Enrichment Day

The Central West HSC enrichment day was held at Charles Sturt University, Bathurst Campus on Tuesday, 16th June, 2015. Over 400 students from 14 schools were hosted by Denison College of Secondary Education at Charles Sturt University, Bathurst. These seminar days have been held since 2007, and are continuing to evolve to meet the needs of Central West students.

The seminars were presented by experienced Central West secondary teachers, many of whom have had significant experience in being HSC markers for their subject. However, a number of expert presenters were also involved on the day, including Bell Shakespeare presenting on The Tempest and Hamlet, Jane Sherlock and Ben North presenting on English, Morris Needleman presenting on Mathematics and Ken Webb who supplied expertise in Modern History. Future Moves also offered workshops on Time Management and Exam and Study Skills.

Printed notes for each seminar and digital resources were made available to students, who also received lunch courtesy of the CSU canteen.

All the Bathurst High Campus students who attended appreciated the opportunity to work within a university environment and were fantastic representatives of their school.

Sandra Chapman Head Teachers Senior Studies.
Well what an astounding debate. Two strong teams, who had already met in the Western Region Debating final, met again. The topic of this debate was: That we can learn more from popular culture than the classics. Samantha Leckie, Danika Smith, Breezy Jacobson and Saxon Nichols argued the affirmative, in a debate that saw ‘Orange is the New Black’ and ‘South Park’, go up against Jane Austen and Shakespeare. In the end the classics, Orange High, won the fiercely argued debate by only one point. Congratulations to the Bathurst High Team for an outstanding performance. S. Chapman
CWA Public Speaking Competition

On Tuesday, 26th May, Ms Murphy and 4 students travelled to Kinross, Orange, to compete in the CWA Public Speaking Competition. The day was sensational fun and all 4 students gave excellent speeches. Callum Goldfinch (Year 8) gave an insightful speech about the advantages, and disadvantages, of mobile phones. Jacob Bicanic (Year 8) shared a family camping anecdote to tell us about the best advice he’d been given so far. Sophia Pant (Year 11) wowed the audience with her ability to recite Pi to 57 decimal places. Catherine Walther employed the contrast of humour and seriousness whilst discussing the real meaning of intelligence. Congratulations to Callum and Sophia who both received Highly Commended Awards. All the speeches were fantastic and all the students proudly represented Bathurst High School.

Speakers—Callum Goldfinch (8), Jacob Bicanic (8), Catherine Walther (12) and Sophia Pant (11)

Senior Debating news

On Tuesday the 9th of June, the Senior Debating team of Samantha Leckie, Danika Smith, Breezy Jacobson and Saxon Nicols, competed against Orange High in the Western Region final of the Premier’s Debating Challenge. The topic was: That we should ban international surrogacy, a current and controversial issue. Bathurst High was the negative.

Competing via video conference, it was a tense and very high quality debate and, in the end, by a narrow margin, the Orange High team was awarded the debate. Congratulations to the Bathurst High team for their expertise, eloquence and commitment over the past two years of this competition.

Sandra Chapman
Western Region Cross Country

A team of 24 students took part in the Western Region Cross Country event on the 10th of June. Bathurst High had the largest high school team at the event. We were able to field competitive athletes across most age groups, especially with students in Years 7, 8 and 9 where we had multiple competitors in both boys and girls races. We had 5 students qualify for the NSW State Championship races.

Despite the bus breaking down on the way home, the day was a success in regards to effort and student behaviour. Thank you to all the parents who had to re-organize their evening in order to pick their student up 2.5 hours later then scheduled.

