



VINCENTIA VIBE - THE VOICE OF OUR SCHOOL Term 1 Wk 5A 27/02/2014

Dear Parents/Caregivers & Student

In Favour of NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy And Numeracy or NAPLAN is an assessment program for Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 students conducted in May each year. NSW has had a NAPLAN-style exam since the early 1990s when the Basic Skills Tests began. This assessment tracks students' performance in reading, writing, grammar, spelling and numeracy.

Opinion is divided about the value of the NAPLAN and there is a strong lobby in Australia encouraging parents to boycott these assessments. The main arguments stem from the way the results are used and the stress it places on students to perform.

The Sydney Morning Herald in May 13, 2013 reported that "There is nothing wrong with NAPLAN as an assessment of educational achievement. Probably there is no better standardised, large-scale assessment of educational achievement in Australia. The issue is whether or not it is used in children's best interest."

For the first time teachers and parents can track pupil's performance from Year 3 to Year 9 on the same scale. The information shows a student's strengths and weaknesses and lets us, as a school, plan our programs to improve the literacy of students.

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We are in a **National Partnership** with the Commonwealth Government to investigate the teaching of literacy in Years 7 & 8. In this program we have employed literacy experts to work with classroom teachers on comprehension, spelling and writing in most year 7 & 8 classes. We have remedial reading programs for students having difficulties and reading programs in classes for students that are competent but need a bit of a push. We are putting every effort into lifting the literacy skills of our students.

The information that we get from NAPLAN is directing the type of programs that we run and the type of assistance we need to offer in classrooms. We do not coach students for NAPLAN as this can increase their stress. Rather, we are developing programs to teach literacy in every classroom and we are using the information gathered from NAPLAN to show how well we are doing.

We encourage you to discuss the NAPLAN with your children and encourage them to do their personal best.

Last year, we believe, some of our results were influenced by students not taking the assessments seriously, not concentrating during the tests and not putting in their best effort. We know from how they perform in school assessments that they normally do better than the results suggested.

'For the first time, it enables teachers and parents to track a pupil's performance from year 3 to year 9 on the same scale'

It is not a matter for stress, it is not a matter of developing bragging points, it is not something to be embarrassed about. We would like all students to put in their personal best.

It is a case of giving the NAPLAN process a fair go and providing the information that we need to design programs in Years 7 to 10 that best suit the needs and abilities of our students.

Gary Brady
Deputy Principal Years 7 & 8

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
L Swierenga	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

LEADERSHIP AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT CONTACTS

M. Morris	Year 7 Adviser
G Keogh	Year 8 Adviser
J Powter	Year 9 Adviser
J von Stieglitz	Year 10 Adviser
H Pastor	Year 10 Adviser
P Raftery	Year 11 Adviser
S Brunswick	Year 12 Adviser

TERM DATES:

Term 1 2014
28th January - 11th April 2014

Term 2 2014
28th April - 27th June 2014

Term 3 2014
14th July - 19th September 2014

Term 4 2014
17th October - 19th December

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

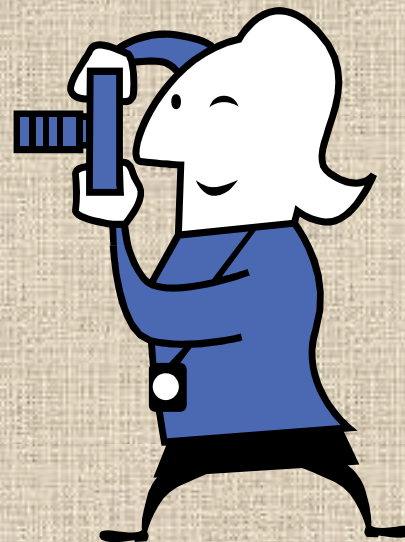
Authority to Publish Forms

These forms are in the process of being sent home for parents/caregivers to peruse and sign.

This form gives permission to obtain and publish photo's and news items for the school newsletter, website etc.

Please sign and return the form as soon as possible.

If the form is not returned it will be assumed that the student **does not** have permission to be published in any publication.

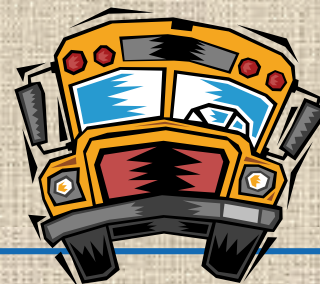


Bus Passes

All bus passes have now arrived at the school, Shoalbus & Nowra Coaches. They can be collected from the front office at recess and lunch breaks, **not during lesson time.**

Passes need to be collected as soon as possible, before the end of the term.

