VHS Anzac Ceremony

Once again staff and students from Vincentia High school came together with Official Guests and representatives from the Australian Defence Force to commemorate Anzac Day. Our school students, leaders and cadets represented Vincentia High exceptionally well at the Huskisson ceremony and also at our whole school assembly. Thank you to all involved and especially our guests who attended. Thanks also to our guest speakers Major Glenn Kolomeitz – Vice President Gerringong RSL Sub Branch and Lieutenant Kurt Ploszczyniec – HMAS Creswell for giving students an insight into defence life and why we honour Anzac Day.

A special thank you to the Sussex Inlet RSL Sub-Branch, represented by Mr David Lewis, who donated $500 to Vincentia High School.
Left: Previous student Tayla Garner in her ceremonial uniform taken after the dawn service at The Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

Message from parent:
“Tayla is really enjoying the challenges that life at The Australian Defence Academy brings. The good education and regular study habits as a former student of Vincentia High have helped her achieve her dream of joining the army and continues to help her with the heavy University study requirements at ADFA”.
With appreciation,
Cindy Garner
Cross Country

At the end of last term, despite the threat of bad weather, our students eagerly took part in the Cross Country event at Plantation Point. We had some great results with the top 10 students from each age group going on to the Zone Cross Country. This event will be held on Friday 16th May at Willandra Cambewarra. We encourage all our students to attend as our aim is to be placed third overall. Good luck VHS Athletes!
**What’s happening at VHS**

**Thursday 08/05/2014**
- Support class - Year 12 Taste of Transitions to work
- Gumbari School @The Farm
- Yr 11 Hospitality Work Placement
- VET construction Brick and Block laying course

**Friday 09/05/2014**
- Gumbari Reward Excursions
- Gumbari School @The Farm
- Yr 11 Hospitality Work Placement
- VET construction Brick and Block laying course

**Monday 12/05/2014**
- Support class - Year 12 Taste of Transition to work
- NAPLAN

**Tuesday 13/05/2014**
- APOLA Ocean Safety Surfer Award - Gumbari
- Koori Radio Station Bay and Basin FM
- NAPLAN

**Wednesday 14/05/2014**
- Gumbari Booderoo Program - Booderee National Park
- Gumbari Mens Shed Program - Mens Shed Sanctuary Point
- NAPLAN
- WHS Induction (White Card)

**Thursday 15/05/2014**
- Support class Year 12 Taste of Transitions to work
- Gumbari School @The Farm
- NAPLAN

**Friday 16/05/2014**
- Gumbari Reward Excursions
- Gumbari School @The Farm
- NAPLAN
- Zone Cross Country - Cambewarra

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**Donations of Agapanthus for Gumbari Unit at Vincentia High School**

Gumbari are looking for any free agapanthus to beautify the driveway area of Gumbari.

We can come and pick them up. Please contact Janeece Scott here at school on 4441 6766 and she will organise pickup.

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**Leadership and Social Engagement Contacts**

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**Term Dates:**

- **Term 1 2014**
  - 28th January - 11th April 2014

- **Term 2 2014**
  - 28th April - 27th June 2014

- **Term 3 2014**
  - 14th July - 19th September 2014

- **Term 4 2014**
  - 17th October - 19th December

**Parents and students are requested not to use the staff car park - this is dangerous and causes congestion.**
The first week back since the Easter Holidays has been very settled and students have been working well. The attendance, uniform and behaviour during last week’s ANZAC Assembly were exemplary and all students represented the school and their community well. We have received a number of compliments from community members and organizations, some of whom were so impressed they have offered monetary scholarships to students.

Year 12 have completed their Half Yearly exams and have received their results. Surprises for some students, both pleasant and not so pleasant, are bound to have emerged in this set of results. Students will hopefully use this as an indicator of what they need to do from now on to achieve their goals. Yr 12 reports are being created and will be distributed in Week 3 of this term with a parent-teacher organised for Year 11 and 12 on the Tuesday evening of Week 4 (May 20 from 4pm).

Next week (Tuesday through to Thursday) the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students Years 7 and 9. This exam will be used to assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard. We have provided some time for catch-up tests on Friday, however, it is very important that all students in Years 7-9 attend for these exams.

