Western Area Athletics

On Thursday the 28th of July eleven students participated at the Western Area Athletics Carnival held in Bathurst. With the car reading -2 degrees most of the way the students were mentally preparing for a cold day. Luckily the frost lifted and we had blue skies for the whole day. Watching our students compete, it was satisfying to say they didn’t lack confidence or ability.

The following are the student performances:

- Cameron Chelo: 4th 800M Run 2:53.19, 12th Long Jump 3.59m
- Callum Clyburn: 1st 100M Dash 12.95
- Ashley McLean: 19th Long Jump 3.07m
- Nicole Stevenson: 3rd Javelin Throw 21.27m
- Becky Thornberry: 3rd 100M Dash 14.40, 200 M Dash 31.60
- Taniel Thornberry: 6th 100M Dash 13.20, 200 M Dash 27.10
- Brittany Wilson: 4th 1500 M Run, 5th 800M Run
- Girls 16 Year Olds: 1st 4x100 Metre 55.80
  - Rinah Gersbach: Hannah Roth
  - Jessica Dzergas: Taniel Thornberry
- Girls 14 Year Olds: 6th 4x100 Metre 1:00.98
  - Becky Thornberry: Alicia Earsman
  - Ashley McLean: Brittany Wilson

Well done to all and good luck to Callum and the Girls relay team at State Athletics.

Mr McKenzie
Sports Organiser

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BANG ON A BEANIE FOR A GREAT CAUSE

Brain Injury Awareness Week is on between 15-21 August. It is a week to bring to your attention the severity of ABI (Acquired Brain Injury). Around twice as many people are diagnosed each year with ABI compared to those diagnosed with Breast Cancer and yet very few people know about it. About 20,000 children under 15 have ABI and around 1.6 million Australians or 1 in 12.

This year Canowindra High School P&C are getting behind this great cause. There are quite a large number of people in our own community living with or have a family member affected by an ABI. The high school canteen will be selling the blue beanies and t-shirts and Toby Newcombe has also supported them by selling the beanies from his butchery. The beanies are $9.95 and t-shirts $19.95.

If you would like to find out more information about ABI or bang on a beanie campaign go to:  
www.bangonabeanie.com.au

Please support the Canowindra High School P & C and Brain Injury Awareness.
Student Funding for Sport

The Local Sporting Champions program is an Australian Government initiative designed to provide financial assistance for young people aged 12-18 towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing, coaching or officiating at an official national sporting organisation (NSO) endorsed state or national sporting championships or a School Sport Australia national championships. This allows assistance to representatives at events such as state athletics!

Please follow the link below which takes you to the online application page.


Any queries contact Mr McKenzie.

Faculty in Focus:
Science/Creative & Performing Arts

The Science / CAPA faculty is enjoying a busy start to Semester 2, with staff and students enthusiastically preparing for the school production “A Night in Las Vegas”. Mr Dagg and a group of dedicated Art students have spent many hours designing and painting the backdrop and props, as well as designing and printing posters and tickets. Mrs Curtis’ vast array of talented singers and musicians, have been rehearsing in every spare minute. A large group of energetic dancers have been perfecting their routines under the watchful eyes of Mrs Balcombe and some experienced students, while several drama groups have been writing and rehearsing short drama performances.

The Science staff room and seminar room have been taken over by Mrs Balcombe’s fabrics, sequins, sewing machines and other costume paraphernalia, while lighting crews and sound crews have been further developing their skills under the supervision of Mr Dagg, Mrs Curtis and Mrs Balcombe.

Despite the added pressures of production preparation, classroom activities in the Science and CAPA areas continue to be stimulating and engaging, with Ms Cousins’ and Mrs Merchant’s Year 8 classes “enjoying” several dissection lessons as part of their current topic Human Body Systems. Year 7 students continue to develop their practical and research skills, as classes investigate Energy with Mrs Merchant and Living Things with Mrs Balcombe.

Mr Dagg has organised for renowned ceramicist Jeff Mincham to visit CHS this term. Mr Mincham will demonstrate techniques to, and discuss his work with Visual Art students in Years 9 – 11. Elective Visual Art students (Yr 9 – 12) will also have the opportunity to view some of Mr Mincham’s amazing ceramic artworks at an exhibition in Cowra.

Several junior Science students are currently participating in Murder Under the Microscope, an online environmental mystery game. In addition to this we have two teams competing in Tournament of Minds (TOM). The Maths & Engineering TOM team has to design and construct a crane made only from paper and Clay glue, which will support a large mass, while the Applied Technology TOM team has to use technology to creatively document an individual’s journey.

