Students studying Exploring Early Childhood in Year 11 have been observing and interacting with children at the local preschool throughout the year. This gives the students a valuable experience allowing them to relate theory concepts with workplace practices.

Recently the students completed an assessment task that required them to plan and run activities for a small group of preschoolers.

The Preliminary course covers topics such as Pregnancy, Growing and Development, Nutrition and Feeding of Young Children and Play and the Developing Child.
Principal’s News

It is that time of year again when the Student Leadership program commences and last week we held a very successful session with those year eleven students who have expressed an interest in taking on leadership roles for 2014. The seventeen students, who have put their name forward for consideration, spent the morning listening to our Mayor, Councillor Ian Gosper and parent representative Mrs Ashley Wright speak on aspects of leadership. In addition the students completed several activities focussed on “what is effective leadership” including reflection on their own leadership skills. This week final nominations for these positions will be called with interviews and elections being held next week. I congratulate these young people for their preparedness to be involved in our school.

Last Friday the staff successfully raised $84.50 for the Cancer Council through a morning tea for Daffodil Day. The morning tea was also an opportunity for our incoming student leaders to meet with staff on an informal basis.

Preliminary advice has been received by the school for the 2014 staffing and it is great to report that our enrolment numbers, and therefore our staffing numbers, are expected to remain the same as for this year. This is good news for our school and will allow us to maintain the diversity in the curriculum we offer in years 9/10 and 11/12.

Each year we often experience change in the roles that teachers undertake and this week I have been able to announce that for 2014 Mr Andrew Phelan will be responsible for the SRC and Mr Mark Edwards will take on the Year 9 Adviser position.

I would publicly like to acknowledge the amazing efforts of Mrs Keren Myers and Miss Kathy Davis/Mrs Michele Burn respectively for the outstanding job that they have done in these roles over the past three/two years and thank them for their commitment to the students of our school.

Congratulations to Jenna Wensley on being last week’s recipient of the canteen voucher.

Neryle Smurthwaite
Principal

Student Medical Forms

During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child’s health.

If you have a child with a medical condition you have received a copy of the new forms in the mail and will need to fill them out and return them to us as soon as you can.

The new forms will help us collect your child’s important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we’ll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support as we collect the information, and if you have any questions please phone the school on 6344 1305.

PLEASE RETURN THESE FORMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Year 12 Early University Admission

Year 12 students are currently preparing their early admission forms for university and submitting the school recommendation paperwork to the Principal for completion. It is a very busy time with on time lodgement of UAC preferences due on Friday 27 September 2013. Last week Rebecca Morgan from CSU visited our school to assist students with this process and to answer their questions about CSU in particular.
LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week is being celebrated at Canowindra High School with a competition that will highlight the talents of young writers. In keeping with the Books Across the Universe theme, students can enter two separate competitions. Their challenge is to write a two sentence science fiction story OR a six word science fiction story. This is not an easy task and there have already been some excellent entries. The competition closes on Friday, 30th August and winners will be announced on assembly on Monday, 2nd September. Winners will receive $5 canteen vouchers and all entries will go into the draw for a book prize of the winner’s choice at the end of the term.

Examples of two sentence and six word stories are on the noticeboard in the library. Entries should be placed in the box in the library. Good luck everyone!

Be listening on assembly and reading the newsletter for updates about new library purchases.

YEAR 11 LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Last Thursday CHS held a very successful session on leadership with 17 of our Year 11 students. It was fantastic to see so many of our students put themselves forward to be considered. Cabonne Shire Mayor, Ian Gosper spoke to the group on the importance of leadership in life and the key traits leaders exhibit that make them successful in their fields. We were also fortunate to have Mrs Ashley Wright who presented her views on leadership from a parent perspective. This was a most valuable insight, focusing the students on the attributes that make people good leaders and reinforcing the expectations that parents at CHS have for student leaders within our school.

Mrs Smurthwaite, Mr Nottingham and Mr Blackburn also shared some of their personal views on leadership gleaned through their teaching careers, explaining the challenges and opportunities it presents. This was the first in a number of events to select our senior student leaders for 2014. This week nominations will be formally sort with interviews, voting and announcement of the successful leaders happening over the next few weeks.

Year 11 participants include Jacob Anderson, Annie Elliot, Josh Flannery, Maria Froyen, Lucy Harrison, Cormac Lamond, Matthew Mangelsdorf, Tim Middleton, Robert Moroney, Emily Price, Tommy Pye, Emma Springall, Rohan Toole, Talby Upton, Luke Wallace, Tanika Wensley and Teagan Wilson. They are to be commended for taking part in this excellent opportunity.
**Design and Technology– Display of Yr 12 Projects**

Year 12 Design and Technology students have been working on their creative projects for over 36 weeks. The time has come for these 12 students to display their talents to their friends and family. The Design and Technology students will present their works to the public in the Jack Sherwin Memorial Hall on:

**Wednesday 4th September 2013, during lunchtime from 1.20pm to 2.00pm**

All Family, Friends and students from Canowindra High are very welcome.

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**P & C Meeting**

Canowindra High School P& C meeting is this Tuesday at 5.30pm in the Staff Common Room. All welcome.

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**HSC Advanced English Study Sessions**

Mrs Jones is offering study sessions from 3.30pm to 4.30pm on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. Any questions please see Mrs Jones.

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**Recycle your old Mobile Phones**

The SRC would like to remind everyone to recycle their old mobile phones and SAVE THE GORILLAS!

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**What's On**

**Week 7A**

**Monday** 26 AUG

**Tuesday** 27 AUG  
Yr 8 Scripture P4  
P&C Meeting 5.30pm  
Yr 11 Senior Science excursion P3-4

**Wednesday** 28 AUG  
Yr 10-11 StartSmart P1-2

**Thursday** 29 AUG

**Friday** 30 AUG  
Yr 11 excursion to Orange

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**Week 8B**

**Monday** 2 SEP  
School Captain Interviews

**Tuesday** 3 SEP  
Yr 8 Scripture P4

**Wednesday** 4 SEP

**Thursday** 5 SEP

**Friday** 6 SEP  
School Captain Voting  
Mufti Day (Footy colours)- Youth Cancer

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**Assessments Due**

**Week 7A**

Yr 12– Eng Studies 4

Yr 11– Chem 4, Primary Industries 3, SLR 3

Yr 10– Maths 3

Yr 9– Maths 3

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**Week 8B**

Yr 11– Ancient History 3

Yr 10– Geography 1

Yr 9– Ag 3, Science 3