Faculty in Focus – TAS

It has been a busy start to the year in the school’s Agriculture Department.

Recently Year 11 Ag had an excursion to ‘Boxlands’ on the Cudal Rd. This farm is owned and run by the Harrison family and we thank them very much for their hospitality.

The students conducted soil testing, Workplace Health and Safety checks on machinery and chemical sheds and had the opportunity to discuss various aspects of general farming.

Meanwhile our senior Agriculture classes have been busy breaking in the new steer. In order to familiarize the steer with being handled the students spend time washing and leading it.

Emily Price and Ashley Beaton inspecting and giving the thumbs up to the new Case 810 tractor

Tommy Pye testing out a four wheeler while on the ‘Boxlands’ excursion and below with the new steer

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Agriculture teacher Mr McLaughlan and Farm Assistant Mr Terry Mooney have also been busy with an Agriculture transition program.

Each fortnight they have been spending an hour at the Primary School working with students from Years 5 and 6.

The students with the help of Mr McLaughlan and Mr Mooney have been busy learning about soil and plants and have been preparing some garden beds to grow their own vegetable seedlings.

### Yr 11 Biology Excursion

Yr 11 Biology set off into ‘the field’ on Friday Week 7 to perform an ecological study of the Belubula River bank. We had plenty of time to prepare after weather issues the previous fortnight meant postponing the excursion.

The students put their newly learnt practical skills to the test. As a team they sampled the abundance of plant species and ground cover using quadrat sampling. They were also asked to draw a transect of the site which shows the shape, height and various species at the site. The students will use the information gathered to complete a report for their first assessment task.

The weather held out for us this time and made for a very enjoyable two hour adventure into nature.

### Principal’s News

**GREAT NEWS.** As mentioned in last week’s Phoenix our school has been fortunate in attaining flashing lights in Rodd street. This is a wonderful accomplishment and will help ensure the safety of our students moving to and from school. The proposed date for installation has been confirmed with the school as being before the end of the 2013 financial year. Well done to the team of people that campaigned for the installation.

**THANKYOU.** I would like to express my appreciation to the parents who attended our Parent-Teacher interviews last week. From those who attended the feedback was extremely positive.

**YEAR TWELVE REPORTS.** Our year twelve students have completed their half yearly examinations and teachers are currently working on reports which will be distributed before the end of term.

**SURVEY REMINDER.** We have received some surveys already and subsequently some very valuable feedback which will help set our future direction. Could I please ask all parents to take the time to complete and return the survey before the end of term.

**ASSIGNMENT STARTERS A-Z.** What projects or essays does your child have that are due by the end of term? One of them could be among the School A-Z website’s assignment starters – resources designed to point you in the right direction. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-assignments](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-assignments)


**CONGRATULATIONS** to Catherine Davis on being last week’s Canteen voucher winner.

Neryle Smurthwaite
Principal
On Wednesday and Thursday of last week, Year 7 LOTE classes learnt a little about French Easter traditions. Canowindra High School students participated in an egg-rolling competition and an Easter egg hunt.

French children celebrate Easter in similar ways to Australian children. As 90% of the French population are Roman Catholic, the French follow the Catholic celebrations of Easter. Unlike Australia, church bells are silent from Good Friday (the death of Jesus) until Easter Sunday (when Jesus rose). French children are told that the church bells fly to Rome to visit the Pope on Good Friday and return with chocolate bells, chocolate eggs and chocolate fish on Easter Sunday.

French children play a range of games on Easter Sunday, including egg rolling and egg tossing. Children roll a raw egg down a small hill or toss an egg in the air repeatedly until a final egg remains. The egg rolling is meant to symbolize the boulder being rolled away from Jesus’ tomb.

Congratulations to Jacob Anderson

Who was awarded the Two Ways Together / Youth Excel Scholarship of $1000. Jacob was one of 27 scholarship winners in the Western Region. The scholarship provides financial assistance to students, and is allocated based on academic achievement and/or to encourage students participating in VET courses. Great work Jacob!

Canowindra Junior Rugby League would like to remind all Junior boys and girls to come along to the Coles Back Yard Program

8th April 2013
Starting at 4pm- 5.30pm
At Tom Clyburn Oval, Tilga Street, Canowindra
Registration is FREE
Contact: Wade Judd wjudd@nrl.com.au
or 0428 439 998
Tuesday, 2 April 2013

What’s On

Week 10B

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Assessments Due

Week 10

Yr 11– Community & Family Studies 1; Chem 1; Hospitality 1; Auto 1; Maths 2; Primary Industry 1;

Yr 10– Eng 1; Vis Arts 1

Yr 9– Ag 1

Week 11

Yr 12– D & T 2

Yr 11– Ancient History 1; D & T 2; Eng Ext 1; Music 1

Orange City Junior Rugby Union Club

Players needed In our U14’s & U15’s teams

For further details http://orangecityjuniors.rugbynet.com.au

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Deryck 0427 621 965

Free serious sporting injuries insurance

Important Information:

The Supplementary Sporting Injuries Benefits Scheme was established in 1984 by the State Government and is administered by the NSW Sporting Injuries Committee, a non-profit state government organisation.

The claims and benefits processes are legislated under the Sporting Injuries Insurance Act 1978.

Benefits are paid to the Public Trustee when the injured person is under the age of 18 years. Reimbursement of funeral expenses to a stated maximum, are payable where the deceased is under the age of 18 years and has no dependents.

All New South Wales school children are automatically covered under the Supplementary Scheme and do not need to apply for coverage.

NSW Sport & Recreation programs are covered only where the participants pay an administrative fee and the event has been specifically sanctioned as an authorised activity of NSW Sport & Recreation.

The NSW Sporting Injuries Committee recommends school-children playing or involved in sport also have private health insurance.

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