Last Thursday Canowindra High School’s University Shield rugby league team were victorious in the third round against a much larger school in Cowra High School. The final score was 28-12. We have now qualified for the fourth round to play against Bathurst High School in a home game (date to be decided). A full report of last Thursday’s game will be in next week’s newsletter.

Pictured above are our only four Year 12 representatives in the team. Blake Willson, Jacob Devlin, Harry Myers and Kain Earsman

**POSTPONED**

**Term 2 Assembly**

This Assembly has been postponed from Friday 22 June and will now be held on Thursday 28 June at 10.00am

**Breakfast @ Canteen**

* 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.

On Tuesday 12th June our Tom Kemp Shield Rugby League team played Gulgong High School at the Sports Trust Oval and won 40-10. Joshua Trayhurn scored 4 tries whilst Jayden Brown, Alex Willson, Brendon Morgan-Smith and Regan Hughes all scored one each. Tim Middleton converted 3 tries and Josh Trayhurn converted 1 try. A number of players stood out with Tim Middleton setting up a number of tries with some great passing and Zak Whitehead with his solid defence. Thanks again to Graham Rice (coach), Garry Whatman (referee), Gene Tarrant and Dan Friend (touch judges) and to all of the students, parents and teachers who came over to support their team. The win places us in the Grand Final of the Tom Kemp Shield knockout competition to be played in Wellington on Tuesday 26th June 2012. Hopefully, we can defend the title we won in 2011.

Mr A Phelan and Jayden Brown (Captain)
Principal’s News

Last week was a big week here at Canowindra High School.

• A small sample of the wonderful experiences provided to our students includes the following:
• Year 9 students were trained in Adobe Captivate by Ms Reidy, the Connected Learning Coach
• Tom Kemp rugby League team advanced to the final of this competition with a crushing win over Gulgong High School
• Year 7 & 8 debaters took on Cowra High School
• Open rugby league team comprehensively defeated the boys from Cowra High School

Our School Captains travelled to meet with the Governor, along with student leaders from other NSW schools

I would like to acknowledge the huge commitment from the staff who go above and beyond in providing opportunities outside the normal classroom for our students. All of this of course is on top of the quality teaching and learning that occurs here at Canowindra High School, all day, every day.

Our school is one of the 229 successful across NSW that are participating in the Empowering Local Schools National Partnership. (ELSNP)

This is a Commonwealth Government initiative to empower participating schools to make decisions at a local level, and will support us to better respond to the needs of students and the school community and will provide services designed to assist our students to achieve their best educational outcomes.

The school will receive additional funding to assist in this first stage of making decisions that best suit the local needs of our school.

In participating in the initiative there is the opportunity for our school leadership team and other staff members to engage in a range of professional learning that will support us in moving into a different way of planning and reporting outcomes.

In addition, the school will be part of a Learning and Business Management Reform that will improve the delivery of services to schools and the broader community. We are looking forward to participating in this partnership to provide better outcomes for our students.

I would like to welcome Ms Fiona Kerin to the staff. She will be replacing Kevin Smyth while he is on long service leave.

Have a great week.

Paul Bullock
Principal (Rlg)

Faculty in Focus – Science – CAPA

As Term 2 draws to a close, we can reflect on the successes and experiences encountered in the Science-CAPA faculty. Students have been busy completing assessment tasks and Semester One examinations, with staff happily marking examinations and writing student reports.

Senior Biology and Chemistry students travelled to Canberra with Ms Cousins and Mr McLaughlan to participate in a biotechnology workshop conducted by CSIRO. Concepts and activities experienced on this trip linked directly to option topics they are studying in their HSC courses, making it a valuable learning experience for all.

Earlier this term students ventured down to Canowindra Public School and were entertained by and educated about reptiles. About 70 students participated in Years 7-11, with all reporting the reptile show to be enjoyable and informative. All students had the opportunity to get up close and personal with a reptile, although a few white-faced, nervous students declined the offer to have a cuddle with a python.

Despite dense cloud cover on the day, the recent Transit of Venus provided an interesting scientific focus. Thank you to Ms Cousins, who brought in her telescope, setting it up to enable safe viewing of the transit of the planet Venus across the Sun. As the clouds cleared momentarily, keen staff and students were able to view this amazing event.

Things are continuing to advance in preparation for this year’s school production. The CAPA team and their associates are preparing rock bands, choir groups, drama groups and dance troupes in readiness for the Term 3 production. Support crews for lighting, sound, backdrop, costumes etc are being formed, with the next three months promising a whirl of activity and creativity.

There are several events looming on the horizon for interested students, including HSC Study Days in Orange, the online Murder Under the Microscope competition for students in Years 7-10, an Engineering Challenge Day in Dubbo, as well as many external artistic and musical competitions and opportunities. Interested students should speak to their class teacher if interested in these extracurricular events.

Until next time

Science – CAPA Team
Minutes of Canowindra High School
P & C Association
Meeting held on Thursday 17th May 2012

Meeting started at 5.30pm.

