FACULTY IN FOCUS-English

Students in Year 10 have been studying the poetry of Wilfred Owen who was a soldier in The Great War.

Rachel Wynn recently summed up the purpose of Owen’s poetry as, “to thrust the stark reality of the consequences of keeping a population naive about the theatre of war, especially young men who lied about their age to gain a bit of the glory the propaganda posters promised.”

Students’ recently completed an assessment of their comprehension the poem Disabled which deals with the devastating personal physical aftermath of war. Blake Cramer sensitively expressed the loss some soldiers felt when their injuries, in this case 3-limb amputation, stopped them from leading the life they had prior to the war. “He doesn’t like his life anymore, he used to get cheers when he scored goals. Owen put it like this, “some cheered him home, but not as they cheered goal.” So he went from being loved by everyone and getting praised for scoring but when he came home no-one cared anymore. After everything the soldiers went through they come home and don’t get a reward, all they get is “some pity they may dolé”.

Other students have responded creatively by writing their own poems about war. Following is Sid Duff’s poem which really captures the pity of war which Own explores.

War, whoever thought it could be so cruel...how is this glory...it’s a waste of lives
Every bang of an explosive takes about 15 souls away just like the grim reaper who relishes his task
Click-clack click-clack from the machine guns more people are falling
Death is lurking right behind you waiting for you to fall, leaving those who die by your side whose faces once terrified, but now blank...I’ve never seen someone’s eyes so white
Gambling with people’s lives, it’s a big game of fate: who shall die and who shall live the rest of their lives in fear
The lucky ones are the ones that die because it sure would beat living the rest of your life in a nightmare
How I thought it would be easy...now...I know for sure life isn’t a game
War is never over...it will haunt you till you fall with fear
Everything we do for our country will be forgotten because everyone thinks it’s easy.
But to truly know what it feels like; you have to experience it yourself

All students in Year 10 are to be commended for their maturity and sensitivity in how they have responded to this unit of work.

JUNIOR DEBATING

On Friday the 14th June, the junior debating team went to Cowra High School. Jack Traves, Jack Workman, Tim Starr and Cooper Watson participated in two debates. The topic of the first debate was that we should suspend students who fail to report bullying.

The Canowindra team arguing for the affirmative won the debate using the argument that failure to report bullying does more harm than good. The next debate was that the media should stop reporting on the private lives of celebrities. The Canowindra team arguing for the negative lost a tightly fought debate. Congratulations to the team for their exemplary behaviour and their team spirit.

We will be hosting the Henry Lawson High School on Friday and hope for more lively debates from these outstanding students.

Mrs Gregson-Junior debating co-coordinator
Bill Turner Cup Soccer

By the end of the first five minutes Redbend knew they were in trouble! We were attacking everywhere, we cut off their mids and they only got a few shots away. Any that did were well and truly covered by Sinda in goals. At the end of a somewhat physical half, the score was nil all.

Redbend came out firing!! Their sideline was erupting and it was all we could do to keep scrambling in defence to hold them out. The backs and Sinda worked overtime - Ash put her body on the line several times - but the pressure was too much and we finally let one in ...their sideline erupted ... but not for long!!

Some awesome team play from right back in our own half and some super hassling all the way up the field saw us blitz through and SCORE!!!!!! 1-1. Now we had them really frustrated.

Exhausted from the Rural Cup the day before our girls had to develop super human qualities! But it just wasn't enough.. as an ex-Canowindra player put in a magnificent corner to put them 2-1 up with only five minutes to go.

Still our girls didn’t give up!! They surged forward again and again but always the tweeting sound of a whistle seemed to thwart us!! Time got the better of us and as the full time whistle blew we had gone down by one goal.

With this team having previously beaten Cowra and Dubbo convincingly, we knew we had done well. We look forward to watching their progress through the competition.

We thank RedBend for an entertaining and hard fought encounter. But we thank ourselves even more for being so awesome!!! For a young team the Canowindra girls have shown a lot of spirit and skill and support for one another throughout the competition. Thanks to all our parent supporters and drivers.

