On Monday 7th May the Canowindra High School Student Representative Council travelled to Burrendong Dam to take part in a whole day of activities that helped us develop our leadership skills and grow as a team. On the day we took part in activities like raft building, canoeing and initiatives.

The SRC members who took part were Jack Traves, Blake Willson, Annie Elliot, Simone Middleton, Philippa Myers, Harry Myers, Emily McTaggart, Jade Workman, Stuart Russell, Sam Flannery, Tabitha Hearston, Scott Walsh, Jack Beath, Sam Townsend, Luke Wallace, Matt Harrison, Meg Austin, Daisy Whatman, Adelaide Ellis, Taneil Thornberry and Meg Irvine.

We left Canowindra at the brisk hour of 7 o’clock. When we arrived there we were welcomed by the staff and started our first activity. This was a game that involved team work and trust. After that we moved onto raft building where we were split into teams and given five items to build a raft which challenged our team work. We all built excellent rafts but some designs were better than others.

We then moved onto an awesome lunch consisting of as many hamburgers as you could eat. With full bellies, we took on the much anticipated canoeing. We paddled over 4kms and had a really fun time and had to deal with Harry whose aim was to drench everyone, yet he ended up soaked!

After a long day we took a major detour to ‘Macca’s in Wellington and travelled home very tired, but we all had an awesome day.

We would all like to thank Mrs Myers for all the organising and running around she did and to Ms Davis for her great supervision and to everyone who came and had a great day.

Jack Beath and Luke Wallace
Principal's News

This week our first P&C meeting for the term will be held on Thursday 17th May at 5.30 pm in the staffroom. I would like to invite you to attend. The meetings only go for about 1-1½ hours and are a great opportunity for you, as parents, to have input into our school. As the relieving Principal, I believe we can improve the links between the school and home and value the contribution of all parents. I look forward to seeing you there!

Congratulations to all students and staff for the successful Athletics Carnival last Wednesday. We again had an excellent student participation rate. Well done to Mr McKenzie for organising the event and all staff who assisted on the day.

There were many other extra-curricula events last week. Well done to the SRC at the Burrendong Camp – Mrs Myers and Ms Davis worked with our SRC on leadership skills and team building. Well done to the Tom Kemp Rugby League side coached by Mr Phelan – they had a convincing win against Forbes HS. Other successful excursions included the Open girls soccer, Open boys tennis, Hume Barbour debating and the Snake Tales reptile show.

Good luck to Year 11 who sit their first examination period in Stage 6 this week. The examinations are a good opportunity to revise the first half of the course and to receive feedback on how they have demonstrated this knowledge.

This week Year 10 attend Work Experience, we hope they enjoy the workplaces they have chosen and look forward to hearing about their experiences next week.

Year 7 and 9 have their NAPLAN tests this week. All students must be in attendance, we encourage parents to call the school if their child is too sick to attend, and tests will be made up on Friday.

Nicole Bugeja
Principal (Rlg)

Attention all Year 9 Parents and Students

Lenovo and Teleplan (the authorised repairer for Lenovo) will be carrying out an upgrade on all Lenovo Thinkpad X130e 'Silver' laptops. Lenovo will be completing this service free of charge to all DEC students.

Our school has been scheduled for Wednesday, 30th May, 2012 for this onsite service. In preparation for this upgrade I require all laptops to be handed to Mr Bob Gill on Monday 28th May 2012. We have been advised that the upgrade should only take one school day and we will endeavour to return laptops in an efficient manner upon successful completion of the upgrade.

If you do not hand in your laptop for this upgrade, the laptop will be required to be sent away to Sydney for the upgrade and could be away for at least a week.

If your child is going to be away, please arrange for the laptop to be dropped off the week before.

If the upgrade if not completed on your child’s laptop this could void the laptop's warranty.

Nicole Bugeja
Open Boys Tennis team down to the very strong West Wyalong team

On Friday 11th May West Wyalong High School Open Boys tennis team travelled over to Canowindra for the latest round of the Stan Jones Knockout competition. West Wyalong has been runner-up in this state-wide competition for the past four years and in another strong display won all their matches here. Hopefully, with more experience, Canowindra High School players can continue to improve in both boys and girls tennis.

Congratulations Rohan, Talby, Josh and Regan for representing the school in good spirit on the day.

Perfect Weather for this year's Athletics carnival

With Gilbert only being beaten by three points last year it was going to be interesting to see if they could overcome the dominance of Hall and finally win their first athletics carnival for many years.

In a powerful display of participation and athletic abilities it was a magnificent day for Gilbert! The final scores were Gardiner 674 points, Hall 749 points and Gilbert 908 points.

With outstanding individual performances, the following students won their age champion titles:

12 Yrs: Kiara Fardell (f) & Brayden Fliedner (m)
13 Yrs: Joanna Balcombe (f) & Reuben Bondareff (m)
14 Yrs: Hayley White (f) & Callum Clyburn (m)
15 Yrs: Alicia Earsman (f) & Regan Hughes (m)
16 Yrs: Ashley Beaton (f) & Taihau Ah Mat (m)
Open: Jade Workman (f) & Nicholas Willson (m)

Another record on the day was Jess Fisher equalling Michelle Davis’ 100m time of 13.10 seconds.

Pictured right is Cody Smith competing in the junior division of shot put.

With the continued interest in high jump it was exciting to watch Callum Clyburn and William Middleton battle it out, both breaking the old record of 1.55m by 1 cm.

A Good Win in Round 2 for our Tom Kemp Shield (Rugby League) Team

Canowindra High School (42) defeated Forbes High School (22)

On Wednesday 8th May our Tom Kemp Shield Rugby League team played Forbes High School at the Sports Trust Oval and won 42-22. Jayden Brown scored a bag of 5 tries whilst Callum Clyburn, Codie Berroya and Harry Whatman all scored one each. Tim Middleton again contributed well kicking 5 from 8 goals and came up with some big hits in defence. Every player in the team did their job well which lead to the big win. Our captains ‘Player of the Match’ was Callum Clyburn who had a massive impact on the game showing great leadership from the half-back position. Thank you to Graham Rice (coach), Garry Whatman (referee), Gene Tarrant and Dan Friend (touch judges) and to all of the students, parents and teachers who came over to support their team. The win places us in the top four of the Tom Kemp Shield knockout competition.

Mr A Pheian and Jayden Brown (Captain)
This year we are participating in the Woolworth ‘Earn & Learn’ program. This requires you to collect stickers when you shop at Woolworths, place them on your sticker card and, once full, place in the entry box in the main foyer.

You are encouraged to support the school in the participation of the ‘Earn & Learn’ program so the school can be rewarded with valuable resources for the school. Sticker cards are available from the front office.

### Assessments Due

**Week 4**

- Year 12 - Design & Technology 3, Visual Arts 3
- Year 11 - Agriculture 2, Biology 2, Gen Maths 2, Snr Science 2, English Adv 2, English Std 2
- Year 10 - English 2, Timber 2, Music 2
- Year 9 - Music 2, Visual Arts 2

**Week 5**

- Year 12 -
- Year 11 -
- Year 10 - Science 2, Agriculture 2, Geography S1 2, History S1 2, Timber 2, Maths 2, Visual Arts 2, Year 9 - English 2, Timber 1, Textiles 1