Flight Simulator Training

Coonabarabran High School is establishing a partnership with the Coonabarabran Aero Club to provide hands-on experience with a flight simulator and advanced training opportunities to the students studying aviation. As part of the school’s Engineering and Physics subjects, the aviation class is compulsory and requires students to undertake 30 hours of study.

The partnership will see a Flight Simulator set up at the school and members of the Aero Club will present theoretical and practical training modules to students as part of their Engineering classes. By having access to a simulator, the students will have a real opportunity to make the connections between knowledge, theory and practice. School staff will collaborate with the Aero Club members and organise guest speaking opportunities at the after school interest group. Students will have the opportunity to be enrolled in a modified pilot course and members of the Aero Club will act as instructors. The flight simulator, and the knowledge and expertise of the Aero Club members, will become a significant educational resource within the school.

Below: Members of the Aero Club and NAB presenting the cheque to Coonabarabran High School.

State Athletics

Ten students attended the Combined High Schools Athletics carnival held at the Olympic Stadium in Homebush at the end of week 7. Those students were Cody Brady, Gina Elton, Mitchell Fosdick, Harley Wood, Darcy Cain, Jasmin Lucas, Brodie Draper, Shaun McNeilly, Maddie McNeilly and Annabelle Park. To qualify for this carnival these students had to place first or second at the North West carnival which is a significant achievement in itself.

The outstanding achievement at this carnival was Harley Woods first placing in the 14 years High Jump. His jump of 1.79m is a personal best and gained him the gold medal to go with the two silver medals he has won at previous CHS carnivals.

Five of the other students achieved top 10 finishes which is an outstanding overall result for the school. Mitchell Fosdick’s personal best jump of 1.75m was good enough for 7th place in the 15’s high jump and Cody Brady’s put of 12.52m in the 15’s shot was also a personal best placing him 8th. Maddie McNeilly ran very strongly to finish 6th in the 16’s 1500m while Darcy Cain (9th) and Jasmin Lucas (10th) were competitive in the 12 & 13’s shot put.

These are excellent results at a very high level and all students should be proud of their achievements. The school acknowledges and thanks Paul Nies for the work he has done with our high jumpers. (photo page 7)
Principal's Report

Congratulations to Clayton McKinnon and Samantha Smith on their election as Captains for 2014. Clayton and Samantha are both highly respected across the school for their involvement in school activities and their ability to organise and support other students. They will be well-supported by Vice Captains, Jim Nash and Makayla Munns. Jim and Makayla have a great deal of experience through the Student Representative Council and participation in a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

The induction of new Prefects marks the beginning of fresh student leadership for our school. A large number of Year 11 students took the courageous step to nominate for a position and each one addressed students on the morning assembly. I was really impressed by the quality of the nominees and I am confident that more opportunities will come for their leadership. School-wide elections in Week 8 resulted in the induction of 14 new Prefects on Tuesday 17th September.

Congratulations to:
Jaimi-lee Bennett, Joe Bowen, Ellie Capewell, Nathan Cox, Luke Doel, Olivia Eastburn, Connor Hincks, Alex Jerry, Clayton McKinnon, Jaimelee Milliner, Makayla Munns, Jim Nash, Samantha Smith, Emily Young

The Prefect Team has a diverse set of skills and represents the diversity of the school. They will continue a great tradition of leadership at Coonabarabran High. The Prefects will support the Graduation ceremonies for our HSC students this week. Mr Stewart will coordinate planning activities with the new prefects early in Term 4.

Wonderful Support from our Community

Support from our community has always been strong and I thank two of our major financial supporters on behalf of the school. Financial support for these projects has allowed the school to increase its focus of resources on student learning.

Our P&C provided in excess of $12,000 to co-fund the purchase of the new school sign and other equipment including a 3D Printer to support the learning of our students. The North West Equestrian Committee committed $15,000 to refurbish the English staffroom so that teachers have a more effective workplace enhancing their work with our students. The National Australia Bank has provided $15,000 to a joint Aero-Club and Coonabarabran High School project to build a flight simulator for the school.

We are really fortunate to have such a supportive community and we look forward to enriching the learning of students utilising the funds we have received. Thank you.

