Vincentia High School’s Alpaca Program

As part of the Agriculture subject at Vincentia High School, Mr Worthy runs the VHS Alpaca Program. His aim is to involve our students in animal welfare and training, leading to the public showing of Vincentia High’s Alpacas.

Our students have put in a lot of time and effort, participating in “Alpaca” camps, attending specific training days with tuition by Kate Thomas and also giving up their weekends to attend the various shows.

The whole school has supported the Alpaca’s training by helping them prepare for crowds and conditions similar to that at the shows. This involved Alpacas being lead through the playground at recess and lunch with short excursions into the Deputies & Principal’s offices.

A large thanks must be given to the TAS staff and students who converted a second hand dual axel mower trailer into an Alpaca trailer in a very short time. This enabled the Alpacas and the equipment to be transported to the RAS Easter Show.

Our students received some great individual results with Yasmin Holland achieving third place ribbon in Showmanship and Rosemary De Fries second place in the showmanship and Stockmanship events.
Results from the Camden Alpaca Show

This program has been a great success, culminating in Rosemary De Fries winning the Reserve Champion ribbon for Senior Youth Parader at the Royal Easter Show!

Congratulations to all staff and students involved, these results reflect the time and effort you have all put into this program.

Just this weekend gone our team of 6 students, together with Mr Gary Worthy, Mrs Glad Worthy and Miss Marion Worthy, travelled early to the Hawkesbury Show Alpaca Junior Judging and Junior Handling Competition. This involved walking unknown alpaca’s through obstacles, and also ranking them on their fleece and appearance, justifying their decision using a loud speaker addressing the whole crowd.

Everyone the students have been involved with from the Aplaca industry have been positive and very supportive but none more than Dr Ian Davison and Janie Marie Hicks from Coolawarra Stud, who mentored the students at various shows and loaned valuable breeding stock to Vincentia High.

If you’d like to support this program the VHS Alpacas will be on display at Bunnings Nowra Open Day on Saturday 24th May (grassed area). Also on Saturday 26th July the VHS Alpaca Program and parents will be holding a fundraising BBQ and Alpaca display from 8am – 4.30pm.

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**What’s Happening at VHS**

**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 Mrs Scott
- Gumbari School @The Farm pds 3 & 6 Mrs Scott
- NAPLAN Mr Brady
- Zone Cross Country - Cambewarra all day Mr Raftery

**Monday 19/05/2014**
- After school dance company/school performance space Ms Norman
- Year12 Taste of Transition to work Greenacres Nowra Mrs Clark all day

**Tuesday 20/05/2014**
- APOLA Ocean Safety Surfer Award Mr Mason pd 5 & 6
- Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience Shoalhaven Campus Mrs Brown all day
- Koori Radio Station & Bay and Basin FM pds 5 & 6 until end of term
- Parent/Teacher Night years 11 &12 from 4.00pm

**Wednesday 21/05/2014**
- Gumbari Booderee Program - Chillax Booderee National Park pds 5 7 6 Mr Asbury
- Gumbari Mens Shed Program Sanctuary Point pds 5 & 6 Mr Mason
- Athletics Carnival

**Thursday 22/05/2014**
- Year 12 Taste of Transition to work Greenacres Nowra Mrs Clark all day
- Industry Visit Youth Advisory Committee Mrs McIntyre Shoalhaven Council pds 1 - 6
- Gumbari School @ the Farm Streamside Dr Woollamia, Campbells Rd Gerringong Berry

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**Leadership and Social Engagement Contacts**

- M Morris Year 7 Adviser
- G Keogh Year 8 Adviser
- J Powter Year 9 Adviser
- J von Stieglitz Year 10 Adviser
- H Pastor Year 10 Adviser
- P Raftery Year 11 Adviser
- S Brunswick Year 12 Adviser

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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

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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.
Deputy Principal Report

Term 2 has started off well, students have returned settled and ready for work. A reminder that the weather will continue to get colder and students will need school jumpers to keep them warm.

Vincentia High School is a uniform school and students are reminded that uniforms are to be worn at all times.

Our school cross country was a huge success with both students and staff enjoying the day at Plantation Point.

This term is becoming increasingly busy with a number of events on the calendar.

Year 11 and 12 have a parent teacher evening on the 20th May, from 4 - 6pm. There will also be an Indigenous Rangers information night about the up and coming excursion to Queensland for parents. This will be in the common room from 5.30 - 6.00pm

At present years 7 and 9 are participating in NAPLAN and we wish all students good luck.

Our athletics carnival will be held at the Sanctuary Point Oval on the 21st May, so we are hoping for great weather for that event. All students are expected to attend.