Uncollected passes will be returned to the bus companies and anyone requiring a pass after this time will have to reapply.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT VHS

Thursday 27/02/2014

- ☞ Year 6 to 7 Willing & Able activity day

Friday 28/02/2014

- ☞ Year 6 to 7 Willing & Able activity day

Thursday 06/03/2014

- ☞ Regional Swimming Carnival - Dapto
- ☞ All Schools Triathlon

Friday 07/03/2014

- ☞ All Schools Triathlon

Monday 10/03/2014

- ☞ Year 12 IT Work Placement

Tuesday 11/03/2014

- ☞ Year 12 IT Work Placement
- ☞ Zone Touch Football - Kiama

Wednesday 12/03/2014

- ☞ Year 12 IT Work Placement

Thursday 13/03/2014

- ☞ Year 12 IT Work Placement

Friday 14/03/2014

- ☞ Year 12 IT Work Placement

Grace Kennedy gives inspiration to Sussex Primary school students

Grace Kennedy was invited to Sussex Inlet Primary School last week to present the school leaders for 2014 with their badges.



Grace gave an inspirational speech and presentation about her amazing experience on-board as a crew member of 'Faceboat Kayle' in the 2013 Sydney to Hobart yacht race.

The staff and students were in awe of Grace and her accomplishments and said that it was a pleasure to have Grace present to their school community.

Workout smarter not harder

JOIN the FREE HERBALIFE FIT CLUB CHALLENGE


4 Week Challenge includes:

- 12 classes of Physical Training (Meet 6pm M-W-Th)
- Fitness Evaluation & Coaching
- Body Composition Analysis
- Complete Body Transformation

Presented by SHAPE UP SOUTH COAST

- ✓ MANDATORY PRE-REGISTRATION FEB 22nd @ 11.00am
- ✓ MANDATORY ORIENTATION FEB 24th @ 6.00pm

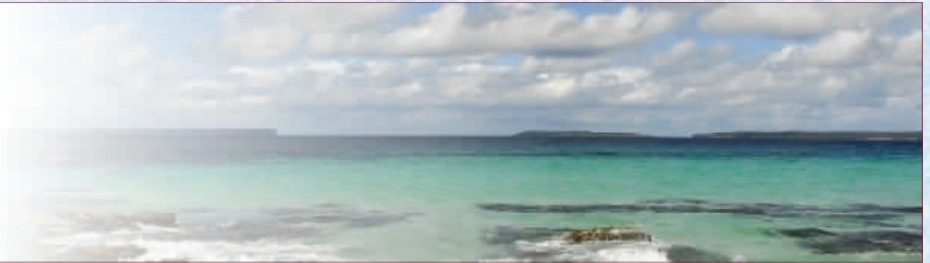
It's Free. No excuses. BE THERE! Call Robyn on 0437 551 935 or Kylie on 0409 664 959

 www.facebook.com/ShapeUpSouthCoast



Year 7 Assessment Schedule: Semester 1, 2014								
	English	Maths	Science	Human Society & It's Environment	Languages Other Than English	Creative & Performing Arts	Personal Development/ Health/Physical Exercise	Technology & Applied Studies
TERM 1	Progressive Writing Portfolio Assessment Task "Through My Window"	Topic Tests Computation with positive integers Angle relationships Computation with positive & negative integers	Working as a Scientist Topic Test Week 8 10% SRP Week 11 20%	Geographical Skills Task Week 9 30% Week 9 30% World Heritage Sites Task Week 5 30% Class Participation & Bookwork 5%	Greetings conversation Family Tree poster	Collection of Work 15% Response Writing Task 5% Self evaluation 5% Homework 10% VAPD 10%	Me, Myself and I Written report & Mask Due week 7 Practical Fun, Run, Sun Class Participation	Practical Component Theory Component
	Progressive Writing Portfolio Assessment "Other Worlds Other Times" Viewing & Representing Writing Task	Topic Tests Understanding fractions, decimals & percentages Probability	Respect the Environment Field Project Week 7 15% Bookmark 5%	World Heritage Sites Task Week 5 30% Photo Journal 30% Class Participation & Bookwork 5%	Dreaming Stories & Games	Collection of Work 10% Sel evaluation 5% Homework 5% VAPD 5%	See Change Bullying Poster & quiz Due week 7 Practical Athletic Skills Class Participation	Assessment Designer Task Due: Week 5

