‘Grace gives Inspiration’

Vincentia High School student Grace Kennedy was born with Spina Bifida and is wheelchair bound. At the age of 19 Grace completed the 2013 Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race. She has since been invited to give many inspirational speeches and attend a variety of presentations at local primary schools and throughout the wider community. Grace said that she has been overwhelmed with the amount of interest that people in the community have had about her experience of being an active crew member on board ‘Kayle’ a 54 foot yacht designed to give people with a disability the opportunity to sail.

During the past month Grace has spoken at the ‘Inspired 2014 Shoalhaven Women’s Conference’ at Bomaderry Bowling Club to inspire others to achieve their dreams. Grace spoke at the Variety Club dinner at Club Jervis Bay Huskisson to a standing ovation and has presented at a number of local primary school assemblies and prefect inductions.

Last week Grace was inducted onto the ‘Wall of Fame’ at Vincentia Primary School. This Wall recognises outstanding achievements of past students. Grace was a speaker at the ‘See Change’ festival ‘Coming Home’ event that was designed to celebrate, and be inspired by, the talent and achievements of locals who grew up and were educated in the Shoalhaven. Grace also spoke at the ‘Community Support Services EXPO’ that was held at Sanctuary Point Public School on Thursday 29th May, 2014.

Grace said that as a result of all the events and public speaking she has attended, she has grown and matured as a person gaining more self confidence every day. The benefits of the race have given me far more than the sailing experience!
What’s happening at VHS

Thursday 05/06/2014
- Yr 12 Taste of Transition to work Greenacres Nowra
- Gumbari School @ the Farm Streamside Drive, Woollamia, Campbells Road, Gerringong Berry
- Yrs 9/10 Half Yearly Exams
- IT Work Placement
- Indigenous Ranger Program NSW/QLD
- Open Boys AFL Gala Day Artie Smith Oval

Friday 06/06/2014
- Gumbari School @ the Farm Streamside Drive, Woollamia, Campbells Road, Gerringong Berry
- Gumbari Reward Excursions various locations
- Yr 6 to 7 Vincentia High School Quiz day - local Primary Schools
- Society & Culture Study Day Wesley Conference Centre Sydney

Monday 09/06/2014
- Liz’s Birthday Long Weekend

Tuesday 10/06/2014
- APOLA Ocean Safety Surfer Award/Collingwood Beach Bay & Basin Leisure Centre
- Koori Radio Station, Bay & Basin FM
- Yr 10 Subject Selection Evening 6.45 - 7.30pm in Hall
- Parent/Teacher interviews yrs 7 - 10 4.00pm to 7.30pm in rooms
- FADS Program at Vincentia High School Mrs A Taylor all day

Wednesday 11/06/2014
- Gumbari Mens Shed Program Sanctuary Point Mr Mason pds 5 & 6
- Gumbari Booderoo Program - Chillax Booderee National Park Mr Asbury pds 5 & 6
- Coondoo Classic 2014 Mountain Bike event, Coondoo Road MTB course Mr Wright 2 Days

Thursday 12/06/2014
- Gumbari School @ the Farm Streamside Drive, Woollamia, Campbells Road, Gerringong Berry Mrs Scott pds 1 - 4
- Yr 12 Taste of Transition to work Greenacres Nowra all day Mrs Clark
- Coondoo Classic 2014 Mountain Bike event, Coondoo Road MTB course Mr Wright Yrs 11 & 12 Sport Life & Recreation Coondoo Volunteers all day

Friday 13/06/2014
- Gumbari reward excursion various location Mrs Scott pds 3 - 6
- Gumbari School @ the Farm Streamside Drive, Woollamia, Campbells Road, Gerringong Berry Mrs Scott pds 1 - 4
- Compulsory RTO VET assessment at Vincentia High School pds 1 - 5 Mr Swanson

Monday 16/06/2014
- Yr 12 Taste of Transition to work Greenacres Nowra all day Mrs Clark
- After School dance company in the Performance Space Ms Norman
- Yr 11 Hospitality work placement
- Yr 11 Retail work placement
- Yr 6 to 7 Willing and able activity day
- Compulsory RTO VET assessment at Vincentia High School pds 1 - 4 Mr Swanson

Leadership and Social Engagement Contacts

M Morris Year 7 Adviser
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Term Dates:

Term 2 2014
28th April - 27th June 2014

Term 3 2014
14th July - 19th September 2014

Term 4 2014
7th October - 19th December

Parents and students are requested not to use the staff car park - this is dangerous and causes congestion
It never ceases to amaze me how powerful an effect a book can have on a person. I feel lucky every day that I have been blessed with a love for the written word, as no other form of entertainment can be so transformative and rely so heavily on the power of your own imagination. Amazingly, we have the ability to use stories to feel a plethora of human emotions; they can teach us about friendship, survival, love, horrors, pain, tragedy, other worlds, other times, other people and importantly ourselves.

