Faculty in Focus – HSIE

Year 11 Ancient History has just begun a new topic ‘Greek Drama’. We will be looking at Greece in its ‘golden age’ of the 5th century BC. The political, social and economic structures of Ancient Greece were forerunners to our modern society so students will see where it all began.

We have already begun to explore the elements of tragedy and comedy and have been able to relate them to modern film and television. Most importantly we will read and act out some classic Greek plays such as Oedipus the King where Oedipus (spoiler alert) unknowingly kills his father and marries his mother!!!!

Year 12 continues its core study ‘Cities of Vesuvius: Pompeii and Herculaneum’. Students are currently working on a report on the archaeological sources that reveal much about life in these ancient cities that lay covered in ash and rock for over 1500 years. Some of these archaeological sources are very poignant and remind us how deadly volcanic eruptions can be.

Years 9 and 10 are now revising for their semester exams so good luck to everyone.

Year 7 History has been exploring all aspects of Ancient Egypt over the past 4 weeks. The students have looked at how advanced the Egyptians were in the everyday living and as a society. Mummification, pyramids, religious beliefs & gods, hieroglyphics and the Nile are some of the topics that have been covered.

Year 8 History was a lot closer to home looking at Colonisation and how it impacted on Australia between 1788 and the 1900’s.

From Captain Cook and the first fleet to the change that was imposed upon Indigenous Australians and what their interaction together resulted in are issues that they have discussed.
Due to recent issues with student behaviour on external school activities the schools Behaviour Management Policy has been amended to clarify and reinforce student expectations. The changes have been highlighted in red. Aggressive behaviour, continued disobedience or violence will not be tolerated at any school event either on or off the school grounds. If you would like to discuss any issues regarding these changes please contact Mr Nottingham at school on 63441305.

Suspension:
- Interviews and statements taken from all teachers, students and witnesses involved
- Student and parents informed of outcome
- Student sent home with letter, suspension procedures and suspension workbook
- Students are to return to school with completed suspension workbook and parent interview
  - ‘Return from Suspension’ form to be completed with negotiated actions to be completed

- Monitor sheet to be completed (up to 5 days)
- Short Suspension (1-4 days)
  - Reasons: aggressive behaviour or continued disobedience during any school event
- Long Suspension (5+)
  - Reasons: persistent misbehaviour, violence, prohibited weapon, use of a weapon, illegal substance, or criminal behaviour during any school event
  - Student must be interviewed and a support person offered
  - Inform Lachlan SEG Student Services
- School Representation Activities
  - 1 suspension (in a term, or last two weeks of last term) – not permitted to attend Social or represent the school
  - 2 suspensions (in a year) – not permitted to attend Year Excursion
  - Students may appeal school representation activities restrictions

Bill Turner Cup Soccer Canowindra High V Cowra High

Canowindra High School came up against a very strong team from Cowra High School in their round 2 game on Friday 24th May.

Our team knew they were in for a very hard game and were pleased to come away with a respectable 5-0 loss to the Cowra side who have several representative players.

Thank you to Mrs Balcombe for coaching the side and Mr Ellis for marking the field on the Schools back oval while the Sports Trust Oval is unavailable for use.

Principal’s News

CONGRATULATIONS . Last Friday our 15 yrs and under soccer boys participated in the Bill Turner Cup against Cowra and I would like to congratulate them for their outstanding determination, resilience and sportsmanship against what is a very capable team. Each one of the players gave their all and were true ambassadors for our school.

SCHOOL FEES. School fees are a valuable source of income for schools and enable us to purchase many of the resources that our students need particularly in elective courses. When the school asks for payment of fees we are very mindful to keep them at a minimum to minimise the burden it places on families. Despite this we do understand that the payment of fees can still be hard and we encourage anyone who is having difficulty in meeting these payments to please contact the school to discuss possible alternative arrangements.

PERMANENT APPOINTMENT. It is with great pleasure that I can announce the permanent appointment of Mrs Keren Myers to the staff at Canowindra High School. Keren has been a dedicated casual teacher at our school for many years and in that time taken on many different roles to the benefit of our students.

UNIFORM. With the onset of colder weather our first priority is to ensure our students are not cold. To this end we ask that parents continue to make sure students maintain the wearing of their school uniform and if a further jacket is required that it is all black and without a hood in accordance with our uniform policy.

