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- Acknowledgement of Country

CRTHS acknowledges and pays respect to the Traditional Owners and Custodians of country throughout Australia, specifically the Wiradjuri peoples of whoms land we learn on each day.

We honour and respect the cultural heritage, customs and beliefs of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.













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PRINCIPAL REPORT

Greetings,

As I sit here and write the last newsletter item for the year, I can positively reflect on a broad range of accomplishments that we have achieved this year. Over the past fortnight, we have recently held a successful Presentation Evening, Alumni Event, Year 12 Graduation, and our Clontarf / Nasca Graduation ceremonies. I will also share some of the broader achievements that we have accomplished throughout the year. These were all shared at our recent Presentation Evening.

- 44% of our graduating Year 12 cohort have already gained Early Entry into University. I look forward to seeing their HSC results when they are released this week.
- Our school completed a successful External Validation process which was held on the 1st of June. Without going into too much detail, of the 14 School Excellence Framework Domains, we were validated at Sustaining and Growing across 12. This is a huge improvement from the previous External Validation held in 2018 and the feedback from this process will guide the development of our new Strategic Improvement Plan.
- This year, we introduced the Aiming High Challenge. 10 students have been engaged in this High Potential, extra-curricular program over the past two terms. They have collaborated with students at Pittwater High School and held their showcase event this week to present their passion projects.
- Our second Alumni Event was held last week and has again received high praise.
 Having 14 successful Canobolas alumni return to talk to our students about their career prospects was both thought-provoking and engaging.
- Our CHPA Dance Team was again successful this year winning three Eisteddfods in Bathurst, Orange, and Wellington. They were also selected to perform at the Pulse Alive, Western, and State Dance festivals. Whilst also performing at the recent Schools Spectacular Showcase in Homebush.
- During NAIDOC Week, our school teams won the NAIDOC Gala Day in the Junior and Senior divisions. We competed against Orange High School, Molong High School, and James Sheahan. And like 2022, our students were also successful in winning the NAIROC competition.
- Year 12 student Marley McLean designed the NSW Combined High Schools and All-Schools Basketball jerseys. His Indigenous print used in this design was the first time any student had been involved in the creation of an NSWCHS jersey. A great effort on his behalf. (See attached story).
- Year 11 student Samuel Gross was identified by Sports Travel Australia for his Cross-Country prowess at both Regional and State levels. He was selected to travel to the USA during the year and he participated in 4 cross country events which were held in Arizona and Nevada.
- Throughout the course of the year, we have also had 15 Western Representatives, with 2 dual representatives.



As you can see from the achievements above, we have certainly had an amazing year and I am extremely proud to lead this school.

As we start preparing for 2024, it is disappointing that we have to say goodbye to some of our permanent members of staff.

I would like to thank Charlotte Hogg (Maths), Lucas Wrightson (Science), and Lou Kemp (SLSO) for their service at CRTHS and wish them all the best in their future endeavours. All three staff members have made extremely positive contributions to the school during their time here. We will officially farewell these staff members at our final School Development Day on Monday 18/12/23.

Finally, I would again like to congratulate all our staff and students for an exceptional year. As we arrive at the end of the year, we can take pride in the fact that we have not merely survived; we have thrived.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope you enjoy the school holiday break and come back refreshed for 2024.

Regards,

Mr Blaker



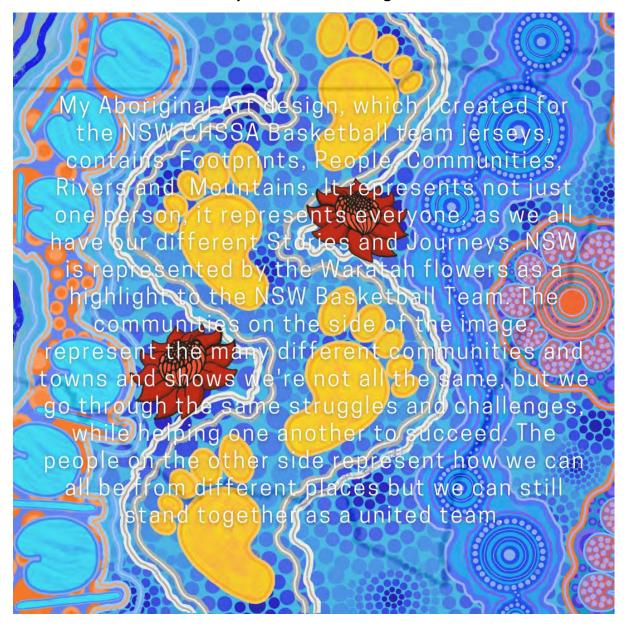
Merry Christmas from our School and Vice Captains.



