Open Girls Soccer against Orange High School.

Last Friday the Open Girls Soccer team played their round 1 fixture of the CHS State KO against Orange High School. This was a tough and exciting game with our girls victorious, winning 3-2.

Canowindra High led the game 2 nil at half time but 15 minutes into the second half, Orange High had managed to fight back with 2 goals to draw the game. It was at this point that the Canowindra girls showed their true metal and lifted again to hammer the Orange team with a third goal just before full time. Spectators on the side line witnessed a gutsy and determined effort rewarded with a well deserved and passionate win to our girls.

The girls ‘gave their all’ in this game and they were outstanding in playing a genuine team effort. Bonny Wythes and Ebony Watson were brutal in defence and dealt punishing blows to the Orange attack. They were well supported by Brittany Baker and Caitlin Walker who were solid in defence. Theika McNaught was a standout player in the halves and this Year 9 girl was superior to her more senior opponents. She also was well supported by the Edwards sisters who also know how to rise against the odds and take command of a game. In attack, Janelle Zahra played the game of her life and was instrumental in scoring 2 spectacular goals and setting up another to Nicole Stevenson who rocketed hers in the back of the net. Taneil Thornberry and Gabrielle Upton were also strong and rapid in attack and narrowly missed scoring on several occasions. Special mention needs to be made of Kimberly Workman’s strong and effective performance in goal, where she pulled off the crucial saves to keep our girls in the match.

Thanks also goes out to the reserve players, Simone Middleton, Keira-Lee Whatman, Ashley Sevil and Monique Jenart who supported the team well and kept it running effectively throughout the game. This was a game that meant a lot to our girls and they are to be congratulated on a well deserved effort and victory. The girls will now play either Canobolas or Blayney High in Round 2.

Principal’s News

Many thanks to over fifty parents who were able to find time to meet with teachers at parent/teacher night last Thursday evening. A particular thank you to Angela Thornberry, Leanne Harrison and Cathy Ellis for their organisation of the BBQ for parents, students and staff during the evening. In total there were over 50 parents present representing 43 families resulting in at least 250 individual interviews. This is a significant increase on last year’s total of 140. In addition it was pleasing to see the rising number of students coming along and being involved in the discussions with teachers also. We look forward to increasing this number further in term three this year when we hold our second parent/teacher night for 2010. Parents with further ideas on how to improve the evening are encouraged to contact either Nicole Bugeja or myself so we
can continue to develop the activity and foster closer connections between school and home for students.

![The Hughes Family with Ms Bugeja](image)

Congratulations to the Open Girls Soccer team who enjoyed a close 3-2 victory over Orange High last Friday and to our Open Boys Cricket team who convincingly defeated Blayney last Thursday winning by 32 runs.

Students in years 7 and 8 enjoyed the World of Maths activity last Thursday. Students benefited from the opportunity to develop their maths skills in practical and real world applications. It was also wonderful to have students from Canowindra Primary School share the experience with our students. I have enjoyed hearing from our maths teachers and primary teaching staff about the very talented and capable maths students currently in years five and six. The linkages developing between the two schools are a promising way of further developing student learning and enthusiasm for mathematics.

Students in year twelve will begin to undertake their half yearly examinations late this week. Following discussions with all year twelve students over recent weeks, I am confident most will achieve pleasing results due to their current study and revision practises. Following the exams, parents will be invited to join students and staff for three meetings early next term to review progress and fine tune efforts.

Our school has recently purchased new reporting and timetabling packages. This sophisticated new software will enable the construction of a much more educationally sound timetable with a more even distribution of periods and the ability to lock in variables and other parameters restricting our current system. The reporting software includes web access, a much updated template and simple additions such as a built in spell checker our current package does not have. We hope to have both software applications running by the end of term with a new timetable ready for day one next term and the year twelve half yearly reports printed early next term.

Big smiles are needed this Thursday for our 2010 school photos. Students who have not collected a photo kit can get one from Mr Edwards before Thursday.

