



VINCENTIA VIBE - THE VOICE OF OUR SCHOOL

Term 4 wk 5a 2011

DEAR PARENTS & STUDENTS

The school certificate exams finish this week and the students who attended the extra exam preparation lessons should perform well as many questions from these days were repeated in the exams. Preparation makes a difference.

The survivor walk happens next week and looks exciting with some new challenges and twists included. Thanks to the staff that have spent many hours in preparation for this event it should be great few days,

Our senior students have been working with the primary schools in maths and poetry writing and have been highly praised by all involved for the expertise and help.

Mr S Glenday
Principal

KLA - GUMBARI UNIT

Term 4 has brought some new exciting changes to the running of the Gumbari unit. To increase student engagement the Gumbari unit are now trialling a new timetable system that allows more flexibility and choice for students, including our daily activities program that runs each afternoon. Some of the activities on offer for the students include, car maintenance, clay sculpture, boxing fitness, basketball, meditation, fishing, cricket, cooking, resume writing, L's knowledge test practice and many more.

Some students have committed themselves to our Bronze Medallion program for the rest of the term. These students are spending two afternoons a week at the leisure centre improving their swimming skills and fitness and another afternoon at school completing the swim safety theory component. We wish all our students the best of luck in achieving their Bronze Medallion.

Our mainstream integration program has been successful this term with an increased number of students integrating into mainstream subjects, including English, HSIE, Science, PDH/PE, Woodwork and Visual Arts. These students with the support of our wonderful teacher's aids are making

slow and steady improvements in their studies.

One of our senior students, James Mundy has been working very hard each Friday at Booderee Botanical Gardens as a part of his School Based Apprenticeship (SBA). The staff of Gumbari are very proud that James is about to complete the first year of his SBA. Well done, James!

Later in the term students who have worked well and made responsible choices will get to spend a day at Jamberoo as a part of our rewards excursion program. All students and staff always have a good time at Jamberoo.

Tom Mason
Gumbari Teacher

P & C NEWS

Our next P & C meeting will be on Thursday 24th November, 2011 at 7.30pm. Please come along and join us in the staff common room.

Details of general business to be discussed are to be provided to the P & C Secretary, Mrs Melinda Creamer on 0423 856 229 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, enabling inclusion in the agenda. Minutes of all P & C meetings are located in a folder at the front office for viewing or on our web page.

PUBLICITY NEWS

Wollongong Discovery Day

Wollongong University will be holding a Discovery Day on the 8th February 2012. Year 11 and 12 students with a significant interest in Uni study are encouraged to apply to attend. Registration must be done prior to 30th November. Please contact Mr Dodd

Introducing your 2012 School Captains

Sam Fiez Jess Booth Luke Harden Jayne Cooper

Yr 9 & 10 Indonesian Classes

Students have chosen to support the Borneo Orangutan Society. They are selling Indonesian inspired calendars for \$15. Calendars are filled with colour glossy photographs of children and the scenery of Indonesia. A perfect gift for Christmas. If you would like to purchase or preview this please see Kerrie Edwards in PE Staffroom. An added bonus that you will

YOUR SCHOOL CONTACTS

S. Glenday	Principal
A. Voysey	Ganya Garindja, Gumbari & Support Units Deputy Principal
P. Hogan	Deputy Principal Stage 4 (Yrs 7 & 8)
T. Lane	Deputy Principal Stage 5 (Yrs 9 & 10)
P. Taylor	Deputy Principal Stage 6 (Yrs 11 & 12)
F. Bachmann	Head Teacher PDHPE
A. Bootsma	Head Teacher Admin
G. Brady	Head Teacher Science
S. Clark	Head Teacher Support
J. Connell	School Administration Manager
S. Corbett	Head Teacher HSIE
J. Scott	Head Teacher Gumbari Unit
K. Edwards	Sports Co-ordinator
J. Irvine	Head Teacher Seniors
K. Lane	Head Teacher Ganya Garindja Unit
M. Meehan	Head Teacher Yr 8
P. Rafferty	Head Teacher Yr 7
L. Ryder	Head Teacher CAPA
G. Smith	Head Teacher Mathematics
R. Robson	Head Teacher English
J. Warren	Head Teacher Welfare
G. Worthing	Head Teacher TAS
A. Glenday	Head Teacher STLA

LEADERSHIP AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT CONTACTS

J. Lamond	Year 7 Adviser
M. Tebbitt	Year 7 Adviser
H. Barker	Year 8 Adviser
S. Brunswick	Year 9 Adviser
A. Newton	Year 10 Adviser
J. Revesz	Year 11 Adviser
F. Loupos	Year 12 Adviser

be given a receipt which is Tax deductible.

Southern Football

Are you aged between 13-18? Are you wanting to play football (soccer) at the highest level available to your age group in this local area? Then Southern Football is where you should be playing. Come challenge yourself—Trials start this week

Tues 6-8pm Ison Park South Nowra
Thurs 6-8pm Lyrebird Park East Nowra
Sunday 3-5 Ison Park South Nowra

For more details call James Muir on 0401 282 951

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT VHS WEEK 5

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMS

JUNIOR ASSESSMENT WEEK

HSC EXAMS CONTINUE

Wed 9 Nov

- ▶ Gumbari Community Outings-Mr Asbury & Ms Goerlach
- ▶ Yr 7 Team Bonding HMAS Creswell Mr Reid & Ms Morris
- ▶ Yr 7 & 8 Debating-Mr Newton
- ▶ Disability Trust Gym & Swim-Ms Leaver

