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Year 8 Kiama Excursion 2012

At 6 o'clock in the morning, 37 Year 8 students said their goodbyes to Canowindra for three days, due to their excursion to Kiama. Despite the early start, our adrenaline was high from excitement and sugar, as of the kind but regrettable allowance to eat lollies along the way.



Time flew by with several movies and not long after we arrived at Minnamurra Rainforest. Rain was no challenge as we paced our way up a never ending mountain to see Minnamurra falls. The hike was worth it as the waterfall was exquisite with the thin mist rolling above. We then journeyed back down the slope and back onto the bus, creatures and all in our hair.

After the organisation of rooms, we took a stroll down to the beach and came back with sand everywhere.

Showered and fed, we then went to Shell Harbour for an interesting night of bowling. Pins were knocked down with very individual and unusual throwing styles. The odd strike here and there brought it to some close games.

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Year 8 Excursion continued...

The following day we sprung out of bed in excitement for Jamberoo. With our sunnies on we piled onto the bus to go to Jamberoo Action Park.

We quickly layered on the sunscreen and plugged down water and we were off, adventuring through the watery wonderland. Screaming down waterslides to getting dunked in the wave pool, our day had just begun. Speed demons flew down the toboggan track, racing each other and then back onto the chairlift for round 2. With so many things to do, time disappeared and with drowsy eyes our day had come to an end.

We made our way back to camp where we had free time to do beach sports, pool or sleep, most choosing their beds. To top off the day, our teachers generously ordered in pizza before we relaxed at the movies watching 'Fun Size', a comedy for all.

Our final day in Kiama came too soon. We spent our last morning at the beach. Afterwards we were given the opportunity to go shopping. The boys ended up buying more than the girls. Shortly after, exhausted and tired, we piled back onto the bus for the trip home.

As we arrived into Canowindra we were glad to finally get away from Mr Phelan's so called 'jokes'.

Mr Phelan put a lot of work and stress into organising this excursion let alone the extra activities (hence his hair), for which we are grateful.

A humungous thank you to Mr Phelan, Ms Davis and Mrs McKenzie for putting up with 37 amazing students and for making our excursion one to remember. Thank You!! and we are all looking forward to the snowys next year.



By Becky Thornberry

Principal's News

Well done to Year 8, who last week had their year excursion to Kiama. Thank you to the staff who organised and supervised the students: **Mr Phelan, Mrs McKenzie and Ms Davis.**

Congratulations to the Year 7, 9 and 10 students who competed in the Gala Day playing soccer and rugby league in Oberon. The **Year 9/10 boys rugby league** and **Year 9/10 girls soccer teams** both won their divisions. The **Year 7/8 girls soccer team** came 3rd in their competition.

Congratulations to **Brittany Wilson** who was **soccer player of the tournament.** Thanks to **Ms Troy** for organising the event and to



Mr Scott and **Mr McKenzie** who helped with coaching on the day.

We have some more early entry results! **Jade Workman** has been offered a number of university courses for 2013: **Bachelor of Science, GeoScience and EnviroScience** at the University of New England and also a **Bachelor of Engineering** course at Wollongong University. **Well done Jade!**

This Thursday, we are holding our final assembly for the year. All parents and friends are welcome. The **Term 4 Assembly** will be held on **Thursday 6th December at 10am.**

N Bugeja (Principal rlg)

Its Pool Party Time !!!!**Thursday 6th December 5.30-8.00pm****at the Charles McCarron Pool****Tickets \$4 Entry: Season pass or \$2.30**

The SRC are running a pool social for the last social of the year. The weather forecast looks good for this Thursday 6th December so get into swim mode and come along. Students will be able to play water games such as water polo, volleyball, novelty games-T-shirt relay, ball relay and a few others.

There will be prizes and of course we will be judging the best belly flop! There will be music, organised through the SRC and year group's favourite selections.

Dinner (a sausage or rissole sandwich and a can of soft drink) will be provided at the cost of \$4.00 and each student attending must purchase this prior to Thursday through ticket sales at lunch time Monday-Thursday.

Any extra sausage sandwiches or drinks will be available for the additional cost of \$2.00 per item. The pool kiosk will be selling lollies, chips and ice-creams.

