On Friday the 15th of June at 6:30am Mrs Myers and ourselves flew out of Orange Airport on our way to Sydney to participate in a leaders day, at NSW Parliament and Government houses. The day involved conferences with MPs from around the state discussing their roles in parliament, future aspirations and skills in leadership. We also were treated to tours of the upper and lower houses and informed as to how they operate.

At lunch time the 120 students and teachers walked through the Botanical Gardens to Government house. We had a tour of the building and afterwards, were privileged to hear Her Excellency Maria Bashir speak about her role as Governor and how she came to be in the prestigious position she is today.

Following that we were treated to afternoon tea at Government house and had an opportunity to have a photo with Her Excellency, and introduce ourselves. After a short wait for our flight home, and some shopping (that Blake was thrilled about), we arrived in Orange at 8pm, tired, and keen to get home.

The highlight of the day was having the privilege to talk to Maria Bashir and hear about what amazing woman she is and all that she has achieved in her lifetime. All in all it was a very rewarding day and provided us with many insights into how to become better leaders.

Grand Final - Tom Kemp Shield (Rugby League)

Canowindra High School (18) defeated Peak Hill Central School (14)

On Tuesday 26th June Canowindra High School played Peak Hill Central School at Kennard Park, Wellington in the Grand Final of the Tom Kemp Shield Knockout and won 18-14.

Canowindra High School has now won this competition two years in a row. The boys showed a lot of courage trailing 14-8 at halftime and coming back to win the game in the last couple of minutes of the game with a try in the corner. Joshua Trayhurn scored two tries, whilst Jayden Brown and Bailey Cain scored one each. Tim Middleton successfully converted one try in difficult conditions.

Congratulations to Bailey Cain who was awarded with the ‘Player of the Final’ trophy. Thanks to Graham Rice for his efforts in coaching the team throughout the competition and to John Cowell (retired) for driving the bus on the day. Hopefully we can win the title for a third year in a row in 2013.

Team List: Jayden Brown, Bradyn Cassidy, Bailey Cain, Joshua Trayhurn, Zak Whitehead, Tim Middleton, Callum Clyburn, Simon Whatman, Harry Whatman, Curtis Hughes, Regan Hughes, Jake Wythes, Alex Willson, Tim Wythes, Robbie Wiegold, Ben Birmingham, Codie Beroya, Brendan Morgan-Smith, Jared Zahra, Joe Fazzari.

Mr A Phelan
Principal’s News

Welcome back to term 3. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable break and that students have returned to school refreshed and ready to re-engage in the educational process. Term 3 is the last term for our Year 12 students who will leave us to complete their HSC exams in term 4. Their Trial HSC exams will be held during week 3 commencing Monday 30 July. Year 12 students should be well and truly into a comprehensive pattern of study and revision to prepare for these most important exams and their HSC exams. Good luck Year 12.

The staff began the term with our School Development Day. There were two main focus areas for the day. Tablet style computing devices such as iPads are the fastest growing sector in the technology area at the moment and have huge potential to assist in teaching and learning. Lou Rose and Julie Wright from Canobolas Rural Technology High School in Orange led a session on the educational uses of iPads with a particular focus on literacy and numeracy applications. I would like to thank Lou and Julie for giving up their time in conducting a very interesting and useful training exercise for our staff.

I am sure that you are all aware that the Federal Government is introducing a Nation School Curriculum and that the State Government have removed the School Certificate and replaced it with the Record of School Achievement (RoSA). In our second session Alanah Miszuk, the Western Region Board of Studies Liaison Officer provided us with the most up-to-date information on these new initiatives.

The term 2 Awards assembly was conducted at the end of last term. I was amazed at the many and varied achievements of our students and so very pleased to be part of a ceremony that celebrates achievement and recognises the efforts that our students have made in striving to do well. I would like to congratulate all of our award winners and also encourage all of our students to come to school every day and always try to do your best.

This is my last week as relieving principal. Nicole will be back on duty next week. I have thoroughly enjoyed my brief stint here and thank you all for the friendly way that you welcomed me into your school community.

Best wishes to you all.

Paul Bullock
Principal (Rig)

Faculty in Focus – English-HSIE

The end of Term 2 was a very busy time in the English-HSIE faculties. Late in the term, Year 7 and 8 students took part in two debates against Cowra High School. In the first debate Connor Donnelly, Thabiso Ncube, Sitha Ncube, and Tammy Phumthong debated the topic ‘Should homework be compulsory in years 7 & 8?’. The students made some good points and showed promise for future debates. In the second debate Cody Smith, Brayden Fleidner, Caleb Giger and Kate Gander debated the topic, ‘Should learning a second language be compulsory?’. This was the Year 7 students’ first ever debate and they handled themselves very well. We will match up against Cowra again early this term with our aim being to improve on our past performance.

This week sees our Year 10 debating team make its long awaited debut against Young High School and The Henry Lawson High School. We wish Luke Wallace, Tim Middleton, Cormac Lamond and Jack Beath all the best.

