

VINCENTIA VIBE - THE VOICE OF OUR SCHOOL Term 4 Wk 10B 12/12/13

Student Representative Council Camp, 2013

On Monday 25th November, 2013, 38 of our SRC members headed off to Camp Long Beach for the annual leadership camp. The objective of this camp was to develop leadership qualities and to improve teamwork among all members of the SRC.

During the three day camp several activities were arranged for participants. On the first day, after students unpacked and a briefing about the camp was given by facilitators, participants were split into 2 groups - red and blue.

Due to the poor weather we spent the day having a very competitive game of trivia and team bonding activities that got the SRC to work as a team, use each other's strengths and ensure everyone practiced effective communication. The remainder of the afternoon was spent planning out how the SRC would run for the next year and putting the final touches on our current fundraising – Pie In The Face for the Leukaemia Foundation.

On the second day, the sun came out, it was a time to head off to activities, students split into their 2, pre-arranged groups.

The blue group was the first to jump into the canoes. Canoeing is a sport that demands teamwork. The only way to successfully negotiate is with cooperation, listening, participation and anticipation. One student was the captain (guide). The captain steers the boat while the other students are the motor of the boat, both serve vital roles within the team.

The red group were off raft building, they had to plan and construct a raft using the minimal materials supplied. Raft building day is based around teamwork and skills learnt throughout the term. Once constructed the whole team had to paddle around a set course. Not every child is a natural leader, however there are many different ways an individual can lead. For some, the opportunity to challenge themselves in a leading role will not always arise in a classroom situation.

The 3rd and final day was Laser Tag which is the ULTIMATE activity which incorporates strategic teamwork, planning and exercise in an environment which students can relate to. The aim of Laser Tag was to provide interactive, team-orientated, simulated activities,

combining role play and problem solving. All students felt part of their laser tag team and had an active role no matter what their individual ability was.

Overall we couldn't be happier with the outcomes with all participants truly engaging in every session, responding well and making a valuable contribution to their weekly programs.

YOUR SCHOOL CONTACTS

S Glenday	Principal			
P Hogan	Deputy Principal			
-	Ganya Garindja, Gumbari &			
	Support Units			
G Brady	Deputy Principal Stage 4			
	(Yrs 7 & 8)			
M Meehan	Head Teacher Teaching &			
	Learning Stage 4			
F Bachmann	Deputy Principal Stage 5			
	(Yrs 9 & 10) (Rel)			
P Greyling	Head Teacher Teaching &			
	Learning Stage 5			
P Taylor	Deputy Principal Stage 6			
	(Yrs 11 & 12)			
F Loupos	Head Teacher Teaching &			
	Learning Stage 6			
J Oxley	School Administration			
,	Manager			
W Bruffey	Head Teacher Admin (Rel)			
R Gilbert	Head Teacher English			
G Smith	Head Teacher Mathematics			
M Reid	Head Teacher Science (Rel)			
L Ryder	Head Teacher CAPA			
S Corbett	Head Teacher HSIE			
J Wright	Head Teacher PDHPE (Rel)			
A Newton	Head Teacher TAS			
P Raftery	Sports Co-ordinator			
S Clark	Head Teacher Support			
J Scott	Head Teacher Gumbari Unit			
A Glenday	Head Teacher Wellbeing			
	Learning Support			
K Lane	Head Teacher Ganya			
	Garindja Unit			
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LEADERSHIP AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT CONTACTS

G Keogh & L Sweirenga	Year 7 Adviser
J Powter	Year 8 Adviser
M Tebbitt	Year 9 Adviser
P Raftery	Year 10 Adviser
S Brunswick	Year 11 Adviser
A Newton	Year 12 Adviser

TERM DATES:

Last of day of school for students is 18th December 2013.

Term 1 2014 28th January - Staff Development Day 29th January - Years 7, 11 & 12 begin 30th January - Yrs 8, 9 & 10 return

Parents and students are requested not to use the staff car park - this is dangerous and causes congestion



<u>Aerospace Training Services</u> <u>Graduation</u>

Vincentia High School would like to congratulate Dominique Borg McKenzie and Joshua Coate, year 12 students, for completing their training with Aerospace Training Services as a part of their HSC. Dominique graduated with a Certificate II in Flight Operations (Cabin Crew) and Joshua graduated with a Certificate II in Aeroskills. Both students also received special awards at the presentation evening that recognised their hard work over the past two years. Dominique received the Aviation (Cabin Crew) Excellence Award and Josha received the Simon Beckenham Memorial Award.

