Faculty in Focus - H.S.I.E

Year 8 'The Vikings are Coming!'

We have had a lot of fun challenging the stereotype of Vikings as raiders and plunderers of English monasteries. We now know that they were also settlers who lived in peaceful co-existence with the English (well mostly). We have discovered the Scandinavian words that became part of the English language during the Viking raids. These include: husband, window, knife, sky, happy, wrong, leg, take, they, them and their. Year 8 history students know how to construct a Viking longboat and have chosen their weapons and clothing for a raid. We have also practiced going ‘berserk’ in preparation for battle. Students have created their own Viking coat of arms to assist them in their raids.

hit Sydney’s shores in 1900 and that the rat catcher was a well paid if disgusting occupation.

Year 10 have been learning about the ‘Stolen Generation’ and have shown their maturity in exploring one of Australia’s darkest periods.

Year 11 Ancient History students have chosen Homer and the Trojan War as their case study for ‘Investigating the Past’ and Year 12 have been doing some intensive revision for their half yearly exams.

It has been a busy time in H.S.I.E as usual with some great learning opportunities and the students have been producing some high quality work.

Two new senior subjects are running this year at Canowindra High School which has provided broader opportunities for our students.

Studies focuses on business planning and management and prepares students for the HSC course.
Business Studies has been introduced in 2013 due to strong demand from the Year 11 cohort. This course aims to develop a broad range of business related skills which will prove invaluable skills to our students in their future lives as consumers, employees and business owners alike.

Preliminary Business Legal Studies has also been added to the list of senior courses available at Canowindra High School this year. Students in this subject have been engaged in learning about the Australian Legal System and how it functions. This course provides an insight into the system that governs how our society operates.

Both subjects have assessments due over the next two weeks and the students are wished the best of luck for these tasks.

Mr Blackburn, Mrs Gregson, Ms Davis and Mr Nottingham

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Practical Support for Higher School Certificate Examinations

The Board of Studies offers provisions, practical support to assist students to read examination questions and to write their answers, in their Higher School Certificate examinations. Provisions can include readers, writers, rest breaks and extra time. The use of any provision is not written on the student’s results.

Students may need provisions for:
- a permanent condition, such as diabetes or reading difficulty
- a temporary condition, such as a broken arm, or an intermittent condition, such as back pain when sitting for long periods.

It is not embarrassing to apply for or use provisions. More than 5000 HSC students apply for provisions each year. **Provisions help students to show the markers what they know and can do.**

To apply for provisions, the school submits an application to the Board of Studies, detailing provisions requested and providing supporting evidence (medical reports, reading results, writing samples and teacher comments). Parents help by talking to the school, describing their student’s needs and providing medical and other reports to the school.

If you think that your student may require support in completing the Higher School Certificate examinations please contact the school.

Ruth Evans, Learning and Support Teacher and Dearne Curtis, Year Adviser

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Principal’s News

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our Open Girl’s soccer team which had a great win against Grenfell last week. Thank you also to the teams coach Mr Jones.

**YEAR TWELVE EXAMINATIONS.** The year twelve exams commence this week and we wish the students all the best and hope that they achieve the results they have worked for. Parents are also reminded that students do not have to be in attendance at school when they do not have an exam. When not in attendance students are expected to be at home studying and, if after an exam they are unable to get home, supervision will be provided at school.

**COMMUNITY SURVEY.** Last year the school volunteered, and was accepted into, the Empowering Local Schools National Partnership program. This program is part of the Local Schools, Local Decisions initiative and will allow the school to be part of the changes within NSW Department of Education before they are introduced to all schools. We are seeking community input to identify possible initiatives that will support or increase the educational opportunities provided to our students and feedback on where we need to further develop school practice. Could you please complete the attached survey and return it to school before Thursday next week (28th March, 2013).