This term we also begin our in2uni program with Wollongong University. This will see selected students in Years 7-8 working on their critical thinking skills with a team of tutors from the university on a weekly basis. This Academic Mentoring Program aims to provide students with a ‘taste’ of studying university style projects whilst still at school. Year 9 and 10 students will also get to be involved in The UNItique Experience Day at the university, which is an opportunity for them to experience University life for a day. Students will be invited to take part in faculty-based taster sessions, alumni experience workshops and information sessions about university degrees, subject selection and making the transition to senior study. Year 11 students will be taking part in a series of study skills workshops over the course of the year to assist them in preparing for their senior studies. The workshops are delivered by trained In2Uni Mentors and focus on goal setting and academic advising, essay writing, research skills and exam preparation and time management. Similarly, Year 12 students are participating in a program to assist them in preparing for the HSC and making post-school career decisions. The mentoring sessions are delivered by trained In2Uni Mentors who will guide the students through subject material as well as providing mentoring around higher education admissions processes and career goals. Also the university is provided extra tutoring in Mathematics, English and Humanities for Year 12 students. These sessions are available to all Year 12 students in the Library during sport on Thursdays and during the Homework Centre each Wednesday afternoon.

Currently, most students are attempting to wear the correct uniform with pride each day. However, with the onset of colder weather there has been a noticeable decline in correct school attire. Of particular concern is the wearing of non-school pants and hooded jumpers. It is essential that students wear the appropriate school uniform each day. If you require financial assistance to meet this standard please contact either the principal or one of the deputies to explore financial aid. The correct school uniform is outlined in the Student Handbook and can be accessed through the front office. Anecdotally, the majority of issues with students being out of bounds, truanting or being non-compliant with teachers are often with students who are also out of uniform.

Just a reminder to all students and their families that regular attendance at school is essential if students are to reach their potential. Our school, in partnership with parents, makes school attendance a very high priority. At Vincentia High School there are far too many students who continue to be absent from school without valid reasons. Don’t forget that good school attendance leads to better school results, better peer relationships and better life chances! Support your child’s success at school by getting them there! Also, always inform the office of absences. Students can bring in absence notes and submit them to their role call teacher.

Paul Taylor Relieving Principal
The values of Vincentia High School are

Respect, Responsibility
& Personal Best

Tickets have been donated to the school by Integrity Real Estate in recognition of our school values.

This week’s recipients are:

Dyson Hogan, Nick Kennedy, Katherine Sinnott and Carey Beehag - Year 7

These four students always go beyond what is required of them as learners and often stay behind during lunch and after school to help pack up equipment after prac lessons or clean up the room, most often when the mess they are cleaning up is not theirs. Wonderful citizens of our school community!

Sakari Middleton - Year 9

Modelled great empathy and kindness to a student that needed a bit of camaraderie.

Travis Lawson - Year 9

He made an excellent independent choice to change his sport class when he thought he may make poor choices with the group enrolled.

Jack Paterson - Year 11 and Lathan Humphries - Year 7

These 2 students have been noticed by the community for carrying a Year 3 girls bike to VPS before school as she had a flat tyre. This act of kindness made them late for school but were destined to help out.

These values can be shown in many ways within the school community.

It is these actions of our students we, as a school, are proud of and wish to acknowledge.

Each week a student/s from the school, in any year, will receive a FREE movie ticket to the Huskisson Theatre as recognition of their VHS spirit.

Congratulations to our winners!
The Australian Physie and Dance Association is now taking registrations for Term 2. All ages and abilities are encouraged to come and try a free class and experience this fantastic and inexpensive, nationwide dance sport. Your registration includes a free dvd and cd with all the dances for you to practice at home. Performance opportunities include teams, individual competition, nationals, Sydney Opera House, eisteddfods and more. Classes operating in Nowra, Culburra and Vincentia. For more information please email shoalhavenphysiedanceschool@hotmail.com or phone 0410 605 249.

Sussex Inlet Dental Surgery

At the start of the year you may have received a letter from the Australian Government Department of Health letting you know that your children were eligible for dental benefit under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. This scheme provides up to $1000 in benefits for basic dental treatment, capped over two consecutive calendar year.

We are pleased to be letting parents/carers know we will be bulk billing the Child benefits Dental Scheme to Medicare directly, which includes dental examinations, cleans, fluorides, filling fissure seals, extractions, x-rays and root canal treatments. We also use Happy Gas to make their dental experience the easiest ever, if needed. So feel free to give us a ring on 4441 2504 or drop in to the Surgery to make an appointment with Dr Penny or Dr Ron Maharaj.

Vincentia High Music Department now have their own Facebook page!

If you are a music student or the parent of a music student, add https://www.facebook.com/VincentiaHighMusicDept on Facebook to keep up to date with classroom activities, performances and the general goings on of the VHS music community.

Parent information will be cross checked with school records before their friendship request is accepted.

