

Vincentia Vibe - The voice of our School

Term 4 Week 8
29th November, 2012

YR 10B HSIE

10B History presented their findings this week regarding Australian Politics /Activists Post World War 2. Their task was to:

- 1 Choose an Australian person
- 2 Create a power point presentation and present a 3 minute speech
- 3 Provide an outline of the history of the individual, the policies /actions that took place during that time period
- 4 Identify and assess the person's major focus, eg Bob Brown - environment

Students would like to thank Mr Lopus for taking the time to listen to the presentations and for giving the students warm and cool feedback.



What's Happening at Vincentia High School

Thursday 29 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Field Trip to State Reference Library Year 10 visit to HMAS Albatross Yr 7 Immunisations 	Thursday 6th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 10 Final Assembly 8.30 - 10am Yr 10 'Welcome to Senior School' dance 6 - 9pm Senior Assessment Week
Friday 30 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics Explorer Day at University of Wollongong Gumbari Reward Excursion 	Friday 7th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 10 Snorkelling with 'Dive Jervis Bay' Senior Assessment Week
Monday 3rd December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Assessment Week Support Travel Training 	Monday 10th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 8 Camp - Appin Scout Park
Tuesday 4th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bootcamp - fitness activity Senior Assessment Week 	Tuesday 11th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation Day 10.30 - 12 noon
Wednesday 5th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gumbari Camp at Honeymoon Bay Bootcamp Senior Assessment Week 	Wednesday 12th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Showcase Rehearsal

A day in the life of a

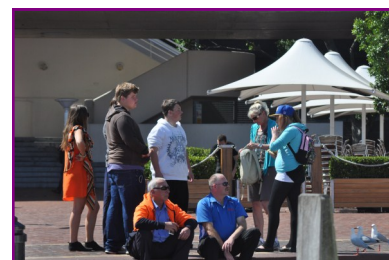
Gumbari School Learning Support Officer (SLSO)

To fully understand and appreciate the roles played by the SLSO (School Learning Support Officer staff) in Gumbari one must first come to terms with the unique and vital objectives of this 'Behaviour Modification' facility. The facility devotes much of its resources, including staff duties, into providing these students with the necessary skills to enter the work force and become more rounded, socially adept citizens. This is a dynamic and flexible program which is adjusted and managed according to each student's needs, ability and interests and therefore, a regular week, involves many adjustments and cooperation from all staff.

Our team in 'Gumbari' is one of the best with a great working relationship having been established between staff and students which aims to utilise all staff skills. On paper we may be divided into teachers and SLSO's but to the students we are just a team of people who endeavour to do the very best we can for them.

A day in the life of a SLSO begins as follows;

- 1) A meet and greet of the students to assess student's mood/breakfast situation while teachers set up class or meet with the Head Teacher.
- 2) Organising of check sheets so that all students have behaviour monitoring sheets to commence the day.
- 3) All SLSO staff remain in classes or work individually with students who need help, or accompany them to mainstream classes. SLSO's liaise with mainstream teachers, monitor upcoming assessments and report any issues to Gumbari teachers. Many students would not cope in ANY class situation without the support of an aide beside them.
- 5) All of our Gumbari SLSO's have amazing skills which are utilised and make our programs wide and more varied. Art skills have meant a public art work program, cooking skills have allowed us to fundraise for the unit, craft skills relax and calm our students. The outstanding organisational ability of our Learning Support Officers has meant all paperwork is kept up to date, and their collective good nature has allowed us to use their cars as a means of transport for outings - a valuable part of the program. SLSO's are able to accompany students to a lot of community programs, many of which are run out of the area. Vincentia High is very isolated in terms of community initiatives and many of the parents are unable to provide reliable and regular transport. Our main behavioural management tool is the 'Friday Reward Excursion' which is viable due to the generous use of staff vehicles, including SLSO's. Generally petrol money is provided but this is not always possible due to financial restraints of some of our parents
- 8) Most importantly, due to the close nature of their relationship with the students the SLSO's more often than not are the first point of contact for the troubled student when their anxieties or other problems arise. Many of the student's concerns are assessed prior to the teaching staff acting upon them.



