On Wednesday 10th December Canobolas High School held the 48th annual presentation night. It was a night to celebrate a variety of achievements in 2014, from academic and music to sporting awards. All students who attended looked very smart in their uniforms, demonstrating their pride in the school. Mr Bliss started the evening with his Principal’s report, giving a comprehensive overview of the school, student and teacher achievements throughout the year, with a special mention of Mr Verhoeven on his retirement and his dedication to the school including his organisation of the schools presentation night since 1991.

Well over 100 awards were presented on the night, beginning with the academic awards. A special mention of the Premier Awards winners included:

- Nicholas Howell received the John Archer Prize for the Highest ATAR score in the 2013 HSC
- Hannah White received Dux of Canobolas Rural Technology High School for 2014
- Alexandra Brown and Taylor Clark received The Canobolas Rural Technology High School Award for Leadership sponsored by Orange City Council
- Madeleine Gogala and Aiden Kelly received the Bolot Memorial Perpetual Trophy for Outstanding Sportspersons of the School sponsored by Orange City Bowling Club
- The Neutron House won The Hughes Family Shield for Overall Champion House, collected by House Captains Lebeka Masila and Rory Pogson

The sports awards, recognised awards for age champions at the athletics and swimming carnivals, specific sporting trophies and western area representatives. Two specific athletes made outstanding achievements in 2014:

- Jack Connors received medals at Australian All Schools Athletics, Bronze in the 200m and shot put and Silver in 100m and gold in long jump.
- Feleti Mateo received the Western Schools Sports Association Junior Sportsperson of the Year together with a scholarship from the Premier Sporting Challenge.

Mrs Hurford
Dear Parents and Members of our School Community

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2014, with a summary of our achievements to date. So how did we go? I’ll let you be the judge of the broader achievements, but in terms of academic results, the school has made a massive difference. What I can say is that on average our school achieves results which are growing with an upwards trend and continuing to improve. That is evidenced by our value added data in the 2014 NAPLAN, as well as our HSC results. In terms of the HSC which will be released next week, we expect to have results better than we have performed in recent times.

Our school has once again achieved extraordinarily well in 2014 across a wide range of areas of school life, and for that we should all feel humbled and proud.

To the teaching and administrative staff and especially the school executive team, I thank you sincerely for your amazing dedication throughout 2014 and ask only this of each of you – to continue to deliver your personal best throughout 2015. This school has a long history of tremendous innovation and service to our community, and I have every expectation that this tradition will continue for many years to come.

To our new School Captains, Vice Captains and student leaders I look forward to our working together in 2015 and thank you for your efforts this year. I would also like to pay special tribute to our 2014 Captains and Vice Captains for the outstanding way they have represented our school throughout the year at many official and unofficial functions.

To our P&C and our fantastic community supporters and sponsors thank you so much for your continued faith in the work we are doing at this school. Also to our AECG, the peak body responsible for Aboriginal Education, thank you for the support you continue to provide to our school and to our students.

The speed at which we continue to move forward is, at times, frightening. As you know at Canobolas, we never rest on our laurels and we are always thinking of and designing new and innovative programs to support our students and our staff. This year has been no exception.

In Term 2 this year, we launched an academically talented class known as AcTaL. AcTaL is a stage four class which students applied to be a part of and had to meet a range of essential criteria to be considered. The students in the AcTaL class have continued to achieve fantastic results right across all key learning areas. In 2015, we will expand AcTaL to include a stage 5 class.

Our school continued to provide opportunities for students through senior study afternoons and the homework centre. Both programs ran weekly with increased student numbers throughout the year. These programs will continue to be offered in 2015 as there is a clear need to support our students outside of regular school time.
We continued to achieve exceptional results in the area of sport. A number of students were selected to represent at CHS level or higher including Feleti Mateo representing CHS in Rugby League, Jack Conners representing NSW at the Australian All Schools Athletics championships, Mac Reith-Snare as CHS Softball umpire, Brad Roberts representing CHS in Lawn Bowls and Georgia Keil representing CHS as an official in boys softball.

Team sports were also highly successful with representation and success in regional and state swimming, athletics, cricket, lawn bowls, netball, rugby league, softball, soccer, basketball and touch football to name but a few. We participated in many local and regional sporting competitions and continued to achieve success through the dedication of our students and our staff.

Our dance students continued to excel, winning all eisteddfods which they entered in 2014. The dance ensembles also had representatives at a range of performances throughout the year within the local community as well as at Schools Spectacular, the pinnacle of performing arts programs within the Department of Education and Communities.