SOLID PERFORMANCE. For the second week our under 15 soccer girls travelled to Parkes but this time to play Red Bend College. Unfortunately the final result was not in our favour but I would like to congratulate them on their sportsmanship and determination in what was a very physical game.

FUTURE SUCCESS. If you had a choice of bestowing great intelligence or great persistence on your child at birth, which would you choose for your child? Your choice could make a profound difference on your child’s success at school, their future levels of achievement and eventually their income as an adult. Find out more: http://parentingideas.com.au/Blog/April-2013-%281%29/Intelligence-or-persistence—which-would-you-choo

CONGRATULATIONS to Cormac Lamond on being last week’s Canteen voucher winner.

Neryle Smurthwaite
Principal
Canowindra High Wins Rural Cup 2013

Thursday 13th June saw Canowindra High take on Molong Central for the final round of our annual sporting challenge in the Rural Cup. As we drew with Oberon in the first round, and they defeated Molong by 25 points, we had to win by more. The weather was a worry but the rain held out for most of the day and all sports were played. Following are the results:

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The sports were contested with outstanding sportsmanship and a huge amount of effort. Canowindra headed into a small lead from session 1, and never looked back. The final points were Canowindra with 328 and Molong 243. A win by 85 points, the best margin in many years!

Thanks to all of the staff for their efforts with both coaching throughout the last two terms and refereeing on the day. Thanks also to the many students who also assisted with scoring, setting up fields and cooking. Without your assistance, these days are not possible.

Bronwyn Troy

LIFE IN THE LIBRARY

THE READING THING

Year 7 has made a good start on The Reading Thing, Canowindra’s own reading challenge. There has already been a number of responses as students comment on others’ postings. It is open to all students who can access the blog from their portals. Merits are awarded for a book entry.

NEW RESOURCES

The new books listed last week are on display on the circulation desk. These are now available for borrowing by students. With Book Week only weeks away, the next display will feature short-listed books for 2013, as well as former winners.

COMMUNITY USE OF THE LIBRARY

The Library and its equipment is available for use by community groups, for events and meetings. It offers large or small rooms for gatherings; whiteboards, feltboards and a data projector are some of the many items free for community use. Call the school when you have a need.
CLICKVIEW FOR STUDENTS
A few weeks back, I noted that people can use their Library from anywhere – another part of the building, or another part of the town. Our school has a subscription to Clickview that is available for all teachers and students at school or at home.

So, what is it?
Clickview is a digital repository for film and audio files that encompass every KLA and every subject area. These are quality educational documentaries and feature films on a huge range of topics.

How is it used?
In class, teachers log into the webpage and select the film from their personal files. The film is then ready to be played from the teacher PC onto the classroom whiteboard.

How can students use it?
Clickview is free for all Canowindra High School students who can access the webpage from any PC or netbook. Additionally an app can be downloaded from the Clickview site, so it can be used on a smartphone or tablet. They sign up and set a password for secure access. Junior students have restricted access in accordance with DEC policy on film ratings.

SCHOOL SOCIAL
SRC have organised a masquerade themed social to be held at the JSMH on Thursday 19 June from 7-9.30pm.

Tickets will be on sale at recess and Lunch 1 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The cost is $6.

P & C NEWS
There is a P&C meeting in the main staffroom at 4.30pm this Thursday 20 June 2013. The P&C are still urgently requiring the position of President to be filled. Anyone who may be interested in taking on this role can come along to the meeting or phone Kathy Davis at the school on 63441305.

The P&C are currently holding a Pie Drive Fundraiser. Orders and money are due back at school by the last day of Term 2. Spare order forms are available at the school office.

Excursion Reminder
As a lot of 2013 excursion planning is well under way parents are reminded that payments can be made either as a lump sum or instalments. Students are aware when these instalments are due so please ask you son/daughter. The school also offers direct deposit facilities. Contact the school office on 6344 1305 for these details.