2010 Mid Lachlan Science & Engineering Challenge

Twenty eight Year 9 & 10 students from Canowindra High School travelled to Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes on Thursday March 4th to compete in the 2010 Mid Lachlan Science & Engineering Challenge.

CHS was one of seven schools competing (CHS, Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes High, James Sheahan Catholic High, Parkes Christian, St Raphael’s Intermediate and Peak Hill Central School), with each school group consisting of eight teams of 2, 3 or 4 students per team.

During the day, each team worked on one or two challenge activities which involved designing and building model: bridges, chairs, sail boats, eco-houses, balloon powered cars, reticulating water systems, reflecting telescopes and fixed arm helicopters. Each activity was scored on specific criteria, with individual activity winners and overall winners being announced. Canowindra High School’s team of Theika McNaught, Philippa Myers, Courtney Wilson and Madison Vitnell were declared the Eco-House Activity Winners, designing and building a model house which withstand rigorous testing on its water harvesting efficiency, thermal efficiency, strength of rooftop helipad and storm/wind resistance. The eco-house was also judged on its footprint size, the dollar value and carbon cost of materials used.

Overall winners on the day were Peak Hill Central School, who scored 1650.72 points, narrowly defeating CHS who scored 1650.51 points to be declared runner-up.
Principal’s News

Congratulations to our science and engineering students who came second in the region at the Central West Science and Engineering Challenge last week. Our team consisted of talented students from years 7 to 10 across the school and only missed coming first by ½ a point! A terrific achievement to all involved. Of course; more important than winning was the development of knowledge and skills in the science and mathematical areas in real world contexts. Congratulations to all students and well done on your efforts.

Well done to all year eleven students who undertook the Rotary Young Driver Awareness (RYDA) training last Thursday. All reports indicate a highly successful day with students reporting a renewed awareness of the importance of driver and road safety. Many thanks to the Rotary Club of Canowindra who supported the event. Rotary are valuable supporters of the youth in our town and help develop young people in many ways from driver training through to sponsoring student’s attendance at national science events. Well done and thank you!

Congratulations to senior students who travelled to the tertiary education expo (University Roadshow) last week to investigate future careers and study options. Representatives from a range of universities were present to provide first hand advice and ideas to students considering tertiary study. Of particular note was the number of young people from our school and community who aspire to university education in coming years. Last year 11 Year 12 students were offered places at university for 2010.

A final reminder for all parents that the parent/teacher night occurs this Thursday in the Jack Sherwin Memorial Hall from 4pm until 7pm. Students are also welcome to come along to this event to participate in discussion with teachers about how to maximise their achievements and fine tune their efforts. Bookings can be made by phoning the office on 6344 1305. Our hardworking P&C group will cook a BBQ for all parents and students on the evening. Tea/coffee and cakes will also be available.

Our welfare review is now two weeks away on Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 March. This week we will finalise the timetable of the various activities including parent interview times. If you would like to be interviewed by the team as part of the review, please see phone Nicole Bugeja or myself early this week. If there are any spaces spare towards the end of the week, we will randomly ‘volunteer’ parents. Interviews will be for approximately twenty minutes to half an hour distributed over the two days. It is important we get a wide range of parents to share their thoughts and ideas to ensure the recommendations from the review further improve and support student achievement at our school.

The P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the year will be conducted next week on Thursday 18 March at 5.30pm in the staff common room. As this is the first meeting of the year, parents and caregivers are invited to come along and contribute to the priorities, direction and emphasis of our school. Please mark this date in your diary!

David Lloyd
Principal

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School Uniform

All students must wear black, leathered uppered shoes with black shoes laces. This is a compulsory Occupational Health and Safety requirement on all school sites.

When sport/PE occurs, white sports shoes/runners/joggers and sports uniform are brought to school to change into and OH&S requirements still need to be met.

Footwear will be closely monitored from the start of Term 2 2010.
If you are having difficulty locating outlets that supply these shoes, please contact the school for details.

Illustrated below are examples of footwear that is acceptable and footwear that is not acceptable.

We look forward to your continued support.