Year 8 Assessment Schedule: Semester 1, 2014								
	English	Maths	Science	Human Society & It's Environment	Languages Other Than English	Creative & Performing Arts	Development/ Health/Physical Exercise	Technology & Applied Studies
TERM 1	Progressive Writing Portfolio Assessment "Can You the Voices"	Topic Tests Number Skills Pythagoras Theorem Algebra	Separations Practical (Week 5) Topic Test (Week 10)	Medieval Storyboard Week 7 30% Bookmark 5%	Indonesian Assessment 1 Poster: "Saya" Due: Week 8 Assessment 2 Topic Text Week 9	Collection of Work 15% Written Task 5% Self evaluation 5%	Move that Body Fitness Journal Due week 7 Practical Fun, Run, Sun Participation	Practical Component Theory Component
	Progressive Writing Portfolio Assessment "Are You Keen to be Green"	Topic Tests Understanding fractions, decimals & percentages Probability	Plants Project (Week 4) Topic Test (Week 6) Life on the Coast Practical (Week 9)	Aztec Task 30% Pirate Source Skills 30% Bookmark 5%	Assessment 3 School Folio Due: Week 5 Assessment 4 Topic Test	Collection of Work 10% Self evaluation 5% Homework 5% VAPD 5%	My Life, My Way exam focusing on key topics from class Practical Athletics skills Participation	Assessment Inventions Due: Week 5



VINCENTIA HIGH SCHOOL P&C PARENT WORKSHOPS 2014

You're Invited...!!!

Vincentia High School, Parent & Citizen Association and Bay & Basin Community Resources are proud to present a series of Parent Workshops designed to *Engage, Enthral and Enlighten* the life and times of teenagers, adolescent psychology and the trials of moving through high school to life and beyond...

We will be meeting in the VHS Library at 6pm for a 6.15pm start and finishing at approximately 7.30pm. Interested parents and carers are invited to stay for the P&C Meeting where you can have your say and become more involved with our school community. Join us for light refreshments and a stimulating time...

Meeting 1: 27 February	How to Study & Support your Student?
Meeting 2: 27 March	P&C AGM
Meeting 3: 22 May	How the Mind Works
Meeting 4: 26 June	Rites of Passage
Meeting 5: 24 July	Post School Options
Meeting 6: 28 August	Resiliency
Meeting 7: 30 October	Life Skills, safe partying, drugs & drinking
Meeting 8: 27 November	Christmas Party

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law

Important Information for Parents!

Re: Students having time off school during the term

A number of requests have been made recently, by parents, for the school to provide work packages for students who are going on **vacation** during term.

It is not school practice to provide work packages for this purpose. **Extenuating circumstances such as long term illness, misadventure or long term suspension are when work packages are provided.**

Any student taking holidays for three months or longer is required to apply to Distance Education. If students are going to be absent for more than two days, notification should be made to the school by phoning - 4441 6766, and informing Mrs Simpson who is the Attendance Officer. If Mrs Simpson is not available you can leave a message with reception which will be passed on to Mrs Simpson. ***A note explaining any absence from school must be provided on the next day of attendance. This note must contain the students full name and be signed by the Parent/ Caregiver stating the reason for the absence.***

Process for students taking holidays during the term:

If you are intending to take your child on holiday within the school term you are required to obtain an '**Application for Exemption from Attendance at School**' form from the front office. At least one weeks notice is required, preferably longer to allow for processing.

The Principal is required to sight this form and provide the Parent/Carer with a '**Certificate of Exemption from Attendance at School**'.

Steve Glenday
Principal.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Yoga Studio in Huskisson

I have opened a Yoga Studio in Huskisson and plan to run a Teens program in the first term. The program works with movement, breath and meditation but also working on changing negative thought patterns and self-esteem.

Mary Baseler
Husky Yoga Studio
0437070200

St Georges Basin Hockey Club

Invites registrations for the upcoming 2014 winter competition for junior boys and girls aged 6-16 years and women and men senior teams. A Club Registration afternoon is on Friday 28 February from 5 to 7pm at the St Georges Basin Country Club Tennis courts. Alternatively, please email basinhockey@gmail.com for a registration form. Fees can be deposited directly into the Basin Hockey account. If you want to discuss anything regarding the upcoming season, call President Vaughan on 0400 455 067.