In term 4, the school launched The Canobolas High Performance Athletes Program to commence in 2015. The program will support pre-elite athletes to further develop in their chosen sport. The school has partnered a range of sporting professionals and with Charles Sturt University to offer a program aimed to develop our athletes. The program will begin with 20 students in 2015 with a view to expand over the coming years.

In term 3, Ben Hicks won a silver medal in the National World Skills competition in Perth in the VET in schools category for Metals and Engineering. This was a first for our school and an achievement of which the school is extremely proud.

Our involvement within the local and wider community continued to blossom with partnerships established across more than 40 government and non-government organisations. Student participation is many areas within the community was a highlight with notable events such as Relay for Life, Red Shield Appeal and the Orange Youth Arts Festival. The school receives requests weekly for our students to participate in, represent or lead programs and activities within the community and we are extremely proud of the work our staff and students put into supporting community events to ensure their ongoing success. Whether it be singing for the Remembrance Day commemoration, dancing for community celebrations, catering for Rotary or participating in young leaders programs, our students are always ready to participate and excel.

Aboriginal education continues to move from strength to strength with progress for our students remaining a key focus for our school into the future.

In September, our school was successful in being drawn out of a ballot as one of only twenty five schools in NSW to attend the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli in 2015. This will be a once in a lifetime opportunity for four lucky students and one supervising teacher. I am sure that Rebecca Steedman, Andrew Gray, Alissa Meagher and Jacinta Percival along with Ms Hutchinson, who will be attending this tour, will be able to share their experiences for many years to come.

Our school also established the inaugural Orange Youth Arts Festival, a community festival involving all local schools and more than thirty community organisations who came together to support educational opportunities for students through art and education. The festival was a resounding success and we look forward to working on another festival in 2015.

The school also launched a new Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) initiative to continue to cater for the growing role of 21st century learning experiences. The BYOD initiative will allow all students the opportunity to bring their own technological device to school in 2015 and use it to assist with their learning in the classroom.

Our school uniform has had an overhaul and a new senior uniform has been established for the 2015 school year to support the requests of our senior students and their families.
The staff at Canobolas High School are some of the most collegial and hard working professionals I have ever had the pleasure of working with. They work long days, weekends and school holidays to ensure that your children are the beneficiaries of a quality learning and educational environment. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of the staff at Canobolas High School from our cleaners to our office staff, general assistant and Ag assistant, to our canteen manager, teaching staff, executive staff and senior executive staff. Without the dedication that you have for our school and our community, we would not be moving forward at the rate we continue to.

One of the sad things which occur at the end of the year is that, for a range of reasons, people move on from one school to another. Sometimes that’s the result of a well deserved promotion, occasionally it’s a transfer related to family life or personal reasons. On other occasions though it’s to do with retirement. That always brings with it a sense of mixed feelings because we say farewell to people who have given so much to our school and our profession, but at the same time it’s a happy occasion as individuals move on to another exciting phase in their life.

This year we say farewell to several people for different reasons. They have all made a significant contribution to our school.

Bill Adams – After more than 30 years teaching and leading public school students across NSW, Bill has made the difficult decision to retire from public education. Even though Bill was not officially part of our school, he has immersed himself in Canobolas and has been an integral asset to our school community. Bill is well regarded as one of the best physics teachers in NSW and as an educational leader I can certainly attest to this. More so, Bill is an outstanding person and one of the nicest men anyone could ever hope to meet. I have been thankful for his leadership and involvement in e2 over the past 9 years and he has been instrumental in ensuring our school has had the opportunity to grow and prosper over these years, Bill, it has been a pleasure working with you, gaining insight and advice from you and I am sure you will embrace retirement as you have education over the past 36 years.

Rodney George – Rodney has been teaching students across NSW and Tasmania for the past 41 years. From 1974-1989 Rodney worked for the Tasmanian Department of Education, from 1990-2002 Rodney worked for TAFE NSW and from 2002 -2014 Rodney has worked at Canobolas and for the e2 collaboration teaching primarily Software Design and Computers. Rodney has been a tremendous asset to our school and the knowledge which leaves the Department today cannot be replaced.

Tom Toberty – Tom began his teaching career in 1978. He has worked as an English teacher at Canobolas for more than 35 years. Although Tom has been on leave for the past 12 months, he officially retires at the end of this school year and it is only fitting that we recognise the outstanding contribution that Tom has made to thousands of students’ lives during this time. On behalf of the school community, I wish Tom all the very best as he moves onto the next chapter of his life.

