**Western Area Swimming**

Last Wednesday 10 students competed at the western area trials held in Cowra. With a few nervous boys having to shed the universal footy skills for all competitors achieved excellent results with their limited training.

Students going on to compete at state swimming at Homebush in Sydney are:

- **Hannah Roth** - 1st 100m Breaststroke (1.30.80);
- **Madison Vitnell, Hannah Roth, Alicia Earsman and Grace Brodie** - 2nd Girls 16yrs Freestyle Relay (2.23.39);
- **Joshua Trayhurn, Bailey Cain, Alexander Willson, Timothy Middleton** - 2nd Boys 15yrs Freestyle Relay (2.11.22).

Other Results:

- **Madison Vitnell, Hannah Roth, Alicia Earsman, Grace Brodie** - 3rd Girls Medley Relay (2.42.00);
- **Regan Hughes** - 100m Freestyle 19th (1.31.50) & 50m Freestyle 24th (38.13);
- **Alicia Earsman** - 100m Freestyle 9th (1.20.38) & 50m Freestyle 8th (34.69);
- **Gracie Brodie** - 100m Breaststroke 4th (1.46.67);
- **Rohan Toole** - 100m Breaststroke 11th (1.49.78);
- **Joshua Trayhurn** - 50m Freestyle 12th (31.81).

Thank you also to the parents who assisted with transporting students to the carnival.

Mr McKenzie

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**Principal’s News**

Congratulations to Makk McNaught who, over the weekend, earned the title of National Champion of the open 55kg division of Muay Thai Kickboxing in Albury. Makk is a terrific young man and it is wonderful to see him achieve at the highest possible national level in his chosen sport.

Congratulations to Tahlia Pearce, Simone Middleton, Tanisha Whatman and Natalie Hare who attended the Charles Sturt University last Thursday and applied for the Accelerated Pathway into Agricultural Business Management. The students will complete the first unit of a degree in agriculture/business while still at school. Assuming successful completion of the course, students will automatically gain entry to university following year twelve. This initiative is collaboration between local public secondary schools and the university supported by the Canowindra Rotary Club and local businesses. Congratulations girls!

The science and engineering challenge was also a terrific success last week with students from our school competing against teams from seven others schools across the region. While we did not win the challenge, students from our schools experienced the ‘academic olympiad’ style of event as they worked in teams to solve problems and design structures around the science and engineering theme.

Congratulations to all students for their efforts supporting the ‘Clean up Australia Day’ campaign last Friday. The SRC led the organisation of this event involving students in DEAR groups cleaning up the school and surrounding areas of the Canowindra community including the Sports Trust Oval and Morris Park areas.

Congratulations to our schools cricket team for their 13 run win against Forbes High School last week. Particular congratulations to Jacob Devlin who scored 33 runs and Rohan Toole who took 3 wickets while Matthew McLean and Nick Willson took 2 wickets each. (More details in separate report).

Congratulations also to our regional swimmers who competed at Cowra last week. In particular congratulations to Hannah Roth who qualified for the 100m breaststroke and two relay teams comprising Madison Vitnell, Hannah Roth, Alicia Earsman and Grace Brodie in the 16 years freestyle relay
and Joshua Trayhurn, Bailey Cain, Alexander Willson and Timothy Middleton in the 15 years freestyle relay.

Parent/teacher night for this semester is scheduled for next Thursday, 17 March in the Jack Sherwin Memorial Hall from 4pm until 7pm. Students are also welcome to come along to this event to participate in discussion with teachers about how to maximise their learning and fine tune their efforts. Bookings for individual teachers can be made by phoning the office on 6344 1305. Parent/teacher night is a positive opportunity to further establish close communication and collaboration between school and home. All research suggests the closer school and home collaborate, the higher the chance of ensuring maximum student achievement. Please be encouraged to come along with your child and share in the opportunity.

The P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the year will be conducted this week Thursday 10 March at 5.30pm in the staff common room. Parents and caregivers are invited and encouraged to come along and contribute to the priorities, direction and emphasis of our school.

David Lloyd
Principal

Uniform Update

Mr Embroidery has apologised to our P&C and affected parents for any inconvenience caused by the white school polo shirts, sizes 14 and 16, being out of stock. As these shirts are custom-made overseas they take about 16 weeks from ordering. They should be available again in May.

All Year 7 students need to have their Vaccination Consent Forms returned to school by this Friday 11th

Reminder: 2010 Presentation Night Book Vouchers
Any students who received book vouchers at the 2010 Presentation Night are encouraged to redeem their vouchers at your local bookshop or major bookshop chain as soon as possible.

