At last ………

Yr 7 & 8 Camp

After three failed attempts, the Yr 7 & 8 Camp finally went ahead. Students piled into cars on Tuesday morning and the adventure began.

On arrival at the camp site students were briefed, set up their tents and collected firewood.

They were then broken into 3 groups that, over the 3 days, would alternate between yabbying, go-karting and bushcraft.

Except for some mechanical issues with the go-kart all the activities were extremely successful. The students enjoyed a half day bushwalk, fire building (with some inconveniences due to a mysterious wood flea), cooking, ironman comp, sack races, talent show, murder in the dark, damper and relaxing with their peers.

As images can speak louder than words, I leave you with the attached pictures that were taken on camp.

A big thank you to Mr Scott for all the work he put into pre-setting up and leading of activities, Mr Phelan for his efforts and time in the activities, Ms Bugeja for dropping in to say hi, Mrs McKenzie and Miss Davis for all their planning and execution of meals, activities and games and Mrs Burn for her planning and time. Thanks to all the parents who dropped off and picked up students, your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Miss K Davis
Excursion Organiser
Principal’s News

Welcome back to all staff, students and parents to Term 2!

I would like to introduce and welcome three new staff members:
Mrs Ruth Evans – our new Literacy Coordinator, replacing Mrs McKenzie as she is now our Head Teacher Science.
Mrs Louise Gregson – replacing Mr Lanham as our History/Geography teacher for Term 2.
Miss Prue Campbell – our Careers Adviser/VET Coordinator replacing Mrs Taylor whilst she is on long service leave during Term 2.

We are very happy to advertise our Year 7 Adviser for 2013 is Ms Daniel. With Mrs McKenzie starting as Head Teacher Science, Mr Andrew Phelan is the Year 8 Adviser.

Mr Scott, Mrs McKenzie, Ms Davis, Mrs Burn and Mr Phelan did a great job organising and supervising the Year 7 and 8 students on their camping excursion during the last week of Term 1. We are grateful for the perfect weather (finally!) and I was very pleased with the effort the students put in to making the excursion a success for all. Thanks also to the parents who assisted with transporting the students each way.

Please remember that the money for Rural Cup visit to Molong needs to be paid by this coming Friday in order for bus travel bookings to be finalised.

Thank you to Mike Harrison and Dale Sherwin for organising our ANZAC Day assembly today.

Yesterday, staff participated in professional learning, covering Senior 1st Aid and Adobe Captivate (presentation software).

We also had a presentation from Ronald McDonald Charities about students suffering from chronic illnesses and the impact it has on their education.

Nicole Bugeja
Principal (Rlg)

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Stan Jones Trophy
Open Boys Tennis Knockout

On Tuesday 3rd of April the boys were drawn to play Forbes at the Canowindra tennis courts. In the singles games Rohan Toole, Talby Upton and Tim Middleton had Canowindra off to a great start winning their matches 6-1, 6-3 and 6-1 respectively.

In the doubles Rohan and Talby had it all over the Forbes boys winning 6-2 and 6-0. Joshua and Tim narrowly lost their doubles 4-6 and 3-6.

This was the first win for Canowindra in the Stan Jones competition for over 6 years. Well done team on your performance. You improved as the day went on.

The boys next match will be when they encounter West Wyalong in the 2nd round.

Mr McKenzie
Sports Organiser

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Rural Cup Reminder

◇ The away visit for Rural Cup is to Molong next Friday 4th May.
◇ All notes and money need to be handed in to the office by this Friday 27th April.
◇ No notes or money will be accepted after this date as buses need to be finalised.

Thankyou
Bronwyn Troy

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A Big Thank You to Newcrest Mining’s Cadia Valley Operations for their donation of $1500 to purchase two iPads for our Literacy Program
Faculty in Focus: Technology & Applied Studies

Yr 9 Food Technology
The students stuffed potatoes with cheese, sour cream and chives.

Yr 9 boys give the thumbs up for their potato dish

Year 11 Farm Visit Case Study
Year 11 Agriculture students attended a Farm Case Study Day at Mike & Leanne Harrison’s farm, “Boxlands”, on March 23rd. This senior agricultural study covers syllabus outcomes P1.1, 1.2, 2.1 and 5.1.

Students taking notes in the shearing

Students pictured with an axial flow case header with 40ft comb

Soil practicals in the paddock

Jenna Wensley all ‘tyred’ out at the end of the day
Attention Parents of Year 9 Students

Re ESSA Results:

Your child is bringing home an envelope containing revised ESSA results. The ESSA results received last term are incorrect and are to be disregarded. It is regrettable that this has occurred and we are pleased that students will now receive results which are a true reflection of their efforts and achievement.

CHS Science Staff

A big Thank you is extended to all Parents and Friends who sent in donations at the end of last term towards our Easter Egg competition.

The prize-winners were:

Lok Workman
Jade Workman
Sue Townsend
Heather Davidson
The Giger Family
Taneil Thornberry
Sam Townsend (2 prizes)
Harry Myers
Natalie Hare
Sam Flannery
The Flannery

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Canowindra High School has for tender three Konica Minolta 7222 Black and White photocopiers.