BULLYING. Over the last few weeks the school has had to deal with a spate of bullying and cyber-bullying and I would like to assure parents that Canowindra High School does not tolerate bullying in any form and all offenders will be dealt with strictly and in adherence to both the Departments and our schools discipline policy. A disturbing issue with many of the incidents we dealt with was that students had not reported the bullying when it commenced and it was often heard about by chance which makes it very difficult for us as a school to deal with the problem. Could parents please encourage their child to notify staff if an incident occurs or, when you become aware, to contact the school immediately. We also encourage parents to regularly monitor Facebook and mobile phone usage.

CONGRATULATIONS to Talby Upton on being last week’s Canteen voucher winner.

Neryle Smurthwaite
Principal
LIFE IN THE LIBRARY - MORE LOST than FOUND

Since the invention and proliferation of the world wide web, personal discoveries can be made anywhere and any time. Gone are the days where a need for information on a Sunday afternoon means a wait for the Library to open on Monday. Information junkies, like me, can get instant gratification so long as their service provider is cooperative.

As a consequence, the school library is no longer a physical entity contained within solid walls. Digital information can be accessed any time, any place, and the library constantly services the school community simultaneously in every room, the corridors and the playground.

Apart from the devices offered by the school, students now can access this information on their own personal devices, ranging from their MP3 players, mobile phones, notebooks or tablets.

The casualties in this shift have been the books. Our younger generation has embraced the emerging technologies and forced them to do their bidding, leaving behind bulky tomes that offer at best, information that is six months old, with illustrations that are not easily obtained. There are pitfalls, however. The anarchic nature of the Web can lead them astray, and get them lost.

What is it about books, then, that has seen them survive for hundreds of years?

The current display of Lost and Found is enjoying its final week in the Library before being relegated to the shelves. Come in and make a discovery yourself.

Parents can help by encouraging their children to make their own discoveries at home. We are presently searching for these items:

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If you have any of these items at home, we will be happy to see them back in the Library.

NEW SERVICE

Students can now return borrowed items at the end of assembly each morning. A crate will be made available every day for depositing resources for return to the Library.

SRC SEG DAY

Last Tuesday ten representatives from the SRC went to Cowra for the Annual SEG meeting. The day started with a couple of “getting to know you” activities which involved everyone getting into a circle and playing some games to break the ice. After that they went back inside to do group activities.

Students from Cowra High, Conobolas High and Parkes High were mixed up together to create five groups, we were told to write down things that bugged us, then pick three of those things to read out loud. We were then told to choose one and expand on it.

The next activity was a lotus map, each school had to fill out a map of things the SRC did in each school and expand on each. They found the main focus was bullying. As this was common across all the groups as their number one problem it became the focus or The Big Idea. This will be the central concept that will be workshopped at the regional camp in July.

All in all it was a fun day, and everyone learnt a lot about what other schools were doing.

We hope to continue these SEG day in the future.

Annie Elliott
**Year 10 Work Experience**

Twenty seven Year 10 students participated in the Canowindra High School Work Experience program last week. They chose a variety of placements from a stock and station agent to a zookeeper and everything in between.

The consistent messages that the employers were passing on to our students were that reliability, commitment, common sense and loyalty were what they were looking for in young workers.

It was a great opportunity for our students to learn this information in a different learning environment. Well done Year 10 for representing our school in such a positive way and for the enthusiasm and interest that you showed.

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**REMINDEER**

All Debs and Partners there is a photo viewing this Thursday 30th May 2013.

Viewing is available in the School Staff Room from 6.00 to 7.30pm

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**GOOD LUCK**

Best of luck to Haydon White, Hayley White, Amelia Holmes, Jennifer Holmes and Savannah Noble who will be competing later this week at the North West Equestrian Expo in Coonabarabran.

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**What's On**

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**Assessments Due**

**Week 5B**

- Yr 12- Ancient History 3, D&T 3
- Yr 11 -Exploring Early Childhood 2
- Yr 9 - Ag 2; Eng 2; History 2; Maths 2; IT Farm-2; IT Metal 2; Timber 2

**Week 6A**

- Yr 12– Ag 3; Eng Adv 4, Eng Standard 4; Eng Studies 3; PDHPE 3
- Yr 11– Ag 2; Bio 2; Business 2; Chem 2; Eng Adv 2; Eng standard 2; Gen maths 2; Legal 2; Maths 2; Music 2; Physics 2; Senior Sci 3
- Yr 10– Ag 2; Eng 2; History 3; Farm 2; Timber 2; Maths 2; Textiles 2
- Yr 9– Metal 3