R Scott
Uniform Coordinator

Students are in the midst of a thematic study, ranging from poetry, to film, to novels or plays and these are keeping our students occupied and challenged.

We ask parents to support students to keep reading independently, at home. All students in the HSC years should be reading privately, as they need to maintain their private reading for the HSC examination. For our Year 12 students, the Area of Study is “Belonging” and this will be the focus of their HSC questions. For our Year 11 students, the Area of Study is “Journey” and similarly, this will be the focus for their HSC-styled examinations this year.

Each time English is the Faculty in Focus, student work will be displayed. Year 8 students have been working on Poetry and have devised riddles in response to this unit of study. Riddles contain many poetic elements, but the chief device is often personification, which is when a non-animate object is given human or living characteristics. We hope you enjoy the riddles below. See you next time.

Riddles:

I am rough and coarse and rectangular
My billions of brothers and sisters are all the same: we never change.
One violent knock to the head could be deadly or severe.
I sit and stay locked in place all day, watching the world go by.
No-one ever stops to notice me.
Some say I’m plain and boring

Talby Upton

I run, but don’t walk
Have a mouth but can’t talk
Have a head, but never weep.
I have a bed, but never sleep.

Josh Trayhurn

My fangs are sharp like arrow heads
My speed is faster than a racing car
To a human I feel like a bucket of ice
My skin will sparkle with any hint of sun
You better because I crave your blood.

Emma Springall

I sit with thousands
I can see the stretch of blue, stained glass
I am silky and soft on your feet
I hear the laughing of children and the howl of the alarm
I feel the hot rays of the sun
I get hit high and low.

Lucy Harrison

School Photos

School photos will be taken this year on Thursday 18th March. The format for the photos is a traditional group photo with the whole year group together. All students will need to be in their full school uniform on the day.

The photo envelopes were handed out last week at the year meetings and all students should now have theirs. These envelopes must be brought in on the day that the photos are taken and must contain the correct payment.

Family or friendship group photos can be arranged to be taken. There is a separate order form for these that can be picked up from the office.

Faculty in Focus

ENGLISH/PE FACULTY

Over the last six weeks, all students have been settling well into their studies. Parents will have noticed their child’s Diary Entries by now and we appreciate your support in responding to these. Most
I can make things disappear
But sooner or later,
I’ll be gone, too.

And

If you look closely, you can follow my every step.
I never leave home
It’s always with me-
So feel free to visit.

Cat Davis

PDHPE has also hit the ground running (no pun intended) and they are keeping our students fit, healthy and focussed. Students need to remember to bring sports uniforms for PE lesson days and Sports. On days when students have a PE lesson, they please remember to bring a change of clothing and deodorant. Sports uniforms are not to be worn on any other days except PE and Sports. We would really appreciate parent support for this, as it is an OH&S issue when students wear incorrect shoes for other classes.

Rural Cup is just around the corner and students are getting organised for this. There will be further updates as we get closer to the time. If parents could watch for any relevant notes about Rural Cup coming home, that would be lovely. As always, thanks to those students who participate and represent the school in sporting activities. They are great ambassadors and we are always proud of their efforts.

Cheers
English and PE

“My Day”

Gabrielle Upton and Peta Edwards attended ‘My Day’ on Friday 26 February at Orange Charles Sturt University. The day involved looking at two Chemistry related courses, an information session and a University tour.

Gabrielle learnt about the Pharmacy and Physiotherapy courses available in the Orange Campus, while Peta went to the Clinical Science and Pharmacy courses.

It was a great learning experience for both girls and it will help in making career choices. Thank you to Ms Peta Merchant for organising this opportunity.

Gabrielle Upton and Peta Edwards

Horse Riding for Sport

Our school is proud to be able to offer horse sports as an option for our students during the school sports program. This is made possible by the support of the parents of the riders, the generous support of the Canowindra Pony Club and in particular Mr Bill Watson.

This year we have twelve students in our equestrian team: Amy Wythes, Peta Edwards, Gemma White, Lucy Elliott, Casey Edwards, Penny Whatman, Taryn Buhagiar, Tahlia Pearce, Daisy Whatman, Hayley White, Jennifer Holmes and Melana Pearce.