Serial numbers and total copies are:

- 2TLM1189 — 461802
- 2TLM01185 — 541323
- 2TLM01137 — 593785

 Interested persons are asked to submit a tender for these machines in writing addressed to the Principal. For further information on these machines or to arrange an inspection, please phone the school on 63441305 and ask for Dale Sherwin or Kim Edwards.
READING RULES

Reading rules: no. 6: Loosen your filter – preferably lose it altogether

If you want your child to read and be a reader, then you absolutely have to relax and loosen (or even lose) your natural parental filter. Generally, they are also far less offended by strong language than you are. The point is, if they find something a little bit tantalising or naughty, it is a huge enticement to read it… the attraction of forbidden fruit. If you really feel uncomfortable about a book perhaps you should have a discussion about it or wait a few years. Children are the best self-regulators with appropriateness of material and if something is inappropriate they will tell you.

I am not a supporter of censorship and believe strongly in the freedom to read. Much of my own education about life’s less traditional education matters came from books.

I have a challenged materials policy in my library. Essentially it is a questionnaire I have developed for parents when they “challenge” a book in the collection. (Incidentally, I have not yet had to use the questionnaire). One important question on the form is: “have you read the entire book?” Young adult literature is normally extremely responsible and highly moralistic. If sensitive topics like drugs, sex, and suicide are included in a work, it is always necessary to read the entire book to gain a full understanding of how those topics are dealt with and resolved. Usually this is with a great deal of insight and sensitivity, and the young reader has the opportunity to reflect critically upon the lessons learned by the characters.

A young adult book called In the bag is about a couple of boys who discover a car wreck and a bag full of cash. The first few chapters include a certain amount of swearing, as well as references to alcohol and drug use. The book was primarily about the value of honesty as the boys involved struggled with their guilt and the moral aspects of their actions. The early swearing and drug and alcohol references were totally acceptable in developing the characters and their socio-economic standing which was all integral to the plot. The book is an excellent example of young adult fiction that will hook young readers, get them reading and have them critically reflect as they do so.

I think it’s fairly safe to say that in the modern world, children of all ages are exposed to a great deal of material which would be considered unacceptable, usually through the mainstream media. Very young children are exposed to quite horrific images on the evening news; older children see films and television shows with gratuitous violence and explicit sex. Swearing is increasingly common in society and in the media, with comedians especially making prolific use of swear words. Video games can be the most unacceptable and gratuitous of all. In comparison, I believe most books are fairly reasonable in terms of their content. Young adult fiction in particular deals with all of the abovementioned topics in a measured and careful manner, and always with a powerful message. I would much prefer my children to begin their exposure to adult themes in the safety of the printed word. In addition, it must be remembered that whilst pondering the sex scene, wading through the swear words and contemplating drug or alcohol use, your child is reading! Your child is developing all those wonderful skills that come from engaging with the printed word, above all, critical literacy.

So loosen your filters and realise that the benefits of reading far outweigh the odd swear word or fart joke.


Next week: Reading Rules no. 7

Want to know how to make reading work for you?

Sign up for the Reading Challenge and be rewarded just for reading. Read a book of your choice, then log onto The Reading Thing blog and write your response. How easy is that?

See the Library staff for details
Goolie’s got talent!

Come and show off your “talent” at the Goolgoolga Lee Cabin on Saturday 26 May 2012 from 7pm

Lots of prizes up for grabs!

Registrations:
Make sure you register before 20 May
No late registrations allowed on the night
No age limits
Entry fee: Adults $5, Primary $3, Infants: $2
To register phone: Marelle Hughes 8344 8353
All money raised will go towards restoring the Lee Cabin Hall.

Sue Dengate
Fed Up with Children’s Behaviour
23rd May 2012, 7-9pm

Venue: St Mary’s Catholic Primary School
Corner of Byng St and Park St, Orange

Tickets may be available at door if sold BOOK NOW to avoid disappointment!

Cost $15 p/p

Welcome Sue speak was probably the most
enlightening experience I have had this year if not this decade.

Stall holders
- Artworks, Upcycled, recycle, trestle
- Bedding, blankets, posies, sitz bath
- Activities, baby shoes, toys, magnets
- Self-taught selling ideas, frequent night workers
- Steampunk upcycled, upcycled, difficulty concentrating
- Hidden and now feed address, what’s wrong with feet

Proudly supported by
Angela Dunton, Natural Artist & Nurturer
St Mary’s Catholic Primary School Orange

A notice on behalf of Legal Aid (New South Wales)

Legal Aid NSW has released a new website call Best for Kids. Best for Kids is an interactive website with family law information for separating families. It has four short videos, pages for parents and kids, information about mediation and court, and links to social media.

www.bestforkids.org.au

MOYNE ANNUAL FETE

DATE: Saturday 5th May 2012
TIME: 11.00 am

Stalls Available:
Refreshments, Crafts, Fruit and Vegetable, White Elephant Stall, Lamingtons, Jams & Relishes, Plants, Kids Activities, Devonshire Tea, BBQ Lunch, Guessing Competition and loads more!!!

Fundraising Auction
at 12.00 pm