Canowindra High School
Swimming Carnival 2013

DATE, TIME AND PLACE

Canowindra High School's annual swimming carnival will be conducted on Wednesday, 6th February. Students are to go straight to the pool as a roll call will be held at 9.00am. Bus travellers will need to exit the buses at the Primary school and walk to the pool. Please contact the principal on 6344 1305 if this is a concern to you.

ENTRY

Non season ticket holders and guests will be required to pay $2.30 to enter.

WHO IS INVITED?

For students, attendance is compulsory, as this is a normal school "day". Those students who anticipate they will not be here, must provide a note in advance to the Deputy Principal. If students are away, then a note must be provided the following day. The carnival is a great opportunity for parents and families to join us in the picnic atmosphere and although the program will be very full and staff will be very busy, there may be an opportunity to meet and briefly chat with your child's teachers. Please note that due to the pool being closed to the public only parents, caregivers and supervised siblings are permitted to attend.

MEAL ARRANGEMENTS

Students can bring their own lunch. A number of food lines, as well as ice creams, drinks and sweets are also available through the pool's own kiosk which will be open all through the carnival.

GETTING HOME

Students will be dismissed at 3.10 so bus travellers can board their bus from the primary school. It is important that all students stay right to the end of the day, regardless of whether your child completes all of his or her events earlier. This is a school "day", attendance is compulsory, and all the normal school rules and conditions apply. Students leaving early must have a signed note from the Deputy Principal prior to the day.

WHAT TO BRING

Students are encouraged to wear house colours to on Wednesday (No inappropriate dress, including singlet tops, will be accepted). During all stages of the carnival it is strongly recommended that students have a hat, shirt and sunscreen on.

If there are any medical or similar reasons why a student cannot swim, parents are asked to provide a note to Mr McKenzie explaining the circumstances.

We are all looking forward to a great day.

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Please fill in and return this form to the school office if you will be able to assist us with a job at the carnival.

Jobs include timekeeping, place judging, starting.

We will contact you with final details of the roster.

The carnival starts at 9.30am and runs until 3.00pm

Yes I can help with the carnival, I would prefer to do ........................................

(please specify)

I am happy to do any of these jobs.

Contact number:........................................

Signed................................................

Date ................................................

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Contact List
Principal
Neryle Smurthwaite
Deputy Principal (Rig)
Jason Nottingham
Head Teacher
English / HSEE
Lee-Anne Jones
Head Teacher
Maths / PDHPE / Comp
Rod Jones
Head Teacher
Science / CAPA
Owen McLaughlan (Rig)
Head Teacher TAS
Bob Scott
Year 7 Advisers
Patsy Daniel
Year 8 Adviser
Kathy Davis
Michelle Burn
Year 9 Adviser
Andrew Phelan
Year 10 Adviser
Kath Balcombe
Year 11 Adviser
Tom Blackburn
Year 12 Adviser
Deanne Curtis
Careers Adviser
Bev Taylor
Teacher Librarian
Jennifer Watts
Sports Coordinator
Warren McKenzie
School Counsellors
Shannon Weekees
Student Welfare Officer
Chris Cuddy

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THE LIBRARY IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS FOR 2013

All students are invited to visit sometime in the next two weeks to discover what we have to offer.

They can sign up for the Reading Challenge and be rewarded for reading. It is both a skill and a pleasure that opens up the world beyond our own community. The freedom to read is taken for granted in Australia. One of the books I read in the holidays brought that home to me:

Ramona Koval is a contemporary of mine, and a first generation Australian, the child of Polish Holocaust survivors. For this microbiologist, writer, broadcaster and journalist, books and the mysteries within them have shaped her life and subsequent work. She believes, as I do, that people’s books are a kind of biography.

In *By the Book: A Reader’s Guide to Life*, she describes how her mother, an uneducated factory worker who wanted to improve her English, read a huge range of contemporary literature and encouraged her children to do the same. The young Ramona was introduced to the suburban Bus Library, and credits both the mobile librarian and her primary school teacher librarian for expanding her world through story and language. And she recognises librarians as the custodians of culture and warriors in the battle for its survival.

‘In 1992,’ she writes, ‘the century old library of the National Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina was shelled and burned’ Librarians and other volunteers formed a human chain to pass rare and precious books and manuscripts out of the burning building. One librarian was shot and killed by sniper fire, but the others continued the salvage and 10% of this irreplaceable collection was saved.

Unlike the Kovals, Australians have never known the repression of tyrannical regimes, where books are deemed subversive or seditious and are banned or burnt in public displays of threatening control. The great threat here is apathy.

‘Reading,’ says Ramona Koval, ‘is an act of free will... And it means independence of mind and spirit; nobody knows what you’re thinking at the time.’

