Faculty in Focus - Primary Industries

Year 12 Primary Industries have recently completed a four day work placement on properties and farms throughout the Canowindra district. All students received positive feedback and gained a great deal from the experience. A big thank you to Mrs Taylor for her tireless efforts in arranging, organising and checking on each student on work placement.

During Term 1 the composite Year 12/11 Primary Industries class have undertaken a First Aid Course and completed the unit on “Apply Chemicals under Supervision.”

The photos included in the article depict practical tasks completed in Term 4, 2012 when the current Year 12 students were undertaking tasks relating to the care and welfare of livestock.

Tasks included giving sheep their vaccinations, castrating and tagging the school’s two male calves.

In Term 2 2013 both Year 12 and Year 11 students will be replacing and building two sections of fencing in and around the Ag plot.
**Tackling Cyber Bullying Together**

School Police Liaison Officer Constable Belinda Bostock held cyber bullying workshops for the whole school, parents and the wider Community on Friday 10 May to raise awareness regarding cyber bullying, its consequences and effects.

All Year groups attend these interactive seminars where the students got involved in various aspects of the roles that technology plays in bullying.

![Year 9 students Paige, Ashley and Angel along with Constable Bostock](image)

**Stewart House Charity Fundraiser**

Reminder last week each student was given their envelope to make a donation toward Stewart House. The SRC are encouraging all students and families to support this worthwhile cause and have a chance at winning a fantastic holiday!

1. Each student was given an envelope in which they need to write their name, address, telephone number and school.
2. A donation of at least $2 needs to be made.
3. Hand back into the office within the week. The entries must be returned to Stewart House by the 20th May 2013.
4. Wait for the phone call on the 24th May after 1.00pm.

_Thank you, your SRC_

**Principal’s News**

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL.** Unfortunately the brief shower of rain last Wednesday caused the postponement of our annual athletics carnival. Due to the commitments already included in our school calendar over the next two weeks the carnival is being held on Monday, 13th May. I thank parents for their understanding of this unusual change of date.

**P&C AGM.** This Thursday evening is the P&C AGM and I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the executive of Leanne Harrison, Carolyn Austin, Kathy Davis and Lynne Russell for their amazing effort over the past twelve months and their ongoing commitment to strengthen the partnership between our school and community. I would also like to thank Carolyn for volunteering to be part of the Curriculum Review team.

**NAPLAN.** All year 7 and 9 students will undertake tests in Literacy and Numeracy on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week as part of the national NAPLAN program. Parents and the school will receive the results of these tests next term with the information being used to help determine individual student learning needs as well as whole school literacy and numeracy strategies.

**FOOD ALLERGY WEEK 13-18 MAY.** Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware. Find out more: [http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au](http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au)


**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jenna Wensley on being last week’s Canteen voucher winner.

Neryle Smurthwaite
Principal
CONGRATULATIONS
SAM AND TARYN

Sam McKenzie and Taryn Robinson were both successful in their application for the Minerals Council Bursary Scheme Scholarship.

The scholarship is a competitive award that is offered state wide to Year 11 students to help them through their senior studies and begin their tertiary education.

YR 12 FACTS DAY

Year 12 Canowindra High School students travelled to Bathurst’s Charles Sturt University on Thursday May 9 with other schools from the region to see and talk to representatives from Universities, private colleges and various employment groups about their future prospects. This enables students to experience the full range of career paths that are available to them.

Buckley Shield and Open University Shield (Rugby League)

On Monday 6th May 2013 our Under 14 Buckley Shield and Open University Shield teams travelled to Orange for their respective Round 1 games against Orange High School. Matching up against schools with over 1,000 students to choose from is always a challenge, but one our boys are always willing to take on.

The Under 14 Buckley Shield team was the first to take the field. With a young team made up of mostly Year 7 students playing their first game of Rugby League for Canowindra High School, we were completely outmatched for size and experience. To our boys’ credit they never gave up and actually improved and picked up their pace as the game went on. Richard Carlon and Jordan Kemper shared the honour of ‘Player of the Match’ as both players weren’t afraid to take on the bigger boys. We should be more competitive in the Buckley Shield next year as most of the boys are eligible again.

After a short break the Open University Shield team took to the field. We started the game off well matching the opposition in all areas, but a number of unforced errors quickly lead to our demise. On debut for the Opens team, Will Middleton of Year 9 was our only try scorer. Well done to all players on their effort throughout the day.

Mr Phelan and Mr Blackburn
CANOWINDRA NUMERACY AND LITERACY CLASSES
Do you know someone 18 years or older who would like the opportunity to refresh or learn new skills in Numeracy and/or Literacy, create a CV or resume, gain study skills or learn how to read and understand bus and train schedules? This FREE Course offers this opportunity and more.

Numeracy and Literacy skills are essential in daily life, to gain employment, to read a letter or instructions or to share a written story with a child. Everyone is welcome to this FREE Course!

TAFE organised Numeracy and Literacy Classes in Canowindra have commenced and will continue until 5th June 2013. Classes are from 2.30pm – 4.30pm. You are welcome to come to the full or part of the Course Unit. A TAFE qualified Teacher will cater to the individual’s needs and requirements in an informal manner. For Venue details and further information please contact Deb 63 442490. Supported by the St Vincent de Paul Society.

P&C News

The Annual General Meeting for the Canowindra High School P&C will be held this Thursday 16th May in the staff common room starting at 7pm. The meeting will be followed by a brief planning session where we will discuss P&C fundraising ideas for the rest of 2013.

As this was my last year as President we are looking for someone who might be willing to take on this role. We have a wonderful and enthusiastic committee who are very supportive, and I encourage anyone who may be interested to give me a call at school on 63441305 and I can explain what is involved.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the P&C, including staff members, for their support during my time as President and particularly over the past few months. Both myself and my family have really appreciated it.

Leanne Harrison

Cheep, Cheep, Cheep

Isa Brown chickens are again available from the High School Ag Department. The chickens are fully immunised, approximately 14 weeks old and cost $10 each. To organise purchase please phone the High School on 6344 1305.

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Assessments Due

Week 3B Term 2
Yr 12– Bio 3, IT Auto 3
Yr10– Textiles 1
Yr 9– IT Timber 1, Photo & Digital Media 2

Week 4A Term 2
Yr 12- Hospitality 3, Primary industries 3
Yr 10- IT Timber 1