Physical Disability Council of NSW



'Getting Ready': Living the life I want to live
(a free workshop for people with physical disability)

The focus of the workshop is gaining more control over your life by identifying what is important to you, set goals and make a plan to achieve goals:

- Provide opportunity for individuals through discussion and personal reflection, to identify and focus on what is important to them
- Assist individuals in identifying skills and supports, they may need to attain their specific goal
- Gain information about funding initiatives
- Enable greater self awareness and confidence in individuals
- Interactive workshop learning from the experiences of others

Developed by people with physical disability, for people with physical disability, facilitated by people with physical disability

www.pdcnsw.org.au

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Ordinary People
Ordinary Lives

MINDFUL



PARENTING

Free 5 week course

For carers and parents of children with intellectual disability or autism

Want to learn how to get some space from your difficult thoughts and feelings, take action in line with your values

- ✓ Learn mindfulness and behaviour change techniques you can apply to parenting
- ✓ Respond to challenging situations with choice instead of reacting automatically
- ✓ Practice new skills to manage stress
- ✓ Meet other parents and carers with similar experiences

Venue: Nowra - to be announced

Dates: 4/3, 11/3, 18/3, 25/3, 1/4, all Tuesdays from 10am until 12:30pm

Facilitators: Leah Phillips & Melinda Tabb (ADHC Psychologists)

For more info or to register please call Leah or Melinda on 44292800 or 0429161653

or email leah-phillips@facr-nsw.gov.au or Melinda-tabb@facr-nsw.gov.au



Do you want to be a CHEERLEADER?

Air Born Cheerleading is on the search for girls aged 14 years and over to become a part of their brand new open age Cheerleading team.

It's not just about waving Pom Poms. Learn high flying stunts, impressive pyramids, awesome tumbling and exciting dance routines.

Air Born Cheerleading are one of Australia's most successful Cheer & Dance clubs having won over 30 National Titles and are about to compete at the World Championships for the third time.

Air Born are searching for new team members for their open team which trains at the Shoalhaven PCYC on Park Rd, South Nowra.

So what are you waiting for, come and join the fun!!!

2014 CLASS TIMETABLE

Friday	Friday
Junior Cheer Ages 5-14 years 4.00pm-6.00pm	Open Group Stunt Ages 14 years & over 4.00pm-4.45pm
Junior Tumbling Ages 5-14 years 6.00pm-6.45pm	Open Tumbling Ages 14 years & over 4.45pm-5.30pm
Junior Pom Ages 5-14 years 6.45pm-7.30pm	Open Cheer Ages 14 years & Over 5.30pm-7.30pm

For more information email: info@airborncheerleading.com

Or check out our website: www.airborncheerleading.com



SEEKING YOUTH FOR...

Jervis Bay Lions Alpha Leo Club



Opportunity to join a worldwide group.
Leos supported by two of the Bay & Basins leading Community Organisations



- ★ Leadership & Teamwork
- ★ Skill Development
- ★ References & Support
- ★ Community Involvement
- ★ Fundraising
- ★ Raise Profile of Bay & Basin Youth
- ★ Experience holding formal meetings, managing budgets etc
- ★ International Exchange Program for 15>
- ★ Youth Camps for 16>
- ★ Work with other Leo Clubs
- ★ Welcome Event
- ★ Social Functions
- ★ National & International Leo Awards



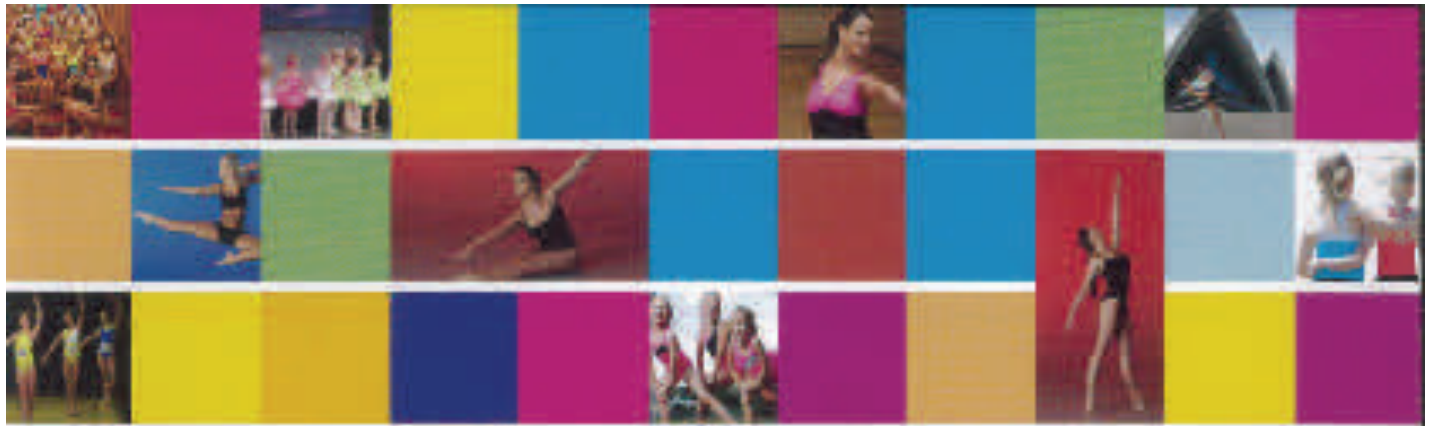
- Some of what sponsor organisation JB Lions do.....
- Huskisson NYE Fireworks
 - Joyland Carnival
 - Charity Day
 - White Sands Carnival & Parade
 - Relay for Life Team
 - Community Events
 - Lions Youth of the Year
 - Fundraising @BCs & catering

Getting Involved....