Marley McLean, a student at Canobolas Rural Technology High School, created the Indigenous design to be used in side panels of the CHS Basketball uniforms. Marley is a keen basketball player and referee, and a positive Indigenous role model.

Marley spent a lot of time (in our Numeracy class) planning the design, asking questions about where the players in the teams were from and how they were selected. Once his design was complete, he worked with the school's Aboriginal Learning and Engagement Centre (ALEC) SLSO to create the design in a digital format.

Below is the story behind the meaning of the artwork.



The design was submitted to a uniform supplier to incorporate in a basketball singlet. Marley was involved with modifying the concept design and making the final selection.

Marley was presented with the NSWCHS basketball singlet as a thanks for his contribution.

Based on the popularity of the NSWCHS singlets, Marley's design was then incorporated into the NSW All Schools Basketball playing uniform and worn at the School Sport Australia National Championships















DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT

As we approach the much awaited holiday break, I wanted to take a moment to extend my warmest wishes to all our students, parents, and staff. This year has been nothing short of amazing, filled with remarkable achievements and the continuous demonstration of our core values - Respect, Responsibility, and Learning. It's been inspiring to witness their growth, dedication, and enthusiasm throughout the year.

Looking ahead to the new school year, it's important to note the return dates for 2024:

- Year 7, Year 11, and Year 12 students will resume classes on Thursday, February 1st.
- Year 8, Year 9, and Year 10 will return on Friday, February 2nd.

We also encourage students to come prepared for a fantastic start to the new year. Please remember students should come prepared with school bags and books, ready to engage in exciting learning experiences from day one. As a reminder, a full summer uniform is also expected when we begin the new year.

As a school, we are working on improving attendance rates in 2024. Students should attend school at least 95% of the time, with notes from parents and caregivers explaining lateness or absence. We look forward to your support in ensuring your child is at school and learning.

We hope you have a wonderful and safe holiday break and we look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Warm regards,

Deputy Principal (Years 7 & 10)
Mrs M Kerr

MUSIC

Charlie Silva and Erin Anderson both received scholarships for tuition on their chosen instruments. Charlie (Year 10) received hers on drums and Erin (Year 8) received hers on Bassoon. Both students had to complete an application and audition process. Charlie and Erin played well, and we would love to congratulate these girls on their hard work.







ANNUAL PRESENTATION AWARDS























HSIE

Congratulations to all students for completing 2023!

The HSIE faculty have enjoyed travelling the world and through time from the HSIE classrooms and in some cases, having the opportunity to leave the classroom and go on excursions.

We already have a number of exciting excursions and incursions planned for 2024. Ancient History students will be travelling to Sydney early term 1 to explore the Ramses & the Gold of the Pharaohs.

Keep your eye out for notes to come.

We hope you all have a wonderful break.

Head Teacher HSIE Mr Adcock

SCHOOL SPEC

During week 7, 6 Indigenous dancers travelled to Sydney to participate in School Spectacular. Students spent numerous afternoons rehearsing before leaving and then 4 days rehearsing the choreography in Sydney with students from other schools before performing the dance at Qudos Bank Arena for thousands of spectators.

What an amazing experience, we are so proud of the students who participated!





BIG PICTURE

HO HO! BIG PICTURE XMAS CHEER TO ALL!

Thank you to all those who supported Big Picture students this year in all capacities.





















CAREERS

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

As we approach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take a moment to extend my warmest wishes to each and every one of you for a safe and enjoyable holiday season. It has been a pleasure working with all of our students, and I am grateful for the dedication and enthusiasm you have shown throughout the year.