The students who are involved bring their horses into the school on Wednesday morning and prepare them to be ridden during their lunch break. The horses are housed at the Ag farm during the day.

The horses being ridden are all highly trained and co-operative animals but by their nature they can still be unpredictable. We are asking for all students to be aware that they need to keep away from the horses at all times at school. This includes while they are in the yards at school, while they are being prepared for riding and when the students are moving from the school to the showground.

Rural Cup is Fast Approaching

What: Rural Cup Visit

When: Thursday 22nd April (Term 2 Wk 1).

Where: Molong - to try out the new one day format

Aim: Participation from as many students as possible.

How do we achieve this: There is a limit to the amount of sports you can participate in. Each student is limited to four sports, with the exceptions of tennis, badminton, chess, public speaking and table tennis. So, for example you could play soccer, touch, netball and hockey but also be included in the tennis and badminton teams.

What sports are there: As usual there are a variety of sports to choose from in the year 7 mixed, junior boys and girls and open boys and girls groups. The timetable is up around the school and below. So, listen to the notices and be prepared for the team try-outs at recess or lunch times.

More information: See Mrs Troy.
Rural Cup Timetable

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The Premier’s Secondary School Sport Challenge involves teams of up to 5-12 students over a 10 week period.

A team may accumulate time spent in a broad range of sports and recreational pursuits during lunchtime, in school sport programs, class time, after school or in weekend physical activity.

There is no limit to the number of teams a school may enter. However, to be eligible for a Premier’s Secondary School Sport Challenge grant secondary schools are required to enter a minimum of 30 students.

Canowindra High School will be conducting this program for all of term 2. Teams must register with Mr McKenzie before the end of term 1 on the cut out below.

More information and log books will be given to team leaders at the start of term 2.

A school prize will be given to the team that is well organised and finishes with the highest minutes exercised over the 10 weeks.

Community News

Canowindra Junior Cricket Presentation

Canowindra Junior Cricket Club will hold their Presentation Night on Friday 16 April at 6:30pm at the Canowindra Services Club. This date should get around rep cricket commitments, football games and Easter holidays. There will be a sausage sizzle before Milo, Under 10s, 12s, 14s and 16s achievements will be recognised with for 2009-10 cricket season.

With only the semis and final to go Canowindra is looking good for finals cricket, providing the weather does not interfere too much.

Mark the date in diaries or on calendars so the junior cricketers can celebrate a successful season!

Cowra Junior Soccer Registrations

It is envisaged that registrations for Cowra Junior Soccer will be held on Thursday 18 March (Week 8) and Thursday 25 March (Week 9) at Canowindra High School in the Jack Sherwin Memorial Hall from 3:30pm – 5pm. There will also be registrations held in Cowra. We are just waiting on final details regarding age groups, costs and starting dates. For any enquiries please contact Kath Balcombe.

Junior Touch Football

Junior Touch Football will NOT be on this afternoon. Hoping for dry fields next week!!

Assessments Due

Year 12 – Week 8

Business Studies
Mathematics

Year 11 – Week 8

English Extension 1
Mathematics Extension 1

PD/Health/PE
Visual Arts

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Canteen News

We will be having 2 Red Days over the next two weeks. These will be on Thursday 11 March and Thursday 18 March. All things considered “Red” will be on sale on these days, so come and support the Canteen!

Reminders

“Photographs in Local Media” Form

Just a reminder to all parents that the “Photographs in Local Media” form must be returned to school for all students. This enables the school to publish photographs taken for all school activities in the newsletter and the school’s website.

Student Assistance Forms

Could all Student Assistance forms be returned to the office as soon as possible so funds can be allocated. If you did not receive a form, please contact the office.

Bulb Drive Fundraiser

The GardenExpress catalogue is out now. You can buy new bulbs for your spring garden and help raise much-needed funds. Please return orders with payment by Tuesday 9 March. Cheques should be made out to Canowindra High School.

Canowindra High School Newsletter Email Advice

I would like to receive the Canowindra High School Newsletter via email. My email address is as follows:

Name: ..............................................................................

Email Address: ..............................................................

Signature: ...........................................................................

Date: ..................................................................................