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Faculty in Focus – TAS

Becky Thornberry and Meg Austin have been busily representing the CHS Agriculture department entering a competition run by Dairy Australia for the best 3D cow. The girls came 1st from 98 schools and each received $50 for their efforts.

They also had the privilege of attending the 2013 RYCAGS camp at Narromine between the 27th October and 1st November and Becky has written the following report:

Meg and I were nominated by Mr McLaughlan and were chosen to attend the camp, along with 18 other ag students across the state. RYCAGS is a grain camp held each year by the Narromine Rotarians, in order for students to be more educated on the careers and structure of farming, so that they are able to decide whether they want to go down the Agricultural path or not.

Being from such a small school, it was amazing to see all the opportunities that the grain industry has to offer. We arrived on Sunday afternoon and settled down for the busy week ahead of us. Over the next 5 days, we ran by the following schedule.

**Monday:** Visit two farms to see various crops, irrigation, weed control, crop rotation. Talks on grain marketing.

**Tuesday:** Lectures on fertilizers, visit to Dubbo to see machinery retailers, grain wholesalers, stock feed lot.

**Wednesday:** Visit to Trangie Research Station for crop trials, weather station and soil testing. Visit another property to see no till farming. Narromine Irrigation System.

**Thursday:** Lectures on crop insurance, GM in crops. Tour of operations at Pioneer and Agrigrain.

**Friday:** Lecture on financing a crop. Tour of grain flow to see seed and grain grading, cleaning, marketing storage and transport. Presentation.

Even though the 6:30 wake up calls tired the group out, we always managed to be buzzing with energy to fight for victory in the games held at night. From racing to get 10 pairs of knickers on, one after the other, to bidding in a mock auction, there was a lot of teamwork, along with a few laughs.

On the Thursday night, we set off to the RSL club for dinner with a guest speaker. The guest speaker was Michael O’Brien, Farmer of the Year in 2009. Mr O’Brien shared with us how he has overcome any problem that he has been given, and shared with us his accomplishments and how he got to where he is today. Mr O’Brien is very inspirational through his success, and is a strong believer in going after what you want.

This camp was simply awesome. If anyone is interested in the Ag industry, I strongly recommend this camp. Thanks to Rotary for organising such an inspirational camp and to Mr McLaughlan for selecting us.
Principal’s News

Congratulations to Mrs Dearne Curtis and Year 12 on a very successful Year Twelve Farewell last Friday. The evening was a great tribute to the hard work these fine young men and women have put into their education thus far and the many contributions they have made to our school. I would like to thank the many parents, family members and staff for their attendance and for helping make the celebration such as success.

Work has commenced on the management plan for 2014 and our executive has been working on the key priorities for us to address. I encourage any parent or community member who wishes to contribute to the identification of the priorities to please contact the school to discuss them with myself or the Deputy Principal, Mr Jason Nottingham as we value your input in helping move our school forward.

Last week Ms Louise Gregson was successful in gaining permanent appointment to the English HSIE faculty. Ms Gregson has been working in a temporary capacity since her arrival at Canowindra High School and it is great to welcome such a passionate and committed teacher to our staff. Congratulations Ms Gregson.

It was a privilege to welcome the members of our local RSL Branch and the captains from the local primary schools to the acknowledgement of Remembrance Day. The moving service was held in front of the entire student body in the Jack Sherwin Memorial Hall during periods two and three and I would like to acknowledge our captains Lucy Harrison and Luke Wallace for their excellent job in officiating over the proceedings. In addition I thank Regan Hughes, Meg Austin, Tim Middleton and Emily Price for their contributions to the service.

Congratulations to Tim Middleton the winner of last week’s canteen voucher.

Neryle Smurthwaite
Principal

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In another area of the TAS faculty, Year 11 Design and Technology under the guidance of Mr Mark Edwards, have been designing and building benches to be used at The Canowindra Community Garden. The students worked in pairs in both the designing and construction of their benches, which were made from recycled bed ends that were kindly donated to the Community Garden Project. The students enjoyed the challenge and embraced the opportunity to support the community while exploring their creative side.

Year 11 D & T students are Jacob Anderson, Ben Bermingham, Codie Berroya, Bradyn Cassidy, Josh Flannery, Aidan Gaffey, Cormac Lamond, Jayden McAllister, Sam McKenzie, Tim Middleton, Robert Moroney, Talby Upton, Luke Wallace and Harry Whatman.
LIBRARY NEWS

The new display in the Library centres around books that have been made into movies. Books such as Stormbreaker, I Am Number Four and Eragon have all been made into successful movies. With that in mind, the library will be running a competition. Students have to imagine that a film has been made of one of the books in the library. They can then either:

- Film a trailer for the movie of the book. This can be done on their phones or by borrowing one of the cameras from the library (in school hours).
- OR
- Write a voice over for a film trailer of one of the books in the library. (No more than 200 words.)

All entries will be judged by Ms Reynolds in the library and winners will be notified on assembly. Winners will receive a $5 voucher for the canteen and 5 entries in the end of year book prize. Entries close on Monday 2nd December.

MOVIES IN THE LIBRARY
In keeping with our current theme, we will be having movie days in the library beginning in Week 7. Keep an eye out for what will be showing and use the opportunity to get away from the heat.

GIRLS ONLY
At recess on Tuesday, from week 7 onwards the library will be open at recess for girls only. Girls can come and enjoy the peaceful and comfortable surroundings and browse through books or magazines.

LIBRARIANS PICK
The 5th Wave by Rick Yancy was a great read. I would recommend it to anyone who likes a futuristic action book (with a touch of romance.)

Youth Off The Streets Sleep Out

There are currently 105,237 people in Australia who are homeless and approximately 32% of these people are younger than 21. On Friday the 22nd of November Canowindra High will be hosting a fully supervised sleep out to raise awareness and money towards the Youth off the Streets program. Youth Off The Streets is a non-denominational community organisation working for young people aged 12-21 who are facing challenges of homelessness, drug and alcohol dependency, exclusion from school, neglect and abuse. The sleep out will begin at 6pm on the Friday at the Jack Sherwin Memorial Hall and will conclude at 9am on the Saturday.

The night will be super fun and will be riddled with activities and food will be provided; it’s going to be a hoot. We encourage everyone to come and take part in the sleep out and spend a night in a homeless kids shoes. Permission notes will be sent home this week so please support this worthy cause.

Bushfire Relief Fund Raiser

On Friday the 8th November Canowindra High was set alight with a sea of red, orange and yellow. Students and teachers showed their support to those victims of the recent bushfires that tore through the Blue Mountains by wearing fire colours. In total the school raised $236.30 and this will be donated to help out those who have felt the impact from the fires.
P & C News

The P & C catered for the Angry Anderson Mental Health Information Evening. Thank you to those who volunteered their time to help organising food and cooking the BBQ.

Our next project is a Cookie Dough Fundraiser. Orders are due back at school by 25th November. Please find an insert in this weeks Newsletter.

Transition BBQ

Families of Year 6 students are reminded there is a transition BBQ dinner being held at the school this Thursday evening from 6pm. Please phone the school on 6344 1305 to RSVP for catering purposes.

Selective High School Placement

Applications for 2015 placements for Year 7 in a selective high school close 18 November.

Parents with internet access are asked to apply online. For information and application forms: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

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