In the English staffroom, it is no surprise that we talk a lot about reading – as books seem to be our business – but it can be difficult to motivate adolescents to read for pleasure, particularly in this time of technology. So...when a book manages to capture the hearts of our students we know that the author must be doing something right! This week, John Green’s ‘The Fault in our Stars’ has been a much-discussed story as students mosey past our office door and examine our book wall of ‘must reads’. It may have something to do with this week’s movie release of the very popular book – have you heard of it?

It’s no secret that books are ALWAYS better than their movie counterparts but the release of ‘The Fault in our Stars’ has us excited because so many students are talking about this popular novel. This could be the perfect opportunity for you to talk to your child about reading and encourage them to pick up the book before they head to the cinemas. It is beautifully written and sensitive in its exploration of some very serious issues. You will definitely need the Kleenex!

This got us thinking about some of our favourite novel to film transformations. Want to get your child reading? This list could be the perfect place to start. You might not realise this but the following stories were novels long before they became your favourite flick – check them out (from your library) ASAP:

- *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
- *The Perks of being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chobsky
- *Divergent* by Veronika Roth
- *The Notebook* by Nicholas Sparks
- *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman
- *Harry Potter* by J K Rowling
- *The Invention of Hugo Caberet* by Brian Selznick (Hugo)
- *Carrie* by Stephen King
- *Twilight* by Stephanie Meyer

Reading is the movie your mind makes, enjoy the experience. YOU will always be the best director!

Let me leave you with this line from John Green’s novel:

“My thoughts are like stars that I can’t fathom into constellations.”

What a beautifully poetic way to say, I can’t think straight!

Have a great end of term.
Renee Gilbert
Head Teacher English
Celebrating our school spirit!

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 weeks recipients are:

**Keira Rohrt - Year 11**

Has volunteered to help and assist the running of the new Cafe. Her experience and skills will be invaluable to our newcomers.

**Nicholas Goddard - Year 8**

For always doing his personal best and considering the well-being of others.

**Riley Seery - Year 7**

For his positive and hardworking efforts. He is showing his personal best in all areas.

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!
Aboriginal Education
Consultative Group

The AECG is the leading consultative body for Aboriginal education in NSW. The Bays and Basin Local AECG meet twice a term to discuss Aboriginal Education in our area. We encourage Parent and Community participation at these meetings and extend an invitation to any interested persons to attend. Following are the Dates for 2014.

**Term 2:**
11th June - 4pm - Vincentia Public School.

**Term 3:**
30th July - 4pm - St Georges Basin Public School.
27th August - 4pm - Sussex Inlet Public School

**Term 4:**
22nd October - 4pm - Vincentia High School
9th November - 4pm - Sanctuary Point Public School.
Parent Workshops:

“Rites of Passage”  June 26
“Post School Options”  July 24
“Resiliency”  August 28
“Life Skills safe partying, drugs & drinking”  October 30
“Christmas Party”  November 27

These workshops are held prior to the P & C meetings each month in conjunction with Bay & Basin Community Resources. These workshops are designed to engage, enthral & enlighten the life and times of teenagers, adolescent psychology and the trials of moving through high school to life and beyond …….

Location: Library
Time: 6pm to 7.30pm

Interested parents and carers are invited to stay for the P & C Meeting where you can have your say and become involved without school community. Join us for light refreshments and a stimulating time...

Student Representative Council Elections

The Student Representative Council (SRC) will be holding the 2014/2015 Captains speeches in Week 8 of this term and the Year 7 to 11 elections will be in week 9 of this term. Any student that would like to run for the SRC for 2014/2015 please see Ms C. McIntyre for a nomination form.

The Induction Ceremony for the new SRC will be held in Week 2 of Term 3.

The Lion King

The year 8 through to year 12 Textiles and Design classes went to Sydney to see the Lion King Musical to get inspiration for their Costume study. The students were accompanied by Mr Gibson and Ms McIntyre who said that it was a really positive day and the students were buzzing afterwards. Ms McIntyre is looking forward to seeing the students designs!
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

K - 12 Tutoring
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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!

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