Best Wishes to our HSC Students

I would like to congratulate the exceptional group of students who will complete their formal schooling this week - our Year 12. I have the utmost respect for this wonderful, positive group. They have consistently worked at their best to develop their personal understanding and performance and have worked as a group to contribute to the positive environment in the school. The recent sporting competitions were a tremendous demonstration of their goodwill and capacity to bring students together.

A holiday schedule of additional study seminars has been created for HSC students. Thank you to the teachers who have made time for these sessions during the holiday break. I know that some staff have arranged for sessions early next term to ensure that students have the best possible opportunity for success in their HSC examinations.

I wish our students all the best for the upcoming examinations and for their lives beyond school. I am confident that they take with them the solid foundations built during their time at Coonabarabran High School.

School resumes on Tuesday 8th October. From all of the school staff, have a safe and happy holiday.

Mel Johnston

President's Report

The next major fundraiser is the International Feast on Friday 15th November 2013. The sub-committee have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure we all have a great night tasting a host of different cuisines. If you would like to help out, come to the next P&C meeting or phone Nick Karagiannis, Tammy Samuel or Mel Johnston.

The P&C recently funded a 3D printer for the school which will be utilised by the Design and Technology, Visual Arts and other departments.

Angela Karagiannis and I attended the Orana Community Mutual Breakfast on 3rd September 2013 where we enjoyed bacon and egg rolls and accepted a cheque for $1567.22. This is a substantial amount of money and will go directly to the school to fund high priority resources. Orana Community Mutual initiative, to establish these Community Partnership Accounts where customers nominate local not for profit organisations they wish to support, should be recognised and supported by all of us by opening an account.

The school canteen has long been recognised as providing high quality, nutritious meals and raising large sums of money for the school. But the Canteen Committee needs more members to ensure this good work continues. If you can offer assistance please speak or phone Julie McGlashan Ph: 6842 1904, or attend the next P&C or canteen committee meeting. The next P&C meeting is scheduled for Monday 28th October 2013.

Mark Jodick

Legacy

The first Friday in September is the day the SRC, this year represented by Samantha Smith, Olivia Eastburn, Jaimilee Milliner and Emily Young, sells badges, pens, wristbands and bears on behalf of this foundation.

Legacy is dedicated to caring for the families of deceased and incapacitated veterans. Today Legacy’s caring and compassionate service assists over 100,000 widows and 1,900 children and dependents with a disability.

Coonabarabran High School is privileged to be involved with this worthwhile organisation, and appreciates the support of members of the public who bought merchandise.

We’re on the Web! View online at www.coonabarabranhigh.com
Year 12 Design and Technology Major Projects

External markers visited Coonabarabran High School last Thursday to mark the 2013 Design and Technology Major Projects. The students, under the direction of Miss Naomi Morrissey, were required to identify a ‘need’ for a product and then create a design solution for that need. In addition to their actual project each student produced a folio detailing the design process. A special thank you is extended to Mr Heaney and Mr Stewart for supporting the construction of these projects. The range of innovative ideas are pictured below.

Top clockwise:
Edward Wilkin
(Electronic Licence Plate)
Marcus Young
(Personalised bike trailer)
Madison Watton (Burra Bee Dee Website and Magazine Design)
Patrick Shepherd–Hagemann, (Computer game concept)
Jemmae Dow (MP3 Sports bra)
Jack Ayoub (Wire spinner)
Friday, 30 August saw Coonabarabran High School host the third annual visit of academics from Sydney University. This lecture series has become an important aspect of the students’ preparation for their HSC English examinations.

Professor Will Christie, Dr Nicola Parsons and Dr Kieryn McKay all lectured Year 12 students on their English texts across the Standard, Advanced and Extension courses. As well as providing students with the opportunity to be lectured by leading experts in their particular literary fields, it was also a wonderful opportunity for staff to soak up new ideas and approaches to the teaching of these HSC texts.

Additionally, Dr Michael McDonnell and Dr Hannah Forsyth from the University’s History Faculty also visited the school and conducted workshops with students from the junior school. They hope to foster a love of historical research by partnering with Coonabarabran High School in future to undertake some local history research projects.

In terms of further links with the University’s English Faculty, the Year 11 Advanced English class will be the University’s guests on 8 November for a campus visit and related workshops. Also, throughout their HSC year, the students will partner with the University and participate in an on-line "Reading Room", sharing and receiving new insights into their HSC texts.

