Faculty in Focus (CAPA/SCIENCE) - MUSIC

Preliminary HSC Music

Year 11 students begin their Semester 1 examinations this week. Each student will have an Aural (listening) Examination and a Practical Examination.

As part of the four components of their course, Year 11 students have to present one piece of music from either the Jazz Music or Methods of Notating Music topics.

For the practical examination, students have five minutes for a sound check time and five minutes in which to perform. There will not be time for students for students to set up during their exam.

Additional Course (Years 9 & 10)

Years 9 and 10 Music began the year as a combined course. As a result of increased staffing, the two classes have now been separated. Both Year 9 and Year 10 Music are both beginning the new topic of Classical Music (1750-1820).

Mandatory Music (Years 7 & 8)

Year 7 and Year 8 Music classes have just finished their topic tests. Year 7 have completed their topic tests on The Instruments of the Orchestra and Musical Notation. Year 8 students completed their topic test on Rock Music and Musical Notation. As part of both topic tests, students were required to complete spelling and listening sections.

Both 7P Music and 8M Music are beginning composition activities. Year 7 will be using Finale Notepad 2012 (freeware) to notation their compositions. Year 8 students will be recording Rap Compositions using keyboard and voice.

Music & Drama Concert

The Music and Drama concert planned for Week 9 of this term will be postponed until early Term 3. After Rural Cup (next week) rehearsals for both Rock Bands (Junior and Senior) will restart. Junior Rock Band will rehearse Mondays. Senior Rock Band will Rehearse Wednesdays. Choir will continue to rehearse each Thursday. Further information will be provided at the end of the term.
Has your child been absent from school lately?

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Principal’s News

THANK YOU. Earlier this year a group of our students, under the guidance of Mr Dagg, assisted the Canowindra Community Players with the painting of scenery backdrops and, as a thank you, last week the school received a $200 donation to go towards our art department. I would like to acknowledge this group for not only the donation but the marvellous opportunity this experience has provided our students.

NEW EXECUTIVE STRUCTURE. As mentioned in last week’s newsletter our Regional Director Mrs Carole McDiarmid has retired and her replacement will be in place for the beginning of term 3 2013. Along with this change in leadership Canowindra High School will also change areas and will join the Orange Principal’s network which will be overseen by Ms Dail McGilchrist. Ms McGilchrist will lead the Directors, Public Schools NSW with responsibility for the following principals’ networks: Albury, Bathurst, Cootamundra, Deniliquin, Far South Coast, Far West, Griffith, Lachlan, Macquarie, Orange, Queanbeyan, South Coast, Southern Tablelands, Wagga Wagga, Western Plains, Wollongong, Wollongong North.

EXAM PERIOD. The school is currently in the middle of semester one examinations and I would like to ask parents that if your child is away sick that you contact the school so as an alternative exam time can be organised. A reminder for parents of our Year 11 students that the students do not have to be in attendance at school if they do not have an exam but must follow sign in procedures when in attendance. If they have two exams on the same day they are NOT allowed to leave the school between exams. Normal supervision will be provided for any student that chooses to still attend school for the purpose of study.

CONGRATULATIONS. Last Monday our under 16 league boys participated in the Tom Kemp Cup against Gulgong and I would like to congratulate them on their success in what was a great tussle between two very determined teams. Each one of the players gave their all and were true ambassadors for our school.

Neryle Smurthwaite
Principal
Canowindra High School Rugby League Team played in the 2nd Round of the Tom Kemp Shield on Monday 27th May against Gulgong High School.

It proved to be a very close game with Canowindra scoring through Callum Clyburn in the last 5 minutes for a hard fought win 16-12.

Josh Trayhurn and Harry Whatman were standout players for Canowindra and the team now moves into the final four of the competition and will travel to Condobolin to play Condobolin High School.

Thank you to coaches Andrew Phelan and Tom Blackburn.

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Year 12 standard English students had the opportunity to see a live performance of ‘Shoehorn Sonata’, a play they have studied, being one of their prescribed texts. The play was produced by and was performed at The Riverside Theatre in Parramatta.

For many of the students it was their first exposure to live theatre. So from this perspective alone it was culturally enriching and also very valuable to help students actually see the play. It creates a visual of how the characters portray their parts and the production choices made which enhanced their understanding and feel the real impact on an audience.

The culture enrichment did not stop there, as after the play we went down Church St for lunch and absorbed the cosmopolitan atmosphere of Parramatta. It was a pleasure to take these students, even though it entailed a gruelling 5.30 am kick off. It was rewarding and I hope valuable for these students to draw on in their HSC response.

Keren Myers, English Teacher
Science/CAPA Prac Teacher

Gianni Vieri is at Canowindra High School as a Science Prac Teacher until the end of Term 2. Mr Vieri is currently teaching Year 10 Science and Year 11 & 12 Chemistry.

Mr Vieri is a mature age student who has spent the last three years working at Sydney University as a researcher in Tissue Culture of Plants. Prior to that he worked in the Horticultural Industry in a nursery. We wish Mr Vieri all the best in his future teaching career.

Interrelate Family Services have organised a seminar to be held in Canowindra for parents on 'The Challenge of Disciplining Your Child'. This seminar is focused on assisting parents with constructive techniques in disciplining and encouraging their children.

Date: Wednesday 12th June 2013
Time: 5.30-8.30pm
Venue: Canowindra Health Centre, Ryall St, Canowindra
Cost: FREE

For more information phone Interrelate on 6360 0895 or Kobie Rodgers 0428 285 214

Plastic Containers for Food Technology/ Hospitality

The Food Technology department are requesting donations of plastic storage containers of any shape or size ie margarine containers, ice-cream containers.

All containers need to have lids please and can be brought into school and given to Mr Smyth.

Thank You