Faculty in Focus – PDHPE

Exploring Early Childhood

Students are currently studying the topic Play and the Developing Child. The focus of this module is on understanding the nature and importance of play to child growth, development and learning. Students study how children’s play changes as they grow and develop. Many types of play and play materials are investigated.

Recently in class the students made play dough and investigated the many forms of play it is used for.

PDHPE

Year 7 PDHPE are looking at the issues of decision making and risk taking behaviour. The main focus is online and cyber safety and how to stay safe while enjoying the benefits it may offer.

In PE, the students are learning the skills and rules of hockey. So far they have learnt that there are many rules and no such thing as a left handed hockey stick, much to the disgust of those left handed people!

Year 8 PDHPE are currently studying Risk and Personal safety. Students will learn to recognise potentially unsafe situations and respond in a controlled manner in the context of drug use and road safety.

In PE Year 8 are concentrating on Badminton and are learning the skills and rules enabling them to compete in a class tournament.

Students in Year 8 PDHPE working on the school laptops


**Principal’s News**

Welcome again to another busy week, unfortunately we start Week 4 on a rather unsavoury note. Staff and students returned to school today to find that graffiti had been scrawled all over the small quad near the canteen. This is very serious, causing criminal damage to the school and upsetting many students. Police have been notified and if CHS students are identified as being involved they will face a long suspension as required by DEC policy on such incidents. If anyone has information relating to this disappointing incident they need to contact Mrs Smurthwaite or Mr Nottingham. Information will be dealt with confidentially.

On a more positive note students and staff from CHS attended a number of activities bringing great success. Mrs Troy and the Open Girls League Tag Team travelled to Grenfell for a gala day, with CHS going through undefeated to be overall winners. Well done girls!! Mr McLaughlin’s Year 9 Agriculture class had an awesome day at the Cows Create Careers day held in Cowra last Thursday. Finally Mr Scott and Mr McLaughlin and Mrs Taylor took Year 11 Primary Industries and Year 11 Agriculture classes to the Orange field days. These were all excellent educational events and the students did their school and community proud, displaying respect and responsibility at all times.

Years 9 and 10 will start their Semester 2 exams in Week 5 so it is important these students are studying at home in preparation.

Lastly, the recent bush fires in the Blue Mountains have touched many people, with staff and community members assisting in the fight. As a result the SRC is holding a fundraiser for the RFS Blue Mountains Appeal on Friday 8th November. Students are asked to wear mufti in yellow, orange or red and a gold coin donation will be collected on assembly by SRC members. Your support is appreciated in this cause.

Congratulations to Blake Cramer who was last week’s canteen voucher winner.

Jason Nottingham
(Deputy Principal Rlg)

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

It’s a celebration of all things American in the library this week as Halloween approaches. The library has many books and graphic novels written by American authors and many of these will be on the reading tables near the lounge so that they are easily accessed. **Library Café** featured American brownies last week and students enjoyed sitting in peaceful surroundings drinking hot chocolates and Milo and eating. All drinks and eats are 50c. Please note, all students are welcome to come up to the library to read at **Recess on Thursdays** even if they don’t purchase a drink.

The new books in the library have been very popular including the *Percy Jackson and The Olympians* series. Some of you may have already seen the movies. *Ripley’s Believe It Or Not, Underwater Dogs* and some very exciting graphic novels have also arrived. I haven’t been able to put the Percy Jackson series down but I’ll make sure I return them so that they can be borrowed on Monday, 28th October.

Don’t forget that everyone who borrows a book this term will be entered in the draw for a book prize at the end of the term. Winners get to choose their own prize (within reason!)

See you in the library :)
**MUSIC: COUNT US IN**

This year, Canowindra High School will participate in the song that stops a nation. This year, “Keep On” will be performed by over half a million students on October 31st. This is the second year our school has participated in the inaugural National event, designed to involve thousands of students and adults to participate in playing and performing music.

At 12.20pm on Thursday, October 31st, students from 7D Music, 8M Music, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11 Music and the choir will perform a short concert for students from Canowindra Public School. As part of the concert, Canowindra High School students will perform the song “Keep On” at 12.30pm, coinciding with other students across Australia.

“Keep On” was composed by John Forman, Katie Noonan and six students from across Australia. This song was then recorded and released to students and staff to rehearse. Teaching and rehearsal information is included on the Music Count Us In website. Teachers were also invited to participate in professional development days.

Music: Count Us In is an initiative of Music: Play For Life, a campaign to involve more people to participate in music activities throughout Australia.

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**League Tag Gala Day Winners!**

Twelve eager girls headed to Grenfell on Thursday 24th October to participate in the League tag gala day. It was a cold windy day, but that didn’t deter the team.

The first game against Boorowa ended in a 4 all draw, which was a great effort, as 9 girls had not played before. Brittany Wilson and Alicia Earsman had a great game, showing the inexperienced girls what needed to be done!