**END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS.** The end of term is fast approaching and this year Easter will occur prior to school holidays. To this end the following dates indicate when the school will not be operational:

- **Friday, 29th March, 2013** – **Monday, 1st April, 2013 inclusive**

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Saturday, 13th April, 2013 – Tuesday, 30th April, 2013 inclusive.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There are two Staff Development Days at the beginning of term two. Students will not be required to attend on these days.


**YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION.** In Year 10 students are asked to select subjects for Years 11 and 12. Here are some tips to help your teen choose well. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/Planning-for-the-future/year-10-subject-selection](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/Planning-for-the-future/year-10-subject-selection)


**CONGRATULATIONS** to Max Wensley on being last week’s Canteen voucher winner.

Neryle Smurthwaite
Principal

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**Term 1- Week 8**

Monday, 18 March 2013

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[Image of a page from a book or a document, with text reading “Business Studies has been introduced in 2013 due to strong demand from the Year 11 cohort. This course aims to develop a broad range of business related skills which will prove invaluable skills to our students in their future lives as consumers, employees and business owners alike.”]
Well done to all students who attended the Swimming trials in Dubbo on Thursday March 7. Five students from Canowindra will be attending the state carnival on the 4-6th of April at Homebush which will be a great experience. These students are Hannah Roth, Madi Vitnell, Alicia Earsman and Brooke Kinsela for the Open girls freestyle relay. In the individual events Josh Flannery finished second in the open boys backstroke. I wish these students all the best at state and yes Brooke, it means more training!

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A big thankyou to Mr Kinsela, Mr Wythes and Mrs Flannery for assisting with transport.

Mr McKenzie - Sports Co-ordinator

Open Touch Football

The first round of the Open Touch Football State Knockout was held last Tuesday at Bathurst. Both the boys and girls teams travelled to Kelso in the hope of coming home victors. Unfortunately this was not the case with the girls going down 3-2, after leading 2-0 and the boys losing 6-1. Congratulations to Madi Vitnell, Jess Fisher and Tim Wythes for try scoring and to all the players for giving it their all. Thanks to Tina Earsman, Mr Blackburn and Miss Davis for driving and coaching and making it a great trip.
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**Week 8B**

**Monday** 18 Mar  Yr 12 Examinations
Yr 11 Interviews
Western Golf

**Tuesday** 19 Mar  Yr 12 Examinations
11 Interviews
CHS Junior Netball v Grenfell
Yr 10 Scripture P4

**Wednesday** 20 Mar  Yr 12 Examinations
Yr 11 Interviews

**Thursday** 21 Mar  Yr 12 Examinations
Yr 7 & Yr 9 Vaccinations
Harmony Day

**Friday** 22 Mar  Yr 12 Examinations
School Photos
Yr 11 Ag Case Study Visit

**Week 9A**

**Monday** 25 Mar  Yr 12 Examinations
Tom Kemp Rugby League v Molong

**Tuesday** 26 Mar  Yr 12 Examinations
Yr 10 Scripture P4

**Wednesday** 27 Mar  RED DAY

**Thursday** 28 Mar  Squash - CHS v Parkes @ Parkes

**Friday** 29 Mar  GOOD FRIDAY

**Assessments Due**

**Week 8**

**Term 1**
Yr 12 - Ancient History 2, Biology 2, Business Studies 2, Chemistry 2, Eng
Adv 3, Eng Std 3, Hospitality 2, Maths 2, Maths Gen 2, PDHPE 2, Sen
Science 2, Vis Arts 2
Yr 11 - Bio 1, Business St 1, D&T 1, Exploring Early Childhood 1
Yr 10 - Metal 1, PDHPE 1, Science 1
Yr 9 - Eng 1, Photo & Digital Media 1

**Week 9**

**Term 1**
Yr 11-Ag 1, Eng Adv 1, English Stan 1, Eng Studies 1, Legal Studies 1,
Physics 1
Yr 10- Ag 1, Food Tech 1, Maths1, Music 1
Yr 9- Maths 1, Music 1, PDHPE 1, Art 1