It is the generosity of the University’s academic staff which has underpinned this successful outreach program and the school is incredibly grateful for the University’s ongoing enthusiasm and support. Programs like these ensure that country students need not suffer the ‘tyranny of distance’ and, importantly, also broaden their horizons in terms of their post school dreams.

On Friday 23rd August 2013, 17 students from the Year 9/10 Media Publishing Class had a unique opportunity – to learn filmmaking from one of the best.

Media Publishing students took part in a film making workshop organised by Miss Rankmore, Mr Turner and the Australia Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS). The Open Program Head Manager of AFTRS, Martin Brown (Co-Producer working with Baz Luhrmann, nominated for an Oscar for the movies Moulin Rouge and Romeo and Juliet), assisted us in coordinating the day. Our tutor for the day was Rene Hernandez (Director and Winner of an AFI Award), who ventured out from Sydney to share his considerable skill and expertise with the students.

It was a very busy and exciting full-day workshop. Students learned about film-making from the ground up – from discovering the responsibilities of each role involved in putting a film together and acting out these roles, to script-writing, acting, camera operation, staging and blocking of scenes, using a clapboard and directing short scenes.

Students are now involved in the process of editing their movie, so watch this space!

A sincere thank you goes to Rene Hernandez for sharing his amazing skill and enthusiasm with our students, to Martin Brown for his excellent organisation, to AFTRS for allowing us this opportunity and to the Year 9/10 Media Publishing class for being so focused and engaged in this wonderful, one-of-a-kind workshop.

Left: Prof Wil Christie with Year 12 students

Top: Daniel Harris; Above: Rene Hernandez (Director and Winner of an AFI Award)
**Mock Trial Team Qualify for Top 16 in State**

Coonabarabran High School’s Mock Trial Team has continued their winning streak into the elimination rounds. They have now won all six Mock Trials and hence have qualified into the top 16 teams in the State.

Their last win was against Denison College (Bathurst) where they successfully prosecuted the accused for a violation of the ‘Cruelty to Animals Act’.

The team, comprising barristers Clayton McKinnon and James Nash, instructing solicitors Nathan and Blake Cox, court officer Jaimi-Lee Bennett and witnesses, Sharleen Jones and Makayla Munns (below), have developed into polished advocates and “performers”.

Their unbeaten record is a significant success given that this state-wide competition commenced with 200 schools competing.

Their next case will occur in week one of next term. For this round they cast off the shackles of prosecuting and once again take up the challenge of defence work, in this case defending a person charged with illegally obtaining a financial benefit. Our best wishes go with them for their future success!

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**Good luck Year 12**

Best Wishes for Your Exams

Well done on your fundraising efforts for Men’s Mental Health and Women’s Breast Cancer

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The Pinnacle Challenge is coming to Coonabarabran

Fun for all kids

Monday 30 September 2013

1.00 pm to 3.30 pm

Seventh-day Adventist Church

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The University of New South Wales has continued to actively work with Coonabarabran High School and a range of rural NSW schools. Following the University’s visit in March to talk to Year 12, and our sending a group of Year 11 students (in April) and a group of Year 8 students (in July) to Sydney, they returned to Coonabarabran High in late August to run sessions with all students in Years 7-11.

The focus of activities ranged from raising awareness of a range of occupations and courses of study available for study in Year 7 to focusing on a range of issues facing students considering applying to study at a University and identifying courses of study available for Year 11 students.

The University has also announced a range of scholarship opportunities for Year 12 students that are able to be applied for by students undertaking study next year. These scholarships are available to students in schools who are part of the ASPIRE Program.

In October the University of New South Wales will be inviting all Year 9 students to participate in a day of lectures and workshops to be held in Dubbo as part of the ASPIRE Program.

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The Canteen requires volunteers to assist in the canteen Term 4. Please contact Julie McGlashan Ph: 6842 1904
Year 10 Excursion

Last week, Year 10 attended the now annual excursion to Newcastle where they mixed adventure with career advice. The four day excursion saw students take on the beach for sandboarding, surfing and standup paddleboarding; each other for Battle zone at Maitland Goal as well as the tree tops for a series of high ropes adventures. This was all achieved whilst gaining valuable and insightful information about the many career opportunities and options available at TAFE and University. Thank you to Mrs Eshman and Mr Gardiner for making this excursion enjoyable for all.

