



## Newsletter – Special Edition Term 4 Week 8

Dear Parents and Community Members

As term four wraps up, I'd like to introduce myself and provide some important information regarding recent changes and general facts. This will include:

- Change of Principal
- Learning at School
- School Uniform
- Key dates for your calendars
- Staffing for 2021
- School Leaders
- Year 12 Graduation
- Presentation Ceremony
- P & C

### **CHANGE OF PRINCIPAL**

Following two years of service at Canobolas RTHS Mr Paterson this week commenced in a new role at Mt Austin High School in Wagga Wagga. Expressions of thanks have been extended to him from various staff and parents in recognition of his service to the school and community.

My role, working locally in the education department, has allowed me the opportunity to step into Mr Paterson's role for the remainder of the year. Meeting staff, working with the students and having conversations with various parents to date, has provided some great insight to the school and all it has to offer the community.



### **LEARNING AT SCHOOL**

Over the past three weeks teaching and support staff have been working together to ensure classrooms transform into more positive learning spaces and that students understand what it means to be a learner. Some students have found it difficult adapting to new arrangements which has led to the establishment of an additional learning space in the school, affectionately known as A14. Much is happening in this space to assess student learning ability, provide individualised learning and begin planning for their education and support in 2021. Whilst many students take this opportunity to work in A14 the vast majority of students are enjoying a less disrupted classroom throughout the school and teachers are reporting increased engagement in learning. I trust your children have been talking with you at home about the positive changes they are experiencing at school.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Great news for students and families. We are in the process of establishing a clothing pool 'shop' in readiness for 2021. School Uniform is an important consideration for all students and when they wear them, unity and pride is really noticeable. If you have any old school uniforms that no longer fit your children, please package them up and drop them in to the front office in the coming days and weeks. School P & C representatives will sort, wash, fold and prepare used uniforms for families in need of assistance and for students requiring a shirt, jumper or suitable pants. More information to be provided in the coming days. We seek your support in having your children wearing school uniform every day and we are committed to starting 2021 with a revised focus on uniforms for all.

## **KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDARS**

In 2021 school commences:

- Friday 29 January for Years 7, 11 and 12
- Monday 1 February for Years 8, 9 and 10

The School Administration Office will be open:

- Thursday 21 January and Friday 22 January for new enrolments and enquiries
- Wednesday 27 January and Thursday 28 January 8:30am – 3:00pm

## **STAFFING FOR 2021**

Principal – the Principal position is currently being advertised state-wide and a panel comprising representation from parents (P&C Association), the NSW AECG (Aboriginal Educational Consultative Group), Principals Association, Staff Representative and myself will soon consider new applications in anticipation a principal will be appointed to commence in Term 1 2021.

The following positions have been advertised in readiness for 2021 commencement:

Deputy Principals	-	2 positions
Head Teacher	-	English
Head Teacher	-	HSIE
Head Teacher	-	Teaching and Learning (TAL)
Head Teacher	-	Administration
Classroom Teachers	-	School Support Unit
Teacher	-	Careers Adviser

A number of permanent positions have been filled in readiness for 2021. These include:

Head Teacher Science	-	Ms Rosie Weithaler (previously HT Science Denison College)
Support Teacher	-	Mr Ben Bartlett (previously a temporary teacher CRTHS 2020)
English Teacher	-	Amanda McInerney

In recent times we have also farewelled or will soon farewell the following teachers:

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| Ms Daisy Morrissey | - | PDHPE Teacher. moving to Head Teacher Denison College Bathurst |
| Mr Dermot Collins  | - | Maths Teacher, moving to Wagga Wagga                           |
| Ms Rebecca Forster | - | Moving to Wagga Wagga  |
| Ms Alex Boog       | - | Support Teacher, moving to Orange High School                  |
| Mr Mal Kay         | - | TAS Teacher, moving to Blayney High School                     |

Various other teaching positions currently vacant, and where there are no graduate teachers or transfers available, have been filled with temporary teachers pending the New Year where opportunity will exist to advertise some of the roles. School Learning and Support Officers are currently being recontracted for 2021 and will assist students in learning within the support unit and in various mainstream classrooms.

### **SCHOOL LEADERS**

I look forward to spending more time with the school leaders on Friday morning as part of my orientation to the school. Congratulations to Toby Howell, Heidi Bell, Blair Bella and Tyler Dent who were all elected to their leadership roles as Captains and Vice Captains. The school also has an abundance of great students with many taking up leadership opportunities through the Student Representative Council.



### **A MESSAGE FROM THE PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

I would like to extend an invitation to all new and existing parents to become a member of the CRTHS P&C.

The P&C consists of parents who wish to be kept informed of what is happening in the school and who want to take an active role in helping improve the school for their children. At the meetings we have informed discussions with the Principal, who keeps us up to date on issues happening in the school. We also organise fundraising which helps assist with financial support for school projects and excursions.

The P&C meet on the first Wednesday of each month during the school term at 6.30pm.

## **YEAR 12 GRADUATION**

The year twelve graduation was recently held in the school hall and was a wonderful celebration for the students, all having completed their 13 years of schooling. A big thank you to the staff that organised the event, attended the event and also to teaching and support staff that assisted students during their six years of high school. The Facebook feed told the story beautifully and many students are now engaged in work whilst others are readying themselves for post-secondary university and TAFE.

## **PRESENTATION CEREMONY**

Canobolas RTHS Presentation Day celebrations are different this year due to COVID implications.

The procedure for the Presentation Ceremony on the afternoon of Wednesday 9th December is as follows:

- 3:15pm Award Recipients get changed/freshen up - Students encouraged to bring a fresh uniform to change into at the end of the day.
- 3:30-4:15pm Award Recipients will be provided with afternoon tea in A block.
- 4:15pm Staff and Students move to the hall to assemble for the ceremony to begin.
- 4:30pm Presentation Ceremony. A live streaming link will be provided to all families and promoted on the school Facebook page.
- 5:45pm Students can be collected by parents via the bus bay at the conclusion of the ceremony. For those parents who watch the ceremony to the end before coming to collect their child, supervision will be available until students are collected.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

The school's administration office is currently undergoing some upgrades and we look forward to its renewal and operation again in the coming weeks. You will have also noted earthworks happening on the school grounds which will result in new tennis courts and play courts in 2021.

Best wishes to all as we move toward the end of the 2020 school year.

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