We are also saying farewell to a number of staff who have significantly contributed to our students and our school in a temporary capacity throughout 2014. I would like to publicly thank the following staff as they move towards other adventures in 2015: Mr Sugden for your work in Industrial Arts in 2014, Ms Sharp for the support you have provided in Home Economics, Ms Coulston and Ms Shannon for ably jumping in and covering a vacancy in HSIE, Ms Semple for your support in the role of Learning and Support Teacher, Mr Coote for stepping into a vacancy in the special education faculty, Ms Gascoyne in your role as a school learning support officer, Miss Blowes for your role as an SLSO and coordinator of the girls Aboriginal dance ensemble, Mrs Burrell for the wonderful work you have done with transition of students from primary school to high school and Ms Hourigan who will return in 2016 but will take 2015 off to begin her next chapter in life as a mum. Thank you to each of these staff for your dedication and commitment to the students of our school. Your hard work certainly does not go unnoticed.

I have left one person to last. It’s one thing to lose classroom teachers and support staff, but it’s something more to farewell a member of the Canobolas family. Phil Verhoeven has been a teacher and head teacher at our school since 1982. He has been a superb teacher and leader, who has always brought a great deal of commitment, intellect, skill and common sense to the job. He has contributed to this school in too many ways to list here, within and beyond the Maths Faculty. We will miss his enthusiasm for his work and his passion for the well being of every student, both of which have been the hallmarks of a wonderful career. Phil is one of those teachers you only ever hope to emulate.
He is a mentor, a leader, a colleague and a friend to everyone of us at Canobolas. I can only say how humbled I have been to know and work with Phil for the short time I have been here. Mr V – On behalf of our entire school community, THANKYOU.

The contributions of these people to this school have been extensive and I have valued their professionalism, determination and sheer hard work for our school. The lives of many young people in the Canobolas community have been touched by them and I thank them for their work and wish them the very best for the future.

Finally in terms of their work in 2014 I would like to thank and congratulate my three senior executive colleagues Ms Wootten, Mr Riles and Ms Bertolin for their endless energy and superb professionalism. A senior executive role in a school is somewhat paradoxical in that it involves a high level of intrinsic reward and satisfaction, and yet also involves enormous stress and pressure. Each of them have consistently risen to these challenges with ease and have demonstrated the sort of professionalism and intelligence that will continue to see this school forge ahead in the future.

I am so proud to have led this wonderful school through such a successful year and I would like to thank each and every one of you for making my job so enjoyable.

Congratulations to all of you on such a wonderful year. I look forward to continuing our journey of success in 2015.

With my warmest regards

Chad Bliss
Principal

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**RETURN TO SCHOOL DATES 2015**

- **Tuesday, January 27th**  
  Staff Only Return – Pupil Free Day

- **Wednesday, January 28th**  
  Years 7, 8, 9 and 10

- **Thursday, January 29th**  
  All Students

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**Phil’s Retirement Dinner**
Meals on Wheels Volunteer’s Luncheon
On Friday the 14th November, our Year 11 Hospitality: Food and Beverage class prepared and served lunch for Orange Food Service’s Meals on Wheels Volunteers’ Luncheon. The luncheon held at the HACCS centre, recognised the hard work of many members of our community who generously donate their time to provide home delivered meals to people in need. Our students served a delicious array of baguettes, sausage rolls, slices and fudge to guests in attendance. Many members of the community, along with the luncheon organisers praised our students for the amazing job that they did.

Rotary Dinner
On Monday 1st December our fantastic Year 11 Hospitality Team prepared and served a delicious 2 course meal to members of the Rotary Club of Orange. Our Commercial Cookery class prepared Chicken Kiev and Beef Wellington with potato gallette and vegetable bundles for mains and delicious chocolate mousse and tropical fruit trifle for dessert. Our Food and Beverage team then served the meal to the Rotarians. Members from the Rotary club thoroughly enjoyed the meal and commented how much our Hospitality Team had improved over the past 3 years on. Congratulations to all students involved on the amazing job that they did.

Lunch at Eighteen70 Restaurant
As a reward for all their hard work, Year 11 Commercial Cookery and Food and Beverage students went out to lunch at Eighteen70 restaurant on Tuesday. Students enjoyed the delicious menu items on offer and enjoyed watching the workings of a restaurant in action. Our students were beautifully behaved and it was a pleasure for all staff in attendance to share a meal with our fantastic students. Well done Year 11 Hospitality students!

Class Parties
As we reach the end of the year, it has been great to see many classes celebrating their successes at their end-of-year class parties. Congratulations to all Home Ec students on a fantastic year of Food, Textiles, Child Studies, CAFS and Hospitality!

