Faculty in Focus-TAS

AGRICULTURE

A Wicking Bed has been constructed by the Year 10 Agriculture class at the Community Gardens to allow access for keen gardeners & people in wheelchairs if they wish to use the facility. Students filling the wicking bed they built with sand and topsoil.

Miles, Logan & Max weighing "Flash" one of the Dairy calves in the Cows Create Careers program offered at Canowindra High School.
**Principal’s News**

Last Thursday we had great pleasure in hearing ten of our Year 11 students present speeches on why they should be the 2014 School Captain to their peers and the school staff. As I said on the day, to stand before your peers and talk is a very daunting task and each of these young people should be very proud of their performance and all would make excellent leaders and ambassadors for our school. Our congratulations to: Annie Elliott, Lucy Harrison, Emily Price, Emma Springall, Teagan Wilson, Cormac Lamond, Tim Middleton, Rohan Toole, Talby Upton and Luke Wallace.

All staff and students voted on Friday with the Captains, Vice Captains and Senior Leaders being announced at this Tuesday’s end of term assembly.

Congratulations to Becky Thornberry who has been announced as the Cabonne Shire Youth of the Month for September. This is a wonderful acknowledgement for an amazing young lady who truly deserves this recognition.

Over one hundred students will be recognised at this Tuesday’s assembly for their efforts, application and representation of our school throughout the term. This is an outstanding achievement and indicative of the respect and responsibility shown by our students. Any parent that wishes to attend the assembly is very welcome to join us in the school hall tomorrow morning at 10am.

From the commencement of Term 2 the school has been working on the development of our vision statement with input from students, parents and staff. At the recent P&C meeting I was able to present the final statement for their ratification. This statement which will underpin our school’s future direction will also be included in all formal school documentation and used in the promotion of our school.

**CANOWINDRA HIGH SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT**

A small school with big opportunities, Canowindra High School fosters a nurturing environment that instills pride in achievement through the development of self-motivated, tolerant and confident learners. The school community works collaboratively to create experiences that continually challenge and develop personal strengths, resilience and individual student success.

Neryle Smurthwaite
Principal

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**Library News**

Over eighty entries were received in the Book Week Short, Short Sci-Fi story competition. The students of Canowindra should be congratulated on their involvement. The standard of all the entries was outstanding. Judging was so difficult that four winners were announced even though there were only two categories.

**SIX WORD STORY CHALLENGE WINNING ENTRIES WERE:**

Floating forever alone in dark emptiness. - Regan Hughes, Year 10
Earth over populated. Our medicine’s too good. - Dyllan Crump, Year 9

**TWO SENTENCE STORY CHALLENGE WINNERS WERE:**

They said she always wore her heart on her sleeve. Who knew that the stains would be so hard to get out? - Amelia Holmes, Year 8
I sat peacefully while I fed the ducks. The person next to me wasn’t happy about being duck food! - Wesley Blair, Year 9

Congratulations to those imaginative students! All entries will be displayed on the noticeboard in the library and will be placed in a draw for a book prize at the end of the term.

**NEW BOOKS** - The Library has recently purchased the short listed books from the Children’s Book Council including the winners – Sea Hearts by Margo Flanagan and The Children of the King by Sonja Hartnett. We also have the latest in the Alex Rider series by Anthony Horowitz – Scorpio Rising. The Librarian’s pick, however, is The Shiny Guys by Doug McLeod – a sensitive book about mental illness that is both dark and funny. Other new books will be listed on the library door.

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**FRIDAY the 13th in the Library**

This Friday is Friday the 13th and we will be selling horror themed cupcakes outside the library at recess. **Cupcakes will be $1 each** and the funds will go to purchasing more books for the collection.

Students may also **enter the library and buy a milo ($1) or tea/coffee ($0.50)** as long as they sit in the comfortable chairs and **read**. If this idea goes well, we hope to open a library café for readers only next term. So, come along and see the display and enjoy a scary book while you have your recess.
**Will Wright xsels in Mind Marathon**

Mind Marathon is in its 7th year of competition and is hosted and organised by East Hills Boys Technology High School. Xsel competed on Friday 30th August.