Henry Lawson followed 20 minutes later. Great tries to Molly Grant, Breeze Knight and our Norwegian import Maria Froyen sealed the game with a 6-1 win and a confidence boost.

The next game against Red Bend is when Jennifer Holmes decided she liked this game and scored two tries (she could have had a third, but decided to try diving over the line). Annie Elliot was great at calming the play while Emily Price made some awesome tags to help the team win 5-4.

Young was the last pool game. Teagan Wilson was strong in both attack and defence, setting up tries, and Ashley Beaton was the smiling assassin with many good runs and tags. Young were beaten 7-2.

Ms Troy was very happy as the team was improving with each game, we were tagging well and backing up plays. The semi-finals had us against Boorowa again, our toughest game so far. Brittany and Alicia worked well in the middle to set up and score tries, and the whole team were strong to take the win 3-2.

The grand final was against Red Bend who had no reply for the attack and defence that they were experiencing. Hayley White was everywhere on the field and scored a try with strong running and Tanika Wensley also ran hard to almost break through the defenders. A very excited team of Canowindra girls won 6-2, with Alicia Earsman being named player of the final for her awesome defence and line breaking runs.

We would like to extend a massive thankyou to Angela Thornberry and Sharon Grant, who gave up their time to drive the girls over and help manage the team. Without your assistance, we would not have been able to enjoy this day. Thanks also to everyone we borrowed shorts and tags from, we not only played well, we looked good too.
**White Elephant Stall**

Canowindra Public School Fete is on Friday 1 November. Canowindra High School will be running a White Elephant Stall. If anyone would like to donate goods for this stall they can leave them in the box in the front foyer. Contact Kathy Davis at the school on 63441305 if you have any questions.

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**PAVING THE PATH OF FITNESS**

Construction of the Canowindra Fitness Path commenced in June 2013 with the surfacing of the path completed in August 2013.

A diverse array of local people are already enjoying it every day... walking, running, riding or skating around. So now it's time for the Working Party to start working on developing the four exercise sites and installing the special outdoor fitness equipment.

With the fantastic support of the community, the working party has already raised around $141,000 - almost 75% of the total amount required to complete the project, but they still need to raise the final 25%. Community members, businesses and sporting clubs are being offered an opportunity to sponsor the Fitness Path by buying specially made paving bricks that will be laid next to the Path in a prominent area near the amenities block for everyone to see.

Single pavers are available for just $40 and there are discounts if you choose to order more than one paver. Each high quality pavers specially engraved to ensure that your valued support is clearly evident for many years to come. You may inspect a sample paver at the Canowindra Community Health Centre. Order forms are available at the Community Health Centre and Newsagency and you may find one in your mail box very soon!

So “Don’t be a Witness” get your paver ordering today and help support this fabulous facility for our town.

If you have any questions or require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact our working party via margaret.morris@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au

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**What's On**

**Assessments Due**

**Week 4B**  
**TERM 4**  
**Monday**  28 OCT  
**HSC EXAMS**

**Tuesday**  29 OCT  
**HSC EXAMS**  
**Yr 7 Scripture P4**  
**Silos Project Designers Workshop P1-3**

**Wednesday**  30 OCT  
**HSC EXAMS**  
**Mental Health Information Evening @JSMH-5pm**

**Thursday**  31 OCT  
**HSC EXAMS**

**Friday**  1 NOV  
**HSC EXAMS**

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**Week 5A**  
**TERM 4**  
**Monday**  4 NOV  
**HSC EXAMS**  
**Yr 9-10 Semester 2 Exams**

**Tuesday**  5 NOV  
**HSC EXAMS**  
**Yr 9-10 Semester 2 Exams**  
**Yr 7 Scripture P4**

**Wednesday**  6 NOV  
**HSC EXAMS**  
**Yr 9-10 Semester 2 Exams**  
**RED DAY**

**Thursday**  7 NOV  
**HSC EXAMS**  
**Yr 9-10 Semester 2 Exams**  
**Yr 11 Auto excursion-Bathurst**

**Friday**  8 NOV  
**HSC EXAMS**  
**Multi-Day (red, yellow, orange) Gold coin donation-money raised goes to bushfires**  
**Yr 9-10 Semester 2 Exams**  
**Year 12 Graduation Dinner**

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**Week 4B**  
**TERM 4**  
**Yr 10—Timber 3**  
**Yr 9— IST 3**

**Week 5A**  
**TERM 4**  
**Yr 10-Ag 4, Eng 4, Maths 4, Geo 3, Hist 2, Farm 4, Tim 4, Textiles 5, Art 5**

**Yr 9— Ag 4, Eng 4, Geo 3, Food Tech 4, Textiles 5, Farm 3, Metal 5, Timber 4, Maths 4, Photo 5, Art 5**