Farewell Ms Sharp
Sadly, at the end of this year we bid adieu to Ms Cassandra Sharp. Ms Sharp has worked in a job share role on Thursday and Friday, allowing Ms Howarth to work 3 days a week. Ms Sharp has been a welcome face in Home Economics and she will be sorely missed by students and staff alike. We do, however, hope to see Ms Sharp’s face back here at Canobolas again in 2015 as a casual teacher.

Thank you
Lastly, I would like to thank our fantastic Home Economics Team for all their hard work throughout the year. Ms Howarth, Ms Sharp, Mrs Judd, Ms Pankhurst, Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Rouse have worked tirelessly throughout the year to ensure the best possible outcomes for students. Thank you for all that you do. I would like to wish all members of the Canobolas community a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. See you all back here 2015!

Ms Merryn Lynch
Relieving HT Home Ec
Crossroads Camp - a First for Canobolas High Students

Last week 42 Year 10 students travelled to Narrabeen Sydney academy of sport for the completion of their compulsory Crossroads PDHPE course. They were accompanied by Miss Bruton, Miss Morrissey and Mr Skein.

On Wednesday we met at Orange Railway station to depart at 6am travelling via Mt Panorama coaches to Narrabeen. What started out a comfortable trip on the double decker bus soon turned into a sweaty trip. The air conditioner on the bus failed and the top level of the bus quickly reached 34.6 deg. After a breakfast and rest stop in Lithgow we continued on to Narrabeen, hosted by ‘Sydney Academy of Sport’.

Luckily after arriving we could put our gear in our rooms and then go straight to the pool for a swimming competency test. It was refreshing and the whole group got in and had a go at swimming the lap.

After a very nice lunch alongside the Manly footballers, we went straight into a theory session on drugs. The afternoon was filled with practical challenge activities that required teamwork, communication and thinking!! A challenge for some for sure!!

Dinner was early at 5:30pm and we had some free time to hang out in the gym, playing some Frisbee, backboards and basketball. Our evening session allowed us to use the pool, where there were lots of fun games of volleyball, gridiron and some friendly wrestles. Everyone enjoyed relaxing in their rooms watching some TV before settling in for the night.

With another early start on Thursday morning (or a sleepless Wednesday night) there were many tired eyes amongst the students – nothing a decent breakfast couldn’t fix. With a few spare minutes between breakfast and the first theory session of the day, we had a sneaky opportunity to watch Manly Sea Eagles rugby league team train, where Miss Morrissey and Miss Bruton had another chance to say “Hi” to their superstar friend, Daly Cherry-Evans.

In the morning theory session with Jen we were introduced to “Through the Blue Lens”, a confronting documentary concerning the effects of drug use in the Chicago area of America. This eye-opening video followed characters as they went through physical and psychological changes as a result of their addiction to drugs, an insight to the life drug addiction may lead to.

Afterwards, we followed Abe and Tash to the lake. There the challenge was put to build a secure and sturdy raft using limited supplies of rope, wooden poles, 4 water containers as floats, and one canoe base, each group designed a structure with the objective to successfully carry as many people as possible on the water. Each team nominated the number of passengers they were aiming to carry, ranging from 3 to 5 people, and had half an hour to construct their boat. With fierce competition emerging between teams, it was a race against time. Demonstrating great team work and communication skills, Kaleb Taylor took on a leading role amongst his team mates to produce a 7-man carrying vessel. The lack of preparation by the teachers saw them drowning 5 meters from the water’s edge.
A filing lunch of burgers maintained the energy levels for the afternoon. With another theory session on relationships we saw some emerging leaders among the students, with some taking on leadership roles within their groups. This was quickly followed by a canoeing adventure—in groups of four, students (and staff) worked to assist one of their team members to a buoy and then back to the shore—the clincher was they were blindfolded! Georgina Clark led Miss Bruton astray, students found themselves capsized, and some ended up swimming back to shore.

After some showers, dinner was followed by an unexpected, but very welcome, trip to the beach. The running scream challenge was taken on by some of the boys, with Jack Lang demonstrating the lung capacity of a giant. As the sun set over the beach we had water football, selfie central and sand modelling as well as students enjoying the scenery and the company. Upon returning to camp we had a quick supper and settled down for the night; the boys played poker, the girls shaved Aiden Kelly, Max Pearce and Mitch Allen’s legs, and we had a late night pizza delivery to fill the empty tummies after all our beach activities. Another successful day.