Alumni Event Success:

I am thrilled to report that our recent School Alumni Event held on December 1 was a resounding success. It was a wonderful opportunity for current students to connect with and gain insights from our accomplished alumni. The event provided valuable networking opportunities and served as a source of inspiration for the future career paths of our students. Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to making it a memorable occasion. See the photos on the next page.

Congratulations to Year 12 Graduates:

A heartfelt congratulations to all our Year 12 graduates who have successfully secured offers for university placements, jobs for the upcoming year or are having a well earnt break. Your hard work, determination, and accomplishments are truly commendable. As you embark on this new chapter, remember that your education has equipped you with the skills and knowledge necessary for success. We are immensely proud of your achievements and look forward to hearing about your future endeavours.

Holiday Availability:

While the holidays are a time for relaxation and enjoyment, I want to reassure students and parents that I am still here to support you during this period. If you have any career-related questions, concerns, or would like guidance, please do not hesitate to reach out via email. Although response times may be slightly delayed due to the holiday season, I will make every effort to get back to you as soon as possible.

In conclusion, I wish you all a joyful and restful holiday season. May it be filled with warmth, laughter, and the company of loved ones. As we look forward to the new year, I am confident that each of our students will continue to achieve great things. Thank you for making this year memorable, and I look forward to working with you all in the upcoming academic year.

Warm regards,

Careers Adviser
Mr S Coote



















ENGLISH & LOTE

2023 Wrap Up

Throughout 2023, students across all years have worked hard to develop their English skills and the English Faculty would like to congratulate all students on their diligent effort. As you would have seen through the newsletters during the year, there has been some incredible imaginative and analytical pieces created by students.

All students are encouraged to continue their development of their English skills through the summer holidays by participating in our Holiday Reading Challenge.

Don't forget to also check out the school website to see what units and learning opportunities await students in 2024.

Holiday Reading Challenge

Canobolas Rural Technology High School Reading Challenge
Read as many of the following books as you can during the summer holi-
days
 A book with a predominately GREEN cover
 A book with a predominately BLACK cover
□ A book set in a city you'd love to visit
□ An Australian classic
 A graphic novel OR a crime fiction book
 A book set during Christmas time
□ An autobiography/biography
 A book with a main character the same age as you
 A book that has a film or TV show based on it
☐ A book with a one-word title
☐ A book set in a high school
Any student who completes the reading challenge should visit the English
Staffroom Week 1 Term 1 for a reward.

Year 12 2024

Year 12 have successfully completed their first HSC Assessment Task for English Advanced, Standard and Studies. In all English courses, high quality multimodal presentations were created that effectively explored individual perspectives and understanding of the concept of Texts and Human Experience. Congratulations to all students for starting off their HSC year with such dedication.

Year 12 English teachers have provided students with guidance on how to make the best use of their summer holidays, so they are prepared for Term 1 2024. Please encourage your senior students to keep up their diligent approach to their studies during this time.

Year 11 2024

The first unit for English Advanced and English Standard in 2024 is "Reading to Write". This unit focuses on how students can develop their writing skills through reading and analysis of a variety of texts. As such, students entering Year 11 are encouraged to complete the holiday reading challenge in preparation for their senior studies. The completion of independent reading outside of school is necessary for students to find success in this unit.12



Orange Library

At 147 Byng St you will find an amazing wonderland full of exciting resources for you. Public libraries are a terrific, safe space for the public and we are lucky enough to have a great one in Orange.

At the library you will find any book you could possibly want, wifi, computer access, comfy chairs, holiday programs, peace and quiet, air con and more. Best of all, all of this is completely FREE! There is no joining fee for a library, yet it offers so much.

We encourage you to check out the library in person and online, especially leading up to and during the school holidays.



Year 7 Chinese

你好 (nǐ hǎo)

Year 7 language classes have learned to say and write certain foods, drinks and utensils in Chinese. They have learned to ask and answer questions about their preferences for foods and drinks. Students have extended their cultural knowledge and understanding by learning to use Chinese chopsticks and learning to do Chinese calligraphy. There have been a lot of opportunities for interaction and hands-on learning in class this term. Students are to be congratulated on their engagement.



