**Principal’s News**

Congratulations to all students for their efforts ensuring a smooth and successful start to the year – especially given the persistent heat last week. It is pleasing to see teaching and learning activities settle into a productive rhythm as the term develops.

A warm welcome is extended to families new to our school and community. Since the beginning of 2011, over sixty new students including year seven have begun learning at our school. Pictured right are our year seven students for 2011. Many parents will have seen the new 2011 student planners/homework diaries distributed to all students last week. The diaries are designed to ensure the development of student organisation, independent learning skills and increase communication between school and home. We would like to encourage parents to check their child’s diary regularly and use it to support the completion of work to a high standard. The diary could also be used as a communication tool between home and school with teachers and parents writing notes and signing to acknowledge receipt of the respective message. It is important the use of the diaries is embedded into regular routines to ensure they fulfil their function of supporting student learning on an ongoing basis.

Canowindra High School’s swimming carnival will be conducted on Thursday evening 10 February at the Canowindra pool from 3.30pm. Thursday will be a regular school day, following which students and staff will make their way to the pool at the conclusion of regular lessons. This arrangement has worked well in previous years allowing the carnival to be conducted in the cool of the evening. The carnival will finish by 9.30pm. Friday 11 February will be a day in lieu for students. This means they will not be required to attend school on that day. Arrangements will be made for students to attend school if parents are unable to organise care. Requests for students to attend can be made by contacting the front office at the school by Wednesday this week. Any questions regarding the above arrangements can also be directed to the front office of the school.

Good luck also to the senior students who will visit Wollongong University later this week to learn more about study options beyond school. We are hoping visits such as the above will ensure students return inspired and with a deeper knowledge of courses and careers beyond schools.

All parents and caregivers are invited and encouraged to come along to the first P&C meeting for the year, Thursday 17 February 2011 in the staff common room at 5.30pm. P&C at Canowindra High School is an active group who support the school in lots of big and small ways. We look forward to seeing you there and welcome your thoughts and contributions.

David Lloyd
Principal

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**Dubbo Family Referral Service**

Being a parent can be challenging! The Dubbo Family Referral Service is here to assist families throughout the Orana Far West to connect with a local service that can provide you with the right
support to overcome the challenges you may be facing. For more information please call our free number on 1300 339 016 or email dubbofrs@burnside.org.au

*** CANOWINDRA JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE ***

Canowindra Junior Rugby League is already making arrangements for the new season, with the first Committee meeting taking place on Tuesday night 18 January 2011. At this meeting nominations for coaches were taken and the successful candidates were appointed.

Coaching staff are still being sought for the Under 10’s side so if you are interested please pick up an application form from Lawrence’s IGA.

REGISTRATION will begin on Tuesday the 15th of February at 5pm and will continue each Tuesday and Thursday for approximately 6 weeks. Those wishing to register will need to bring a parent as there is paper work to fill in.

All new players will be required to bring copy of your birth certificate and the original certificate also needs to be sighted by us.

Fees for the 2011 have been subsidised by the club and will be $35 per player. The club has also made the fees cheaper for family sign-ups: $35 each for the first 2 children, $25 each for the next 2 children and then $15 per child after that.

Players and parents must remember that due to insurance requirements NO player can train or play until all paperwork is signed and fees are paid.

At this stage training for teams is set to start at 5.30pm on Tuesday the 1st of March 2011, with our first game taking place in April.

**FACULTY IN FOCUS - Mathematics, PD/H/PE and Computing**

It has been a very busy start to the year for our faculties in 2011. I would like to welcome Mr Mark Huynh and Mrs Patricia Daniel to the Mathematics faculty this year. Mr Huynh is relieving for Mr Dernee for the next 12 months, whilst Mrs Daniel has been permanently appointed as the replacement for Mrs Wymer. Both are already very popular with the students, so we are looking forward to a successful year.

Our students have started the year on a very positive note. They are engaged, happy and contributing in their lessons. Year 7 in particular is a willing and cooperative group of students, and I have enjoyed teaching them thus far. They have started the year learning about algebra, and are doing particularly well in this topic!