Our State Championship Qualifiers are:
Nick Charters - 1st 13 Years Boys
Patrick Halsey - 2nd 14 Years Boys
Benton Salazar - 3rd 12 Years Boys
Brooke Tuynman - 4th 16 Years Girls
Jake Sheader - 4th 15 Years Boys

Special mention to Brandan Martin who is part of the greater Denison College community (Kelso High) who was outstanding in the 17 Years Boys Division winning very strongly and looking like a medal contender at State.
3rd Round CHS Tennis vs Orange High
On Friday the 25th of May, both Girls and Boys Tennis teams journeyed to the Orange Indoor Tennis Centre to compete against Orange High in the 3rd round of the Floris Conway and Stan Jones competitions. For the Boys team it was a tough battle from the beginning, with Orange High eventually winning six sets to two. New blood Scott Osborne played extremely well for his first taste of CHS tennis and was able to win both his double sets, aided by Bryson Richards, 6-3, 6-2. Orange proved too strong in the singles, with the Bathurst boys unable to win a set, but the doubles provided a closer contest which is promising for the first round of the Astley Cup.

The Girls on the other hand proved that winning was well within reach with young guns Sam Burrow and Sophie McCauley comfortably winning their doubles, 6-3, 6-1. Similarly, veteran Chloe Brown and debutant Jasmine Cuzner, were able to win one of their doubles matches 6-1 and were unlucky to go down to the Orange High number 1 pairing, 6-3. The girls proved too solid in their individual singles matches and won the day, seven sets to one. Osborne and Cuzner played fantastic for their first performances and should be commended for their efforts. Scott Osborne proved that he will be one of Bathurst High’s future tennis stars as he is only in Year 8.

The girls are now off to Parkes to participate in the Western Region Finals against Henry Lawson, Mudgee and West Wyalong. A big thank-you to Paul Abbott and Vickie Osborne for transporting us to the courts. Both teams will now continue preparation for the Astley Cup with practice sessions on Wednesday afternoons.

By Ricky Daymond
On Monday 1st June, the girl’s tennis team consisting of Sam Burrow, Sophie McCauley, Chloe Brown and Jasmine Cuzner travelled to Parkes to compete in the Western Region finals of the NSW Combined High Schools tennis competition.

The girls played Henry Lawson High School in the semi-final with the format being 2 sets of doubles, 4 sets of singles and 2 sets of reverse doubles. In extremely cold and windy conditions, the girls had a mixed start. The pair of Sam Burrow and Sophie McCauley got off to a steady start and lost a couple of crucial points to go down 6-3 in their first doubles. Chloe Brown and Jasmine Cuzner took a 4-1 lead in their first set before the Henry Lawson pair rallied to force it to 6-6 and a tie-break. The girls were able to regain control of the match and played high percentage tennis to take early breaks of serve in the tie-break and eventually win it 7-2.

The singles matches then started with Sam and Sophie appearing determined to bounce back from their first match. Both stayed patient in the tough conditions and proved too strong for their opponents, running away with convincing 6-2 wins respectively. Both Chloe and Jasmine’s singles matches were tight with many games going to deuce. Eventually Henry Lawson were able to square the match with both girls going down 6-4. This means the match was squared on sets going into the reverse doubles and we were up by 2 games.

On form, it appeared the match could come down to games won. Sam and Sophie had other ideas and put the result beyond doubt with a thumping 6-1 win in the first of the reverse doubles. Chloe and Jasmine then produced the upset of the day by coming from behind to defeat Henry Lawson’s number one pairing 7-6.

This saw us into the final and a match up against West Wyalong who had convincingly beat Mudgee without dropping a set in the other semi-final. The first two doubles were very tight matches with West Wyalong taking advantage of their opportunities to win 6-3 and 6-4. This meant we would now have to win the majority of the remaining sets as the singles matches started. Despite the girl’s best efforts, West Wyalong proved too strong in the singles and were able to race to an unbeatable lead of 6 sets up. With Bathurst only able to win the remaining two doubles sets, West Wyalong were declared the Western Region Champions and will now travel to Nelson Bay to compete in the State Finals.

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**P & C**

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th August in the staffroom at 7.30pm. Hope to see you there.