Friday arrived and we sadly came to the realisation it was our last day of camp. We packed our bags and had a speedy breakfast before setting off to do the Trapeze and High-Ropes course. Many of us had to face our fears of height and challenge our abilities of initiative and balance to complete the course. Some found the activity challenging, breathtaking and rewarding after overcoming self-doubt whilst others—Gabrielle Jaimeson—found the course “easy” and needed more of a challenge! To complete the course we had to adopt the buddy checking system which tested our communication skills and to encourage and support our buddy through the course. Big thanks to Georgina Clark and Caitlin Masila for assisting Miss Morrissey and Miss Bruton through the course—who could tell we were very nervous!

We had a quick lunch, packed up the bus ready to depart and said a big farewell to our camp leaders Abe, Jen and Tash. We were so excited to have a bus with air-conditioning this time which made the trip home very comfortable. Thank you to Luke Johnson, Talon Frost and Caiden Reddan for the regular and accurate weather updates on the trip home to the Orange train station. Thankyou to all the Yr 10 students who came along to the 2014 Crossroads camp at Narrabeen and who made it so enjoyable and worthwhile for all involved. You are to be commended on your positive attitudes and you represented the school with pride.

IF YOU ARE IN YEAR 10 AND HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE SCHOOL BASED THEORY BOOKLET AND HANDED IT IN OR COMPLETED THE NARRABEEN COURSE YOU ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE WORK ASAP.

PARENTS OR STUDENTS CAN EMAIL mark.skein@det.nsw.edu.au for a copy of the work booklet if students wish to complete it over the holidays. This course is compulsory in NSW for all students to complete High School.
**2014 Wall of Fame - SUCCESS IN PDHPE**

Congratulations to all the students who have excelled in PDHPE subjects this year. We are very proud of those students who strived to the top and were placed highly in their classes.

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Stage 4 ACTAL- Sidney Ewins / Victoria Rumming

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Sports Coaching Adam Skelton

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SLR Luke Skelton
On Thursday 11th December, 15 students travelled to Blayney to compete in the Wheelchair Basketball Trophy. We jumped on the bus for a quick road trip under the safe bus driving skills of Mr Jim Finn who returned for the day.

Upon arriving students pulled on their gloves, kindly donated by Blackwoods in Orange, and got ready for a big day of wheelies. The game was an eye opener as to the difficulty of this challenge. Whilst quite competent basketball players in a normal classroom setting, students discovered the difficulties of controlling a wheelchair AND a basketball at the same time. Team 1 was made up of Max Pearce, Aiden Kelly, Emily Merchant, Caitlin Masila, Caiden Redden, Ben Hicks and Mitch Flannery-Pouiter. They came up against a strong Kelso team who appeared to have experience from the way they moved and worked with the chairs. After a slow start the Canobolas team started to get used to manoeuvring their chairs and started to find some form. Their second game against the first of the Blayney teams showed an improvement from the previous game, with some passes even making it to a team mate! By the third game passes were 80% accurate and we even scored a goal. The final game for this team saw us come up against Kelso in a bid to avoid 1st from the other end – also known as 8th position. In this game the team pulled up their socks and went in hard, keeping the score even until the first half ended. As the second half started we took the lead thanks to some handy shooting from Caitlin Masila, in-your-face defence from Max Pearce, and long balls down the court from Aiden Kelly, the Canobolas team maintained their lead and successfully took 7th position for the day.

The other team consisted of some up-and-coming basketball talent amongst the Year 9 group. With Matt Gray, Ben Zegzula, Mitch Goodacre, Jake Smith, Mac Reith-Snare, Ryan Noon, Daniel Maxwell and Owen Burgess, a strong team dominated the day and every team they came up against. In the first game against Kelso the boys were a bit slow to start, overshooting and passing too high for the wheelchair bound players. As the game went on the boys adjusted their plays and demonstrated some brilliant passing and team work to win all three games convincingly, which put the boys as the number one contenders for the Grand Final against Blayney. The game was kept to a low score in the first half, with some strong defence from Blayney making it difficult to get the ball down our end. A pep talk and tactical consultation from Mr Finn at half time gave the boys some strategies to work with in the second half which saw Canobolas take a convincing lead with some spectacular passing and seamless shooting from Matt Gray and Jake Smith. The boys received a trophy each to acknowledge their success, and have already booked a place to defend their title in 2015.

A massive thank you must go to Blackwoods in Orange for their kind donation of gloves, and also to Mr Jim Finn – bus driver, super coach and statistician for the day. Without you guys the students would not have had this brilliant experience. Thank you to Blayney High School for hosting us, we will be back next year!