Our great PDHPE team of Mrs Troy and Mr McKenzie are back on deck and producing fantastic PE lessons and sport opportunities. They have been busy organising our swimming carnival, which is sure to be a hit this Thursday. Remember to drink plenty of water, wear a hat and put on plenty of sunscreen during the day.

Mr Huynh and Ms Bugeja are running the computing classes this year. Particularly exciting is the introduction of the Information, Software & Technology course running for elective students in Year 9. This a highly challenging but very interesting course which even delves into Robotics!

Mrs Daniel will be running 2 major mathematics competitions in 2011. Please keep a close watch in upcoming newsletters for further information regarding these competitions. It is a great opportunity for students to test themselves and also to see how you fare against the rest of Australia.

Parents are reminded to regularly check their children’s diaries, as teachers are using these as an alternative method of communication with the home. We may simply just be letting you know how your child is travelling in a subject, or it may be a little more serious e.g. non-completion of homework. Please feel free to write in the diary as well, or simply ring the school to speak with your child’s teacher if you have any concerns.

**Mr Jones**

(Head Teacher Mathematics, PDHPE & Computing)

Maroon for a Day

All of us have been shocked and moved by the devastation caused by the Queensland floods. Along with hundreds of other schools around NSW, we want to lend a hand.

So, on Thursday 17 February, we’re going to be Maroon for a Day. Your child is encouraged to wear something maroon and make a gold coin donation. All the money collected will go towards assisting Queensland public schools affected by the floods.

The floods damaged more than 90 Queensland public schools, six TAFE institutes and more than 80 government child care centres have also been affected. We hope you’ll join us in this worthwhile effort.
Hot weather tips:

Remind your child to protect themselves from sun and heat exposure while at school by:

- reducing their exposure to the sun, wherever possible
- wearing broad-brimmed hats in the playground to protect the face, neck and ears
- playing in shaded areas, particularly during peak UVR times
- drinking plenty of water
- using 30+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen

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Yr 12 Exc to UOW depart 9am  
Yr 11 Geog Salinity Field Trip 11.35 – 2.25  
Yr 9 Parent Info Evening (laptops) 6.30pm |
| Thursday 10 Feb | Yr 12 Exc to UOW return 9pm  
Annual Swimming Carnival 3.30 – 9.30 |
| Friday 11 February | Day in lieu |

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Canteen RED Day |
| Thursday 17 Feb | Yr 12 Work Placement  
P & C Meeting 5.30 pm  
‘Maroon For A Day’ |
| Friday 18 February | Yr 12 Work Placement concludes |

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**ABSENCE NOTE**

CHILD’S NAME: ________________________________ YEAR: _______ ROLL: ______

I wish to advise that his/her absence on: ___________________________________

was due to: ________________________________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian signature: ____________________________  Date: _________________________

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STUDENT'S FAMILY NAME:
OTHER NAMES:

DATE OF BIRTH:  /  /  SEX: M/F          RECEIVES YOUTH ALLOWANCE: YES/NO
PARENT/GUARDIAN'S FAMILY NAME:
INITIALS: _______________
MR/MRS/MS:
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OTHER DEPENDENT CHILDREN:
NAME  \\ DATE OF BIRTH
Mother/Guardian Father/Guardian

Does income come from a pension or benefit? YES/NO YES/NO
If yes, what type of pension or benefit?
How much per fortnight? $  $ 
Do you have a job? YES/NO YES/NO
If yes, what type?
How much per week before tax? $  $ 
Do you receive Maintenance? YES/NO YES/NO
How much per week? $  $ 
Do you get any other income? YES/NO YES/NO
What type (superannuation, investments, rent, business income, worker's compensation etc.)
How much per week? $  $ 

Are there special needs we should know about?

I declare the above facts are true and that I am responsible for the support and care of the student named on this form. If the circumstances that made me eligible for this scheme change, I promise to notify the school.

Signed: ____________________________ Date:

Relationship to Child:

NOTE: Information given to the Committee is not given to any other government department or private organisation.