Faculty In Focus—SPORT

Canowindra High School are very fortunate to have so many opportunities to participate in sport, which wouldn’t be possible without our talented students, dedicated staff and supportive parents. Some sports in which Canowindra High has represented this semester are swimming, junior and open boys rugby league, open boys and girls soccer, open boys and girls basketball and open boys tennis.

Recently, the annual Rural Cup visit saw us successfully challenge Molong in the first round. We will take on Oberon in Week 8 at home. If parents are able to referee any games or help in the canteen during this challenge, please contact the school as any help during this day would be appreciated.

Last Friday the students participated in good spirits at the athletics carnival. Western Area Athletics will be held Friday, 25th July 2014 at Bathurst. Mr McKenzie will be calling for nominations during the next few weeks. To be eligible students must meet qualifying times and distances set down by Western Area. Students will need to check this on the sports notice board and then see Mr McKenzie for entry details.

In fine winning form on Friday was Gilbert on 868 points ahead of Gardiner 811 points followed by Hall 772 points.

Great performances by Joshua Trayhurn running 24.00 seconds in the 200m beating the previous record of 24.14. Emily Price threw the discus 23m beating the previous record of 22.60m and also equalled the open girls high jump of 1.43m. Well done Josh and Emily as you will now appear on the record books for future carnivals.

Age Champions for the carnival are as follows:

12yrs - Seraphin Keedle
13yrs - Anika Macela
14yrs - Julia Stanley
15yrs - Joanna Balcombe
16yrs - Ashley McLean
Open - Emily Price

Another achievement that should be commended is the level of participation. For the whole school 68% of students entered in events on the day. Well done Canowindra High students.
P & C NEWS

It’s a busy time for the Canowindra High School P&C who are currently organising a Monster Garage Sale. We are in need of helpers for the day and especially some baking for our cake stall. Any baked goods need to be labelled with ingredients and can be dropped to the school before 9am on the Sunday morning of the sale.

If you are able to assist please phone the school on 6344 1305.

A reminder to parents that the next P&C Meeting is on Tuesday 27 May is the AGM. This meeting is held in the staff common room from 5pm. All welcome!!

Information Regarding Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php

Canowindra High School P&C

MONSTER GARAGE SALE!!!

When: Sunday 25th May

Where: Canowindra High School

What time: 9am til 1pm

There will be various second hand school items for sale including furniture, books, electrical items and more........

The P&C will be holding a cake stall and wood raffle. There will also be bales of garden mulch available plus a BBQ (bacon & egg rolls….yum!)!

Sites are available for anyone who is interested in having their own stall. A standard site will cost $10. People needing a larger area will be able to book adjoining sites. This is a great opportunity to support our local High School whilst making a few dollars for yourself!

Anyone who is interested in having a stall should contact the school on 63441305 (school hours) or Ashley Wright on 0427448480 (after hours).

Principal’s News

Friday saw another very successful day for our students and staff with our annual athletics carnival. It was great to see the sportsmanship of our students who eagerly participated in the many events available to support their house teams. Great students, lots of fun and fantastic weather, what more could be asked for! I would like to offer a huge thank you to parents who attended throughout the day, the staff for their commitment and effort and Mr McKenzie who organised the day’s events and activities.

Earlier this year our school applied for a grant from the Teachers Mutual Bank for the introduction of an environmentally sustainable project. Our project was for the establishment of some wicking beds to grow herbs to be used in our Hospitality and Food Technology area. The herbs are to be propagated, grown and harvested by students with any excess being donated to the local Food Basket. The maximum grant available was $2000 and last week we received notification that we had been successful with our application and will receive $1950. Our junior Agriculture and TAS students, under the guidance of Mr McLaughlan and Mr Edwards, will now oversee the construction and maintenance of these gardens.

Congratulations to all of our year 7 and 9 students on their excellent behaviour throughout the NAPLAN tests which were completed last week. Every student from both year groups completed all the tests so the results will provide our school with extensive information on the literacy and numeracy levels of our students and thereby allow us to develop further strategies to support their learning outcomes. Thank you goes to Mrs Ruth Evans our Learning and Support teacher for her efforts in ensuring these tests ran smoothly.