It’s a competitive team day of quizzes and practical problem solving based on the topic areas of: History, Geography, Science, English, Maths, Above and Beyond, General Knowledge.

There were 4 teams of 6 students from the Western Region Virtual Selective High School 'xsel'. The Year 7/8 boys team competed against 17 other teams. The schools that compete are mostly selective schools from Sydney and its surroundings. This year’s competition was won by an xsel team, which Canowindra High School is proud to acknowledge that Will Wright was a member of. The team consisted of 3 x Year 7’s and 3 x Year 8’s with the Year 7/8 xsel girls gaining second place.

Will was selected for the team after demonstrating his passion and skill for trivia at residential school for xsel. It was a great day and fantastic that Will was given the opportunity to participate.

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**SmartStart**

Year 10 and Year 11 were introduced to the world of financial literacy through a Commonwealth Bank run program SmartStart. In its fourth year of Canowindra High being involved in this program, which is available free of charge to all students, the program covers a range of finance based topics that are beneficial for students in everyday life.

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**SHOW YOUR TRUE COLOURS!**

Last week our school supported the footy colours day to help raise money to fight cancer as there is more than 800 Australian kids who are diagnosed with cancer every year. The Fight Cancer Foundation is a registered charity dedicated to providing care, treatment and support for cancer patients and their families. They also provide funds for research into better treatment methods and to ultimately find a cure for Leukemia and other cancers.

We wore football jerseys as football is all about spirit, strength, courage and the fight to win. Those touched by cancer need the same qualities to win their fight against the disease. By wearing our football team’s colours and making a donation Canowindra High is proudly supporting the fight against cancer, raising $198.00 and we would like to thank everyone who got involved, as it is a great cause.

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**CABONNE COUNCIL YOUTH OF THE MONTH**

Becky Thornberry has been successful in receiving the Cabonne Council Youth of the Month Award for September 2013.

"Congratulations to Becky Thornberry of Year 9 who has been named as Cabonne Council Youth of the Month for September 2013. Becky's outstanding scholastic and sporting achievements as well as her involvement within the community has made her a worthy recipient of this award. Becky has been invited to attend a Council meeting in October where she will be presented with the award. Well Done Becky!"
**150th Anniversary of Bushranger Raid on Canowindra**
Canowindra is celebrating the 150th Anniversary Bushranger Raid on Canowindra to be held on 11th-13th October 2013.

We are inviting our schools to get involved in the parade which will be held on Saturday 12 October 2.30pm

For more information please contact Graham Rice at the Canowindra Newsagency on 6344 1618

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**Year 6 into 7 Transition Day is on this Friday 13th September**

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**School Assembly**
Family and Friends are invited to attend the Term 3 Assembly which is being held in the school hall tomorrow, Tuesday 10th September at 10am. Morning Tea will be provided in the staff common room following the assembly.

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**Canowindra Little Athletics - Rego Days**
Tues 17th & Thurs 19th September (4pm-5pm)
Sports Trust Oval, Canowindra
**Cost:** $68 + $15 for club shirt
**Season Starts:** Thursday 10th October, 2013
**Enquires:** andrewphelan26@hotmail.com

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**Lost Property**
There is a large number of clothing items currently unclaimed in Lost Property. If these items are not collected by the end of the week they will be donated to the clothing pool or charity.

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**Thank You from the P&C**
A huge thank you to everyone who baked goodies and assisted with the P&C cake stall on Saturday Morning. It was extremely successful and raised $575.

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**What's On**

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**Assessments Due**

**Week 9A**
Yr 9– Geography 1, Photo and digital media 4

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**Week 10B**
Yr 10– Ag 2, Music 4
Yr 9– Music 4, PDHPE 3, Visual Arts 4