SCHOOL PRODUCTION 2012 – ANOTHER SUCCESS FOR CANOWINDRA HIGH SCHOOL

Approximately 140 students, or 64% of the student population participated in this year's annual school production "Celebration"; an event actively promoting the ideas of staying positive, enjoying life and having fun. Many of these students performed in multiple acts including dance, drama, music, sound, lighting, costuming, backdrop design and painting. The production again provided so many new experiences including first time performances in front of an audience. As usual it is the "behind the scenes" work that is often the most creative and valuable; providing opportunities to problem solve, work in teams and negotiate with others while developing a sense of excellence, commitment and pride. For the design of the backdrop Year 9 Visual Arts class spent a great deal of time as a team presenting and developing ideas. They debated the positives and negatives of each design and came to a group decision that then had to be executed in a short period of time. Working on stage presented a painting scale far removed from anything possible in the classroom. The performances on stage were the culmination of the time taken to develop skills and confidence while sharing experiences together in a positive environment. The small drama performances brought a welcome return of the skits to our stage and showed that boys can get on stage without a guitar!! The jury is still out on whose skit was best!!

The dance troupe is in a rebuilding phase and it was very pleasing to see a large number of varied items with so many students willing to put in the effort. The stage was full with energetic and colourful group performances which presented many challenges in themself; arms and legs flying and many up-close and personal moments! It is a credit to so many of the girls who have never danced before to learn the choreography and coordinate within the large group. A huge well done to all those who put in the extra time in helping with choreography, teaching others and showing extra commitment with additional rehearsals. We also had a team of costume workers who put in many hours and are just as much

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SCHOOL PRODUCTION continued:
Just to get on stage is a big step. Learning and knowing the moves and lines is important. Putting on a good performance is great! **Having fun along the way - ESSENTIAL!**

This year, we said goodbye to several of our Year 12 students who have participated in the production and performance nights every year. A very big thank you must go to the following students for their many years of hard work:
Emily McTaggart – compere, choir, drama, backdrop;
Jade Workman – dance, costume, choir;
Ellen Blair – dance, choir, drama; and
Eric Johnson – sound crew.

**From the production team: Kath Balcombe, Dearne Curtis, Tony Dagg and Kerrie Smith.**

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**Faculty in Focus : Creative and Practical Arts -**

**MUSIC:**
Junior Rock Band (Years 7 – 9):
Junior Rock Band has begun to rehearse again after the production. Rehearsals are held every Thursday lunch time in the Music Room. Students need to bring their lunch and any instrument they play.

Senior Rock Band (Years 9 – 11):
Senior Rock Band will again begin to use class time to rehearse. Students will need to bring instruments to class every Thursday. Students will be discussing the next selection of songs to perform in class this week.

**VISUAL ARTS:**
The Visual Arts faculty has been busy with the backdrop for the production, holding a visiting artist ceramic workshop and taking two excursions to Cowra Regional Art Gallery.

Fifty students from Years 7-12 visited the **Archibald Portrait Prize** exhibition held at Cowra Regional Gallery. After an illustrated talk they were briefly guided through the exhibition prior to individual and group studies of the paintings. Most students were astounded at the range of styles and interpretation of portraiture. They also appreciated viewing the surface treatment (texture) and differences in scale of the actual work after studying the mediated image in the classroom.

**Geoff Crispin Exhibition - 20 October to 18 November 2012:**

25 Year 9 and 11 students attended the ceramic workshop presented by Geoff Crispin at CHS followed by an excursion to Cowra gallery to see his outstanding exhibition. In his illustrated workshop talk Geoff focused on the skills he requires as a practicing artist in a contemporary artworld. Much of this dealt with personal and professional development and interpersonal skills with the marketing world of galleries and collectors. He spoke of the expectation that he possess skills in public speaking and an ability to write for different audiences and publications about his practice.

He followed this by demonstrating the production of pots on the pottery wheel. He turned some bases, fluted the side of a small pot and carved a decoration into a large tall vessel. His adept handling of the material held the attention of the students.

Geoff is internationally recognised for his wood-fired porcelain and stoneware ceramics and for his work with indigenous groups in Australia, Jamaica, Middle East, Ethiopia, Papua New Guinea and Indonesia. The combination of traditional glazes and the wood-fired method is unusual due to the unpredictable nature of the wood kiln. He uses raw materials gathered from the area in which he lives to produce rich glowing colours and surfaces licked by the flame.

I would like to thank Geoff for his professionalism in delivering his advice about art practice, his pottery demonstration and the illustrated floor talks he gave at both the school and the gallery.

I would like to acknowledge Cowra Regional Art Gallery director Brian Langer for his efforts in securing grant funding for the artist workshop and floor talks, and in covering all transport costs. As a facilitator Brian recognises the important role he plays in linking the funding bodies, the gallery, the artists (industry) and the community (schools/students). In doing so, our students reap the cultural rewards.