On Friday the 30th May the whole school will be involved in a Welfare day where students in their year groups will be involved in fun activities.

Our Bay and Basin AECG meeting will be held on the 15th May at the Sanctuary Point Primary School, all are welcome.

Regards
Paul Hogan
Deputy Principal Special Programs

REPORTING & REPORTS

Just a quick update from the Reporting Team
Different stages/years have different reporting requirements and dates.

Stage 6
Year 12
They receive their reports mid-course
Their HSC year starts term 4 and goes through to the end of the following term 3.
Therefore their reports are due to be distributed within the 1st half of term 2.

Year 11
They receive their reports mid-course.
There are only 3 terms in the year 11 course. Therefore they write exams and complete assessments mid-term 2 and their reports are distributed end of term 2.

Stage 4 & Stage 5 (Years 7-10)
At VHS we report in a mid-year and an end of year format. This means you will receive a mid-point assessment of your student and then a cumulative end of year assessment. Therefore students will complete exams and assessments towards the end of term 2 and term 4.

Reports are written (normally during the break) and will be distributed in week 2 of term 3 and week 10 of term 4.
Some faculties have semesterised reports. This is generally where the subject matter taught changes from Semester 1 to Semester 2. For example the HSIE faculty will teach History in one semester and Geography in the other. These reports are stand-alone from each other.

If you have any queries or concerns do not hesitate to call me.
Kind regards,
Petra Greyling Head Teacher Stage 5
The Annual Vincentia High School Athletics carnival will be held on Wednesday May 21st.
The carnival is held at Sanctuary Point Oval. As in previous years it is a compulsory school day. The day is about getting involved, having fun, and learning new skills. Be sure to stay sun safe and wear your house colours. Even though it is a school day uniform is not compulsory, we would love to see you in house colours.

Each student is required to pay $1 for ground and equipment hire. This will be collected on the day during roll call at the venue and will cover the cost of hiring and repair/replacement of equipment used for the carnival.

School buses will drop the students at the oval in the morning, and pick them up from the oval in the afternoon.

Students who make their way to school through other methods of transport are advised that the day will commence at 8:20am for roll call, with the carnival starting promptly at 8:30am.

The Carnival was a huge success last year and this year should be even bigger and better, with more rivalry expected in the house tug-o-war competition and the chuck-a-chook.

In the event of wet weather, broadcasts will be made on local radio stations from 6.30am.

Students finishing first or second in their event will qualify for the Zone Athletics Carnival to be held at Shoalhaven High School on Wednesday 4th June. Regional Athletics will be in Canberra on Friday 1st August.

HOUSE / COLOUR / SURNAME
Ghudinja - Yellow (A-D)
Mudgie - Green (E-L)
Orbi - Black (M-R),
Waki - Red (S-Z)
Yours In Sport
Mr P. Raftery

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Head lice

The facts:

Head lice infestations are a common occurrence, particularly in schools.
- about 23% of students have head lice at any one time
- anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age, sex, or how clean their hair is
- head lice move from one person's head to another via hair
- head lice do not survive long when they are off a human head
- head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding or carpet
- head lice have built up some resistance to head lice treatments

Treatment:
- daily combing of white hair conditioner using a fine tooth comb is effective in getting rid of head lice and eggs (nits)
- Many different treatments are available from any Pharmacy

Tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice:

As infestations are particularly common in schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.
- regularly check your children's hair
- teach older children to check their own hair
- tie back and braid long hair
- keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.
“THE RIDE TO CONQUER CANCER”
Come and support the ROLLING DRONES raise funds for Cancer

Teams of 6 - 8

TRIVIA NIGHT

Raffles with Stacks of GREAT Prizes Nibbles

When: Saturday 28th June 2014 7 - 10.30 pm

Where: Club Jervis Bay Owen Street Huskisson

Entry Fee: $10 per person

For bookings phone Melinda 0429222633 or Peta on 0423579590
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.

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 pass (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

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.
Lloyd Rees

Need some log book hours? An opportunity for you and your supervisor to experience a range of driving conditions including Police RBT and Driver Reviver fatigue stops.

You can do this and more on the Lloyd Rees Log Book Run to be held on Saturday, 17 May 2014 starting at 11.00am and finishing at 3.00pm in Nowra. On this Log Book Run you will be visiting areas where Lloyd Rees drew his inspiration.

Lloyd Rees, The road to Berry, 1947 © AGNSW

For more details and bookings please call Shoalhaven City Council's Road Safety Office, Kathy Wiseham on 4429 3484.
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EVERYDAY CareSouth
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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).
   -(b) 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).