Present: Nicole Bugeja, Kathy Davis, Cathy Ellis, Lynne Russell, Ros King, Kerrie Smith, Carolyn Austin, Glenda Gavin, Angela Thornberry, Dearne Curtis, Leanne Harrison

Apologies: Narelle Robinson, Stephen Russell.

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

Business Arising from Minutes
1. Canteen breakfast menu still going along. Sue has introduced Hot Chocolate for winter and it is selling well.
2. The Deb Balls went well. The only issue was people without tickets coming in through the back door, and the bouncer not being quite clear on what his duties were. This was mainly an issue with the first ball and was sorted for the second. Ros King was paid for the ingredients used to make the deb cakes.
3. RYDA went well for year 11 students. The Easter Egg raffle raised $140.50. Thank you to all who contributed eggs or bought tickets.

Correspondence
Inwards: Canteen and other A/C’s (given to Treasurer), Healthy Kids Membership Renewal for the canteen is due (moved Ros, sec Dearne that this be paid).
Outwards: Nil.

SRC Report
No report.

Principal’s Report
- Staffing – Bev Taylor has been replaced by Prue Campbell for the term. Dave Lanham has been replaced by Louise Gregson for the term.
- Debutante Balls – Well done to all parents and students that contributed to two very successful events.
- Building – Basketball court is being resurfaced; student toilets have been painted – thanks to the SRC for this; library refurbishment should be finished this term; new computer room will be completed in a few weeks.
- Photocopier tenders – no tenders submitted for the old photocopiers so Nick Carne from Comprinting is taking the machines for spare parts.

General Business
1. Canteen – The oven in the canteen has packed it in. The SRC are willing to go halves with the P&C in purchasing a new one. Quotes have been gathered and one has been ordered from Martins Electrical in Cowra to be delivered on Monday. The total cost is $1790 so we will need to contribute half of this. Moved Dearne, sec Kathy. Carried.
2. Pie Drive – order form will go out in the last few weeks of term with pies being delivered on 26/7. The pies are from Forbes Country Bakehouse and will cost $7.50 each.
3. Sport Uniforms – Kathy brought up that maybe we should have a look at purchasing some new netball and various other school sport uniforms. More information next meeting.
4. Lockers – It has been proposed that some lockers be purchased for student use. There would be a rental fee and they may be able to be housed in the area in front of the canteen. Kathy has been looking into this and talking to various suppliers and students. To be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.
5. Year 11 Jerseys – will most likely be a similar style to this years year 12 jersey. Dearne is currently talking to students.

Change of Meeting time – after discussion it was decided that the P&C meetings will be held at 4.30pm instead of 5.30pm as it is a more suitable time for those present. Moved Leanne, sec Angela, carried.

Meeting Closed at 6.30pm.

Next meeting to be held on Thursday 21st June starting at 4.30pm.

This year we are participating in the Woolworth ‘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.

Please note new time of 4.30pm for P & C meeting to be held this Thursday 21 June
**READING MATTERS**

**Top 10 book openings**

An opening line can make or break a book for adolescents. I usually ask students to read the first page and give me a quick analysis of what it was and what it promises. So although lists such as these exist elsewhere I deferred again to Karen Powers on her excellent blog. She writes:

I used the following criteria: the top 10 lines would be those I easily recalled, (meaning they were especially memorable), or they would be the lines which had most made me want to keep reading.

After much thought, I eventually came up with the following list:

1. It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair.  
   *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens

2. It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife.  
   *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

3. Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again.  
   *Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier

4. In my younger and more vulnerable years my father gave me some advice that I’ve been turning over in my mind ever since.  
   *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald

5. “Call me Ishmael”  
   *Moby-Dick* by Herman Melville

6. Alice was beginning to get very tired of sitting by her sister on the riverbank, and of having nothing to do: once or twice she had peeped into the book her sister was reading, but it had no pictures or conversations in it, ‘and what is the use of a book’, thought Alice, ‘without pictures or conversation?’  
   *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll

7. Once upon a time, there was a woman who discovered she had turned into the wrong person.  
   *Back When We Were Grownups* by Anne Tyler (2001)

8. All children, except one, grow up  
   *Peter Pan* by J.M.Barrie

9. In an old house in Paris that was covered with vines lived twelve little girls in two straight lines.  
   *Madeline* by Ludwig Bemelmans

10. Mr. and Mrs. Dursley, of number four Privet Drive, were proud to say that they were perfectly normal, thank you very much.  
    *Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone* by J.K. Rowling
    http://bigbookcase.wordpress.com/

    Want to know how to make reading work for you? Sign up for the Reading Challenge and be rewarded just for reading. Read a book of your choice, then log onto The Reading Thing blog and write your response. How easy is that?

    See the Library staff for details

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**What's On**

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**Reminder**

**Pie Drive Fundraiser**

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

Support our school and buy a pie.