Thu 10 Nov

- ▶ Mens Shed Visit-Ms Warren
 - ▶ Yrs 7 & 9 only Exams in Hall
 - ▶ Support Learning to Sail - Ms Clark
- Fri 11 Nov
- ▶ Yr 12 Formal in Hall @ 6pm
 - ▶ HSC Yr 11 Stress Less course

WEEK 6

YR 6 - 7 ORIENTATION WEEK

MEN'S WORKSHOP WEEK

Mon 14 Nov

- ▶ Travel Training - Ms Leaver

Tue 15 Nov

- ▶ Rock Platform & Beach Studies-Ms McKenzie
- ▶ Gumbari Transition to Work-Mr mason
- ▶ Indigenous Boys Workshop-AMS Youthworker

Wed 16 Nov

- ▶ Yr 10 Survivor Walk-Mr Warner
- ▶ Disability Trust Gym & Swim-Ms Leaver

Thu 17 Nov

- ▶ Yr 10 Survivor Walk-Mr Warner
- ▶ Support Learning to Sail - Ms Clark

Fri 18 Nov

- ▶ Yr 19 Survivor Walk-Mr Warner
- ▶ Yr 12 Ext History Seminar

Year 12 Formal

Year 12 will be celebrating in the hall this Friday as they say Farewell to Yr 12. Students will arrive at 6pm for a 6.45 pm start. They will be treated to a feast prepared by Mrs Mac and her talented team of Yr 11 Hospitality students will be serving canapés. Congratulations Yr 12 Enjoy this special evening.

Indigenous Rugby Girls Team

Gordon Campbell was amazed with the passion and talent shown by his newly formed Girls Indigenous Rugby Team. The girls played an experienced Narooma team at our local Vincentia fields last Monday. It was a fair but tough match with Narooma just coming out winners with a lead of 8-6. Fantastic effort girls.



Back- N Fisher-Brown, J Dann, T Maybury, M Brown, S Williams, S Sturgeon, K Parsons, K Brown
Middle- T Brown, H Barrington, N Barrington D
Afriecq Front- J Little

Vincentia Food Fair

Vincentia Primary School will present the Annual Food Fair this Saturday 12th November. Gates open 5pm and close at 8pm. Please come and show your



support by tasting the many flavours of the world!!

Networking with our Primary Schools

Maths

Last Thursday Mrs Brewitt accompanied an enthusiastic group which included of J Blackman, T Brennan, M Burdfield, L Harden, P Kirjalainen, F McCue, J Allen, E Bentley, K Fear, C Phillips and L Taylor to assist with "The Amazing Maths Race" a gifted and talented maths workshop at the Sanctuary Point Primary School. Students from stage 2/3 from our local primary school's experienced an afternoon of fun and challenging maths.

Debating

Under the guidance of Mr Newtown, Pamela Barling, the Year 7 Debating team hosted an introduction to Debating and Public Speaking workshop for students from Yr 4 & 5 from our local Bay & Basin Schools on Tuesday. Students participated in a fun filled day of group activities with persuasive speeches and



arguments. Thank you to Ms Boyce and her Hospitality students for providing a scrumptious lunch.

Mrs J Moffat
Publicity Officer

STUDENT LAPTOP NEWS

Year 10

Good luck to Year 10 doing their exams. They will require their Laptops for the NSW Board of Studies Computer Skills Test as well. The test should automatically download under Start / All Programs / NSW Board of Studies. If it does not appear students are asked to leave their Laptop logged on while at School. It will take a short while for the program to download.

General

A reminder that students are not permitted to 'borrow' another students Laptop. Each laptop is the responsibility of its owner and students are not to

share passwords. If any student wishes to change their password, they may see me.

Please send any questions or comments to:
Email: matthew.devin2@det.nsw.edu.au or phone 4441 6766.

Matthew Devlin
Technical Support Officer

UNIFORM SHOP

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed Friday 2nd December in the Uniform Shop between 4pm and 6 pm for Yr 6 into Yr 7 2012 Orientation Afternoon. If you can help please phone Kath Nation on 0431 270 115 or telephone the school on 4441 6766 and ask for the Uniform Shop Coordinator during school hours.

Ms K Nation
Uniform Shop Coordinator

ESSENTIAL SCIENCE SKILLS ASSESSMENT (ESSA)

The ESSA is a test to be taken by most students in Year 8 across New South Wales. It tests the development of their Science skills and knowledge. It will take place on Tuesday November 22.

The test will be conducted on a computer on-line. Students will not need paper or pens to undertake the test. However, each student will need a set of headphones or earbuds that will plug into the school computer. Earbuds from an iPod or portable player are suitable.

If your child has a disability that entitles them to exemption from the test or that entitles them to special consideration, please complete the appropriate attached form and return it to the school.

A letter from the Department of Education and Community outlining the scope and nature of the test has been sent home with Year 8 students to inform parents about the test.

Any enquiries contact Gary Brady in the Science faculty

Mr G Brady
HT Science



Jervis Bay Lions Club

White Sands Charity Princess

Sponsored Day on Wheels

Huskisson to Vincentia and back

Sunday 27th November 2011

Start at Moona Park, Huskisson at 11am

All bikes, scooters, skateboards must be in good working order - Helmets must be worn - State Law requirement -

This is not a race

Lunch is supplied - Sausage Sizzle-Drinks-Lots of Prizes

For more information call Gladys on 0432 680 481

Vincentia High School

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Showcase 2011

Thursday

1st December, 2011

6pm in the School Hall

Tickets \$ 8.00 from the Front Office
Light Refreshments will be available