Faculty In Focus—HSIE

Ancient History

It is a critical time for the Year 12 Ancient History students as they revise for the HSC trial examination. For the past 4 weeks they have been working hard by writing essays on a range of topics including the Julio-Claudians, Agrippina the Younger (our favourite) and Pompeii and Herculaneum every lesson. Year 12 Ancient History students are an extraordinary group of young men and women who try their best every day and are to be congratulated for their efforts.

Year 11 Ancient History students are entering the final section of their studies before they move on to the HSC course next term. They are currently writing an essay on the importance of the Forum in Rome as the centre of the vast Roman Empire. They are working hard as they master the complexities of a senior essay, a critical skill for success in the HSC.

Wonderland

Don’t forget tickets are on sale for Canowindra High School Production ‘Wonderland’. The show will be held on Wednesday 20 August and Thursday 21 August in the Jack Sherwin Memorial Hall at 7pm. Tickets are on sale and can be purchased from the school office. Tickets are $5 for adults, $3 for students, Family (3) $10, Family (5) $15.
**Library News**

Next week is Book Week and the library will be running a guessing competition to celebrate. The student who can most accurately guess the number of books in the library will win the very popular, *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green. Two runners up will receive a chocolate. The competition box will be placed outside the library and one entry per student may be submitted. Winners will be drawn on assembly on 20th August.

The new display in the library features the fantasy genre. Students are invited to come and look at the display, borrow the books and enter the competition. To enter, they must look at the fantasy map and name the books associated with the fantasy lands that are featured there. The student with the most correct entry will go in the draw for a $5 canteen voucher.

**Principal’s News**

**Thank You to Cabonne Council.** Last Tuesday our school had the privilege of hosting a visit from Cabonne Shire Council as part of local council week. The Council meeting was held in the Library and was a great opportunity for our SRC and students from Years 11 and 12 Legal Studies to observe the formalities of such an event. I would like to thank our Mayor, Mr Ian Gosper and the Councillors for this initiative and also for allowing us the opportunity to gain an insight into the workings of Council meetings.

**Congratulations Year 9.** Last week’s snow excursion was another success for our students with only positive comments about their behaviour during their time away. I would like to thank our Mayor, Mr Ian Gosper and the Councillors for this initiative and also for allowing us the opportunity to gain an insight into the workings of Council meetings.

**Year 12 Laptops.** In 2011 all Year 9 students received a laptop under the Commonwealth Government’s National Secondary Schools Computer Fund initiative. Since then these students have used these laptops in the classroom and at home for educational purposes. Under the Digital Education Revolution – NSW Policy guidelines, 1.9: “Ownership of laptops will be formally transferred to students who have completed Year 12 starting in 2014. Laptops remain the property of NSW Department of Education and Training until transfer takes place.” As in previous years, these laptops can be unlocked and reimaged with Microsoft software for student’s personal use. The 2014 graduation of laptops will be carried out for our current Year 12 students after their Trial HSC, before the end of term and on completion of all necessary paperwork.

**Congratulations to Sarah Treavors on being the last week of last term’s Canteen voucher winner.**

Neryle Smurthwaite
Principal
Year 9 Snowy’s Excursion

Last Wednesday 22 Year 9 students headed off for their excursion. Students enjoyed activities such as indoor rock climbing, Go karting and a full day skiing at Smiggins Holes. Great time was had by all and a big thank you to Mr Edwards and Miss Davis for supervising the excursion.
## Canowindra High Hosts Council Meeting

Last Tuesday, Cabonne Council took a road trip around the shire in celebration of Local Government Week. The council is divided into several committees that discuss specific issues with six councillors on each. The aim of the day was to take committee meetings into the local school to give students an opportunity to see how the meetings work and ask questions of the councillors. The tour started at Yeoval Central School before arriving in Canowindra for our Community Services meeting at midday. We hosted the meeting in the library and there was almost standing room only, with the SRC members as well as Year 11 and 12 Legal Studies in attendance, along with several staff members.

In the meeting a range of topics were discussed and it was a fantastic opportunity for our students to get a glimpse of the formality and procedures involved with the decision making process of local government. Mayor Ian Gosper also took the opportunity to personally address our students and respond to issues raised by Emily Price and Tim Middleton from when they attended a council meeting earlier in the year. It was very pleasing to see that the youth of Canowindra are being heard and their ideas and concerns are being taken into consideration by Cabonne Council.

Thankyou to the students who helped set up and pack up the library, Mrs Reynolds for providing us with such a welcoming space and Mr Smyth for providing refreshments equipment from the hospitality rooms. Both Cabonne Council and Canowindra High School are looking forward to possibly doing this again next year.

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### Assessments Due

#### Week 5A  Term 3

- **Yr 11–Bio (4)**, **CAFS (2)**, **Eng Adv (4)**, **Eng Stan (4)**, **English Studies (4)**, **SLR (3)**
- **Yr 10– Music (3)**
- **Yr 9– English (3)**

#### Week 6B  Term 3

- **Yr 11–Ag (3)**, **Ancint Hist (3)**, **PDHPE (3)**, **Physics (4)**, **Visual Arts (4)**
- **Yr 10– Maths (3)**
- **Yr 9– Food Tech (3)**

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### Year 6 into 7 Transition Program

The Canowindra High School Year 6 Transition Program commences tomorrow, Tuesday 12 August. Families of students enrolling here in 2015 are invited to attend a parent information session at the school from 10am to 11am.

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### What's On

#### Week 5A  Term 3

- **Monday** 11 AUG
  - Yr 6 into 7 Transition Program

- **Tuesday** 12 AUG
  - Yr 6 into 7 Transition Parent Information Session 10am-11am at Canowindra High
  - Yr 8 Scripture P4

- **Wednesday** 13 AUG
  - Subject Selection Evening @ JSMH: Yr8 into 9 9–5:30-6:30pm
  - Yr10 into 11 6:30-7:30pm
  - RED DAY

- **Thursday** 14 AUG

- **Friday** 15 AUG
  - Trial HSC commences

#### Week 6B  Term 3

- **Monday** 18 AUG
  - Trial HSC
  - RSPCA Cupcake Day- SRC

- **Tuesday** 19 AUG
  - Trial HSC
  - Yr 8 Scripture P4

- **Wednesday** 20 AUG
  - Trial HSC
  - CHS Dance Production – matinee 12pm and 7pm
  - Year 6 Transition-Full day at CHS

- **Thursday** 21 AUG
  - Trial HSC
  - CHS Dance Production-7pm
  - Student Leadership Day Yr 11

- **Friday** 22 AUG
  - Trial HSC

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Monday, 11 August 2014