The SRC will be facilitating the first disco for the year this Wednesday evening starting at 7pm and finishing at 9.30pm. We look forward to it being another successful activity encouraging student socialisation. Parents and caregivers are reminded that to ensure the safety and security of the event, only students currently enrolled at Canowindra High will be allowed into the Jack Sherwin Memorial Hall.

The P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the year will be conducted this week on Thursday 18 March at 5.30pm in the staff common room. Parents and caregivers are invited and encouraged to come along and contribute to the priorities, direction and emphasis of our school. Last meeting it was great to see the large rollup. In addition it was great to see that approximately 35% of those present were male! Well done dads!

David Lloyd
Principal

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Faculty in Focus

**HSIE**

The HSIE Faculty is concerned with the study of Geography, History and Business Studies. This week the main focus for this segment of the newsletter is on Geography.

Year 7 are currently studying desert landscapes and looking at how people live in the desert.

Year 8 are spending their class time examining ocean ecosystems with a special focus on whales as endangered species.

Year 9 Geography are learning all about Monsoon Asia and its member nations.

Year 10 Geography have just completed a unit on land degradation and they have an assessment task due in week 10 on gully erosion. They were actively involved in a field work study of a past gully which has since been effectively managed and their next task will involve Australia’s role in the Asia-Pacific region.

Year 11 Geography are locked into understanding the aspects concerned with physical Geography, with emphasis on the Atmosphere, Lithosphere, Hydrosphere and Biosphere. They are already engaged in compiling investigations into their Senior Geography Projects due in Term 3.

Year 12 Geography have completed a unit on ecosystems at risk and are now examining an activity involving factors influencing wheat production on a global scale. They are also preparing for their Semester 1 Exams which commence Friday this week.

82 students from years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 are keen to participate, and have been entered, in the National Geographic Competition, which will occur in Week 9. The competition involves answering a series of multiple choice questions about geographic aspects concerning Australia, the world and general skills. Students will be given more details about which periods they compete in this competition later this week.

Next time, the HSIE Faculty will have a focus on History... stay tuned for that one!

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**Year 10 Geography students examining effective management strategies for gully erosion**

**Sue needs Help!!!!**

**Red Day** will be on again this Thursday 18 March provided that we get some helpers on the day. Our normal helper is unavailable this Thursday and without an extra pair of hands, Red Day will not go ahead. Red Days are very important to the Canteen as the profits made on the day contribute to the overall running for the term. Please let Sue know by Tuesday afternoon if you are available to give a hand on 6344 2102.

**P & C News**

**Minutes of Canowindra High School P & C Association**

**Meeting held on Thursday 18th February 2010**

Meeting started at 5.40pm.

**Present:** David Lloyd, Nicole Bugeja, Cathy Ellis, Narelle Hughes, Rod Jones, Karina Etty, Stephen Russell, Lynne Russell, Deanne Curtis, Glenda Gavin, Leanne Harrison, Robert Ellis, Leanne Stevenson, Bob Scott.

**Apologies:** Angela Thornberry, Allison Wythes, Narelle Robinson.

Minutes of the previous meeting read & passed as correct. Moved Cathy. Seconded David.

**Business Arising from Minutes**

- Receiver Box for the Hall has been purchased. P&C will contribute $200, with the remainder being paid for using funds from drum lessons. Moved Cathy. Sec David.
- The library no longer needs fundraising as the Oasis Program has already been organised and is up and running.
Correspondence
Inwards: Federation of P&C (Student Injury Insurance; 2010 Handbook; Lions Club (Seminar Notification); Garden Express (Bulb Fundraiser); Regional Publishers (A/C); Food Services Central (A/C).
Outwards: Nil.

Business Arising from Correspondence
- We don’t need to worry about Student Insurance through P&C
- Leanne to phone Lions Club and book 3 places for Seminar on 22/3/2010
- Bulb Fundraiser has been sent out, orders due back to school in early March.

Treasurer’s Report
At the end of January we had $1545.80 in the account. Take off $200 for Presentation Night donation plus a few other outstanding accounts and we will start the year off with about $1000.

Canteen Report
Currently $3614.99 plus today’s takings. S2 A/C has $2309.01. All accounts have been paid.

