This term in English there has been a focus on Drama in Years 8 and 9. For many students this is an element of English that they enjoy, as it allows for a practical application of their skills. Student activities ranged from writing and then performing their plays to performing monologues. They learnt about the tools of performance such as voice, stage direction and how to take on the character they are portraying. They found the experience both confronting and rewarding. Year 8 students performed monologues, developing their character from scratch and creating a backstory which they wove into their monologues. Students also explored how costuming and the use of relevant props could enrich their performance.

Year 9 focused on different playwrights that highlighted social issues such as social status and its deadly consequences in 'The Girl Who Cried Wolf' and 'Dags'. This is a valuable and creative way to explore critical, relevant issues for our students.

Year 11 and 12 have been toiling away, both working to conclude their relevant courses in English. Year 11 commence their HSC studies next term, having just completed their Preliminary Exit examinations last week. Year 12 are now in their final week of schooling and are in full-on revision mode in English. Students are encouraged to develop a study regime, revisit texts and apply their understanding through practice responses.

A study day has been organised for Sunday 29 September 2013 between 12-4pm for all Standard and Advanced English students. We strongly encourage students to attend as it is an opportunity to clarify and apply their knowledge, enabling them to further enrich their understanding of the course.

Until next time get reading; fortified by in the wise words of Groucho Marx “I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book.”
CELEBRATING WITH YEAR 12. It is always with mixed emotion that we approach the end of Term 3 as it is the time when we formally say farewell to our Year 12 students. This year it has been an absolute pleasure to watch the development of our Year 12 students and to see them grow not only as students but also as young men and women who will become outstanding citizens. I want to take this opportunity on behalf of the students, staff and the wider community, to wish them well in their future life choices and their upcoming HSC. I would also like to thank them for their maturity, enthusiasm, commitment and exemplary participation and support throughout their time at CHS. To their parents I must extend my appreciation for your ongoing support and trust that you have given in allowing us the opportunity to educate your sons and daughters. Lastly, and by no means least, it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the exceptional efforts, commitment, hard work and encouragement provided by their dedicated year advisor Mrs Dearne Curtis.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS. It was with great pleasure that we announced our 2014 School Captains and Vice Captains last Tuesday and I would like to congratulate Lucy, Luke, Emily and Tim on their success in being elected to these positions and am confident they will continue the outstanding leadership provided by their predecessors. To our departing student leaders, Philippa, Curtis, Taneil and Taihu, I would like to thank them on behalf of the students and staff for their excellent representation of our school and their commitment to ensuring the students’ voice was always heard.

THANK YOU. As Term 3 draws to a close I would like to thank students and parents for their ongoing contributions to our school in so many and diverse areas over the past term. It has been another busy time but one with many positive experiences for our students including academic, sporting and community successes. As always our students put in an amazing and commendable effort supported along their journey by some very dedicated staff. I look forward to sharing the same successes with you next term.

NAPLAN SUCCESS. Due to an external error in printing, parents of Year 7 and 9 students will not receive the NAPLAN results for their children until early next term. This year we have seen some success with students in both years achieving above the top bands across most areas. Additionally, the majority of students in both cohorts showed growth in their individual level of achievement. A further detailed analysis will occur over the coming weeks to enable future planning in the area of developing and enhancing literacy and numeracy skills for all students and to establish strategies to support students who have performed below expectations.

SAFE HOLIDAY. To all students have a safe and happy break from school. Remember that there is NO staff development day next term and that all staff and students are expected to be back at school on Tuesday, 8th October, 2013.

IN TERM 4, 2013. Students in Years 7 to 11 are required to attend school until the third last day of Term 4 – Wednesday, 18th December 2013. Prior to this date, programs for students in all year groups should be based upon the achievement of outcomes as appropriate to curriculum and syllabus requirements.

CONGRATULATIONS to Grace Brodie as winner of last week’s Canteen Voucher.

Neryle Smurthwaite
Principal
STATE RUNNERS

Congratulations to Adelaide Ellis, Joanna Balcombe, Ashley McLean and Becky Thornberry who competed at State recently in the under 15’s, 4x100m relay. The girls finished 12th overall in a time of 53.53. Adelaide also ran individually in the under 14’s 100m. Congratulations girls!

