This term will see the return of World of Maths. This is a unique program for Years 7 & 8 students to engage in 2 hours of fun hands-on activities working with Mathematics. The program was a great success when they last visited the school in 2011. More information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

Our HSC students are now preparing for their upcoming trials in Mathematics and General Mathematics. I would suggest that your study routine should be in full swing by now. Cramming is not the ideal way to study for Mathematics. You should be practising your formulas, looking over your notes, completing questions from your texts and doing past papers.

The exam in Mathematics is a 3 hour paper and General Mathematics is 2.5 hours, so be sure you have plenty of water and get lots of sleep the night before. A rested mind is the best way to allow you to recall the important information you will undoubtedly need.

Year 9 are back from their exciting snow trip with Mr Phelan. Although Mr Phelan stated it was a great time, he and most students were much happier to be back in their Mathematics classrooms, learning more about Algebra, Pythagoras’ Theorem and Linear Functions.

Next year will see the introduction of the Australian Curriculum in some areas. Maths is one of the areas that has been targeted to introduce the new curriculum. There have been some major shifts in areas of focus, however essentially, much of the content remains. More information will be distributed over the coming weeks.

Rod Jones (HT Maths)
Western Area Athletics was held on Friday 26th of July at Bathurst. In a very foggy and cold morning eight students from Canowindra competed against schools from Bourke to Lithgow.

In fantastic form and a pleasure to watch run were the girl’s relay team consisting of Adelaide Ellis, Ashley McLean, Joanna Balcombe and Becky Thornberry. Even with a slip at the 3rd baton change the girls sprinted home to win the event.

Adelaide Ellis, following up on her excellent run in the relay won the final of the 100metres. Congratulations girls and good luck at state athletics.

Other notewable performers on the day were William Middleton finishing 3rd in the 800m race and Wesley Blair 5th in javelin.

Thank you parents for assisting with transport and braving the icy conditions.

Recycle Your Mobile Phones

The SRC are asking all students and staff to recycle their old mobile phones. There is a box in the foyer of the school office where old phones can be placed.

SAVE THE GORILLAS!!

Principal’s News

Thank you to all the parents who attended last week’s Parent-Teacher evening. These nights are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child’s progress and to openly discuss their educational needs with teachers. For anyone that was unable to make it please feel free to contact any of our teachers at school by phone or make an appointment to call in.

This week we will also be holding a very important evening for students going into Years 9 and 11 in 2014. The subject information evenings are again an opportunity for parents to hear first-hand the curriculum opportunities available for students attending our school as well as the pathway options for them to attain their formal accreditation. I encourage all parents to come along on Tuesday evening.

The Year 6 into 7 Transition program has commenced for 2013 and last week Mr Nottingham, Mrs Gregson (Year 7 Adviser 2013) and I travelled to Cudal and Cargo Public Schools to meet some of our incoming students. This was an amazing opportunity for us to meet members of our partner schools. This visit was followed by a very successful orientation day for parents at our school on Thursday. I would like to thank everyone involved on both days and for the staff and students of the two schools for making us feel so welcome.

Congratulations to Madison Spencer and Luke Wallace on their representation at the recent District SRC. Feedback from the co-ordinators was extremely positive and complemented both students for their maturity, positive outlook, leadership and representation of our school.

Next week will see the commencement of the 2013 Trial HSC and on behalf of staff and students I would like to wish all Year 12 the very best of luck and hope that they achieve the results they have worked for over the past three terms.

CONGRATULATIONS to Becky Thornberry on being last week’s Canteen voucher winner.

Neryle Smurthwaite
Principal
On Monday 30th July, 30 Year 9 students were invited to attend an Industry Visit Day in Cowra.

We visited 6 local businesses – Cowra Motors, McDonald’s, VERTO, PCYC, Cowra Hospital, and K-Line Industries.

We spent 30 minutes at each business looking at how their business/industry operated. They spoke to us about the positions that were available and what subjects we should elect in Year 11 and Year 12 to lead to a career in their field.

Our favourite business to visit was McDonald’s as we were interested to see how our favourite fast food was made. We were impressed by the care and effort that was put in to make sure the food was safe and healthy to eat.

We had a fun day and learnt a lot about the businesses and what is needed to progress to those careers. We realised that although we live in a small country town there are lots of opportunities available to us.

On behalf of Year 9 we would like to thank Mrs Taylor and Mr Phelan for supervising us, PCYC for hosting the sausage sizzle and all the local businesses for taking time out of their day to show us around.

Sitha Ncube and Madison Spencer
Subject Selection Evening

This Tuesday August 6 there will be an Information Session for parents and students of Yr 8 and Yr 10 regarding elective subject selection for 2014.

Yr 8 students and their parents/caregivers are asked to make themselves available to attend this session which will be held in the JSMH from 5.30-6.30pm and following this from 6.30-7.30pm will be the information session for Yr 10 students and their Parents/caregivers.

Light refreshments will be available.

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