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TIMETABLE AT VINCENTIA PUBLIC SCHOOL
Tuesday, 3.30pm - 4.00pm Preschoolers
4pm - 5pm 5/8 Years
5pm-6pm 9/12 Years
6pm-7pm Teens
7pm-8pm Ladies/Mum

SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL
Students travelling on a school bus to and from school are required to have a valid school bus pass for the school service they are catching. If a valid school pass cannot be shown a fare will be charged. In the event the school bus pass is lost, some form of student ID is to be shown whilst obtaining a replacement pas (fee applies). You can help make your child’s school journey more pleasant by ensuring your child has a valid school bus pass and presents it to the driver in the morning AND afternoon. Parents are reminded that the School Free Travel is only valid from home to school as per conditions on the back of the pass. Fares will be charged for all other journeys.

If you have any questions or your child requires a new pass please contact the appropriate company
Shoal Bus Ph: 4423 2122
Nowra Coaches Ph: 4423 5244
Kennedy’s Bus Service Ph: 4421 7596
Stuart’s Coaches Ph: 4421 0332
K - 12 Tutoring

Kindergarten – Year 6 subjects à Early stage 1 through to Stage 3 (ALL KLAs): English, Mathematics, Science and Technology, Human Society and its Environment (HSIE), Creative Arts and Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE).


Extremely competitive rate: $40 for a single hour lesson per week or $38 per lesson if paid for one school term in advance.

Will focus on specific choice of subjects or all.

All ages welcome and I will come to you!

I am a Postgraduate (4th year) University student studying a Graduate Diploma of Education – Primary. I have also had almost 4 years of experience in the field of Junior and High School tutoring.

My previous students have all received outstanding results!

Get in quick before all places have been reserved for 2014!

Looking forward to hearing back from new students and current students, and an exciting year with all of my students!

Phone: Zac on 0423770996 (text or call)
SPEECH PATHOLOGY and OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY APPOINTMENTS

SPOT4KIDS will be conducting Speech Pathology and Occupational Therapy appointments at Cullunghutti Aboriginal Child and Family Centre in Holloway Road, East Nowra each Tuesday and Friday.

The Speech Pathologist is Lisa Hulyk. The Occupational Therapist is Jessica Kyllonen.

Referrals:
While SPOT4KIDS is a private practice there are a number of funding options available for eligible children. Please note that SPOT4KIDS are providers for all of the funding options listed below. Please use this outline of the funding options as a guide only as funding items are subject to change.

1. Enhanced Primary Care Plan (EPC) – (also known as GP Management Plans)
   Entitles the client to 5 Medicare rebated allied health sessions (Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Psychology etc) per calendar year. There are two main criteria as follows:
   
   (a) The symptoms or diagnosis must have been present for six months or is expected to be present for six months (i.e. is a chronic diagnosis).
   
   (a) The child has the need for two allied health professionals (Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Physiotherapy, Psychology, Optometry etc).

   The EPC can only be completed by the child’s General Practitioner (GP) [not even the paediatrician] and provision of an EPC is at the GP’s discretion, based on eligibility criteria.

2. Helping Children with Autism Package (HCWA)
   
   (b) Children 0-6 (not yet at school), with autism or autistic spectrum disorders, are eligible for up to $12,000 of funding from the Department of Social Services (DSS) to increase access to early intervention. They are allowed to spend $6,000 maximum in any one financial year, and up to $2,000 of that may be spent on recommended equipment.
   
   (c) As of 1 July 2008, all children 0-15yrs with autism or who are on the autistic spectrum (ASD) are entitled to 4 Medicare subsidised allied health assessments and 20 intervention (therapy) sessions for allied health (Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology and/or Psychology). Children with less prevalent pervasive developmental disorders such as Rhett’s Disorder, Asperger’s Syndrome and Disintegrative Disorder are also eligible.

   The process to gain access to this funding is as follows:

   The child (parent) needs to get a referral from the GP to the paediatrician or psychiatrist who made the diagnosis, who can then refer to the allied health professional such as us. There is no specific referral form for this - a letter with the paediatrician’s or psychiatrist’s letterhead only is required. It is our understanding that the paediatrician/psychiatrist appointment is also subsidised. The paediatrician or psychiatrist is responsible for the development of these care plans. If you already have a referral to a paediatrician/psychiatrist for the purpose of autism diagnosis and it is current within the last 12 months, then you may not have to go back to the GP, however, this is at the discretion of the paediatrician/psychiatrist.

3. Care Plans for people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Descent
   As of 1 November 2008, a new initiative to assist people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander decent was introduced. This initiative entitles eligible clients to 5 Medicare rebated allied health sessions (e.g. Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy) per calendar year, in addition to an EPC (number 1 above).