Miss Bruton
In week 8 Miss CJ, Tamise Blowes and Mrs Hurford took 20 dancers to Sydney to perform at the Schools Spectacular. This was the very first time Canobolas had taken dancers to the Schools Spectacular.

Miss CJ and Tamise had a big week with the 8 Aboriginal ensemble dancers, leaving Sunday and not returning until the following Sunday. They only learnt the dance that week which was a huge task. So they rehearsed and practiced the dance for four days before performing on Friday and Saturday. In between their practices the girls were able to do a bit of sightseeing in Sydney, which was a great experience for the girls. The 8 Aboriginal dancers worked closely with the Bangarra dancers throughout the week and met a lot of friends which was great.

The 12 combined dance group students left on Tuesday afternoon on the train, travelling with Calare Public and Bletchington Public School. Rolling into Central Station at 9pm the girls grabbed their bags and went straight to our accommodation and hurried to bed, knowing next day was going to be a big day of rehearsals. The girls were back on the train at 8am to Hurstville Stadium, with a quick change of trains we made it to the segment rehearsals. Each girl practiced really hard and worked from 9am to 1pm with no break, which was extremely tough in the hot stadium.

On Thursday they finally hit the stage at the Qantas Arena for rehearsals and wasn’t it fantastic to see it all come together.

The girls were very overwhelmed by the amount of students performing but started to appreciate the experience. After segment rehearsal plus a finale rehearsal we came to our first full dress rehearsal. It was a long day but we finished off as a group going out for dinner along side the harbour.

Friday was show day and all the girls were very excited about performing, knowing the school supporters were there to watch made it even better. After a fantastic show, we spent the afternoon with supporters who came to watch. This was a lovely afternoon until we had to chase their bus down, not once but twice.

Back to performing for the evening show! Firstly a quick shout out to Mr Verhoeven to enjoy the show, then back to dancing once again. Some very tired girls by the end of the show, straight to bed to do it all again tomorrow.

Rise and shine it’s dancing time! After a quick pack up, off to breakfast we go, which was a fantastic way to start our day, breaky on the water. And surely you couldn’t take 12 girls to Sydney without a spot of shopping in the city. A few bags later and some happy girls we headed back to the Arena. The girls smashed out the last two performances and were very happy to either see their parents or jump on the bus to return home. The bus ride home was very quiet with most people sleeping until arriving in Orange at 2:30am.

A big congratulations to all 20 girls who performed. You represented yourself, your family and most of all the school very well. A massive thank you to Tamise and Miss CJ for all their hard work and effort to make the week run so smoothly, even when KFC got the better of you. One last shout to Miss Kate Foran for her prior preparation with the dancers. This preparation was definitely noticed by the Head choreographers.
**SPORT NEWS**

**Australian Representative Jade Warrender Joins CHPA**

The CHPA is proud to announce that Jade Warrender, past Canobolas graduate and Australian Hockeyroo representative has joined the program as a mentor and ambassador.

Jade is really keen to be assisting the athletes in all areas of the program on a regular basis. Jade has been liaising with Mr Skein about her role for 2015 and will be attending the testing and induction camp for the CHPA in February next year. “The camp looks amazing, such a great privilege for the students and myself to be involved in”. Jade will be returning to her home town after transferring her university studies to complete her PDHPE degree at Charles Sturt University in Bathurst. Along with PhyZx, CSU Human Movement, Jaqueline Jasprizza nutrition consultant and Believe Boot Camps the CHPA team are going to start the year with a heavy schedule of physical and injury risk testing, goal setting and fun team building activities. Jade is joining a strong team of school based and industry professionals working with our high performance athletes. The program is looking to recruit athletes for the coming 2016 and 2017 years.

**CHPA Testing and Induction Camp February 11-13 2015**

**Charles Sturt University**  
**Bathurst**

**NOTES OUT NOW FOR CHPA STUDENTS**

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**Athletics Australia News**

Jack Connor, Year 8 receives Gold in Long Jump

Jack Connors of Year 8 from the Canobolas Rural Technology High School, competed at the Australian All Schools Athletics Championships during the 5th -7th of December 2014 (Para Athletics Category). Jack competed in a variety of events and did extremely well, receiving:

- Bronze in 200m with a time of 26.89 seconds
- Bronze in shotput throwing 9.22m
- Silver in 100m with a time of 13.10 seconds
- **Gold in long jump, jumping 5.10m**

Returning Texts

Now that students have completed their yearly examinations and as it approaches the end of the year, it is very important that students return any texts they have borrowed from the English faculty in 2014. I would encourage all students to have a look around their homes, rooms and bags for any books that belong to the school and return them to their English teacher before the end of the year! Thank you in anticipation for your contribution and effort to get these texts back to the school as soon as possible.