Vincentia High School is very proud of Dominique and Joshua, and we wish them well in their future after school.

Three year 11 students were also recognised for their achievements in the Aeroskills course. Angus Patterson, James Bevan and Blake Bensley all graduated with a Certificate I in Aeroskills and will go on to complete the Certificate II in 2014.

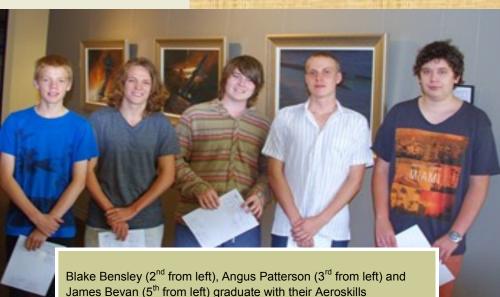


Joshua Coate receiving the Simon Beckenham Memorial Award from Captain Gordon Andrews

classmates



Dominique Borg-McKenzie receiving the Aviation (Cabin Crew) Excellence Award from Ken Mitchell Aerospace Training Services



Uniform Shop hours over the Christmas break:

The Uniform Shop will be closed after Monday, December 16th and will reopen in the new year.



Monday 20th January to Friday 24th January, 2013 and Tuesday 28th January, 2013 between 9am and 1.30pm Normal hours will resume from Monday 3rd February, 2014.

Library Resources:

The Library coordinates the resources for the school so that all students may have equitable access to the learning resources they need. It is important that all students take the time to return all borrowed books and resources, **especially the outgoing Year 12**, so that they can be loaned out to next year's students. As the Library is currently undertaking Stocktake, these learning resources must be returned by the end of this term. Students will be invoiced for the cost if they are not returned.

Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you to Wrights Chainsaws

The TAS Faculty would like to thank Laurie, from Wright's Chainsaws Nowra, for the kind loan of a concrete saw for use in the building of our new Construction Compound. Vincentia High School really appreciates the ongoing support that Wrights Chainsaws have given us in many ways over the years

Winner of VHS P & C School Fee Competition for 2013

Congratulations

to

Kayla Dickenson Yr 7

the Dickenson Family chose a \$250 Bunnings Voucher

Celebrating our school spirit!



The values of Vincentia High School are Respect, Responsibility & Personal Best

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Tickets have been donated to the school by Integrity Real Estate in recognition of our school values.

This weeks recipients are:

Nathan Benjamin Julia Andre Rebecca Malby Tiahn Smith Lily O'Connor Connor Davis Mathew Brett Hayley Ward Carolyn Samuel Sharlie Hind-Langwade Rhett Colliss Chloe Mayberry Chris Ireland Ryan Nudd Abbey Collins

for their outstanding technical skills at assemblies and important school gatherings

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!

<u>What's happening</u> <u>at VHS</u>

Thursday 12th December 2013

- Solution Honeymoon Bay
- Sailing on Jervis Bay with Sailability NSW
- So In2uni tutors for Maths/English Year 10 Final Assembly

Friday 13th December 2013

- Dance & Didj Rewards Excursion
- Solution Training Day
- Yr 8 Welfare Excursion
- Support Unit Travel Training

Monday 16th December 2013Support Unit - Jamberoo

Tuesday 17th December 2013 See Bike Ride & Camping from Kangaroo Valley to Falls Creek

Wednesday 18th December 2013 See Bike Ride & Camping from Kangaroo Valley to Falls Creek

Thursday 19th December 2013 Staff Development Day Friday 20th December 2013 Staff Development Day

Wanted for Vincentia High School Technological and Applied Studies

If you can donate any of the following items please contact Brent Warner from TAS phone: 4441 6766 ext 129

- Recycled Hardwoods for senior major projects.
- Bricks and Blocks for bricklaying course week 9
- Turning Timber for lathes
- Recycled Roof Sheeting for Container Protection and Cabin Construction

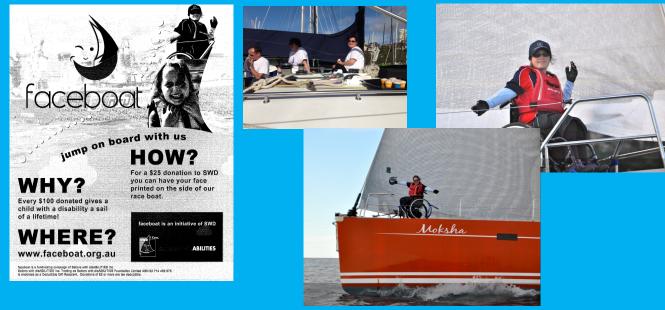
Sailors with disABILITIES (SWD)

Sailors with disABILITIES is a Sydney based non-profit organisation that teaches sailing and yacht racing to children and adults the physical, intellectual, mental and financial disadvantages.

