



Term 4 Week 5

Monday, 4 November 2013

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Faculty in Focus – Science

Our Senior Science class welcomes a new member, Taryn Robinson. She is already contributing to discussions and helped dissect a chicken carcass as part of the compulsory (and rather fascinating) topic 'Medical Technology-Bionics'. We were examining different joints in an animal carcass, as well as investigating the characteristics of bones and the properties of silicon that make it suitable for use in bionics. Just a reminder that the **report is due on the 15/11/13.**

Mrs Coutanche



Hayley White—Yr 10 Science

Lab 1 has been a hive of activity across all year groups. Year 8 Science B are working diligently on revision for their science exam and the ESSA test (Week 6).



Yr 8 Science

Year 10 Science A have been working very hard on a self-paced program of work for the topics 'Global Impacts', 'Cycles and Ecosystems' and 'Biotechnology'. They have been given a wide range of tasks to choose from, each worth a set value of points. The aim is that by the end of week 7 each student will have completed 40 points. Some have chosen mostly report writing and graphing activities while others have let their creative side loose with a range of models, posters and dioramas. This task has been challenging for some with regard to time

management and planning which are great skills to learn in preparation for years 11 and 12. While a little chaotic some days due to the range of tasks, everyone is working at their own level and helping each other where they can.

Year 11 Biology have made a strong start on HSC content by designing a set of investigations to test the factors affecting the rate of enzyme activity. They are currently working on creating their own 'feedback mechanisms' in either a digital, poster or model format. Stay tuned for the end results in our next report!

Miss Hamilton



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Cormac Lamond

At the other end of the school hidden down in Lab 4 the Year 11 Chemistry team having been creating many wild and wonderful things! ...fermenting, distilling and burning their own alcohol, brewing sweet smelling esters and creating big black things in beakers!! Year 11 Physics have been studying rockets and projectiles, carrying out a range of activities from launching balls off ramps into shoes, throwing cricket balls for maximum height and distance and playing with computer simulations that launch cars into space. Looking forward to some great assessments from both these classes.

Year 10 Science having been working solidly over the last few weeks on their activities of choice in the Global Impacts/ Ecosystems topics. Many were amazed after watching a 'Catalyst' episode on the problems caused by 'micro-plastics' on Lord Howe Island and were inspired to carry out a school-based investigation. Other tasks have included development of ecosystem based games, worksheets and computerised tests for younger students and local weather system analysis. They have approached the tasks with maturity and self-motivation- great skills for next year as senior students.

Mrs Balcombe



Yr 11 Chemistry

Principal's News

The Higher School Certificate draws to a conclusion this week with the final examination for our students on Wednesday. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of those community members who have overseen these exams and thank them for their ongoing commitment to the students of our town. To the Year 12 students, congratulations on the completion of your schooling and I look forward to celebrating with you at your Graduation dinner this Friday.

Last week was very exciting for one of our Agriculture students Emily Price. Emily was not only successful in winning a competition at the National Field Days but has also been chosen from across Australia to attend the 2014 Year 11 & 12 Youth Forum - Generation 2050. This is an amazing achievement, well done Emily.

Congratulations also go to Becky Thornberry and Meg Austin who spent the last week in Narromine attending RYCAC a Rotary program which further develops learning about agriculture.

Hats off to Canowindra Public on another very successful fete and a huge thank you to Miss Kathy Davis and our students that successfully took on the challenge of the White Elephant stall.

The school has been busy working on meeting deadlines for uploading of information on finance, behaviour management and timetable so as to meet the upcoming changeover to the Department's new system. "Go Live" date is scheduled for the 18th November. What this means for our school is a whole new way of doing things with all records for an individual student – financial, behaviour and timetable – linked. One major change is

that daily attendance rolls will be marked electronically each period allowing early identification of any truancy. Most of our current policies and the current day to day practices of our students will not change.

A lot of publicity has been given to schools receiving their RAM over the past week and it is important our parents and community have an understanding of what this means for Canowindra High School. The Resource Allocation Model has been developed with the aim to provide "a fair, efficient and transparent allocation of the education budget for every school". With the conclusion of National Partnership funding at the end of this year, and the positions it created, the school would have returned to funding relative to the years prior. Under the RAM, our school has received additional funding (\$161 000) which will be used to support our students. The actual distribution of this funding has yet to be determined but will take into consideration our areas of need and the overall priorities of the school. I will present a short overview of our new funding model at the next P&C meeting for interested parents and will hopefully be in a position to provide an overview on how it will be allocated within the school's 2014 budget.

