Year 9 Snowy Excursion

**Day 1:** On Wednesday 17th July, 2013 Mr Phelan, Miss Davis and Miss Hamilton headed off to the snow with 32 bright eyed Year 9 students. The trip started off well with a movie and a stop at Yass for a McDonald’s breakfast.

Thanks to Dustin (bus driver) we arrived at Zone 3 in Belconnen well ahead of schedule. After a quick briefing from staff, we split into teams and headed off into the playing arena. With danger looming around every corner and stealth like moves on display, players worked their way around the arena tagging opposition players and bases.

The top 3 individual scores from each game went to:

- **Game 1:** Miss Davis, Becky Thornberry, Rhys Maere
- **Game 2:** Sam Willson, Connor Donelly, Rachael Springall
- **Game 3:** Rhys Maere, Brenton Clements, Ashley McLean
- **Game 4:** Aramis Keedle, Mr Phelan, Connor Donelly

The overall winner on the day was Rhys ‘The Mad Cat’ Maere with a whopping 21,805 points.

With plenty of time up our sleeves we headed across the road to Belconnen Mall for a quick look around the shops and to buy some last minute supplies for the trip ahead.

We were greeted at the Snow Gate Motel, Berridale, by Igor and his team. They quickly fitted us out for skis, boots, poles, helmets, parka and pants and sent us off to our rooms to unpack and get ready for dinner. After dinner we settled in to watch the ‘State of Origin’. After watching Queensland win the series for the eighth year in a row, we went off to bed with our heads down and tails between our legs, hoping that 2014 might bring some better luck.

**Day 2:** Full of anticipation the kids woke the teachers up at 5:45am. With their ski gear already on and the bus packed we quickly scoffed down some food and began the trip to the snow. The reports from the snow fields weren’t great, but we were determined to make the most out of what was for many, their first trip to the snow.

We were welcomed at Smiggins with a quick lesson and a ride on the magic carpet. We stayed put until we found our feet, and then in the afternoon, headed off to Perisher on the shuttle bus with the promise of more snow. We were not disappointed, with plenty of lifts open we skied non-stop for the next 3 hours, made snow men and threw a snow ball or two.

After a long day on the slopes many fell asleep on the bus, quickly boosting their energy supplies so they could take part in the handball competition which was held under lights in the motel car park.
Day 3 After a quick room inspection, we said goodbye to Igor, and drove to Superkarts in Queanbeyan. The sky was dark and the rain started pouring. Not to be deterred, we marched into Superkarts, listened to our safety brief, put on our ponchos and launched ourselves full throttle onto the track.

Slipping and sliding around the course, the fastest lap times recorded were as follows:

**Group 1:** Max Wensley 34.692 seconds  
**Group 2:** Becky Thornberry 36.307  
**Group 3:** Will Middleton 34.893  
**Group 4:** Sam Willson 35.245

After a quick change of clothes we departed for the trip home with Mr Phelan hearing a certain ‘Mad Cat’ Maere saying it was the best thing that he has ever done!

Thank you to all the students for displaying exemplary behaviour at all times throughout the excursion.

We are very proud of you all!  
Mr Phelan, Miss Davis, Miss Hamilton

Principal’s News

Year 9 arrived home on Friday night after a wonderful three days at Perisher/Smiggins. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience. My thanks to the supervising teachers Mr Phelan, Miss Davis and Miss Hamilton. They reported back that the students behaviour during the trip was exemplary.

During the past week the school hosted four young female student teachers from various city universities. They were part of the ‘Beyond the Line’ experience for prospective teachers who have grown up in the city. The idea of the program is to encourage them to consider a rural appointment once they have graduated. All four students were very impressed with how welcoming the students and staff at Canowindra High School were towards them. My thanks to a number of our staff who showed them around the town and district after school hours. A number of staff also hosted them at a dinner at the Services Club on Thursday night.

A reminder that Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place on Tuesday 30th July at the Jack Sherwin Memorial Hall between 4pm and 6.30pm. Parent/Teacher interviews are a great opportunity for parents to discuss their child’s progress at school so keep this date available. More information in regards to these interviews will be sent home shortly.

As this week will see my two weeks as Relieving Principal come to an end I would just like to let you know how much I have enjoyed working with the students, staff and parents of Canowindra High School. Thank you.