READ Centre 2015

In 2015 the English faculty are excited to announce the launch of the READ Centre. READ stands for, READ, EXPLORE, ACHIEVE and DISCOVER and will expand upon the current Accelerated Reader program offered to our students. As part of the English program, students in Years 7-10 will access the READ Centre on a regular basis, read a variety of texts that they are interested in and complete a variety of learning activities that tap into their learning styles and interests. Stay tuned in 2015 for more information about this exciting program.

Holiday Homework for Students Moving from Year 11 to Year 12

In Term 4 students in Year 11 have started working on the texts and topics set for study in the Higher School Certificate. Advanced and Standard English students have begun looking at the Area of Study, Discoveries and each student will be issued with their prescribed text before the holidays, so that it can be read over the break in preparation for the work that they will be complete in Term 1 of 2015. I would also encourage each of these students to begin thinking about and looking for a range of texts that fit into the discoveries concept, as this supplementary material will form a vital part of their studies, assessments and examination responses in 2015.

Happy Holidays!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all English students who worked hard over the course of the year to improve their results in this subject and achieve personal bests. I would also like to thank the English faculty staff that worked tirelessly to provide engaging and meaningful lessons to each and every student. Finally, I would like to thank the parents who volunteered or participated in English events during 2014. On behalf of the English faculty I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a restful holiday. I look forward to sharing a successful year with you all in 2015.

Mr N Williams
Head Teacher English
The end of the year is as productive as ever in the Arts faculty. We are putting the finishing touches to two new public artworks. Outside B15, the Languages classroom, a new ceramic tile and relief sculpture mural for Wiradjuri language studies has been installed. Outside the music room B5 a new music sculptural panel made of old instruments and decoupaged with sheet music is awaiting installation. Great work to Year 7 and 9 students who have contributed to these team work projects this term.

B Block is turning into a very creative and inspirational space.

Chloe Sanders, of Year 12, recently won first place for best drawing at the Cowra Regional Art Gallery’s Upstart youth art exhibition. Her work, “Parliament” was based on owls. Today we received news that her work was voted the Peoples Choice Award in that show. Chloe will receive another monetary prize for her HSC outstanding art work.

Year 11 Visual Designs student are completing assessment work. They have been designing and building Industrial Design pieces, a photo frame, mirror and clock face as part of this term’s study.

Students from Year 9 Visual Arts class have worked busily right up to the end of year completing skateboard deck designs.
Year 7 Visual Arts students portrait paintings and Christmas Santa Gnomes.

YEAR 7 ACTAL VISUAL ARTS
These magnificent clay sculptures have been influenced by fantasy and film creatures.

Catherine NICHOLSON
Henry SHEPHERD
Jayden ZEGZULA
Erin NADEN
Sally BEASLEY
Sidney EWINS
Amelia-Rose KOLLER

Year 7 AcTal Visual Arts has produced a great series of Printmaking artworks based on Skate Culture stickers this semester as one of their units of work.
Presentation Night
Music students are taking great pleasure in performing for our school community at end of year events. The Presentation Night audience on Wednesday 10th December were delighted by three wonderful performances through the evening.

The Combined Vocal Group performed The Popular Song which is a modern song by Mika referencing a song from Wicked: The Musical, which we recently went to see.

On the back of her recent B+ result in Australian Music Examinations Board 4th Grade Singing examination, Ellena Hicks stunned the audience with her big voice singing in Italian, Caro Mio Ben.

Seasoned performers, Hannah White, Chris Gogala and Larissa Churchill wowed our school at their final Presentation Night. These Year 12 students were honoured to perform at Mr Bliss’ wedding earlier in the year and have regularly performed at many events over the last six years. They performed a beautiful arrangement of Taylor Swift’s Blank Space.

Lunch Time Tunes
Students will enjoy a Lunch Time Tunes session on the Quad Tuesday next week. The Quad will be transformed into a live music station with performances by students and the Staff Band – Know Direction.

Christmas Carols
Many TCRTHS students and staff will be performing as part of the Orange Christmas Carols on Saturday 13th December at Northcourt. Choral tutor, Samantha Bartholomeusz is a featured artist, as is Chris Gogala as a member of ConBoyz – the Orange Regional Conservatorium Male Vocal Group.