The pool social will be actively supervised by staff and a lifeguard at the pool.

The pool social starts 5.30pm and finishes 8.00pm. The pool will be closed to the public. So come along and get wet and hang out with your friends!



Australian Theatre for Young People (ATYP): scholarship

ATYP and Arts OutWest are offering a scholarship for a primary or secondary student from the NSW Central West to attend a week-long school holiday workshop at ATYP in Sydney during 2013.

This is an opportunity for a young person in our region to further their passion for theatre or performance, under the guidance of Australia's leading youth theatre company.

Applications close Thursday December 20, 2012.

- ATYP will provide up to five days attendance at a school holiday workshop.
- To help make this opportunity accessible, Arts OutWest is also donating \$300 in cash towards travel costs and other expenses.
- In the application students will be asked to describe what they love about performing and how the workshop would benefit them.

Applicants can be any school student with an active interest in theatre/performance, currently living in one of the 12 local government areas serviced by Arts OutWest.

The scholarship winner will be responsible for making his or her own travel and accommodation arrangements, organizing suitable adult supervision for their time in Sydney and for covering all other expenses.

Application forms are online or email artsoutwest@csu.edu.au call Arts OutWest on **6338 4657**.

THE GREAT LIBRARY BOOK ROUNDUP

This week is the last week for borrowing library resources. As the school year ends we generally call in all our books for evaluation and storage over the Christmas break.

Now is the time to ferret out all those books languishing in cupboards, under beds, in bookcases and other unexpected places. Even very old loans will be welcomed back with great joy.

We would be particularly happy to reclaim the following prodigals that have strayed from their shelves:

- The Girl and the Ghost-Grey Mare (Treasure)
- Stormbreaker (Horowitz)
- The Giant Spiders (Measday)
- Nobody's Horse (Smiley)

BELONGING

The new Year 12 has started its study of Belonging. There is a current display of books on this theme that includes fiction for those who feel like tackling a sustained read. Other resources on this theme are also available. The annotated lists can be found on the student drive in the **Common** folder and are available for everyone. They include film, poetry, plays, song lyrics, full-text articles and webpages. Even the library's catalogue has marked Belonging texts that may be on the DEC list.

Thank you to all our loyal readers who have been waiting for new books with great fortitude. Their wait is nearly over. We hope to kick off 2013 with a swag of the latest and best reads around.

Jenny Watts - Teacher Librarian



LOVE BITES

This Friday Year 10 students will be participating in the **Love Bites** program.

This is run by the GWAHS staff and is aimed at raising awareness of the stigma surrounding, and issues associated, with self esteem, sexual assault, domestic violence, peer pressure and general adolescent concerns.

The program addresses these topics in a confronting and truthful manner. If there are any concerns or information that you would like to share please contact the school on 6344 1305.

What's On

Week 9A

Term 4

Tuesday	4 Dec	Cricket v HLHS - Canowindra
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Wednesday	5 Dec	Canteen RED Day Lifesaving
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Thursday	6 Dec	Term 4 Awards Assembly 10am Pool Party —5.30pm - 8.00pm
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Friday	7 Dec	<i>Love Bites</i> - Year 10 - all day
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Week 10B

Term 4

Monday	10 Dec	Yr 10 Excursion— Narrabeen
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Tuesday	11 Dec	Yr 10 Excursion— Narrabeen
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Wednesday	12 Dec	Yr 10 Excursion— Narrabeen Cricket CHS— West Wyalong
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Thursday	13 Dec	Yr 10 Excursion— Narrabeen
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Friday	14 Dec	Yr 10 Excursion— Narrabeen
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Assessments Due

Week 9

Term 4

Year 11 - Agriculture 1, Biology 1, Business Studies 1,
Eng Advanced 1, Eng Standard 1, Eng Studies
1, IT Auto 1

Week 10

Term 4

Nil



2012 Regional Student Youth Art Exhibition

GALLERY HOURS

Tue – Sat: 10am – 4pm • Sun: 2pm – 4pm
Mon: By appointment

77 Darling Street Cowra 2794 NSW

• General Admission Free

cowraartgallery@cowra.nsw.gov.au

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