Year 12 Hospitality

As it was Year 12 Hospitality last practical class for their lives, they were able to choose what they could cook. They decided they would like a "Mystery Box" (a la Master Chef).

They were surprised with ingredients in two boxes. Savoury and sweet.

Going by what they produced we have some up and coming Master Chef entrants in the future.

Ping Pong Competition

SRC have been running a ping pong competition this term and it has brought out some amazing talent and reinvigorated the much maligned game of ping pong. I would like to congratulate the SRC for their efforts in bringing a lunch time activity to our school and the way they have taken on their tasks is commendable.

We are now down to the Grand Final for juniors and seniors which will be held on Thursday lunch 1 in the quad next to the canteen. There will be music and live commentary of the hard fought contest, so I encourage everyone to come and check it out! Good luck to the finalists who are vying for their name on the inaugural trophy and a $5.00 voucher at the canteen.

SILOS Project Dates

**Design:** Joey Ruigrok + Dylan Gower  Where: Local Schools Dates:TUE-THURS OCT:29th-31st (Canowindra and Cowra High School workshops.)

**Music:** Scott Saunders Maryanne Wright, Kerrie O’Dea Where: Cowra High Dates: SAT OCT19th (All Musicians Briefed on project) to bring an instrument and musical piece or band)  Time: 10am-1pm & 2pm-4pm Dates: SUN OCT 20th Primary:10am-12pm Dates: SUN OCT 20th Secondary:2pm-4pm Dates: SAT OCT 26th Community:10am-12pm Dates: SAT OCT 26th Community:2pm-4pm Dates: SAT OCT 27th Primary:10am-12pm Dates: SAT OCT 27th Secondary:2pm-4pm

**Dance:** Alison Plevey - Alison Buckley  Where: Cowra High Dates: SAT NOV 2nd &16th: Primary: 7-10 yrs- 10am-4.00pm Dates:Year 6 to Year 12 SUN:NOV 3rd &17th

Enquiries can be made to: Phoebe Cowdery-Local Project Co-ordinator the SILOS Project
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m: 1/37 Macquarie Street Cowra 2794
**150th Anniversary of Bushranger Raid on Canowindra**

Canowindra is celebrating the 150th Anniversary Bushranger Raid on Canowindra to be held on 11th-13th October 2013.

We are inviting our schools to get involved in the parade which will be held on Saturday 12 October 2.30pm

For more information please contact Graham Rice at the Canowindra Newsagency on 6344 1618

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**School Assembly**

Year 12 Farewell Assembly is on this Thursday 19 September at 10am at the JSMH. An invitation is extended to parents and friends to come along and stay afterwards for morning tea.

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**Canowindra Little Athletics - Rego Days**

Tues 17th & Thurs 19th September (4pm-5pm)
Sports Trust Oval, Canowindra
Cost: $68 + $15 for club shirt
Season Starts: Thursday 10th October, 2013
Enquires: andrewphelan26@hotmail.com

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**Canowindra Junior Cricket Registration**

When: Thursday 19th September 2013
Where: Tom Clyburn Oval, Canowindra
Time: 3:30-5:30pm.

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC-CANOWINDRA**

DATE: Tuesday 1st – Thursday 3rd October
TIME: 9.30am – 12
COST: $25 per day or $60 for 3 days
VENUE: Canowindra Tennis Club

The clinic will involve skills, fitness, point play and fun tennis related games and is open to all students age 4 and up. Racquets can be supplied if you don’t have one.

Enrolments are also being taken for term 4 lessons which are held on Tuesday or Friday afternoon.

New in term 4 will be a weekly competition for those juniors who are up to match play. It will be held on Tuesday afternoons. The cost is a $5 annual registration plus $2 per week. Scores will be recorded and prizes or trophies will be awarded at the end of the term.

All enrolments or further enquiries can be made to Helen Garratt on 0407139164, 63428447 or email handlgarratt@bigpond.com

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**Assessments Due**

**Week 10B**

Yr 10– Ag 2, Music 4
Yr 9– Music 4, PDHPE 3, Visual Arts 4

**Week 1A**

Yr 10– PDHPE 4; Science 4
Yr 9– Geography 2; IT-Timber 3