### Faculty In Focus - Science

As part of the Local Environment module, the Year 11 Senior Science students trekked to the river last Tuesday, 27th August.

They had to conduct a field study of a local terrestrial and/or aquatic environment, taking measurements of abiotic (temperature, pH, humidity etc) and biotic (population of birds, insects, species of plants etc) factors. They also had to assess the human impact on the area.

The students worked beautifully as a team. The weather was absolutely gorgeous, the birds were singing - the perfect day for an outdoor practical lesson! Will the new David Attenborough be from Canowindra High?

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**Yr 11 senior science students Annie Elliot, Ben Bermingham and Teagan Wilson**
Will Wright Excels

Congratulations to Will Wright of Year 7 who has been offered a place in the 2013 Mind Marathon to be held in Sydney as part of the xSel virtual selective High School Program. After consultation with staff, the place has been offered in recognition of his dedication to xSel studies and his willingness to work as a team member. Following the success of the previous six mind marathons students are invited to attend a day of brain-teasing activities. These will include: Above and Beyond, Science, English, History, General Knowledge and Mathematics.

Sunday Serenade

Canowindra High School students Sophie Tremain and Lucy Harrison performed beautiful piano recitals to about 150 people at the Sunday Serenade that was organised by the CWA (which Bev Taylor is President).

They did an excellent job and as they were introduced by Ros Bullock each performer gave a recount of their history and schooling.

Canowindra High School P & C Cake Stall

The Canowindra High School P & C will be holding a cake stall on Election Day, September 7, 2014 at the School Hall. We are asking for support from parents and friends of the school in supplying the baked goods for the stall. We also require a couple of volunteers to operate the stall on the morning of the election. Baked goods can be delivered to the school office on Friday or to the school Hall on Saturday morning. Food items should be labelled with basic ingredients.

Any assistance will be gratefully appreciated. Please phone the school on 6344 1305 if you are able to help.

Spring is here and we are doing some planting and mulching around the school grounds. If anyone would like to help please contact Ash Wright on 0427 448480 or email: ashntim@westserv.net.au

Principal’s News

Welcome again to another busy week, this follows on from week 7 which was equally hectic. Firstly congratulations to the Year 11 students who have nominated to be our school leaders for 2014; this is a worthy endeavour which will pay dividends for all involved. The Year 11 Adviser Mr Blackburn, SRC leader Mrs Myers and I will be interviewing all nominees today. Successful nominees will be given three minutes to present their agenda to the whole school on assembly at 2pm on Thursday. Parents are welcome to attend this event.

Wednesday 28th saw some excellent presentations to students of CHS. Years 10 and 11 were presented with information from the Commonwealth Bank on financial literacy, an important issue for students this age as they begin to grapple with weighty financial issues including: mobile phone plans, income, part time jobs and saving for a car or other major purchase. Years 7 to 9 had a motivational talk delivered by Russell Hodge who lost his leg in a motorbike accident. His talk emphasised the need for students to build resilience in their lives and Russell also shared his stories about ‘Amp Camp’ a camp he runs for young amputees. An inspiring story for those who heard it and the students responded positively with active questioning of the issues raised. Finally Year 11 had the chance to be out of the school on a one day leadership excursion to Orange. This provided some important guidance for the year as they head into Year 12 and also a chance to let off steam prior to their final Preliminary exams.

Looking forward good luck to the Year 12 D&T students whose work will be marked in the JSMH this Tuesday and parents are reminded of the public display the following day. On Friday 7th SRC has organised a Footy colours Mufti Day to raise funds for Youth Cancers. Finally it is most apt that CHS votes for our school captains also on Friday the day before the nation votes to elect our next prime minister. An omen maybe for our future leaders? Congratulations to Aidan Gaffey last week’s canteen voucher winner.

Jason Nottingham—Deputy Principal (Rlg)
Canowindra Junior Rugby League

Just a brief message to let all players and their families know that our Presentation Day is to held on Saturday 7th September 2013 @ 12noon.

Also any player wishing to purchase their jersey needs to pay $30 to Sandra Smith by the 6th September, so they are able to receive their jersey on Presentation Day. League Tag girls your shirts are $10 to purchase.

2013 September Holiday Clinic - Canowindra

NRL Development will be holding a clinic at Canowindra in the upcoming school holidays.

Two clinics will be held on the same day but over two time slots - according to the ages of the children.

Date: Tuesday 24th September 2013
Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm (Children aged 5-16)
Cost: $20 includes football, boot bag and drink bottle.

Contact: wjudd@nrl.com.au or Wade Judd 0428439998
Go to the address below to register and pay online.

Motivational Speaker for Years 7-9

On Wednesday 28th August Canowindra High School’s Student Welfare Adviser, Chris Cuddy, arranged for guest speaker Russell Hodge to share his inspirational story of overcoming adversity with the students in Years 7-9.

Russ spoke about his hero – Douglas Bader, a pilot who lost both legs in a plane crash before the war and then returned to active duty during the war as a spitfire pilot.

This story became even further relevant after Russ lost one of his own legs when he was hit by a car whilst riding his motorbike from Broken Hill to Dubbo. He chose to forgive the driver and was later able to meet him as they were in the same hospital.

Russ asked the students to reflect on their world view. He pointed out that when bad things happen to us, usually we ask ‘Why?’ He challenged the students to consider whether there were bigger and more important questions; ‘What am I to learn from this?’ and ‘How am I to respond?’ Russ now runs a unique camp every year for young amputees called ‘Amp Camp’ to allow them to meet and find encouragement from being around other kids and adults facing similar circumstances.

The students responded positively to the topics that were discussed and came away from the session with a greater understanding of building resilience.
**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 of Canowindra High are very 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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**Canowindra Junior Cricket Muster Day**
**8th September 2pm—Tom Clyburn Oval**

The fun afternoon will consist of a 20/20 match of parents vs children, for anyone whether you've played cricket before or not for both girls and boys. We will have registration forms as well on the day for those who wish to sign up early, cost of junior cricket this year is the same as last year: **$60 for milo, $70 for 1 child, $105 for 2 children, $135 for 3 or more children from the same family.**

This will be our only muster day before the season so please bring the family along on Sunday afternoon for a bit of family hit and giggles.

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**Isa Brown Pullets**

The Ag Department currently has available for sale 10 week old Isa Brown Pullets. They have been triple vaccinated and are being sold for $14 each. Phone the school for enquiries on 63441305.

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**Student Medical Forms**

Many families are yet to return their medical forms. If you received a form in the mail please return it to school as soon as possible, even if there aren't any changes.

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**What's On**

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**Assessments Due**

### Week 8B  Term 3

- Yr 11– Ancient History 3
- Yr 10– Geography 1
- Yr 9– Ag 3, Science 3

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### Week 9A  Term 3

- Yr 9– Geography 1, Photo and digital media 4