Year 11 Excursion

Surprise, surprise! Early Monday morning, 9th September, Year 11 were not waiting for Nick and Caragh, in fact they were some of the first to turn up. Pat charged up the bus and off we went. Monday was just travel and allowed Year 11 to reflect on their examinations, the upcoming HSC and life in general, which was encapsulated in Will’s comment ‘I like Tom Cruise, but cannot respect him as a human.’

Tuesday morning saw us at the Australian Zoo, where we did a guided tour and fed either a giraffe or a tiger. Caragh seriously considered a career in Zoology when she found that they can train emus to stay off the path.

Quickly it was on to Questacon, where Year 11 discovered their ‘inner child’. Unfortunately they did stick out like sore thumbs as all the other visitors at the time were either in preschool or infant classes. Not to be outdone however, they did out-squeal the youngsters.

Next stop was the Powerdome for a quick game of street hockey and OzTag. Cue Connor’s burst down the sideline through the edge of the net towards an unmarked try-line. The only problem was that the net tangled around Connor’s feet, bringing him crashing down to the amusement of us all.

Wednesday saw us up early and headed towards the snow. ‘Hawkeye’ Wrench took the front seat to alert the coach of any snow sightings above one metre square. We tumbled out of the bus to -9 degrees celsius, due to wind chill and snow/ice showers. Strapped in, Year 11 headed off downhill, full of confidence for the first three metres until it all came apart – body met snow – for the first and definitely not the last time of the two days. That night, Clayton took control of people’s confidences with some great team-building exercises to install a ‘one-in-all-in’ mentality.

Thursday was another early morning. Nattalie, Olivia, Jaimi-Lee and Ellie were lucky as they had booked a gentle musical wake up, care of Miss Crossingham, to ease into the day. Some staff are just so caring. Hitting the slopes in the sun with a more realistic approach, Year 11 had realised that skiing looks easier on TV than in real life. However, Year 11 grabbed life by the throat with two hands and with the ‘one-in-all-in’ attitude, shook it back and forth until life submitted and Year 11 were the ones left standing on their feet at the bottom of the slope and not on their bums. Year 11 – 1, Perisher – 0.

Pat gently guided bruised bodies back to the bus for the trip home, where most dozed off without a care in the world – except for the girls wondering how to hide bruises and overcome stiffness in time for their debut.

Mr Cousens
New Scheme Teachers Workshops

Coonabarabran High School was the venue for an Accreditation Workshop for New Scheme Teachers on Tuesday 3 September. Conducted by Mr Draper, 20 teachers from Coonabarabran and surrounding schools participated in the workshop. This included Mrs Doyle, Mr Holden and Ms Tighe from CHS. Full-time probationary teachers have four terms to develop a folio of evidence to demonstrate to the New South Wales Institute of Teachers that they have met a range of indicators across the seven Australian Professional Teaching Standards at Proficient Teacher level. Casual and temporary teachers, due to their limited time in the classroom have five years to demonstrate their meeting of the Standards.

Throughout the day teachers analysed a range of samples developed and used by them in the classroom or as part of their teaching practice and reflected on what standards were met and how they were met.

Upon completion of their folios of evidence supporting reports must be written by the New Scheme Teacher’s supervising teacher and the Principal to support the teacher’s application that they are meeting a range of teaching standards. The folio of evidence, and written reports are sent to the NSIT for examination and judgement.

We look forward to Mrs Doyle, Ms Tighe and Mr Holden completing the accreditation process this year. Mr Draper

Below: Teachers working on their accreditation at the workshop.

3D Printer

Thanks to a generous donation by the P&C a 3D printer has been purchased at Coonabarabran High School. This acquisition will give our students an opportunity to keep abreast with the ever changing technology and enhance the quality of future major works. The printer will be used mostly in the TAS faculty, however, other subject areas such as Science and Art will also find this new resource valuable. The staff and students at Coonabarabran High would like to extend our sincere thanks to the P&C for the tireless efforts fundraising, allowing us to purchase fantastic resources like this 3D printer.

Above: An amazing 3D rabbit produced from the new printer

Below: Representatives who attended Olympic Stadium at Homebush for Athletics
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