Term 3 – Week 1

Tuesday, 19 July 2011

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SEMICER 2

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

DON'T COME TO US...WE'LL COME TO YOU!

Date: Thursday 4th August
Time: 4 – 6:30pm
Location: Canowindra Bowling Club, Ryall Street.

Please call the school to arrange a time to meet with your child’s teachers on 6344 1305. The parent teacher meetings will be 10 minutes each in length, a great opportunity to discuss your child’s progress and areas for development! If you are unable to make it, please also call to arrange another time or phone interview.

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Minutes of Canowindra High School P & C Association Meeting held on Thursday 16th June 2011 5.35pm.

Present: David Lloyd, Cathy Ellis, Bruce Austin, Kerrie Smith, Leanne Harrison.

Apologies: Nicole Bugeja, Narelle McKenzie, Glenda Gavin, Lynne Russell, Stephen Russell, Deanne Curtis, Caroline Austin, Angela Thornberry.

Minutes of the previous meeting read & passed as correct. Moved Cathy Seconded David.

Business Arising from Minutes

1. Deb Ball – was a great success. We should make about $2300 profit. The change of date for next year was confirmed. Congratulations to Cathy and everyone else involved in making the night such a wonderful occasion.

2. Year 10 shirts – Kerrie Smith attended the meeting to discuss the decision made at the previous P&C meeting regarding Year 10 shirts. Kerrie, along with some other parents that she has been talking with, feel that it is an important achievement for many students, particularly those who do not go on to complete Year 12. David mentioned that Nicole and Bob are currently working on uniform policies which will include all uniform issues including Year 10/Year 12 shirts. There will be a consultation process involved with this.

Correspondence
Inwards: Canteen A/C's (given to Treasurer), Federation of P&C (Notification of Committee Members for 2011).
Outwards: Nil.

Treasurer’s Report - No report

Principal's Report – in brief

- Assets – Trade Training Centre Development on target – due for completion at the end of Term 3.
- Student Achievement – Under 15 league team won the Tom Kemp Shield; Ni-Ollien Malae and Jessica Forsyth represented CHS at MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly); Gemma White, Taryn Bugeja, Haydon White, Hayley White and Jennifer Holmes had great success at the North West Equestrian Expo in Coonabarabran; Imogen Brennan, Hayden Frecklington and Caitlin Walker represented CHS at the Cabonne Council Youth Forum in Molong; and Gerard Eppelstun and Penelope Whatman represented CHS meeting with NSW Governor Professor Marie Bashir.
- Anti-Bullying – Terrific series of events to launch the policy.
General Business

1. Thank you for Sue – It was moved by all present that a gift of appreciation be organised for Sue in the canteen. She has taken on a number of school catering jobs in addition to the day-to-day running of the canteen to help raise extra funds for the P&C.
Meeting Closed at 6.35pm.

Next Meeting:
Thursday 21st July 2011 at 5.30pm.

Faculty in Focus:    TAS

New potting & propagation shed at Ag farm  Y10 washing the heifer

Y9 Ag term 2 gardening prac lessons  Y10 harrowing skills

Xsel, is Western Region’s Virtual Selective High School. At the end of last term it was exciting to hear three students enrolled at Canowindra High School in year seven next year (2012), Amelia Holmes, Timothy Starr and Cooper Watson have been accepted into Xsel, meaning they will attend school at Canowindra High School and undertake some of their lessons through video conference. To be offered a place in Xsel, students have sat and been successful in the state-wide selective school’s test. In total, there were over 13000 students who sat the test with approximately 3000 being offered places in a selective high school. Thus to achieve a place, students above have demonstrated very high levels of competence – a terrific achievement! This is another example of the high calibre of students in Canowindra. We look forward to working with parents and Xsel to maximise their achievement and learning throughout their high school years.

This week students in Year 9 head to the Snowy Mountains for the annual snow trip. Students supported by parents and staff have undertaken a number of fund raising activities to reduce the cost impact on families. In addition the Canowindra RSL Sub Branch has made a substantial donation to the school to further support student learning in context. Many thanks to the RSL Sub-Branch for their generosity and support to provide the extras of a quality education.

Congratulations to Rohan Toole who led the Western Region Squash team in their state final victory – the first time in nearly 15 years Western Region has won the state competition. Rohan has played in a number of competitions and tournaments during the holidays and will continue to develop his talent throughout the coming term. Congratulations Rohan!
As was our practice last year, we will publish a newsletter every Monday (except where Monday is a Public Holiday or School Development Day). The weekly newsletter provides

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comprehensive reports about events and initiatives as well as keeping everyone up to date with other important school related information. Many parents have taken up the option of having the newsletter emailed weekly to their email address. Sending the newsletter weekly to your email address reduces the chance of it getting lost on the way home from school. If you have not done so, we encourage all parents with email addresses to phone the front office and ask for yours to be added to the growing number of people having the newsletter emailed each week. In addition the newsletter is added to our website each week.

This term we remain committed to developing further links with parents, carers and the wider community. With this in mind I would like to encourage people to contact the school at any stage with any questions or queries no matter how small or insignificant. As part of this emphasis, we will be holding our Parent/Teacher night in the Bowling Club in a couple of weeks to make the opportunity to meet with teachers more accessible for parents and community members. Times and dates are promoted later in the newsletter. In addition, next Tuesday we are hosting our inaugural Open Morning Tea and school tour which is primarily aimed at parents of 2012 Year 7 students but open to all community members who would like an insight to the school. Parents and community members will receive morning tea, a talk from students and staff regarding the current priorities and directions conclude with a tour of the school. Conscious of parent work and other commitments, we have planned the event carefully to ensure the whole event concludes within an hour. If the above time does not suit, I would be happy to facilitate a similar individual introduction at a suitable time. Interested people are encouraged to phone for bookings.

David Lloyd (Principal)

LITERACY/NUMERACY FOCUS
SEM 2 2011 TIMELINE

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Yoga Classes for Term Three

Senior students are invited to attend Yoga Classes on a Wednesday afternoon in Term 3.

The classes will be held at the Canowindra Health Centre in the Conference Room commencing at 3.45pm and will last for an hour. Yoga mats will be provided and you may like to bring a light rug.

The yoga classes will teach relaxation, stress release breathing techniques, self awareness and ways to energise your whole self. The classes are free and will be led by Yvonne Cousins and Keren Myers.

What’s On

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Guest Speaker
Phil Beadle

Biography
Phil Beadle is Britain’s most famous teacher. Awarded London Secondary Teacher of the Year in 2004, United Kingdom Secondary Teacher of the Year the same year, he is a serving teacher, and regularly provides training in his techniques all around Britain.
He has written a column, ‘On Teaching’ for the Guardian newspaper for several years and has written a best selling book for parents, ‘Could do Better’, which was serialised in the Daily Telegraph and looks at multiple intelligences and ways that parents can involve themselves in their child’s education. This book will be the topic of Phil’s talk at the dinner hosted by Rotary to raise funds for the Cowra Education Foundation.

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ABSENCE NOTE

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