Some of our wonderful Gumbari staff
pictured at different outings



Gumbari Facility - Tennis Court Maintenance Crew

Students from the Gumbari Facility at Vincentia High School have been involved in various projects within the community. One of the projects involved ground and court maintenance at Huskisson Tennis Courts. Under the guidance of Mr Lou Durante, Huskisson Tennis Club President and local tennis coach, and the teaching staff, the students have accomplished many different tasks including restoring the tennis club's gardens, building a new gate, repairing fencing, lawn mowing, brush cutting, sanding, sweeping the courts and the painting of various items.

The students found the work rewarding with a number of the club members having commented on the quality of the work performed. Other members of the community have enquired as to how they could engage the students to do work around their properties. At the same time the students have learnt new skills which will increase their employability in the future.

The school would like to especially thank Lou for his willingness to take on the project and provide such a worthwhile opportunity for the students.

In 2013 students from Gumbari will be involved in the design and construction of a 'Therapeutic Garden' at Coastal Waters Retirement Village at Worroving Heights.

If anyone would like to involve the 'crew' on other worthwhile projects within the community please phone Janeece Scott Head teacher of Gumbari Facility at Vincentia High School.



Lou Durante with Gumbari students; Daniel William-Locke, Zane Carter, Eric Bate, Mr Ian Cunningham (Teacher), Clayton Collins, Brock Perceval, Dylan Fox and Mrs Janeece Scott (Head Teacher Gumbari)

Absent: Jarrod Milgate & Jamie Cupitt

INDONESIAN NEWS

The 'NSW Indonesian Writing Competition' is offered by the Modern Languages Teachers Association and the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia, each year to all student studying Indonesian. This year Vincentia High School has had great success once again with Year 10 student Jay Edwards being awarded second place in the Year 9-10 category for his presentation on 'Pesta Ulang Tahun' - The Birthday Party. Jay has placed first in this competition for the past three years. An amazing effort.

Highly Commended Certificates were also awarded to Year 10 students Laura Taylor, Emma-Mai Bentley and Carley Phillips as well as Year 9 students William Culbert, Jenn Burns, Tiffany Reilly, Natasha Cook, Sarah Kenny, Jessica Matthews, Keira Allan and Rosemary DeFries.



Yr 10 Indonesian class students

The NSW Indonesian Writing Competition is a fantastic way for students to write and present their thoughts and knowledge in Indonesian and we wish VHS continuing success in the future.

On Sunday 25th November, Ms Edwards and three of her Year



10 Indonesian students, Laura Taylor, Jay Edwards and Emma-Mai Bentley, travelled to Sydney to participate in a 6 hour intensive Indonesian Language Course with the Sydney Language Solutions Group. After a delicious Indonesian lunch in Kensington

at Indo Rasa, the group made their way to Pitt Street to the course. It was fantastic to spend the

day with teacher Gerry, a native Indonesian speaker, who was also an enthusiastic and creative language teacher. The course covered lots of information and targeted language skills required when traveling to Indonesia. We are looking forward to further involvement with Sydney Language Solutions in the future, to ensure that



Vincentia High School optimises all language learning opportunities for their students.

Ms K Edwards

Indonesian Teacher



Orange & Black Mufti Day

The Mufti day was a great success with the cake stall making over \$600! Congratulations to all involved.



Principal's Cup Highlights



Showcase

The Canteen will be open on Showcase night and we are asking for **donations of cakes, slices etc** to be sold on the night. All donations will be gratefully received and can be delivered to the School Canteen on the day.



Help raise funds for the
Vincentia High School Triathlon Club

CAR BOOT SALE

@ VINCENTIA HIGH

SATURDAY 9th MARCH

7 - 7.30am for set up

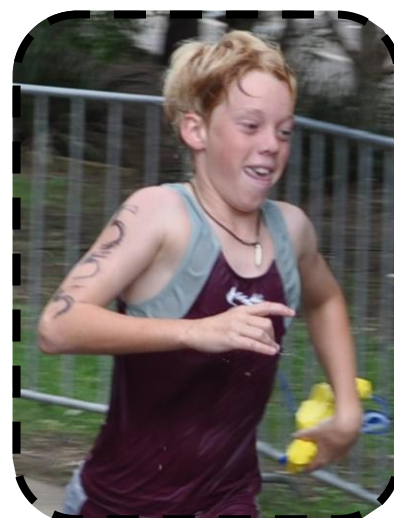
Selling from 8am - 12pm

Cost: \$10 for a car site

**Come along for bargains
& breakfast!**

Book a site now @ Vincentia High
School

PH: 4441 6766



Presentation Assembly & 'Welcome to Senior School' dance

The Final Roll Call and Presentation Assembly for Yr 10 will be on Thursday, 6th December 2012 between 8.30am & 10am in the School Hall, followed by a morning tea.