Year 9 English studied a new unit on Documentaries. This was an interesting and exciting unit which culminated with students creating their own documentaries. Part of the unit involved students having a “professional learning” session with the Connected Learning Coach, Ms Jillian Reedy. Ms Reedy instructed students in the use of Adobe Captivate which they then used to create their own documentaries. Students have created some high quality work on a variety of topics including depression, dance, parkour and even a ‘mockumentary’ of Man versus Wild.

During Term 2 Year 7 HSIE focused on developing their skills in historical research. As part of their assessment students put their newly acquired skills to use and researched a local building of historical importance. This research was presented as a poster. Ms Gregson and Mr Blackburn were thrilled with the quality of the students’ work and loved the opportunity to learn a little more about the local area.

Looking forward it is important to remember that Term 3 is Year 12’s final term of schooling. We hope that all of our students have got their heads down revising texts and concepts in English, Ancient History and Geography.
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EXPLAINING ABSENCES

Are your students explaining their absences? All absences are expected to be explained within seven (7) days of the absence occurring. An explanation cannot be given after the 7 days. What are you doing in your classroom/roll group to encourage absences being explained?

Some strategies you may find helpful:

- SMS notifications to parents about unexplained absences. School based e-mail set up as the reply point. Parents can then e-mail explanations and rolls and OASIS updated in a timely manner.
- Sending absence note reply templates home asking for a reply.
- Reminders in newsletters and assemblies.
- Phone call home.
- Use school diary with a copy of absence note proformas within it that we encourage parents to use.
- Choice of activity on the Smart board.
- Reward, stickers, being the line leader/s.
- Putting students name into a prize box for end of week/term prize.

Talking and encouraging is the most useful tool you have as a teacher.

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EXEMPTIONS

Did you know?

You can apply to the Principal for an exemption if your child needs to be absent from school.

Exemptions are not counted in your child/children’s end of year absences?

Exemptions may be granted for the following reasons and will need to be assessed for approval by the Principal:

- exceptional domestic circumstances (some examples are listed below):
  - Flood (or other natural disaster) where the student is prevented from attending school;
  - Funerals where the family needs to leave town for a period of time;
  - Family holidays during school term subject to being satisfied that this is in the best educational interests of your child;

- Child accompanying sick parent out of town for a period of time for treatment. If the time away is more than a week try to have your child attend the local school through short-term attendance to ensure your child does not miss out on too much learning.

- other exceptional circumstances such as health of the student where sick leave or alternative enrolment is not appropriate
  - student needing to attend appointments in Sydney, for example, for ongoing treatment;
  - the child being prevented from attending school because of an infectious disease which could include whooping cough; measles; impetigo (school sores ); influenza; chickenpox; conjunctivitis; gastroenteritis; German measles; mumps; ringworm; scabies; Scarlet Fever.

- employment in the entertainment industry or participation in elite sporting events for short periods of time i.e. for one or two days, and at short notice.

Remember: Exemptions need to be applied for by the parent or carer prior to the absence and will need to be approved by the school principal. If you think your child/children may need an exemption, speak to the principal by appointment or phone call and complete the application form.

Attention Parents / Carers of Year 7 Students

During this term your child will be undertaking a unit of work entitled “Adolescence and Change” in their Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) classes.

This unit will involve the following areas from the syllabus:

- Physical, social and emotional changes
- Behaviours associated with puberty
- Coping with challenges and changes

As this unit deals with issues surrounding adolescence, we feel that it is appropriate to inform all parents. If you wish to discuss the content of this unit further please contact MsTroy.

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.
During Term 3 all students at Canowindra High School will be recording activity they do during class time, at recess and lunch as well as during sport. What they do outside school hours will also count towards the Challenge awards.

The purpose of the Challenge is to encourage students to participate in sport, games and physical activity - and to have more students, more active, more often. As part of this initiative year groups will be organised into lunchtime games on the following days:

- Monday: Year 7
- Tuesday: Year 9
- Wednesday: Year 10
- Thursday: Year 8
- Friday: Year 11&12

Your support in encouraging your child to be physically active before and after school as well as on weekends will encourage him/her to develop healthy lifestyle habits. Each student completing the Challenge will receive a personalised certificate from the Premier of New South Wales.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the Challenge or make suggestions, please contact Mr McKenzie who will be pleased to talk further with you. For more information on the Premier’s Sporting Challenge please visit [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/psc](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/psc).

### Assessments Due

#### Week 1

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

#### Week 2

- Year 12 -
- Year 11 - Prim Ind 3, Snr Science 3, Visual Arts 4
- Year 10 - English 3
- Year 9 -

### 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. An additional item available through the winter months is ‘hot chocolate’ - $2.00.

### Year 6 to 7 Transition

Canowindra High will be holding the first of their transition days on Tuesday the 24th of July. This day is a Parent Information Session that runs from 10am till 11am. It includes a face to face with the Principal, Year Adviser and the Transition Coordinator, a school tour and light morning tea. Anyone interested in attending needs to sign in at the front office on the morning of the session. If there are any questions please contact the school.

### CHS P & C Meeting

A reminder that P & C will be having their meeting at 4.30pm on Thursday 19 July in the staff common room.

All are cordially invited to take part in these important meetings.