WORLD SKILLS COOKING COMPETITION

On Friday Emily McTaggart and Harry Myers travelled to Orange with Mr Smyth to participate in the ‘World Skills’ cooking competition.

The challenge was to cook a three-course meal, 4 portions of each course in less than 4 hours. Unfortunately one hour into the competition after turning her last potato, Emily was withdrawn from the competition due to illness. Harry fought on without her and two and a half hours later presented his starter - Caesar Salad followed by a chicken schnitzel meal and finally poached pears to finish.

Harry did not make a finals placing but he gave it his all, keeping as cool as a cucumber while fire, tears, smoke and steam filled the kitchen.

A big” congratulations” is to be given to both Harry and Emily for being willing to participate in such a difficult, globally recognised cooking competition. A big thanks needs to be given to Mr Smyth for driving the students to Orange and supporting them throughout the whole competition including the huge preparation process.

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

The Canowindra High School Tournament of Minds (TOM) team consisting of Taneil Thornberry, Hayley Wynn, Alexandra Stoimenoff, Rachel Wynn and (Demi Grimshaw absent) were awarded the TOM Spirit of the Tournament Shield.

CWA INTERNATIONAL DAY

The country of study for the Canowindra CWA this year is Iceland. On Thursday seven of our Year 9 students helped to run information sessions for students from Canowindra Primary and St Edwards. Lucy Harrison, Taryn Robinson and Ashley Beaton demonstrated a science experiment simulating a volcanic eruption. Emma Springall and Renee Chelo explained the colours of the Icelandic flag and what
they represented. In conducting the quiz, Bradyn Cassidy and Joe Fazzari found that the students of St Edwards had learnt a great deal of information about Iceland while they were researching and making their posters. It was a good opportunity for the students from all three schools to increase their knowledge of Iceland in a fun and interactive manner. The winners of the poster competition now go on to regional judging.

**CANOWINDRA JUNIOR CRICKET**

There will be a junior cricket meeting at the Bowling Club Thursday 1 September at 6.00pm.

Cowra Junior Cricket has changed the age groups for Junior Cricket and they now finish at Under 15s. This means that most of the current committee have no children left in the lower age groups and we need some new volunteers to run the Canowindra Junior Cricket.

Please come along to the general meeting of Canowindra Junior Cricket at the Bowling Club on Thursday and have your say about cricket for the 2011-2012 season.

**JUNIOR LEAGUE**

Well the 2011 junior league season has come to an end with under 14s being beaten by Red Bend on Saturday. To celebrate and officially end our season Canowindra Junior League will be hosting our Presentation day at the oval on the 10 September at 11.30am. Prior to the presentation will be BBQ lunch.

On this same day the Under 8s will take part in a small round robin at Parkes before the grand final game commences. This usually gets under way quite early but at this time definite times have not been set. As soon as we find out a time we will inform all under 8 players.

**FACULTY IN FOCUS: MATHEMATICS/PDHPE AND COMPUTING**

Two weeks ago our Year 11 & 12 students participated in a Financial Mathematics Seminar held at our school. The feedback was fantastic, with students having the chance to look at Mathematics in the real world and how it applies outside of school. Students were able to observe the practical applications of many of the concepts taught in Mathematics.

This was a real success with our students and we look forward to being able to offer this opportunity again next year to our senior students.

As we wind our way to the close of yet another term, it is poignant to realise that this is not just another term ending but the finish of the high school career for many of our students.

Year 12 will complete their studies soon and as this is the last Faculty in Focus before the end of term for the Mathematics/PDHPE & Computing team, I would like to wish the young men and women of year 12 2011 the best of luck in their upcoming exams. Having taught this class for the last two years, I have been impressed with their maturity, motivation and willingness to achieve. They have bonded especially well and work together well as a team.

I encourage you all to keep studying, concentrate in class and stay focused to achieve your full potential. It is also important to consider that the best results are achieved with plenty of rest and relaxation, with a healthy dose of fun thrown in for good measure. As with all things, balance is the key, so whilst study is important, maintaining a good balance between study and social life is also essential.

