Agriculture happenings ......

Primary Industries class members spread mulch that was produced by students using the Agriculture Department's mulcher.

Year 11 Agriculture students using the new propagation facilities.

Year 12 Agriculture students examining the new hydroponics set up in the propagation shed.

Paddock 7 being prepared for an oats crop with an offset disc plough.

Year 7 Agriculture students doing a soil testing practical.

Faculty in Focus - TAS (Technical & Applied Studies)

The TAS faculty has started the term with a flourish.

Year 7 students have settled in well and have been busy potting vegetable seeds in Agriculture, making a garden trowel in Metal and drawing plans in Technology (Mandatory).

Senior classes have been busy working on their Design & Technology projects, cooking up a storm in Hospitality in the new state of the art kitchen facilities and performing many practical tasks at the school Agriculture farm.

With our experienced staff we look forward to more outstanding results this year in the TAS faculty.
The school year has begun and your child has been issued a class text.

How can you help?

**TIPS FOR PARENTS**

If your child is having trouble, reading, interpreting or understanding the book, offer to help.

Have your child read to you while preparing meals or completing other activities.

Read the book too – dads in particular, can have a huge influence on boys who struggle with reading.

Read the book together aloud – read a chapter each, or separately and then discuss.

Be positive about the book, even if it is not your taste.

Make predictions about the book, question the story and the way it works.

Bring the characters to your dinner table – discuss who they are and why this has happened to them.

Encourage siblings to join the discussions and talk about their own responses.

Make book discussion part of your lifestyle.

Find similar or supplementary books (teacher librarians can help here).

Show your child where to find extra detail about the book or author from publisher websites.

Visit author/illustrator websites.

Join reviewing websites like *Inside a Dog* or *Goodreads*.

Recently, a 15yr old reader wrote: ‘I really enjoyed the book. It reminded me a lot of my own situations, and while reading it I often thought about my family…’

That’s what readers are looking for in a book – a shared experience.

So as a parent, try to find someone or something in the book that you think your child can relate to. This could be where you start your discussions.

**TIPS FOR STUDENTS**

1. Be an enthusiastic and engaged student – it will help energise your teacher.

2. Spend time getting to know your texts.

3. It’s okay to watch the film/TV series or read graphic novel of the book.

4. Get hold of an audio version of the book & listen in the car, while doing other jobs around the house, in down time at home

5. Chunk the book: Read one or two chapters (or 15 mins, whichever comes first) each day.

6. Do a story map (include the main plot points, on a timeline or drawn as a story board, showing themes and character development ).

7. Do a web of relations between the characters.

8. No student will love every class novel. But there is something to be learned inside the cover of every book, even if it’s about identifying your own reading tastes and why a novel is not for you.

9. *Adapted from ideas of Sarah Mayor Cox and Miffy Farquarson 2012.*

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**Breakfast @ Canteen**

_in the interests of better concentration spans and student engagement early in the day, the school canteen is trialling a special menu in the mornings to ensure all children eat breakfast._

Students are able to purchase toasted sandwiches, muffins, cereal, untoasted cheese & bacon buns, fruit, flavoured milk & juice at a cost of $1.50 per item. A combo is available where students can purchase both a food item & a drink for $2.50. These are available between 8.30-8.45am.

Please support this initiative and make sure your child has a healthy start to the day.

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**Assessments Due:**

**Week 5**

Year 12 - Physics 2

**Week 6**

Year 12 - Chemistry 2, Senior Science 2, SLR 2

Year 11 - Biology 1, Hospitality 1

Year 10 - English 1

Year 9 - History S1 1, English 1, Food Tech 1, Textiles 1
**Principal’s News**

This week we welcome **Year 7 students, parents and carers to an informal meeting** with myself and Mrs Burn or Ms Davis as Year Adviser. The purpose of these meetings is to touch base with how the students have begun high school and to address any needs as early as possible. We encourage all of Year 7 to attend! Please call the office to make an appointment. In a few weeks we will be conducting similar interviews with Year 11 and their parents/carers.

Last Friday, **Casey Edwards’ HSC Design and Technology major project** was launched on display in DesignTECH at **The Powerhouse Museum** (photos next week). This is a fantastic achievement for Casey, Mr and Mrs Edwards and the TAS department. Four and a half thousand entrants were received, 120 were nominated and 21 were chosen for display.

We appreciate the local businesses, ‘**Lawrences IGA**’ and ‘**Garden of Roses**’ assisting us last Monday after the canteen was broken into with replenishing some frozen food for recess and lunch.

We welcome **Mrs Gwen Gordon who will be relieving as our School Counsellor** whilst Mrs McCaffery is on leave. Students can see Mrs Gordon by making an appointment directly or through the front office. Mrs Gordon will be working most Tuesdays. Parents are also welcome to speak with Mrs Gordon or complete a referral form (located in the front office).

Thanks to all parents and carers who attended this month’s **P&C meeting** (held each 3rd Thursday). Future meetings will be held at an alternative venue, to be announced. Meetings will continue to begin at **5:30pm**.

*Nicole Bugeja Principal (Rlg)*

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**What’s On**

**Week 5B**

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### Canowindra High School External Sport Knockout Program 2012

#### Term 1 - Week 5  
**Monday, 20 February 2012**

**Basketball**
- **Girls**
- **(H)** Canobolas HS
- **Ms Daniel**

**Cricket**
- **Boys**
- **March 2nd**
- **1st Rd winner**
- **Mr Scott / Mr Blackburn**

**Hockey**
- **Girls**
- **Check WSSA Website**
- **Ms Troy**

**Lawn Bowls**
- **Mixed**
- **March 26th**
- **@ Parkes**
- **Mr McKenzie**

**Netball**
- **Girls**
- **April 28th**
- **Cowra**
- **Ms Cousins**

**Rugby League (Buckley Shield)**
- **Boys**
- **April 5th (H)**
- **Blayney**
- **Mr. Cowell / Mr Blackburn**

**Rugby League (Tom Kemp)**
- **Boys**
- **April 5th (A)**
- **Henry Lawson HS**
- **Mr. Cowell / Mr Blackburn**

**Rugby League (University Shield)**
- **Boys**
- **April 5th (H)**
- **Blayney**
- **Mr. Cowell / Mr Blackburn**

**Soccer**
- **Girls**
- **March 9th (A)**
- **Canobolas**
- **Ms Troy/Mrs Myers**

**Squash**
- **Boys**
- **March**
- **Orange Rd Robin**
- **Mr McLaughlan**

**Tennis**
- **Boys**
- **April 5th (H)**
- **Forbes**
- **Mr McKenzie**

**Touch**
- **Boys**
- **March 2nd (A)**
- **Blayney**
- **Mrs Balcombe / Ms Davis**

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- **Girls**
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**Western Area Representative Team Trials 2012**

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If you are interested in trialling for any of these teams you need to see Mr. McKenzie well before the trial date (at least 2 weeks) to collect trial entry forms and information. Forms can also be printed from the Western area sport Website. [http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/western/welcome.htm](http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/western/welcome.htm)

You must be available to attend the state carnival in the sport you are trialling in to attend selection trials.

Most teams are open age (18 years & under) with the exceptions of rugby league which also has an under 15 team and swimming, cross country and athletics which cater for all age groups.

Warren McKenzie – External Sport Organiser