COMING EVENTS

February

This Week:
Tuesday 26th:  * Year 6 to Vincentia High School
Thursday 28th: * Assembly 11.20 am - Year 3/4
                * Scripture

March:
Friday 1st:    * Clean up Australia Day

Week 6:
Friday 8th:    * Soccer Trials

Week 7:
Tuesday 12th:  * Vision Screening - Kindergarten
                * Poetry Performance Yrs 2 and 3
Wednesday 13th: * Choir
Thursday 14th: * Assembly
Friday 15th:   * Rugby League and Netball Trials

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

A congratulation to Huskisson’s contingent at the District Carnival who represented South Shoalhaven so well. All reports say that our swimmers were well behaved and gave 100% in every event. Very successful swimmers from our school were Bronte Wright, Noah Simpson and the Junior Girls Relay Team who should be fantastic representatives at the Regional Carnival. Bronte was Junior Girl Champion, an accomplishment she swam her heart out to achieve. Well done!

A big ‘thank you’ to Michael Eid (John’s dad) who saw that there was a problem with links in the play equipment, brought it to our notice and then repaired it himself. Thank you, very much.

If your child has any of the following - Asthma, Allergies or Anaphylaxis they will require an updated action plan for the school to deal with any issues that arise requiring staff to administer medication. We will affix a photo and keep a copy of your child’s needs in our First Aid room. From your child’s enrolment form we have identified those children who have asthma, need medication at school for allergies or have severe reactions. Forms for these issues are being sent home this week. Please complete these and return to the school. Children with Asthma have two forms. It is possible that your child has developed a condition since their enrolment. Please contact the office for forms if this is so.

Just a reminder that Scripture begins on Thursday, with all children attending either Non-Denominational or Catholic Scripture, unless you have provided a note. We have previously attempted to get Ethics classes going, but the small number of students that can access this class has made it not possible. Perhaps one day the rules will change.

All schools have Emergency Procedures which are followed if the school either needs to be evacuated or if the students and adults need to stay in rooms. Therefore we need to be certain we know who is in the school. Please make sure that you sign the visitor’s book if you come in to help in the classroom, canteen or meeting with teachers. Alongside the Sign On book I have placed a Parent Volunteers Code of Conduct. All volunteers, please take one, sign it and return it to the office. Some parents have not been mindful of the distress it causes others when you spread misinformation, cyber-bully or disregard the rights of students and school workers.

Thank you,

Helen Wimmer
UNIFORMS
The Uniform Shop will be open on Mondays 3.00-3.30pm. Hats can be purchased from the office for $12 at any time.
Orders for Waterproof Jackets (polar fleece) can now be placed at Uniform shop or ring Karen 44417222

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CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2013
We are having our Clean Up Australia day on Friday 1st March
Parents welcome.
Children are encouraged to bring gloves to wear for the clean up and have their broad brimmed hat to wear while outside.

SMOKE-FREE AREAS
New Requirements for Smoke-Free Areas are as follows:
Within 10 metres of children’s play equipment in an outdoor public place
Open areas of public swimming pool complexes
Spectator areas of sports grounds or other recreational areas during organised sporting events
At public transport stops and stations, including platforms of passenger railways and light-rail stations, ferry wharves, light-rail stops, bus stops, taxi ranks and the area where people gather or queue to wait for the bus, taxi or light rail.
Within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance or exit from a public building (meaning a non-residential building or a building that combines residential and commercial uses). This requirement will operate from 6 July 2015 for hotels, clubs, restaurants and cafes.

Thank You
Many thanks to Heath and Tracy Warnecke from HTW Services for their generous donation of a non-slip mat for the canteen. They also kindly donated their services to install new tops and splashback.

YEAR 7 - 2014 : VINCENTIA HIGH SCHOOL Invitation Tuesday 26th February 6.00pm-7.00pm Prospective students and parents
We are opening the school on Tuesday February 26th for families considering enrolment at Vincentia for 2014. There will be a short meeting to introduce the school and some of the key people for 2014 and to outline the transition activities over the year. This will be followed by a tour of the school to showcase the activities and experiences that students will have at high school.
Come along and find out what we can do for you.

Thank You
Thank you to Annette Cape for the donation of a saucepan and bowls to the canteen.
PARENT & CARER NEWS

Next P & C Meeting: AGM, March (date to be confirmed next week)

Hi Folks,

Special thanks today to Tracy and Heath (Charlotte's parents) for kindly donating a brand new rubber mat for the canteen floor beneath the hand-washing basin - much appreciated by all canteen volunteers and our young budding chefs!

