The Year 12 Primary Industries class consisting of Jacob Anderson, Joshua Flannery, Aiden Gaffey, Tommy Pye, Luke Wallace and Harry Whatman took on the project of siting, restoring, painting and installing the roof of the recently acquired storage container situated adjacent to the cricket nets on the access laneway near the Agriculture side of the school.

The students were responsible for the following tasks:
- Levelling the site using a laser level, removing rust and repairing/welding up rust holes in the roof.
- Fixing down battens and zinc-coated corrugated roofing iron, treating the container with penetrol, painting all exterior surfaces with 2 coats of all-weather exterior gloss enamel paint.

In completing this project students worked cooperatively as a team, demonstrating a wide range of skills. They worked safely and completed all tasks to a very high standard.

The container is now used to store school furniture that is used as a back-up for classroom usage or replacement for broken furniture. The acquisition of the container has enabled D1 (the previous furniture store) to be developed as weight and gym facility for the students at Canowindra High School.
Emailing The Newsletter – Go Green!

Canowindra High School is trying, where possible, to create a paperless newsletter during 2014. In order to save paper and support the environment we are encouraging families to have their newsletter emailed.

In order to achieve this we must have our records up-to-date with your email address. If we do not have your email address, please send a request to Canowindra-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

We are about to get the library ready for Romance with Valentine’s Day just around the corner, so this will be the final week for our Chinese New Year display. Come into the library and find out if you’re a rooster, rat, pig, dog, dragon or one of the other animals on the Chinese zodiac. You can also find out some of the characteristics that people who were born in a certain year exhibit. For example, our Principal was born in the Year of the Dog and is therefore loyal, compassionate and honest!

Popular books this week have been the *Game of Thrones* series and the Percy Jackson books. I also like the Anthony Horowitz books which are full of action and adventure. Many of the books from the display for The Year of the Horse have also been lent to students who love books involving horses.

**A REMINDER:** Tuesday recess is now Library Café. Students who come to the library during this time MUST read.

**Lunchtimes in the library** are only for students who wish to:

- Read
- Play Board Games
- Do Research and Homework
- Use Laptops

See you in the library!

Judy Reynolds

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**Principal’s News**

The great start to the school year continues for our staff and students with last week seeing another very successful swimming carnival. I would like to congratulate the many students who participated in the events and, in particular, those who achieved their personal best performance. Carnivals are not always about winning but about getting involved, cheering along your peers and trying your best and this is exactly what happened at our swimming carnival.

With the continuation of hot weather it is important that students always have access to shade and water. The installation of a cold water bubbler at the end of 2013 for student use has proven to be popular however I would like to remind parents to please ensure that students do carry water with them to and from school and that when outside they wear a hat. Additionally, we have also had to remind students that this weather does bring with it the possibility of snakes and to be watchful when moving around the school grounds.

This year we have 215 students enrolled at Canowindra High School which is a little below last year and although this will have some impact on our schools staffing allocation I can assure parents that the current curriculum offerings will not be effected. The final staff allocation will be provided to schools at the end of this month and any timetable changes, if required, will be implemented after this date. As one of the 229 schools involved in the 2013 pilot program for Local Schools, Local Decisions, however, we do have a little more flexibility in the way we staff our school so any changes will be minimal.

Each year in high school brings new academic and personal challenges for parents and their teens. For example, if your child is commencing Year 8 or 10, they’ll need to start thinking now about the electives they want to choose later in the year. This year-by-year guide will help you navigate the challenges and decisions your child will face as they commence Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. Year-by-year tips:

http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/tips-for-starting-years-7-12

As a parent it's much easier to have difficult conversations about your child's behaviour with the teacher if you've established a relationship with them at the start of the year. Communicating with your school:


Wanting to start the school year with clarity and wondering about the meaning of some of the school terminology? Here’s a list of common abbreviations or terms to make the world inside the school gates seem a little more familiar. School jargon buster:


CONGRATULATIONS to Mitchell Stanley on being last week’s merit draw winner and recipient of the Canteen Voucher.

Neryle Smurthwaite
Principal
New Sport Tops for CHS Representative Teams

On Thursday, Mrs Curtis, on behalf of Year 12 2013, presented new basketball and soccer tops to Mr McKenzie. Last year’s Year 12 had previously ordered the tops from RHS Sports and had been awaiting the arrival of their order. Year 12 fundraised over $2000, purchasing a female and male set of basketball tops that may also be used as touch football uniforms. Year 12 2013 also purchased a set of soccer shirts and two goal shirts.

Thank you to all the members of the community who supported our fundraising efforts.

UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG DISCOVERY DAYS

On Monday and Tuesday of week 2 Year 12 students travelled with Mr Blackburn and Mrs Taylor to Wollongong for an opportunity to experience life as a student accommodated at Campus East. This gave a chance to stay in a student’s room and use the common room facilities and dining room. It was a fantastic day in Wollongong when we arrived on Monday so it was sun, sand and surf for the afternoon. On the Tuesday each of the students followed an individual timetable to find out about the courses which were offered at UOW. This was a great way to start the year on a very positive note and to start to plan the year ahead.
### Honeywell Engineering Summer School 2013

**Matthew Mangelsdorf** attended the Honeywell Engineering Summer School (HESS) which took place from December 1 – 6 2013 and once again was an extensive week jam-packed full of highlights and interesting visits.

HESS is an Engineers Australia Sydney Division initiative supported by Honeywell, NSW ‘Engineering’ Universities and participating Rotary Districts, and this year was hosted by the University of NSW. The principal aim of HESS is to give NSW and ACT high school students a better understanding of what engineering is and how it works in everyday life, as well as the ability to visit engineering universities to aid in their selection of university.

The 2013 Honeywell Engineering Summer School brought together 100 Year 11 students from across NSW and ACT. 80% of the students were from regional areas and half of the students were funded or partly funded by local Rotaries and High Schools.

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### Wingara Mura - Bunga Barrabugu Summer Program

**Wes Blair** in Year 10 attended the inaugural Wingara Mura - Bunga Barrabugu Summer Program along with 216 other students from Years 9-12.

The Wingara Mura - Bunga Barrabugu Summer Program is a practical on campus engagement program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 who are considering studies beyond high school.

The Wingara Mura - Bunga Barrabugu Summer Program has been developed to give students the opportunity to stay on campus, take part in lectures and tutorials specific to their areas of interest, presentations, and try out different subject areas and learn about a variety of industries. Students can also find out about pathways into higher education and the sorts of financial and academic assistance available to them while studying. Most importantly, students get to meet current students and staff and learn what university life is all about.

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### Student Absences

If you know your child is going to be absent for an extended period of time, please contact the school prior for an exemption form.

Absences can also be emailed to:

canowindra-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au