Principal’s News

Welcome back to staff, students and parents/carers to the school year for 2012. I trust that everyone has had an enjoyable and safe holiday.

We also welcome four new permanent members of staff to our school this year: Mrs Lee-Anne Jones: Head Teacher English Mrs Meredith Healey: English Teacher Mr Tom Blackburn: HSIE Teacher Mr Robert Gill: Technical Support Officer.

Mr Andrew Phelan (Mathematics Teacher), Mrs Kerrie Smith (Science/Mathematics Teacher) and Mrs Leanne Harrison (Science/Food assistant) have joined us for Term 1 in relieving positions.

At the end of last year we celebrated fantastic HSC results from the class of 2011. Our results were outstanding compared to many small and large schools around the Western NSW Region. Congratulations again to all students and staff involved.

We were also very pleased with 3 ATARs (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank) in the 90s:

Rosemary Wilson 93.4
Casey Edwards 93.1
Lincoln Townsend 91.7

A few new additions/changes to our school routine were decided on for 2012.

NuLit period: with a continued focus on Numeracy and Literacy, students will have three dedicated 20 minute periods per week to learn explicit skills in these areas. We have restructured our bell-times to accommodate this and to align our lessons with the Lachlan Access Program (LAP) which senior students study some courses through. This year, Mrs Kath Balcombe is teaching via video conference on LAP in Yr 11 and 12 Chemistry.

Breakfast menu: this term the canteen is trialing breakfast items before school. The affordable food and drinks available are part of the healthy food options and give students (and some staff!) an opportunity to eat breakfast each day. This will improve concentration and results. Thanks to the P&C and Sue for coordinating this at the end of last year.

Last Friday, all staff participated in our first School Development Day for 2012. We updated our knowledge on child protection and behaviour management. Our first persuasive writing Literacy focus for the year will be ‘discussions’ and Mrs Peta McKenzie (Merchant) led the teaching and support staff through explicit teaching methods of this focus area. Many thanks to Ashley Wright (Canowindra Community Health) who trained us on Asthma management, and Pauline Freeburn (Manager of Xsel), who detailed how the Western NSW Region Virtual Selective High School operates.

Well done to the three recipients of the Australia Day awards this year:

* Mim Loomes (Citizen of the Year),
* Molly Clements (Young Citizen of the Year) and
* Canowindra Hospital Auxiliary (Community Group of the Year).

This is a great achievement for our community and the recipients.
We look forward to another great year at Canowindra High School with parents, students and staff working together to achieve the best possible outcomes for our youth.

Nico Bugeja
Principal (Rtg)

Faculty in Focus:
English, HSIE, Library, Literacy

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Mrs Lee-Anne Jones and I am the new English/HSIE Head Teacher. I am very excited to have been transferred to Canowindra High School from Deniliquin High School where I have taught for 12 years, seven as Head Teacher of English/LOTE.

I would like to thank Mrs Meredith Healey for all of the work she has done in the faculty during 2011 in her capacity as Relieving Head Teacher. Mrs Healey has done much work in setting up good structures within the faculty which have certainly made my job easier. We are very fortunate that Mrs Healey is able to stay on at Canowindra High School as a classroom teacher where her experience and expertise will be much appreciated and greatly utilised by both myself, all others who work with her and all the students who are fortunate to be taught by her.

I would also like to welcome Mr Tom Blackburn to the staff as a History-Geography teacher. Mr Blackburn has recently completed his teaching degree at Newcastle University and taught during term four 2011 at Dubbo Senior Campus.

It is pleasing to also note that we continue to have Mrs Keren Myers and Mr David Dziedzic on staff. Mrs Myers is an excellent teacher who helped her HSC students to outstanding results in 2011. Mr Dziedzic has stepped into Mr Dave Lanham’s position whilst Mr Lanham is on long service leave during term one. It is very exciting to be working with these teachers to continue to improve the curriculum and opportunities of our students at Canowindra High School.

In my capacity as Head Teacher I also have responsibilities for the Library and Literacy. I am very much looking forward to working with Mrs Jenny Watts to re-develop the library into a modern area of literacy and learning. This is an exciting opportunity we have at Canowindra High School so expect to see some changes in the coming months. We also welcome Mrs Peta McKenzie back into her role of Literacy Co-ordinator. The NuLit lessons all students will be taking part in will be a great way for students to develop both their literacy and numeracy skills.

Finally, I would like to say how much I am looking forward to teaching and getting to know the students of Canowindra High School. Please say hello and introduce yourself and remember that we are here to help and offer you the best chance of success in your English/HSIE studies.

Mrs Jones.

Congratulations
Lynne Sawyers
Australian Local Hero 2012

Foster mother Lynne Sawyers has been announced as the 2012 Australian Local Hero and presented with her award by Prime Minister Julia Gillard at the national Australia Day awards ceremony last week in Canberra.

More Achievements in Squash for Rohan

Rohan Toole’s Christmas break was fairly hectic with his squash training program continuing in preparation for his first Professional Squash Association event of 2012, the Australia Day Challenge in Brisbane. These events have entries from all over the world, many of the men ranked in the top 100. Rohan made the final round of qualifiers and should maintain his world men’s ranking of around the 370 mark.

The National Talent Squad Australian under 19’s attend these events and as they are knocked out of the tournament, they trained with the national coaches and play match ups against each other as part of selection for this year’s World Cup to be held on Doha, Qatar in August.

Initially a squad of eighteen was selected and as Rohan was by far the youngest he was unofficially ranked 18th. The squad has now been narrowed down to eleven with Rohan still in the running. He was very pleased to win three out of his four match ups against other boys in this final eleven.

The final team of four boys will be selected in June. It will be difficult for him to be selected this year, but he is in the fortunate position of being the only boy in this squad young enough to be still eligible for selection for the 2014 World Cup.

His busy schedule continues with a week at the Australian Institute of Sport in Brisbane on an individual training program mid February.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL LUNCHES :

SUE WILL BE TAKING ORDERS PRIOR TO, OR ON THE MORNING OF THE CARNIVAL AND WILL DELIVER THE LUNCHES TO THE POOL

* More information will follow next week.
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PENRITH PANTHERS COACHING CLINIC - TODAY

* at TOM CLYBURN OVAL
* 5.30 - 6.30 PM
* TUESDAY 31.1.12
*SAUSAGE SIZZLE TO FOLLOW
ALL JUNIOR PLAYERS & FUTURE PLAYERS WELCOME

CANOWINDRA JUNIOR LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Canowindra Junior league are preparing for the 2012 season.

With the first game kicking off on the 17th March 2012 it is now time for registrations.

The first rego day will be on the 2nd Feb at the oval starting at 5pm.

There will also be rego days on the 7th and 9th at the same time and place.

NEW players are asked to bring with them their original birth certificate as well as 2 copies.

All players will need a parent with them as there is some paper work that needs to be filled in and signed.

The cost has been kept low at just $35 a player which is subsidised further for families with 4 or more players.

PARENTS OF YR 9 STUDENTS MEETING FOR INFORMATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF LAPTOPS IS ON MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY AT 6 PM

Car Battery Drive

Fundraiser for the Year 10 Narrabeen Excursion to Sydney

All battery sizes, trucks, cars etc can be dropped off at Ken’s Garage, Canowindra High between 8 & 8.30 am at the Agriculture shed

Any enquiries to Owen McLaughlan (Yr 10 adviser) on 6344 1305
Has your child been absent from school lately?

ABSENCE NOTE

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