SWD has taken part in 16 Rolex Sydney to Hobart yacht races, winning its division in the tragic 1998 event. SWD founder David Pescud was at the helm then and in 2003 when the yacht Kayle set the world record for a non-stop, unassisted circumnavigation of Australia in 3 days 1 hour.

Our Year 12 student Grace Kennedy is a participant with Sailors with disABILITIES (see photos below).

Stay tuned for the launch of Face Boat, an initiative to raise money for Grace Kennedy's Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race campaign! Go to <u>www.faceboat.org</u> Upload a photo. Make a donation. Join Grace and the crew on an adventure of a lifetime



COMMUNITY NEWS



Volunteer Positions Vacant

Shoalhaven Youth Reference Group

If you're 16-25 and want to make a difference for young people in the area this opportunity could be for you. SYRG Members;

- keep our service youth-focused by giving feedback and input into headspace Nowra
- have the opportunity to help present workshops on mental health, healthy relationships and HSC Stress to high school students
- get trained in Youth Mental Health First Aid, and skills relevant to the role, including media skills, public speaking, photography and film, event planning etc.
- gain hands-on experience running meetings, representing a national organisation in the community and working as part of a team
- have heaps of fun and make lasting friendships

SYRG meets fortnightly throughout the year. For more information call Warren on 4421 5388, email wjones@headspacenowra.org.au or visit www.headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/headspace-nowra

DRUM KIT TUITION





Thinking of getting your child or spouse drums for Christmas? Then what? Do you know a good drum teacher here in the Bay

Mr Chris Fox, a local school teacher, will be set up in Sanctuary Point for drum tuition again next year.

- Read music and play with great timing and feel; (quietly!) Gain accuracy, speed, versatility and **sensitivity;** Play: Pop, Rock, Country, Blues, basic Jazz, Latin and Funk;
- Learn to play acoustic or electronic drums.
- PHONE CHRIS ON: 4443 8373 OR 0417 339 413

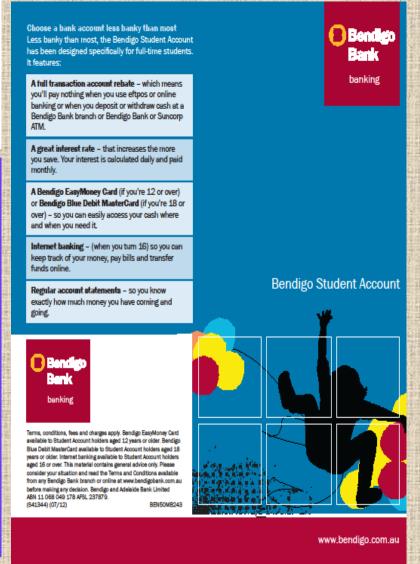


Bomaderry Junior Rugby League Football Club Registration Days for 2014

Registration days will be held on Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd February, 2014 at Bomaderry Sporting Complex between 10.00am & 2.00pm.

The club will be entering teams from the Under 6's - Under 16's and also the newly formed Girl's League Tag Team 12 - 14 years of age. Cost is \$90 .00 which includes Shorts, Socks and a Training Shirt. All new players must bring an original birth certificate.

For more information contact the President, Steve McConville on 0403591014.



Do you care for someone who has mental health issues?? Are you between age 12 and 18?? You're invited to the Free Young Carers Day Out at Hang Dog!!



Come join us at Hang Dog Climbing Gym for a morning of climbing the walls and swinging from the rafters!

Make sure you wear harness friendly shorts or pants and closed in shoesjoggers are a great option, harness, ropes and other equipment provided.

Thursday, 23rd January 2014

from 10am to 1pm.

130 Auburn St Wollongong.

Parents/ Guardians-Please advise at time of booking, any dietary requirements or any relevant medical information. Please arrange transport, the closest train station is Coniston.

> Phone Kate at Aftercare to book 42297254

Pizza , snacks and Refreshments Provided

