



R U MAD

R U Makin A Difference ?

Ms Meehan and the students from 7V participated in the R U MAD? challenge, which stands for are you Making A Difference? The students were able to choose to make a difference within their community or at school. One group organised a mufti day at school and raised \$300 which was used to create 13 Christmas hampers for the Shoalhaven Homeless Hub to give to families in need. The other groups worked on making a difference to the school grounds with the cleaning of the steps outside the performance space and the creation of a wall near the basketball courts that will have a wellbeing message painted on it.

Well done year 7 for the huge difference that you have made to your school and the wider community.



Year 10 Graduation and ABW Medal Presentation

Year 10 received their graduation certificates, report cards and ABW medals last week at the Graduation Ceremony in our school hall. Our talented music students performed Crazy and Fast Car beautifully for the audience. Deputy Principal of Stage 5 Miss Renee Gilbert congratulated the students on their efforts for the year and wished them well for senior school.

Ms Petra Greyling presented the awards to the winners of ABW and praised the year group for their enthusiasm and engagement during the week long competition. Students and their guest were invited to the Performance Space after the ceremony for morning tea and photos.



Student and Parent Portal

In 2016 we would like to have more parents using the school's Student and Parent Portal which provides both parents and students discreet information about each student's progress in our school. In particular you can use this portal to access:

- Student attendance
- Report cards
- Wellbeing notifications
- Student work and assignment notifications
- Student notices and calendar

To access the portal, please log on to the Internet and register for access on the following url:

<http://web2.vincentia-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/register>

You must use a valid email address to create your username.

Once successfully registered you will be prompted to enter your username (email address) and the password you created.

To see information from the school and to link to your enrolled children, you will need an enrolment key. These keys have been sent out previously. If you don't have access to your key please contact Mark Sanders by email on mark.sanders4@det.nsw.edu.au or Paul Taylor on paul.e.taylor@det.nsw.edu and an access key will be emailed back to you.

Once you have registered your access key, the school administrator will accept you as a user and you can have continued access to the portal on:

<http://web2.vincentia-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal>

We at VHS are confident that you will see the benefits of your registration immediately and be part of our journey in providing this facility to you.

Student Attendance

Currently, our school informs parents of student attendance via letter every 2 weeks. In 2016 we will be using email notifications so parents can be informed more efficiently, timely and effectively. In order for this to run smoothly and be successful, it is important that we have accurate email details for all parents and caregivers.

To enable us to update our records, please complete the attached student details sheet and return to the school with your child in 2016. The only parts you need to complete are the student name, year group and your email address. If anything else has changed since your child's enrolment, please change it also.

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Are you doing a toy clear out prior to Christmas?

Planning a move?

We can help with your excess!

In an effort to reduce personal items coming in from home we would like to organise a collection of toys that children can borrow for lunch breaks. This will cater for the children who are more interested in creative play or who would like a break from physical activity. Also games that can be used for indoor play during wet weather.

We would like to collect donations of toys and games that your children have grown out of, or simply excess toys.

Firstly we are seeking outdoor toys in good condition such as:

- Large trucks, diggers etc (Tonka style)
- Small cars, planes etc (Matchbox style)
- Sand and beach play toys (buckets, spades, sieves, moulds etc)
- Plastic animals/figurines (dinosaurs, farm animals, fairies etc)
- Plastic or wooden blocks (Lego/Duplo style, or plain)
- Dolls and accessories

We would also appreciate toys and games suitable for indoor use with students from Kindergarten to Year 6, in good condition, such as:

- Board games (Monopoly, Chess, Ludo, Scrabble, Memory Match, Trouble etc. Complete sets please)
- Card Games (Uno, Snap etc)
- Train sets
- Construction (such as Lego, Duplo, K'nex, blocks)
- Threading boards, dominos, tracing stencils,
- Figurines and accessories (Littlest Pet Shop etc)

Toys and games will be clearly marked (VPS) before being borrowed by the students.

Please drop any donations off to the office at Vincentia Primary School

Thank you.

Penny McKenzie

What's happening at Vincentia High School

Wednesday 16/12/2015

- ☞ Ranger Canberra 3 day Trip yrs 9 - 10 Mrs Brown

Thursday 17/12/2015

- ☞ Staff Development Day Staff only

Friday 08/12/2015

- ☞ Staff Development Day
- ☞ Last Day Term 4

*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New
Year*

Wednesday 27/01/2016

- ☞ First Day Term 1 Staff Development Day Staff only

Thursday 28/01/2016

- ☞ First Day Term 1 for Years 7, 11 and 12

Friday 29/01/2016

- ☞ First Day Term 1 for Years 8, 9, and 10

YOUR SCHOOL CONTACTS

S Glenday	Principal
P Hogan	Deputy Principal Stage 6 (Yrs 11 & 12)
M Meehan	Head Teacher Teaching & Learning Literacy/ Numeracy
R Gilbert	Deputy Principal Stage 5 (Yrs 7 & 8) (Rel)
P Greyling	Head Teacher Teaching & Learning WellBeing
P Taylor	Deputy Principal Stage 5 (Yrs 7 & 8)
H Pastor	Head Teacher Teaching & Learning 21 st Century (Rel)
J Oxley	School Administration Manager
M. Swanson	Head Teacher Admin (Rel)
J. Still	Head Teacher Admin (Rel)
G Keogh	Head Teacher English (Rel)
G Smith	Head Teacher Mathematics
L Swierenga	Head Teacher Science (Rel)
L Ryder	Head Teacher Creative & Performing Arts
J von Stieglitz	Head Teacher HSIE (Rel)
A Newton	Head Teacher Technological and Applied Studies
S Clark	Head Teacher Support Unit
J Scott	Head Teacher Gumbari ED Unit
A Glenday	Head Teacher Wellbeing Learning & Support
K Lane	Head Teacher Ganya Garindja Unit
K Walker	School Counsellor

LEADERSHIP AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT CONTACTS

T. Mason & J. Norman	Year 7 Adviser
C Ryan & L Brooks	Year 8 Advisers
M Morris	Year 9 Adviser
G Keogh & L Swieringa	Year 10 Advisers
J Powter	Year 11 Adviser
J von Stieglitz & H Pastor	Year 12 Advisers