**Tony Dagg, Visual Arts Teacher.**

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- E: cowraartgallery@cowra.nsw.gov.au www.cowraartgallery.com.au
- Hours: Tues to Sat 10am–4pm, Sun 2pm–4pm. (Mondays closed)
Principal’s News

Well done to the hospitality department for their catering of the Western NSW Region Secondary Deputy Principals Conference that was held at Canowindra High School last week. Under the leadership of Mr Smyth and Mrs Harrison students prepared and served food and coffees for over thirty participants.

Thank you to members of our SRC who welcomed the Deputy Principals on arrival and to our School Captains who led them on a tour of the school. One of the DPs emailed me this morning: ‘You’ve got a great school with top kids from what I saw.’ Well done Canowindra HS!

Congratulations to all of our agriculture students who attended the Cows Create Careers excursion. Well done to Hayley White, Melana Pearce, Joel Duggan and Alicia Earsman who came 2nd out of ninety-three groups in the seniors category. They designed a 3D model of the globe, outlining where different breeds come from. Students also had to promote occupations in dairy, and present information on genetics and health. This groups and others work can be seen in our school foyer.

Students on the ‘Platinum’ level of our merit system are encouraged to apply for a ‘Principal’s Award’. To do this, complete the application form, available from our office or on our school website.

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Principal (RIG)

Acceptance

What is acceptance?

Acceptance can be defined in so many ways and there’s definitely no right or wrong answer.

A famous quote by Carl Jung “what you resist, persists”. It seems so many people are “resisting” (fighting against) the way things are in our lives. Whether it’s our friends, family, work or our body image we are often arguing against reality instead of accepting it the way that it is. Acceptance isn’t agreeing with the circumstances but about embracing it to let it be as it is.

Self-acceptance can be one of the biggest hurdles to overcome. You need to understand and acknowledge your character and habits so stop comparing yourself and your achievements to others and you will soon see the transformation.

So as you can see acceptance affects everyone in different ways. That’s why we have decided to hold acceptance weeks to run over a few weeks to allow people to embrace the change. Different foods have been available in the canteen to show the acceptance of different cultures’ food. Different sports have been available, including “boules” to allow people to accept other sports. We will continue to run similar activities over the next few weeks so we encourage everyone to get in and have a go.

On Thursday 8/11/12 will be having a ‘Mufti Day’ to celebrate accepting YOU …it will be a gold coin donation to raise funds for the refurbishment of the showers in the Jack Sherwin Memorial Hall.

Alexandra Croak
– Diving, Gymnastics

On Monday the 5th November Alexandra Croak will be at Canowindra High school to present her story and the importance of being active. The presentation will be in the JSMH during period 3 to all year 7 and 8 students. Following is a profile of Alexandra and her sporting achievements.

Given name: Alexandra Family name: Croak
Date of birth: 9 July 1984 City of birth: Sydney
Home town and State: Originally Coffs Harbour NSW but currently Sydney NSW

Major achievements, Honours, Awards:
2011 World Championships – Diving, Silver
2010 Commonwealth Games – Diving, Gold
2010 World Cup – Diving, Silver
2008 Beijing Olympic Games Team Member – Diving
2006 Commonwealth Games – Diving, Silver

2002 Commonwealth Games – Gymnastics, Gold
2000 Sydney Olympic Games Team Member - Gymnastics

Most memorable sporting achievement:
Representing Australia at my first Olympic Games in Sydney in 2000 at the Superdome as a 16 year old gymnast

Age when you first began competing in your sport:
Gymnastics at 5 years old and diving at 20 years old

Schools you attended:
Tyalla Primary (Coffs Harbour), Aranda Primary (Canberra), Canberra High (Canberra), Karabar Distance Education (Queanbeyan), Kiama High (Kiama).

Hobbies: Relaxing, shopping and music (listening)
Favourite CD: Too many to choose from...
Favourite movie: The Notebook and Girl Interrupted

Premier’s Sporting Challenge

Monday, 5 November 2012
What’s On

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Cowra Netball Association - Representative Netball

Selection tryouts for Cowra Netball Association Under 11’s Carnival, Under 12’s, 13’s and 14’s Representative Netball Teams will take place at the Cowra PCYC Young Road Complex on Sunday 11th November and Sunday 25th November 2012.

Times for each age group will be as follows:
- Under 11’s Carnival Team 4-5:30pm
- Under 12’s Representative Team 5:30-7pm
- Under 13’s Representative Team 4-5:30pm
- Under 14’s Representative Team 5:30-7pm

Players trialling for teams should arrive 30 minutes prior to their selection time to complete nomination forms and be ready to take the court at the specified time. For further information or enquiries please contact the Representative Coordinator Amylee Knight on 0400245704.