Volunteering in Leo Clubs provides diverse opportunities in club leadership, training, membership development, community projects, or in a range of practical projects as diverse as emergency relief, tree planting, catering, fundraising & running community events.

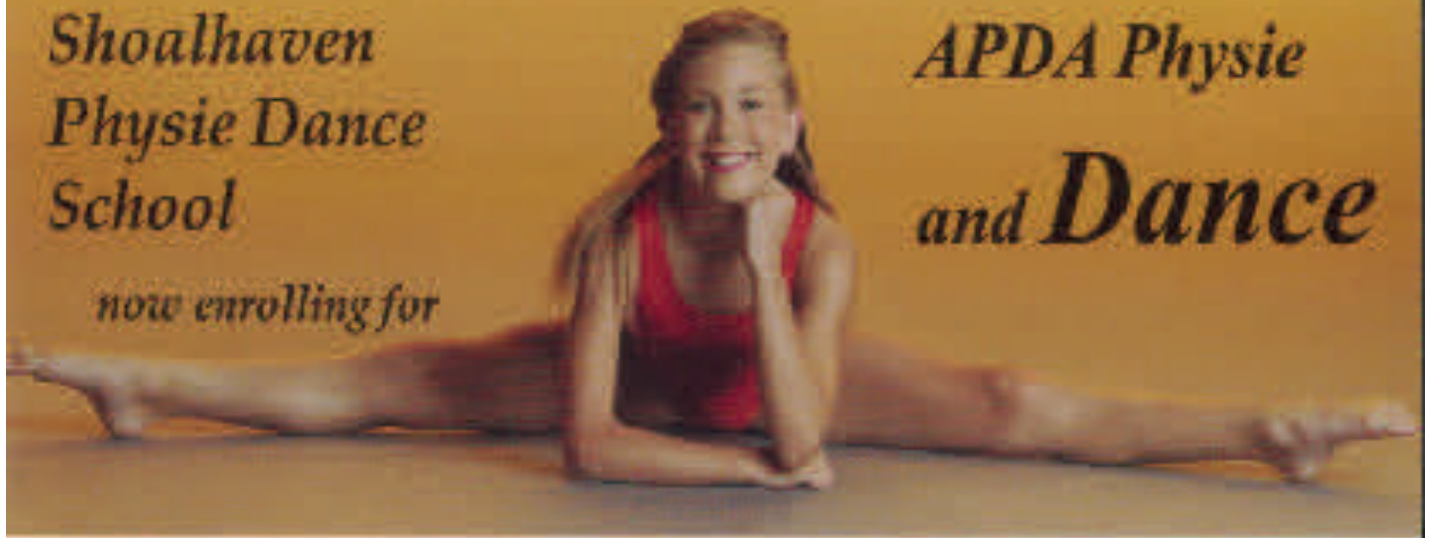
Leo Clubs will be supported by a Youth Advisor & members from Jervis Bay Lions Club and a worker from Bay & Basin Community Resources. Volunteers will be required to attend regular meetings at VHS, and off site as required and able. Volunteers will also need to determine ways to give to their community. Transport etc, will be provided.

Please contact Karen Chambers on 4443 9244.
The first meeting will be held on Tuesday March 4 at lunch time in the Laser Room.
Students can put their name on the list in the LaSP Staff Room to be kept up to date with meeting details.



*Shoalhaven
Physie Dance
School*

now enrolling for



*APDA Physie
and Dance*



Preschoolers, children, teenagers and adults from all over Australia are immersing themselves in this new **NATIONAL DANCE SPORT** by APDA. The Australian Physie and Dance Association.

FREE training dvd and music with registration, inexpensive, quality dance training, fun, lifelong friendship, achievement, skills, fitness, encouragement, confidence building, all ages and abilities, beginner lady classes, discounted teen fees, team and individual events, professional choreographed syllabus, perform on X Factor Stage and Sydney Opera House!!!!!!!

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