On Sunday 29 April I travelled to Narromine to attend a three day camp based around the Cotton Industry (RYCOTT). Narromine Rotary Club organised the whole camp. There were 12 students from towns such as Gilgandra, Bedgerabong and Wellington.

On Monday we travelled to two cotton farms. The first farm we visited was owned and run by a father and son. We were shown how the irrigation worked and also had a look around their machinery shed.

After a short lunch break at a park in Narromine we travelled to the second farm where we observed a cotton picker in action.

On Tuesday we went to two cotton gins. Here we saw the cotton bales being brought in on the boll buggies. At the second gin we saw all the machines up close as it had been shut down for the day. Tuesday afternoon saw us at an aerial spraying company where we saw six planes and learnt that agricultural pilots are in high demand.

On Wednesday we visited Chesterfield in Dubbo and saw lots of tractors and cotton pickers.

Over all three days we had various lectures on the life of an agronomist, banking, insurance and GM cotton.

I would recommend the RYCOTT camp to anyone doing Agriculture or Primary Industries. I learned a lot about cotton that I didn’t know and I made new friends at the same time.

Melissa Johnson Yr 11 Ag
Principal’s News

I write this article after having just watched our Canowindra High School open rugby league team graft out a hard fought win against Bathurst High school in the University Shield competition. Congratulations to our boys and the best of luck as they move into the next stage of this competition. A mighty effort from a small school.

It gave me a great deal of pleasure to attend the school social held last Thursday night. Congratulations to our SRC led by Mrs Myers who provided our kids with the opportunity to be “beauty or a geek” for the night. I would like to thanks Ms Davis who took over the organisation on the day and all staff who supported the event. It was a relaxed and enjoyable social experience for everyone.

I would like to thank the Yr 12 Ancient History class for inviting me to be present for their presentations on scenes from the lives of the people of Pompeii and Herculaneum. I really appreciate the hard work the students put into ensuring the quality of their presentations and for providing food and drinks from that period in History. Thank you Ms Gregson for allowing me to be part of such quality teaching and learning.

Our term 2 assembly will be held on Thursday 28 June at 10.00 am. I look forward to seeing many of you there as we acknowledge the fine achievements of our students.

The teaching staff have been hard at work completing reports for the junior school. Reports for Years 9 and 10 went out last week and Years 7 and 8 will receive their reports this week. Please take some time to sit down with your child and reflect on the past semester of their schooling. Celebrate the positives and look for areas that can be improved.

We break for the winter holidays this Friday 29 June. Term 3 will commence for our staff on Monday 16 July with our School Development Day. The staff will be undergoing training in the educational uses of the iPad, the new Record of School Achievement (RoSA) and the Australian National Curriculum.

School will resume for students on Tuesday 17 July. I wish you all a happy, relaxing and safe holiday.

Paul Bullock
Principal (Rig)
EACH DAY

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL ON TIME IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE:

• THIS ENSURES YOUR CHILD DOES NOT MISS OUT ON IMPORTANT LEARNING ACTIVITIES;
• IT HELPS STUDENTS LEARN THE IMPORTANCE OF PUNCTUALITY AND ROUTINE;
• IT GIVES STUDENTS TIME TO CATCH UP WITH THEIR FRIENDS BEFORE CLASS; AND
• IT ALLOWS THE STUDENTS TO BEGIN THEIR SCHOOL WORK WITH EVERYONE ELSE IN THEIR CLASS THEREFORE DECREASING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR DISRUPTION.

Lateness is recorded as partial absence and needs to be explained by parents/caregivers in the same way as other absences. Explanations can be given verbally or by note, text message or email, depending on the system set up in your child’s school.

MISSING SCHOOL LEAVES GAPS IN YOUR EDUCATION

CANOWINDRA – COME VISIT IN JULY 2012

The Age of Fishes Museum invites all residents in the 2804 area to come and visit the Museum during July 2012. Did you know you have treasures on your doorstep? Have you visited? The fish fossils are one of the true wonders of the world and it is right here in Canowindra.

The AOFM has beau new features and facilities for you to enjoy including the

Acoustiguide which is a self guided recorded tour – talks to you while you look at your pace through the Museum. A special one for children as well.

Grossi gift shop full of fascinating presents from spinning tops to unique fossil specimens. The shop has been revamped and features local produce.

Children’s resource centre full of fascinating things to see and do! The magnifying microscope is very cool.

The Time line winds through a park like garden with fossil digging trays, games board and a free barbeque. A great place for a birthday party or family lunch which must be booked.

For July 2012 it will be easier to visit as the Museum is offering HALF PRICE ENTRY for the locals only. If you have a driver’s licence or other identification showing your post code as 2804, then you get a half price entry admission. For a family of two children and two adults that is a $12.50 savings! Open 10.00am until 4.00pm every day. So come visit in July!

If you are already support the Museum by being a Friend of Fossils member, then show your card and your visit is free. There are no entry charges to use the resources of the Visitor Information Centre or browse in the shop.

So come and have a look. The Age of Fishes Museum is unique and it’s right here in your backyard waiting for you and your family. See and share what other people travel from all over the world to see – the fossil fish from the Age before the Dinosaurs!

RED DAY

The canteen will be holding a Red Day on Thursday 28 June with lots of goodies for sale

This year we are participating in the Woolworths ‘Earn & Learn’ program. This requires you to collect stickers when you shop at Woolworths, place them on your sticker card and, once full, place in the entry box in the main foyer.

You are encouraged to support the school in the participation of the ‘Earn & Learn’ program so the school can be rewarded with valuable resources for the school.

Sticker cards are available from the front office.

Breakfast @ Canteen

* Toasted sandwiches, muffins, cereal, un toasted 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.
**What's On**

### Week 10B  
**Term 2**

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### Assessments Due

**Week 10  
Term 2**

- Year 12 - Ancient History 4, Maths 3, Primary Ind 2
- Year 11 - Ancient History 2, Chemistry 2, Hospitality 3
- Year 10 - Maths 3, Music 3
- Year 9 - Maths 3, Music 3, Visual Arts 3

**Week 1  
Term 3**

- Year 12 -
- Year 11 - Biology 3
- Year 10 -
- Year 9 -

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**Reminder**

**Pie Drive Fundraiser**

Please return your order to school by the last day of term— **this Friday 29th June**.

Support our school and buy a pie.

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To empower is to write  
To write is to influence  
To influence is to change  
To change is to live*