And that’s a power within everyone’s reach...

Jenny Watts
Teacher Librarian


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**Principal’s News**

It is with great pleasure that I write my first article for our school newsletter and have opportunity to let our parents and community know not just a little bit about myself but also my vision for our school.

As a teacher, and principal for the past eight years, I have always based my practices on the belief that every child has their own unique potential, their own preferred style to attain it and, as a school, it is our responsibility to provide an environment where learning happens constantly, is valued and where our students can acquire the skills to become lifelong learners.

As I said to the staff and students last week since accepting the position of Principal I have heard nothing but positive comments about the school and the educational opportunities it provides the young people of Canowindra. Therefore I am not here to bring about sweeping change instead my aim is to build on the strengths and successes that already exist, to focus on meeting the challenges that will come with the current educational change and through harnessing the goodwill of staff and support of the community to foster a learning community of high expectations where students feel valued, encouraged and listened to and where the relationships between school, home and community are based on respect, responsibility and trust and where our school is the school of choice for all families in our community.

Together, I know we can achieve this goal and together we can ensure the educational future of our young people well beyond their years at school.

I have appreciated the way in which I have been welcomed into our school and I look forward to not only meeting you, the parents of our students, but also working with you in the years ahead. Our school is an integral part of our community and our doors will always be open to anyone who wishes to become part of our school or simply talk to us.

**CONGRATULATIONS.** I have had the opportunity to look through the 2012 HSC results and it was great to see some very strong results across Agriculture, Biology, Geography, Design and Technology, Information and Technology, Senior Science and Visual Arts. I would also like to congratulate the class of 2012 on their performance and in particular Emily McTaggart, Tanisha Whatman, Jade Workman, Taryn Buhagiar, Natalie Hare and Tahlia Pearce. Once again congratulations and thank you for your efforts you are a true reflection of the quality of education at our school.

**GREAT START TO YEAR.** I would like to thank parents for their support with ensuring the wearing of school uniform, individually and as a group the students look fantastic. I would also like to congratulate our students on not only their presentation but their determination and commitment to apply themselves to their studies from the outset.

**FIRST MERIT AWARD FOR 2013.** Congratulations to Curtis Hughes on being the winner of the first merit draw for 2013. As our school captain what a great role model for our student body.

Neryle Smurthwaite
Principal
Canowindra High School Cricket

The school’s Lachlan Shield Cricket Team have made a strong start to the competition, recently posting a convincing win over West Wyalong.

Canowindra batted first and posted 185, with fine efforts from Matthew Harrison (62*), Nathan Whatman (31), Dan Friend (23) and Regan Hughes (22).

In response Canowindra's bowlers competed well, with strong showings from Sam Willson 3/8 and Regan Hughes 3/18 eventually bowling the hosts out for less than 100.

The team’s bowling was supported by great fielding which capped off a great effort from the team.

The team has two games remaining in the competition, a home match against Condobolin and away match against Parkes.

Congratulations to the team and best of luck in the next two games.

Canowindra High School Lockers

The addition of Lockers, through the P&C, to our school has been met positively with many students acquiring one and enjoying the benefits of carrying a much lighter school bag.

Lockers are located in a safe, dry location in the rear of the canteen and the senior lockers located in the senior area in the top quad.

Lockers are still available to students and will again be offered in 2013 for the reasonable cost of $40 per year with $20 of that refundable upon favourable inspection.
What's On

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**Are Your Family Contact Details Up-To-Date?**

There are many reasons the school may need to contact the parent/caregiver, including illness.

It is important that Canowindra High School can contact the families of students when it is necessary.

Please phone the school office on 63 441305 or fill in attached sheet if you need to update your details.

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**Dates for the 2013 School Terms**

**Term 1**
- Tuesday January 29, 2013– Staff resume
- Wednesday January 30, 2013– Years 7,11,12 resume
- Thursday January 31, 2013– Years 8, 9, 10 resume
- Last day of Term 1 is Friday 12 April 2013

**Term 2**
- Monday 29 April 2013– Staff resume
- Wednesday 1 May 2013– Students resume
- Last Day Term 2 is Friday 28 June 2013

**Term 3**
- Monday 15 July 2013– Staff resume
- Tuesday 16 July 2013– Students resume
- Last Day Term 3 is Friday 20 September 2013

**Term 4**
- Tuesday 8 October 2013– Staff and Students resume
- Last day of Term 4 is December 18 2013

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**Confirmation**

If you are high-school age and above, and are interested in confirmation in the Anglican or Uniting Church, please contact Rev Jono 63441643, revjono@bigpond.com or find him on Facebook.

Revd Jono Williams
Parish Priest
Cooperating parishes of the Anglican and Uniting Churches of