This will be a very busy week for our students with Year 11 exams, Year 10 work experience, the Year 7 camp, the Bill Turner Cup in girls soccer and the Community Reading day all on our calendar but I would like to assure parents everything else in our school will proceed as normal with all students needing to be in attendance each day. Attendance and participation in class is essential to get the best from your education and as we are now in the semester one examination period (years 7, 8, 9 & 10 exams are next week) it is important that all students make the most of their time with their teachers and not miss out on important information and content.

Please don’t forget to support our P&C’s “Boot Sale” next Sunday from 9am to 1pm under the COLA on the basketball court. In addition to the surplus items from the school being available the front office has taken a lot of calls for the purchase of a stall site so it promises to be a great opportunity to pick up a bargain and barbecue lunch.

Neryle Smurthwaite
Principal
News From the Library

Don’t be put off by the 500 plus pages of this murder mystery thriller. *The Diviners* by Libba Bray has everything from a feisty 1920’s heroine to strange occult murders.

When a spoiled Manhattan socialite uses a Ouija board to liven up her party, she releases dark forces of evil and “Naughty John” begins his reign of terror. An unlikely band of misfits with unusual powers are the only people with the ability to stop him.

This book is a real page turner and, though the cover suggests a female readership, I’m certain that boys would also get into this book.

**WARNING**- Some of the content of this book may not be suitable for younger readers.

BORROWING TIMES – Afraid you won’t have time to read the book you choose? DON’T WORRY! You have 4 weeks to read the book and, if you still don’t finish it, you can just see me and I’ll renew your loan. You don’t even have to have the book with you.

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Duke of Edinburgh Award – Community Service
Canowindra Community Garden

Last Monday a group of students participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Canowindra High School commenced their community service at Canowindra Community Garden. These students were Lachlan Balcombe, Matthew Harrison, Brooke Kinsela, Ciaran Etty and Joanna Balcombe. Margie Crowther from the Canowindra Community Garden was on hand to teach the students how to weed, fertilise, mulch, harvest plants and perform many other gardening jobs. The students look forward to helping out at the community garden throughout the term.

Other students completing the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Canowindra High School have started their community service at Canowindra Bowling Club, Canowindra Pony Club, Landcare, Ballet, The Age of Fishes Museum, Moyne Aged Care, Canowindra Soccer Club and Canowindra Tigers Rugby League Club.
Containers Please
The Food Tech/Hospitality Department are once again in need of clean containers with lids. If anyone has containers at home that they are able to donate it would be much appreciated. They can be given to Mr Smyth at school.

Thank You
Sue Townsend in the canteen has been busy making soup from a large donation of pumpkins to the school by Bruce Wright. Thank you.

Sing, Canowindra!
A workshop will be held on Sun 25th May. Sing Canowindra is a choral workshop led by Sydney based singer/songwriter Christina Mimmochi. She led a similar workshop in Dubbo two years ago which was by all reports amazing, and there will be people come down from Dubbo to attend this one as well.

The workshop will run from 10.30am to 2pm in the CWA Hall, with lunch provided.

LOST PROPERTY
There is a large number of clothing items, including jumpers, tracksuit pants and shorts in the lost property. Many of these were handed in after rural cup on Friday. Please encouraged your child to check the lost property located in the sick bay if they are missing any items. They will be kept aside until Friday 23 May, when, if not claimed, they will be placed into the clothing pool.

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| Tuesday | 20 MAY | Yr 11 Exams
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|         |        | Y9 Scripture—P4       |
| Wednesday| 21 MAY | Yr 11 Exams
|         |        | Yr 10 work experience
|         |        | Yr 7 Camp             |
| Thursday| 22 MAY | Yr 11 Exams
|         |        | Yr 10 work experience
|         |        | Yr 7 Camp             |
| Friday  | 23 MAY | Yr 11 Exams
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|         |        | Y9 Scripture—P4  |
|         |        | P & C Meeting-AGM-5pm |
| Wednesday| 28 MAY | Yr 7,8,9,10 Exams
|         |        | RED DAY
|         |        | Cross Country Carnival during sport |
| Thursday| 29 MAY | Yr 7,8,9,10 Exams
|         |        | Yr 11 SLR excursion
|         |        | Yr 10 Debating-Forbes |
| Friday  | 30 MAY | Yr 7,8,9,10 Exams
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Assessments Due

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