Involvement with the whole school literacy focus areas is prompting more explicit delivery of literacy components in classrooms. This more formal approach to literacy in our classrooms, has resulted in an increase in the use of subject and topic metalanguage, with more students using and accurately spelling these subject specific vocabulary words. In addition to the whole school literacy focus areas, the Science / CAPA team have organised a Literacy in Science / CAPA Programming & Resource Development Day in Week 5. The aim of the day is to further integrate explicit literacy teaching into our teaching programs, and develop topic specific literacy resources for use in the classroom. Whole school numeracy focus areas are also being incorporated into Science & CAPA classrooms, with the first focus area – Multiplication Tables – acknowledged by staff as an integral aspect of many classroom learning activities.

The Science and CAPA faculty looks forward to the many teaching and learning opportunities to come this semester and beyond!

Peta Merchant
Relieving Head Teacher Science/CAPA
**A NIGHT IN LAS VEGAS!**

**Here we go!**

**Preparations are in full swing for this week’s performance A Night in Las Vegas.** It will be a night full of variety with many musical, drama and dance acts.

Many of our younger students will be on stage for the first time and are very excited about showing their enthusiasm for performance. As usual our older students are capably acting as nerve settlers and even as directors with many of the items being developed by the students themselves. There are also many ‘behind the scenes’ workers preparing the backdrop, sound and lighting.

It will be a couple of entertaining nights and we look forward to seeing you there.

Tickets are on sale **NOW** at the school office.

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Performances are on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th August at 7.00pm.

**NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR**

The production team look forward to seeing you there.

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**Literacy Focus - Apostrophes**

Most of us miss-use these without even knowing or caring very much, but it's really important to practise using them correctly and consistently if we’re ever going to get them right. Here’s a quick re-cap:

1. **Contractions:** When you want to put two words together as one, some letters are left out and an apostrophe is added where those missing letters were. *I’ve* used lots of examples of contractions in this article; how many can you find and underline?

   **Hint:** If you’re ever confused with contractions, just ask yourself if you’re trying to say two words or one.

2. **Possession:** Apostrophes also show possession, such as *the girl’s bike.* When the word already ends in ‘s’ you put the apostrophe at the end, e.g. James’ celery stick.

   **Hint:** If there is no apostrophe before or after the ‘s’, then the word is plural, e.g. *The girls ride bikes.* If you’re not sure, just ask yourself if you’re talking about someone owning something.

So, why do people make so many mistakes with apostrophes? I think it’s partly because young people spend so much time writing in forums where spelling and punctuation simply don’t matter, such as emailing and text messaging. This is all well and good for messaging, but students need to know how to write properly if they are to be taken seriously in other settings.

**My Challenge:** Try to use informal writing times as an opportunity to practise good writing skills. This week, focus on apostrophes. Don’t just guess if you’re not sure! Look it up, and get it right.

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**Ag Farm News**

There are still some beautiful Light Sussex chooks for sale from the Ag farm at $5.00 each.

Bags of mulch are also available at $2.00 each

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**Early Notice**

Year 8 into 9 (2012) and Year 9 into 10 (2012) Subject information Evening

*Thursday 25 August*  
6pm for Year 8 into 9 (2012)  
7pm for Year 9 into 10 (2012)

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**Principal’s News**

Parent/Teacher night last Thursday was a terrific success with many constructive discussions between parents, teachers and students. **I would like to thank the many parents who were able to find time to make appointments and meet with teachers to discuss the educational progress of their children.** At the next P&C meeting (Thursday 18 August at 5.30pm) the changes to the format and location of
the Parent/Teacher event will be reviewed with a view to implementing further initiatives to ensure the night is accessible and open to as many parents as possible. All parents are most welcome to attend and contribute.

Congratulations to Jack Beath and Mataihau Ah Mat who last week represented our school and region in Sydney at the Student Representative Council Conference last week. Anyone listening to ABC radio last Thursday morning would have heard a very mature and insightful interview between Jack and the mornings presenter Angela Owens. Both boys have returned empowered and ready to lead further local initiatives.

Congratulations to all students who last week collectively raised over $260 to help fund further scientific research work following the Jeans for Genes fundraiser last Friday.

Students in year 12 completed their Trial HSC papers last week. Over the next couple of weeks, many senior students will complete and submit major projects for their HSC courses at the same time as they ramp up the number of hours allocated to study, revision and practise of their exam technique.

The School Production will be the big focus for many students and staff this week. It is exciting to see students begin to get excited regarding their performances on stage or supporting the performers through work behind the scenes on lighting, props or sound. There are still some tickets available – anyone who would like to attend but has not yet had an opportunity to secure tickets is invited to phone the school on 6344 1305 or call into the front office. The school looks forward to enjoying the show and celebrating the opportunity for students to demonstrate their talents in the Creative and Performing Arts arena.

David Lloyd (Principal)