Cleaning Up Canowindra

Hayley White, Melana Pearce and Paris McNaught

Bradyn Cassidy, Cormac Lamond and Jack Beath

*** LAYER CHICKENS FOR SALE –
Still Only $12

The Agriculture Department’s Isa Brown layer chickens are for sale. They are 9 weeks old and have been vaccinated. Isa Browns are wonderful laying birds, producing up to 300 eggs per year and are bred to rarely go broody. There is a limited supply so if interested please ring Owen McLaughlan on 6344 1305.
**Davidson Shield Cricket Report.**

Last Monday 28th February the Canowindra High School’s Open Boys cricket team played Forbes in the second round of the Davidson Shield. Forbes won the toss and elected to bowl. They took an early wicket and then a few overs later got a second. Canowindra were 2 for 15 after 4 overs when Blake Willson joined Jacob Devlin at the crease. Together they put on a 45 run partnership before Blake was caught on the boundary for 17. Jacob continued on to score a valuable 32 and Bailey Cain made 13. A sensible captain’s knock from Nick Willson with 13 not out helped Canowindra to get to 129 runs off 32 overs before being all out. One of the highlights of the innings was Kain Earsman’s massive six.

Forbes went in to bat and Nick Willson and Matt McLean applied plenty of pressure with Nick picking up the first wicket. A few overs later Rohan Toole picked up the 2nd wicket on his first ball to put Canowindra back in front. At drinks Forbes were 2 for 46. After drinks Canowindra came out fired up. Jacob Devlin bowled tight overs while Rohan got another two scalps, one the prize wicket of Sam Williams who made 36. Blake Willson took a catch off his brother Nick’s bowling which made Nick’s figures 2 for 20 off 8 overs. Blake picked up a wicket which put Canowindra in a great position then Matt McLean came on and with Tim Middleton cleaned up the remaining Forbes batsmen with both of them taking two wickets. Alex Willson was great behind the stumps taking four superb catches to help Canowindra win.

Thanks to Mr McKenzie for organising the game and umpiring. It was a good win. Our next game will be when the competition resumes in October.

Nicholas Willson (Captain)

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**P&C Notice**

School Cleanup and Planting

Anyone who can spare 2 hours on Saturday 19th March, from 9 – 11 am, to help beautify our school area between the new Science laboratory and the hall.

We urgently need anyone with:-

- A pressure cleaner
- Extendable brooms or brushes and rakes
- Native plants, grasses or succulents
- Bush rocks
- Old bricks

If you have any of these items that may be of use but are unable to attend, please give Angela a call on 6363 0340 or Kath Balcombe on 6364 0273

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**NEW SOUTH WALES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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Monday, 7 March 2011
Minutes of Canowindra High School P & C Association
Meeting held on Thursday 17th February 2011

Meeting started at 5.30pm.

Present: David Lloyd, Nicole Bugeja, Lynne Russell, Stephen Russell, Cathy Eppelstun, Angela Thornberry, Narelle Robinson, Rob Ellis, Carolyn Austin.

Apologies: Cathy Ellis, Narelle Hughes, Leanne Harrison.

Minutes of the previous meeting read & passed as correct. Moved Lynne. Seconded Stephen.

Business Arising from Minutes
No Business Arising.

Correspondence
Inwards: Canteen A/C’s (given to Treasurer).
Outwards: Nil.

Treasurer’s Report
See attached.

Principal’s Report - Full report attached. However in brief the report covered;
- Assets – Official opening of the Michelle Berry Science Centre MBSC planned for Friday 8th April.
- Student Achievement – Four records broken at the swimming carnival; Jade Workman and Simone Middleton to attend Murray Darling School of Freshwater Research; Students are studying Chemistry, Physics and PDHPE through video-conferencing; Natalie Hare, Tanisha Whatman and Talia Pearce (possibly more) are about to start their first year university course in Agriculture/Business at Charles Sturt University while at school.
- Staffing Changes – CHS has welcomed four new teachers-Lauren Adamson (English); Meredith Healey (Rel. English Head Teacher); Patricia Daniels (Maths) and Mark Huynh (Maths). Simon Shiells is replacing Bob Scott who is on Long Service Leave for the remainder of the term. Owen McLaughlan is Rel. TAS Head Teacher.
- Targets – A list of School Targets for 2011 were discussed.

General Business
1. Deb Ball meeting will be held at Moorbel Hall on Thursday at 6.30pm. Currently 8 girls interested. Deb Date 20th May. More details t o come.
2. Garden Committee was established to beautify the grounds around the Hall and new Science Lab. The committee is Rob Ellis, Angela Thornberry, Narelle Robinson, Kath Balcombe and Yvonne Cousins. A working bee is to be organised before the state election on 26th March to steam clean and fix up hall. Suggested date is the Saturday before the election, to be finalised at the next meeting.
3. Fundraising ideas for 2011 include:
   - Cake Stall for Election Day. Have a cook off at school on the Friday. Send a paper/plastic fluoro plate and plastic and label home and ask people to return with saleable food items for cake stall.
   - 100 Club
   - Easter Egg Raffle. People asked to donate Easter Eggs.
   - Mother’s Day at The Falls. Angela to see Jackie and see what we can organise. Wine and nibbles, foot spas, facials, makeup tips, waxing, maybe a fashion parade from Liz Wright, music by James Vitnell and a guest speaker??
4. A thank you from the P&C to David Lloyd for attending the Australia Day Celebrations in Canowindra.
5. The new Science building is being dedicated to Michelle Berry with an official ceremony being held in April. Nick and family will be attending.
6. New laptops have been handed over to Year 9.

Meeting Closed at 6pm. Next Meeting Thursday 10th March 2011 at 5.30pm.