Congratulations to Lachlan Balcombe on being last week's Canteen Voucher winner.

Neryle Smurthwaite
Principal

Emily Flying High with Ag at CHS

Emily Price of Year 11 recently won the student competition at the Orange Field Days. Emily had to name weed breeds and various other activities and in winning the competition scored herself an iPod.



Emily has also just been informed that she has been 1 of 100 students selected from across Australia to compete in the inaugural Generation 2050, to be held at The University of New England in November this year. This is quite an achievement, Congratulations Emily!

THANK YOU

The CHS Agriculture Department would like to say a big thank you to Mark and Ian Brown for their donation of chaff, wheat and hay and Doug and Vicki Grant for their donation of Lucerne.

Thank you to our former student Stuart Gavin who gave up his time to instruct our Year 9 Ag students shearing 8 of our school sheep.



MUSIC-COUNT US IN

At 12.30pm on Thursday, October 31st, students from 7D Music, 8M Music, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11 Music and the choir performed a short concert for students from Canowindra Public School. As part of the concert, Canowindra High School students performed the song "Keep On" at 12.30pm, coinciding with other students across Australia.

Audience members were asked to name as many of the theme songs as possible.

Students from the music classes and the choir were invited to perform individual solos or small ensemble performances. Lucy Harrison (Yr 11), Talby Upton (Yr 11), Sophie Tremain (Yr 8), Cody Smith (Yr 8) and Aidan Starr (Yr 10) all performed individual solos.



Year 10 Music students ran a Theme Song competition in which they performed a variety of theme songs from films, television programs and computer games.



Lost Property

There is currently a large amount of clothing in lost property. Students are asked to check if they missing any clothing items by this Wednesday. If items remain unclaimed they will be placed into the school clothing pool or donated to charity.

PAVING THE PATH OF FITNESS

Construction of the Canowindra Fitness Path commenced in June 2013 with the surfacing of the path completed in August 2013.

A diverse array of local people are already enjoying it every day... walking, running, riding or skating around. So now it's time for the Working Party to start working on developing the four exercise sites and installing the special outdoor fitness equipment.

With the fantastic support of the community, the working party has already raised around \$141,000 - almost 75% of the total amount required to complete the project, but they still need to raise the final 25%. Community members, businesses and sporting clubs are being offered an opportunity to sponsor the Fitness Path by buying specially made paving bricks that will be laid next to the Path in a prominent area near the amenities block for everyone to see.

Single pavers are available for just \$40 and there are discounts if you choose to order more than one paver. Each high quality pavers specially engraved to ensure that your valued support is clearly evident for many years to come. You may inspect a sample paver at the Canowindra Community Health Centre. Order forms are available at the Community Health Centre and Newsagency and you may find one in your mail box very soon!

So "Don't be a Witness" get your paver ordering today and help support this fabulous facility for our town.

If you have any questions or require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact our working party via margaret.morris@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au



What's On

Week 5A		Term 4
Monday	4 NOV	HSC EXAMS Yr 9-10 Semester 2 Exams
Tuesday	5 NOV	HSC EXAMS Yr 9-10 Semester 2 Exams Yr 7 Scripture P4
Wednesday	6 NOV	HSC EXAMS Yr 9-10 Semester 2 Exams RED DAY
Thursday	7 NOV	HSC EXAMS Yr 9-10 Semester 2 Exams Yr 11 Auto excursion-Bathurst
Friday	8 NOV	HSC EXAMS Mufti-Day (red, yellow, orange) Gold coin donation-money raised goes to bushfires Yr 9-10 Semester 2 Exams Year 12 Graduation Dinner

Week 6B		Term 4
Monday	11 NOV	Yr 7-8 Semester 2 exams Remembrance Day Service @ Memorial Park
Tuesday	12 NOV	Yr 7-8 Semester 2 exams Yr 10 Mock Interviews
Wednesday	13 NOV	Yr 7-8 Semester 2 exams
Thursday	14 NOV	Yr 7-8 Semester 2 exams Yr 6 into 7 Transition BBQ
Friday	15 NOV	Yr 7-8 Semester 2 exams

Assessments Due

Week 5A	Term 4
Yr 10-Ag 4, Eng 4, Maths 4, Geo 3, Hist 2, Farm 4, Tim 4, Textiles 5, Art 5	
Yr 9- Ag 4, Eng 4, Geo 3, Food Tech 4, Textiles 5, Farm 3, Metal 5, Timber 4, Maths 4, Photo 5, Art 5	
Week 6B	Term 4
Yr 9—IT Metal 6	