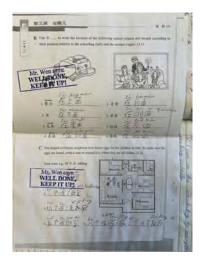


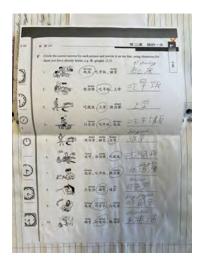


Year 11 Chinese Beginners

同学们好 (tóng xué mén hǎo)

Year 11 Chinese Beginners have learned to communicate about time and daily routines through various sentence structures. Students have learned to discuss their home environment, dwelling, rooms and furniture. They were working on their assessment task in Weeks 8 and 9. Students are working hard, even though the end of term is approaching. They are to be congratulated on their effort and engagement.









PDHPE

CHPA AWARDS 2023



Another successful year for those students involved in the CHPA Program was celebrated on Wednesday 29th November in the school gym. A big thank you to Mrs Shepherd, Rod Thomas and the hospitality students for catering a delicious lunch. It was great to see the Greenhalgh Family supporting the program and presenting the Harry Greenhalgh Award.

Congratulations to the Award Winners:

Attitude Award: Jimmy Boswell

Dedication Award: Seth Holmes

Leadership Award: Joseph Hathaway

Professionalism Award: Rebecca Rhodes

7/8 Athlete of the Year: Claire Anlezark and Will Sligar

CHPA Athlete of the Year: Sam Gross

Harry Greenhalgh – Passion, Pride and Respect Award: Jimmy Boswell

Thank you to Mitch Williamson and Kate Foran who support the students every single week without your dedication the program would not run.

Thank you also to Mrs Abrahams, the PE Faculty, NASCA, Damo, Bianca and the Senior Executive who also attended the Presentation lunch and provide support throughout the Year to the CHPA Program.

We look forward to seeing what exciting things the students will achieve on the sporting field in 2024.

Miss Somers



























The CHPA Dance Group capped off a very successful and busy year by performing at the 2023 Schools Spectacular. The group was selected to be a part of the Metro/Regional Dance group who performed a fantastic piece called "It's Time to Dance". The students spent a lot of time rehearsing at school before joining the other schools for two days in Boorowa. On Tuesday 21st November the Dance group travelled to Sydney to begin combined rehearsals in preparation for the shows. The students performed in four shows over the course of the week. They were all amazing representatives of Canobolas Rural Technology High School and should all be commended for the way they performed.

A big thank you to Miss Kate for getting the dancers ready over the past term, your knowledge of all things dance is amazing.



STAGE 5 CLASSES

We have had a great time with our Year 9 and 10 classes this term. These classes included PDHPE, Physical Activity and Sports Studies and Child Studies. They have been engaged learners who have completed a variety of activities.

They are an amazing bunch of students!

Mrs Abrahams























SUPPORT

Students from Reeve and Aykroyd made Zucchini Slice using fresh produce from our Support Unit garden and eggs sourced from the school's Agriculture Farm.









Excursion to Botanic Gardens - searching for treasure!







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UNIFORM

CLOTHING POOL & DONATIONS

We look forward to seeing all our students in the New Year with uniform. For those needing assistance the clothing pool is available by appointment through the front office and donations are gratefully accepted at any time, with stocks being very low in some sizes.







LABELLING SCHOOL ITEMS

Uniform items cannot be returned if they do not have a name on them. Please check uniform items for students' names and that they are readable so they can be returned if found. The lost property box is in the courier's space in A block.