Thanks also to Alison Goodwin and Mrs Wimmer for finding out about a great opportunity for parents to participate in local training to be part of a panel to interview prospective new staff to the school. This will be held on Thursday, 14th March, 3.30-5.30 at Vincentia Public School. Afternoon tea will be provided at no cost. It is open to all parents and grandparents so please contact me or Ali ASAP if you would like more information. Once we have a few candidates who are committed to doing the training, the P&C can vote on an official representative (and at least one back up person!) for the parent community to be able to participate in a range of key staffing decisions that affect the whole school community.

In other news, it is great to see so many parents, grandparents and friends of the school already getting stuck in to helping around the school from everything from working in the garden, helping in the classroom, canteen and sporting events and extra special activities like the 5/6 fitness program and gifted and talented workshops - even by folks who do not have kids directly involved in any of these activities! You truly are wonderful people and - hopefully - an inspiration to others on the joys of giving directly to your local community.

Last but not least I would like to add my own special recognition on behalf of the P&C to all our fantastic new student leaders for 2013 (including captains, house captains and SRC) who had to grow up fast into their new responsibility for their peers in a whole range of duties both in and out of the schoolyard. In such a small school it can be a little daunting to be constantly under the spotlight for everything you do - or don't do --even as adults! I have been hearing wonderful reports of individual acts of kindness and good citizenship from everything to picking up other kids' rubbish, helping retrieve lost hand-balls and doing their best to ensure fair-play and tolerance for all ages in the playground and at sporting events.

As parents, we often hear 2nd and 3rd hand 'bad news' tales from our little playground spies, but sometimes good behaviour gets taken for granted. Having been involved in many different schools around the country over the years, I am constantly impressed at what a lovely caring and cohesive little school community we have - so thanks kids (and teachers!), for making our job as volunteers in the P&C so worthwhile.

Please feel free to contact me anytime with feedback or ideas - or to find out how you can get involved in some small but vital way in the new and improved P&C committee for 2013.

Cheers

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CANEEN

Canteen will be open tomorrow, Wednesday 27th February. Canteen helpers this week: Noelene Honey and Kim Hair

Hopefully the Party Quiche Lorraines will be here tomorrow. They will be 80c each - not $1.10.

Thanks – Gail Hodgson
44415854

COMMUNITY NEWS

SINGING & PIANO LESSONS

Singing and piano lessons – tuition in classical, music theatre and contemporary styles for all ages. Also offering piano for beginners, AMEB grades and theory. Studio in Vincentia. Contact Olivia Corish - B. Mus (Hons) Grad Dip Ed. on 44416028.

SANCTUARY POINT YOUTH and COMMUNITY CENTRE

FORUM every fortnight: Upcoming Dates 8th and 22nd March for 12-18 year olds.

The youth forum will be held from 5.00pm-7.00pm every 2nd Friday night at the Sanctuary Point Youth and Community Centre, 34 Paradise Beach Road, Sanctuary Point.

Contact: Gemma or Bec at BBCR for more information.
Phone: 44439244
Email: gemmacpw@bbcri.com.au

St Georges Basin Hockey Club Registration

Date for Registration is Friday 1st March at St Georges Basin Country Club Tennis Courts from 4:30pm Or send an email to basinhockey@gmail.com or call Kirsty on 0401763638 or Vaughan 44229878 to obtain registration details

Please note all training and games are on the synthetic turf at Bernie Regan hockey Fields in North Nowra.
SWIMMING

Congratulations to our swimming team at last week’s District Swimming Carnival. All of the children who competed at the carnival performed very well with many improving on their times from the school carnival. There were some standout performances on the day with Noah Simpson winning the 8Yrs boys 50m freestyle. Our junior girls relay team finished in second place and all swam extremely well. Bronte Wright was outstanding! Bronte won the 50m freestyle, breaststroke, butterfly, the 200m IM and was placed second in the backstroke. This made Bronte the overall junior girl District champion. Well done. Noah, Bronte, Lara Whykes, Molly Smith and Lauren Bailey will now compete at the Regional Carnival on Tuesday 5th March at Dapto. Good luck!

Results from our School Swimming Carnival are available on hard copy.