The 'Welcome to Senior School' dance will be held later that day from 6pm to 9pm - Masquerade Theme.

WELCOME TO SENIOR SCHOOL DANCE

Date: Thursday 6th December, 2012

Theme: Masquerade

Where: Vincentia High School Hall

Arrive: 6pm

Finishes: 9pm

Cost: \$40

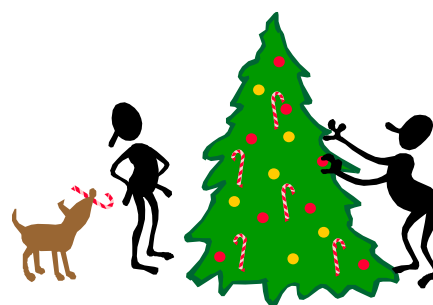
Sit Down Meal and Alcohol Free Event



School Holidays

Christmas holidays are fast approaching. **Students** last day of school is **Wednesday the 19th December 2012.**

Staff finish school on the 21st December, 2012.



Paying School Study Levy and Excursions by EFTPOS

Vincentia High School now has an EFTPOS machine in the front office, available to parents for payment of excursions, Study Levy and other school related expenses.

All excursion permission forms will now have a section at the bottom which can be filled in with card details and the whole permission note returned to the front office for receipting.

This method of payment will mean that students will not have to carry cash to school. The minimum payment is \$10.

All your details will be kept strictly confidential.





SHOALHAVEN WATER POLO AND FLIPPER BALL

Now being held at Nowra Pool on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m.
Come and join us for fun in the water with a great sport.



GIRLS FOOTY FESTIVAL

Sport and Recreation is offering three clinics
over three days for girls aged 8 - 15 years.

Football on Monday 14th January

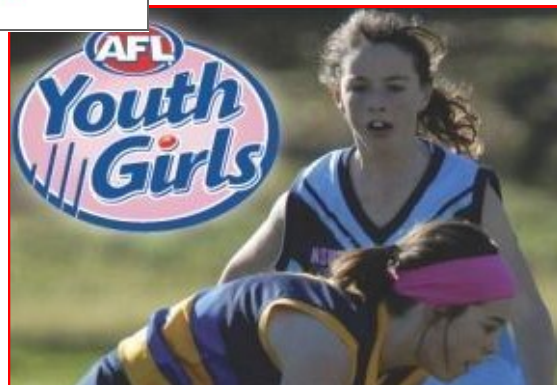
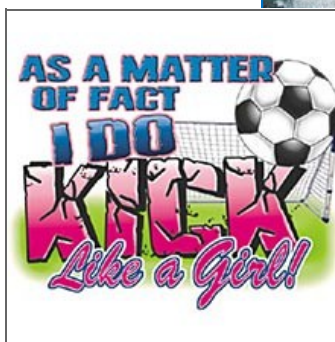
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AFL on Wednesday 16th January 2013

Rugby League on Friday 18th January 2013

Cost is only \$30 for all three days.

For more information or to enrol Phone 131 302 or 4228 5355



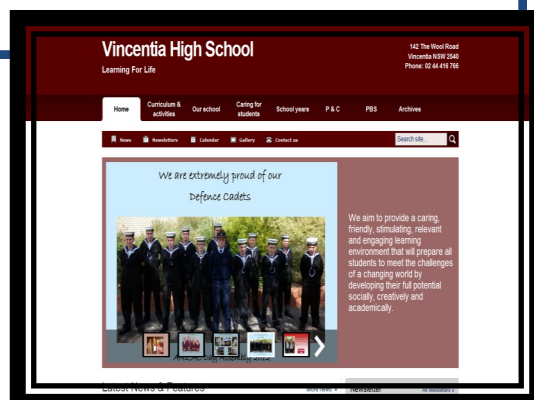
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