Good luck Year 12; it has been a pleasure to have been a part of your education and we wish you every success and happiness as you begin the next phase of your journey.

Until next time,

Rod Jones (HT - Mathematics/PDHPE & Computing)
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Orange Session:
Thursday September 1st 2011

12:30 – 1:30 pm OR 5.30 - 6:30 pm
School of Rural Health Research Office,
88 Dalton St

Contact Ashleigh Pasculli:
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Principal’s Report

Congratulations to the 2011 Tournament of the Minds Team who enjoyed a very successful day at the Regional Event hosted by Orange High School last Sunday. The team consisting of Hayley Wynn, Alexandra Stoimenoff, Taneil Thornberry, Rachel Springall and Demi Grimshaw spent much time preparing and developing their theme for the event under the watchful eye of Ms Peta Merchant (Science Head Teacher). The Tournament of the Minds is a terrific extension activity that aims to develop in students strong teamwork and problem solving skills using their imagination. Our team pictured below have returned to school this morning energised by their success and the opportunities presented by the event.

Last week on Thursday, twelve Year 11 students undertook a leadership day as part of the lead up to the School Captain elections next Monday. Students undertook a range of activities initially involving games to reflect on who they really are as individual people and how that impacts on their natural leadership style. The next phase of the campaign for School Captain will occur on Friday this week when candidates will present their speeches and outline their priorities to the whole school on Friday morning. The whole school will then vote on Monday to elect our 2011/2012 students leaders. The students will then officially take up the role at the end of this term as our existing captains focus on their final exams. Good luck to all!

Congratulations top all students in Design and Technology and Visual Art Major who have submitted their Major HSC Projects today. The students and teachers, no doubt supported by parents have been working very long hours over recent weeks to complete the items to a standard of which they are proud. Congratulations to all!

Thanks to all parents who were able to attend the ‘Future Directions’ subject information night for all students currently in Years 8 and 10 as they prepare for next year. This week, it is hoped all parents of students in Year 10 will
make an appointment for a 10-15 minutes ‘Three Way Interview’ to review subject staff who attended the subject information nights last Thursday. As discussed and outlined on the orange subject selection form, the final phase of the selection process to support your child’s transition to senior school will comprise your child, yourself, myself and where possible Mrs Taylor as Careers Adviser and Mrs Curtis as Year Adviser. During the meeting we will review subject selections, ensure choices match abilities, goals beyond school and check compliance with Board of Studies requirements. It would also be a terrific opportunity for you or your child to ask any other questions regarding senior school and the transition to life beyond school. We appreciate that for most parents time is limited but feel meeting with you is important as students embark on their final phase of school and ensure all students are supported and encouraged to achieve at the highest possible levels.

Interviews will be conducted between Monday 29 August and Friday 2 September 2011 between the times of 9.00am and 4.00pm. For parents unable to make it to the school please phone the school and request a phone interview. At the time you choose, we will ring you back on speaker phone, enabling you to be a part of the conversation without having to be physically present. Students will be organised with a roster to leave class for this short time and return at the conclusion of the interview. To book an interview, please phone the front office at the school on 6344 1305 where the ladies will confirm a time with you. If none of the above days and/or times are possible, please phone the school and we will do our best to organise another day/time.

David Lloyd

**NUMERACY FOCUS**

Weeks 7 & 8 are numeracy weeks with a focus on using calculators. All students are to bring their calculators to DEAR for weeks 7 & 8. School approved calculators are available from the front office for $23.00.

**SRC**

The SRC would like to congratulate Canowindra High School for their wonderful support for ‘Brain Injury Awareness Week’. Altogether close to $1000 was raised through gold coin donations collected for our ‘Bang on a Beanie’ fundraiser and money raised from the sales of beanies and t-shirts in the canteen. Thank you all so much for your support for Brain Injury Awareness Week and our school SRC. 😊

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