Congratulations to Tim Wythes who won the canteen voucher last week.

Mr Wooldridge  
Principal (Rig)
Beyond The Line Student Teachers

Like so many intrepid explorers before us, we travelled over the mountains and beyond the line to discover for ourselves the great Canowindra. We came from the University of NSW to see this fabled land. We four humble pre-service teachers of English, History, Drama and Science have become the students, learning the mysterious ways of Agriculture, Primary Industries, Auto and the culture of your beautiful town.

Through the gracious hospitality of the CHS teachers and students, we marvelled at: the technology of the LAP classes; the skill of the students dismantling and reassembling lawn mower engines in auto (something we city girls haven’t seen before); having expert tractor-driving lessons from the talented students; cuddling the baby animals in Ag; exploring the town and seeing the glorious sights of the Swinging Bridge, the lookout and the local shops.

Thank you to teachers and students for welcoming us into Canowindra High School and your classrooms. Special thanks to the English staff, Science staff, Mr Scott, Mr McLaughlin, Mr Nottingham, Tina in the office and Sue in the canteen. We have thoroughly enjoyed our time here and will return to the lands of Sydney with amazing tales of country life.

Tom Kemp Memorial Shield Grand Final

Congratulations to the players who travelled to Wellington on the last day of Term 2 to take part in the 2013 Tom Kemp Memorial Shield (Grand Final). The team from Canowindra were keen to win the Shield for a third year in a row. Unfortunately, we did not win the game but the players should be extremely proud of what they accomplished throughout the season. Just to make it to the Grand Final we had to win three very close games against Molong Central School, Gulgong High School and Condobolin High School.

Canowindra got off to a great start with Josh Trayhurn and Callum Clyburn scoring tries to take us to an early 8-0 lead. We went into the second half down 8-12. The lead changed several times throughout the second half with Tim Middleton and Callum Clyburn also registering tries. Unfortunately, Peak Hill’s size and speed got the better of us toward the later part of the game and they ended up winning 30-18.

Codie Berroya was named as Canowindra High School’s ‘Man of the Match’ and our players voted Harry Whatman as Canowindra High School’s ‘Man of the Series’.

Canowindra High School Team: Codie Berroya (Fullback), Kevin Beath (Winger), Will Middleton (Centre), Joshua Trayhurn (Centre), Tinei Sauvao (Winger), Tim Middleton (Five-Eighth), Callum Clyburn (Halfback), Nathan Whatman (Prop), Jake Wythes (Hooker), Regan Hughes (Prop), Daniel Friend (Second Row), Matthew Harrison (Second Row), Harry Whatman (Lock). Interchange: Bradyn Cassidy, Wesley Blair, Blake Cramer, Sam Townsend, Jordi Brown.

Coaches: Mr Andrew Phelan and Mr Tom Blackburn
Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Meetings provide an opportunity for you to formally meet with your child’s teachers and discuss with each teacher your child’s progress and achievements so far this year.

Parent Teacher Interviews are to be held next Tuesday 30 July at the school hall between 4-6.30pm

Please note that meetings are by appointment and are limited to a maximum of ten (10) minutes for each teacher. This is necessary in order to give all parents equal opportunity in the time available. To schedule an appointment time, please contact the school office on 02 6344 1305.

Year 7 PD/H/PE

During this term your child will be undertaking a unit of work entitled Adolescence and change in their Personal Development, Health and Physical Education classes. This unit will involve the following areas from the syllabus:

- Stages of growth and development
- Heredity and environment
- Adolescence and change

If you wish to discuss the content of this unit further please contact the Head Teacher of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education.

P&C Meeting

P&C Meeting is on tomorrow, Tuesday 23rd July at 5.30pm in the main staff common room. All Welcome.

And a big thank you to everyone who supported the Pie Drive.

Year 12 Fundraising

Congratulations to Becky Thornberry winner of the wood raffle.

Thank you to everyone that brought tickets.

What's On

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Assessments Due

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Yr 12— Ancient History 4
Yr 11— Senior Science 4

Week 3A Term 3

Yr 12— Eng Adv 5, Eng Standard 5, Eng Studies 4, Hospitality 5, IT Auto 4
Yr 11— D&T 3, Legal studies 3
Yr 9—Photo & Digital Media 2