CRTHS SCHOOL UNIFORM

JUNIOR GIRLS	JUNIOR BOYS
SHIRT: White collared button up shirt OR white polo. - All items with the CRTHS emblem. TROUSERS/SKIRT: Bottle green pleated skirt - short OR long. Black tailored shorts OR black tailored trousers. JUMPER Bottle green polar fleece jumper. Bottle green knitted jumper. - All items with the CRTHS emblem. SOCKS/SHOES White socks OR black stockings (with skirt). Black enclosed leather shoes. Bottle green & white stripe tie — optional.	SHIRT: White collared button up shirt OR white polo. - All items with the CRTHS emblem. TROUSERS: Grey shorts OR grey trousers. JUMPER Bottle green polar fleece jumper. Bottle green knitted jumper. - All items with the CRTHS emblem. SOCKS/SHOES Grey socks. Black enclosed leather shoes. Bottle green & white stripe tie — optional.
SENIOR GIRLS	SENIOR BOYS
SHIRT: White collared button up shirt OR white polo All items with the CRTHS emblem. TROUSERS/SKIRT: Bottle green tartan pleated skirt - short OR long. Black tailored shorts OR black tailored trousers. JUMPER Bottle green polar fleece jumper. Bottle green knitted jumper All items with the CRTHS emblem. SOCKS/SHOES White socks OR black stockings (with skirt). Black enclosed leather shoes. Bottle green tartan check tie – optional.	SHIRT: White collared button up shirt OR white polo All items with the CRTHS emblem. TROUSERS: Grey shorts OR black tailored trousers. JUMPER Bottle green polar fleece jumper. Bottle green knitted jumper All items with the CRTHS emblem. SOCKS/SHOES Grey OR black socks. Black enclosed leather shoes. Bottle green & white stripe tie – optional.
 SPORTS UNIFORM Bottle green and black polo shirt. All items with the CRTHS emblem. Bottle green and black shorts OR tracksuit pants. Bottle green and black hoodie. may be worn with all uniforms. White OR black socks. Sports shoes. 	Black Anorak with CRTHS emblem purchased from the school front office. Black School Blazer with CRTHS emblem.



P&C NEWS



COME AND JOIN OUR P&C

The Canobolas Rural Technology High School Parents and Citizens (**P&C**) Association needs your help.

Being involved in the P & C helps to build a supportive community around the students of our school.

By attending the P & C meetings:

- you get an opportunity to have your say on decisions affecting your child at school
- learn about the school's policies and programs
- participate in fundraising activities that help improve our school.

There is a yearly membership of \$2.

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month during the school term, in the Big Picture Building (1st building on the left) at 6.30pm.

Unable to attend meetings and would still like to help?

Volunteers are greatly appreciated.

Assistance is required with our fundraising events and school canteen.

For more information contact <u>thecrthscanteen@gmail.com</u> or contact the school on ph 63621677.



Keep up to date with P&C activities via the school's newsletter and Facebook page

Our first meeting of 2024 is Wed 7/2/2024.
We would love new members to join us. All community members are welcome.

P & C AGM

Wed 6/3/2024 6.30pm Big Picture Building
All positions will be declared vacant.

Nominations are now being accepted via email thecrthscanteen@gmail.com



PUZZLE PAGE

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RIDDLE ME THIS...

What can you throw but not catch?

Answer: Your breath.



NOTICES



Workshops with our Elders

Aboriginal Dance

In this FREE 4 week workshop learn Aboriginal dance with Uncle Ricky Ah-See and perform for your family in week 4. Build connections with our local Elders in a culturally safe and supported environment.

Starting Tuesday 28th November

4pm - 5.30pm

headspace Orange 264 Peisley Street

Open to all young people aged 12-25 years

Registrations essential as space is limited To register please email hs.orange@marathonhealth.com.au call 6369 9300 or scan the QR code







This program has been approved by local Elders Aunty Mary Parker, Aunty Robin Smith, Aunty Leonie Partridge, Aunty Susan Williams, Aunty Shirly Kinchela, Aunty Daphne Managhan, Aunty Edna O'Neill, Aunty Barbara Nicholls, Aunty Claudette Elliott and Uncle Ricky Ah-See.

headspace Orange acknowledges this program will run on Wiradjuri Country and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.











Be STRONG.

Be CONFIDENT.

Be YOU.

BUT BETTER!

Join us for weekly classes learning the art of taekwondo.

Come join our newly formed club here in Orange at our new dojo out of the West End Motor Lodge function room

2-6 Dalton St, Orange

We build leaders who are not afraid to show their strength & skills on the mat Confidence
Self Defence
Concentration
Balance
Respect
Discipline
Honour

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