Miss Aldrick, Ms Ramage, Nabelia Smithers, Rachael Heywood, Ellena Hicks, Hannah White will be a part of the Combined Orange Choir to sing the carols, while Chris Gogala and Vicky Ruming will perform in the orchestra for the evening (Chris is in high demand performing dual roles for the carols).
The Canobolas Rural Technology High School would like to wish all its students, families, carers and community partners a very special Christmas and a prosperous New Year. We look forward to another successful school year in 2015.
YEARS 7 2015

If your child is attending our school next year in Year 7, please ensure that you have completed an Application for Enrolment. It is important that a completed enrolment form is received at our school AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so that enrolments can be finalised before next year.

Mrs E Richard 6362 1677

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

Students with overdue library books are reminded to return them as soon as possible. A list of students with overdue books is posted on the noticeboard outside the library. Please check your room for any stray books that may belong in our library. There are no fines for overdue books. We would appreciate if all books are returned before the end of term.

Thank you.

BOOK PACKS 2015

For 2015 Bookpacks will be available to students in Years 8, 9 & 10. These packs are similar to the Year 7 packs that are sold every year. You can order and pay for them at the front office and they will be available for pick up the first week on school in 2015. Orders need to be placed by Monday 8th December 2014

Each pack will contain:
- 3 blue pens
- 1 red pen
- 1 eraser
- 1 sharpener
- 1 pencil
- 1 ruler
And exercise books as required for the core subjects for each year

The cost will be
- Year 8 2015 - $25
- Year 9 2015 - $20
- Year 10 2015 - $20
12 December 2014

Dear Parents and Carers

2015 Competitors only School Swimming Carnival

Based on competition participation rates of previous swimming carnivals, the 2015 Canobolas Rural Technology High School swimming carnival will be a competitors only event, held on Friday 6th February 2015. Students interested in participating in events on the day are required to nominate which specific events they would like to race in. Students who do not nominate to participate in any events will remain at school for normal timetabled classes. In doing this we hope to encourage student participation and improve attendance on the day.

If your son / daughter is interested in participating, please get a nomination form and permission note from the PDHPE staff as soon as possible. Interested students were issued a note at school on Friday December 12.

Your support in implementing this change is appreciated.

M CHRISTIE-JOHNSTON  A BRUTON
Sports Organiser          External Sports Coordinator
Now Taking Enrolments for 2015

The Canobolas Rural Technology High School

provides a balanced education, focusing on the development of the whole child in partnership with their parents. Our students enjoy quality experiences and successes in academic, sporting and cultural endeavours. Our community encourages safe, responsible, respectful learners within a culture of integrity.

The school offers:

• Experienced and Committed Teaching staff
• Gifted & Talented and Special Education classes
• School & Community Partnerships Opportunities
• Transition, Traineeship & Apprenticeships
• Extensive choice of subjects including e2 options
• Outstanding Modern Facilities and Technologies
• New Health, Hospitality & Metals and Engineering Trade Training Centres
• Indigenous program to support language and cultural awareness.
• High performance athletes program

The school will be open on Thursday 22nd January and Friday 23rd January 2015 between 9am and 3pm for all enrolment enquiries.

Year 7-10 resume Wednesday 28/1/15
Year 11-12 resume Thursday 29/1/15

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TWILIGHT SWIM CARNIVAL

Open to all school swimmers in preparation for the school swim carnivals!
Saturday 31st January 2015 1pm-7pm
Orange Aquatic Centre

Collect RACE ENTRY FORM from Orange Aquatic Centre.
$5 per event.
Complete entry form and return to Orange Aquatic Centre in sealed envelope with correct race fee.
Entries close the 21st Jan 2015.
NOVELTY EVENTS to be held during the day just for fun!
Gold coin donation to enter into each novelty event on the day.
Drinks and Sausage Sizzle available.

Please contact Meg Vickery
0402728081, megmat@aonet.com.au for more information.

City of Orange and Jets Swim Club

All proceeds go towards the purchase of
the new LED SCOREBOARD
# TWILIGHT CARNIVAL:

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Please Circle One |
| EMAIL:            |
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| PARENT/CARER NAME: |
| PARENT/CARER SIGNATURE:  
Supervision of children will be the responsibility of the parent /carer |

- 100 Metre Freestyle: □
- 25 Metre Freestyle: □
- 50 Metre Freestyle: □
- 50 Metre Breastroke: □
- 200 Metre Individual Medley: □
- 50 Metre Backstroke: □
- 50 Metre Fly: □

**TOTAL @ $5.00 PER RACE:** $

Please place entry form in an envelope with money and return to Locked Box at Orange Aquatic Centre.