Principal’s Report - Full report attached. However in brief the report covered;
- Staffing – 244 students enrolled for 2010. As student numbers are a little less than expected there may need to be a slight staffing adjustment.
- Targets for NAPLAN 2010 were discussed.
- Priorities for Semester One 2010.
  Literacy and Numeracy – introduction of maths tutoring on Thursday afternoons; both new head teachers are developing priorities for implementation.
  Enrichment of high achieving students – Peta Merchant is the Enrichment Coordinator; more extra curricula activities; entry into external competitions; mentoring & support for capable students.
  Boys – support, mentoring and encouragement for boys; boys mentor is John Cowell.
  Learning Support Team Development – further development of the Learning Support Team; focus on anti-bullying strategies and activities.
- Assets – Science Centre construction is underway; carpets & painting also underway.
- Year 7 2010 – new students have had a very positive start.
- Congratulations to District Swimming Carnival Representatives.
- Term 1 Assembly will be held on Thursday 1st April.
- Currently working on a new, more streamlined reporting system which will hopefully be in place before Year 12 reports are done.

General Business
- Deb Ball for 2010. Date is 21st May. It was suggested that CHS Hospitality students help prepare & serve the meal.

This will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting when Angela & Cindy are here.
- Bullying – David asked that students, and parents, notify staff ASAP if they are being bullied as it is easier to deal with straight away. This includes cyber bullying.
- The P&C have been looking into the prospect of paying Sue Townsend, Canteen Manager, holidays and sick leave. Angela has been looking into this and so it will be discussed further at the next meeting when she is present.
- Parent/Teacher night will be held on Thursday 11th March from 4-7pm. The P&C will do a free BBQ throughout the evening. Leanne to talk to Angela.
- Uniform – CHS has an obligation to keep students safe. For OH&S reasons it was moved that “from Day 1, Term 2 all students must wear fully enclosed black leather school shoes” – moved Lynne, seconded Cathy, carried. This will protect students in Science (chemical spills), Food Tech (hot liquids), Agriculture, Woodwork & Metalwork, as well as in the playground. To ensure that appropriate footwear is worn for all classes, on sports days students may be required to bring their sports uniform and get changed at school. This will be discussed again at the next meeting to allow further consultation with teaching staff and parents.
- Narelle highlighted the need to raise public awareness and create interest in CHS. It was decided that it would be beneficial to include more school news in the local newspaper and The Phoenix. It may also be beneficial to distribute the newsletter to some of the local Primary Schools, especially amongst families with students in Year 6. David will contact the local Primary Schools to see if they are interested.

Meeting Closed at 7.05pm. Next Meeting (AGM) Thursday 18th March 2010 at 5.30pm.

Community News

Cowra Junior Soccer Registrations - Canowindra teams
Registrations will be held this Thursday March 18th and next Thursday March 25th at the Jack Sherwin Memorial Hall, Canowindra High School from 3.30-5.00pm.

This year:
- 5’s, 6’s and 7’s will be doing skills training
- 8’s will be in teams of 6-7 players
- 9’s and 10’s will have 9-10 players on field including a keeper
Other ages will be 12’s, 14’s and 16’s (with 17 year old boys and 18 year old girls able to play if still at school)

Registration fees: $50 for 5’s-8’s
$80 for 9’s-16’s (includes referees fees for season)

(Note: $25 Raffle ticket books will also be made available with only $5 and tickets to be returned which will effectively reduce the fee by $20). All new players must bring a copy of birth certificate or other proof of age. The youngest players able to register must turn 5 in 2010.

For any other information please contact Kath Balcombe on 6364 0273.

Assessments Due

Year 12 – Week 8

Business Studies  Drama
Mathematics       Visual Arts

Year 11 – Week 8

English Extension 1  PD/Health/PE
Mathematics Extension 1  Visual Arts

Week 9

English    Maths

Week 10

Agriculture  Business Studies
Chemistry    Modern History

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ESSA 2009
Year 8 2009 ESSA Reports will be sent with
Year 9 2010 students
On Thursday.