank you to Canowindra Rotary Club, for their contribution in meeting the costs associated with attending the event.

**Basic Microsoft Word Help!**

A free workshop from 5-6pm to learn the features of Microsoft Word begins on Thursday. 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
School Performance

Term 2 will certainly end with a bang with two nights of music, dance and drama in our school performance:

‘A Night in Vegas’

The performances will start at 7pm and will be held on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th June in the Jack Sherwin Memorial Hall.

Tickets will be available next week:
Adults $5      Students $3     Family $10

More information in next week’s newsletter.

Laptop Stocktake and Upgrade

Year 10 laptops need to be handed in during the last week of this term and will be kept at school for the holidays to enable time for the stocktake and upgrade.

Year 11 are not required to hand their laptops in at this time as their laptops will be collected during term 3 for this process as well as a hardware upgrade (more details about the hardware upgrade to come in later newsletters). If any year 11 students would like to have their laptops updated they can hand them in before the end of term and they will be ready for the students to collect on the first day back at school.

Jason Hargraves
DER Technical Support Officer

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

ASSESSMENTS DUE WEEK 9:

Y12 - Business Studies 4, Design & Technology 4,
     Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation 4, Ancient History 4

Y11 - Industrial Technology Auto 2

Y10 - Music 3, Visual Arts 3, Metal 3, PD 3

Y9 - Metal 4, Music 3

What’s On

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Bottle Tree Path project @ Canowindra Public School.

Families of past & present students & businesses in the town & surrounding areas are being encouraged to order their paver & be a part of completing the Bottle Tree garden path.

Please support by spreading the word & purchase a paver with your family name, business name, grandchildren’s name, personalised design or special message that relates to you & Canowindra Public School during the past years or today.

Visit the school website & download your order form or call the school office on 6344 1403 to arrange your details.

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