CROSSROADS with Vanessa Robb

On the 16th-20th of November, Sean Bradley, Danielle Cattle, Emily Bussenschutt, David Clarke and Vanessa Robb, from Year 10, travelled to Lake Burrendong, with Mr Dodhy to participate in the LAP Crossroads Program. We participated in many recreational activities including, rock climbing, slip ‘n’ slide, flying fox, raft building and in a learner drivers program. The Crossroads component involved us discussing real life topics such as the effects of drug use, alcohol and coward punching. We all had an awesome time and had fun meeting and hanging with all the other Year 10 students from Condobolin High School, Tullibigeal Central School and Lake Cargelligo Central School.

We can’t wait to be in class with them next year via video conference!
SCIENCE with Mrs Jackson

In Science for the next few weeks the students are working on mini projects, putting their science skills to work. Last week 7-10 built water bottle rockets to test to see whose modifications can reach the highest heights.

Shaun Hoskinson (above) won the 9/10 Top Rocket Comp, and Kai Davies and Damian Batty (below, with Daniel Potter) were the 7/8 winners.

Right: Jack Wason and Angus Williams
Below Right: Seth McCubbin and Johann Lyons.
Bottom, L-R: Isabelle Archibald and Emily Bussenschutt with their homemade ice cream, and Colby Crofts and Jackson Benness.
Rotary approached the school offering Year 9 students the opportunity to attend a fully-funded RYPEN camp at Borambola last weekend. Chloe Brewer took up the challenge, and this is her story!

**MY TRIP TO BORAMBOLA** by Chloe Brewer

Waiting in the heat at Temora bus stop, I was scared that the weekend would be terrible. The moment the bus pulled up, I got worse, but putting my stuff in the bus, and finding a seat, Paige, the girl in front of me, turned around and asked softly, “Do you like Frozen?” After that, I sat next to her and talked about all different types of books, movies, tv shows and just life. Arriving at Borambola, we stuck together, hoping that we would be in the same room and group together. After a while, we had the official meeting, and we sat together, then a few Wagga girls sat at our table. Introducing ourselves, I met Annie, Lily and Lucy. Giggling, we became closer. When we were allowed to our rooms, I met Lizzie, Milli, Portia, Nessa, Lucy and Emma. We called ourselves the 'Room 2 Mafia.' Don’t ask why. Having dinner and a few ice breaker activities, it was off to bed at 11:30pm!! By 12:00, we had curfew. At 12:30am, we played the quiet game and went to sleep.

On the 21st, it was time for real camp activities. We had breakfast, which was amazing, a chat with Krissy from NRMA, and it was time to start the fun! After the morning activities, it was time for lunch. Just after lunch we had a guest speaker from Toastmasters (no, they aren't actually masters of toast) come out and gives us a speech on Toastmasters. It was pretty cool to find out that Woody Allen, a famous actor, actually was apart of Toastmasters. Thanking our guest, we had afternoon activities!! Indoor rock climbing! It wasn't like your normal rock climbing, instead of having one belayer, there were four!! Each of us had a turn before we did it blindfolded! Listening to people scream different instructions to one person was hilarious. Everyone tried, and had fun, some expressing it very differently. Rock climbing had finished and it was free time in the pool. I choose to sit in the warm sun and watch pool soccer rage on. 2 hours later, we were able to have showers and chill time, then dinner. Settling down from a yummy dinner, it was time for drama and improv. This would have to be the funniest time I had at camp. I had even lost my voice the next day due to it. Finishing drama at around 11:30, it was again free/chill time, so many people were together, savouring the moment before the night ended. On the 22nd, it was our last couple of hours together. Everyone was getting numbers, emails, Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook and other social media. After breakfast, we had mini Olympics! Our team name was Jeff. Trying to suck up to get the best team name (the organiser’s name was Jeff), we ended up winning the best and creative name. I had so much fun, playing different activities that were definitely outside of my comfort zone. It was worth it though. In the end, we lost by 5 points! Coming in second place, but it was still amazing. And this is just a short description of my time at camp! I suggest for next year, if any Year 9 have the chance to go, grab it by the ears and run fast. I would love to be able to go next year as a Group Leader. My highlights of the trip would be making amazing friends and watching someone yell at the wall and say asparagus in our drama activity. I would love to thank Rotary a million times for this amazing opportunity!!
Diving into Intensive Swimming!

This week and next week K-6 are doing intensive swimming. This helps the students to learn or improve on their swimming skills. Left: Mitchell Collins about to dive. Lower left: Reuben West diving. Lower right: students learning backstroke. Bottom: Mr Cattle giving his group a pep talk. By Vanessa Robb
Intensive Swimming
by Isabelle Archibald
From Monday the 23rd of November to Friday the 4th of December during periods 4 and 5, students from Years K-6 are participating in Intensive Swimming lessons. Intensive Swimming teaches students skills and techniques to use when swimming. There are four groups instructed by Miss Whiley, Mr Cattle, Mrs Stokes and Mrs Ross.
K-6 are doing Intensive Swimming lessons daily from Monday 23rd of November to Friday 4th of December at Ungarie Swimming Pool. The training is done by Mr Cattle, Mrs Stokes, Mrs Ross and Miss Whiley.

By Danielle Cattle
SCIENCE with Mrs Ward
5/6 Science have been learning about solids, liquids and gases. On Monday they made ‘oobleck’ from cornflour, water and just a little touch of food coloring. Is it a solid or a liquid? Is it both?
Above: Abby Wason and Tess Henley.
Above Right: Ella McRae. Left: Jett Brew.
Right: Madi Cassidy and Prue West.
Below: William Batty and Jack Crofts.