Southern Stars
'Beyond the Frame'

We would like to wish Ms Norman, Mrs Brooks and all of our talented Southern Stars performers the best of luck for the rehearsal and performance of 'Beyond the Frame' at the WIN Entertainment Centre. Performances are on Friday August 28 at 7.30pm and Saturday August 29 at 2.00pm and 7.30pm.

Tickets can be purchased through Ticketek

Junior Judging of Dairy cattle

On Thursday, 20th August, 7 schools and 131 students competed in the junior judging of Dairy cattle at Nowra Showground. This competition saw 6 Yr 9 students represent Vincentia High School.

They judged three dairy breeds including Jersey, Illawarra and Holstein on their structural soundness. All students competed at a successful level with Georgia Matheson-Gee taking out the junior section.
Youth Frontiers
Mentoring Program

A group of Year 8 students from Vincentia High School are participating in the Youth Frontiers Mentoring Program. This excellent program is aimed at giving Years 8 & 9 students across the state an opportunity to build life skills and self-confidence by working collaboratively with a mentor on community projects.

The Youth Frontiers program is being coordinated by Linda Hawkins from Shoalhaven Workplace Learning and is supported by staff at our school. Students participating in this program receive a minimum of 30 hours mentoring from volunteers who have an interest in helping youth to make a difference in their local community.

Students at Vincentia High School are working on four projects: Conservation of the Eastern Pygmy Possum, a Self-Esteem Forum, a Youth Skills Expo and Rugby League Clinics at local schools.

Last week Ethan Fletcher and Tom Power organised a Rugby League Clinic for students at Vincentia Public School which was highly successful. In the next few weeks Ethan and Tom will also run a clinic at Sanctuary Point Public School and will eventually host a gala event for both primary schools.

For the past few weeks, Amy Dreyer and Sarah Ewers have been working closely with their mentor to highlight the plight of the Eastern Pygmy Possum which is an endangered species. Possums found outside their natural habitat have been trapped and returned to a protected area.

On Tuesday September 1 all Year 8 students are invited to participate in a Self-Esteem Forum led by Tilhaney Grainger, Lexie Moorcroft & Teneisha Ross. Guest speakers will discuss issues relevant to teenagers today and will highlight local support services. Sponsors involved in this forum include: Shoalhaven City Council, IGA St Georges Basin, The Good Guys, Bay and Basin Community Resources, Nowra Local Area Command and Shoalhaven Suicide Prevention & Awareness Network.

Next term Lucy Graham will be hosting a Youth Skills Expo which is aimed at helping Year 8 students to develop skills in regard to budgeting, studying effectively and managing home and school life.
Vietnam Veterans Day
Commemorative Service 2015

On Tuesday August 18 the Vietnam Veterans’ Association Jervis Bay sub-Branch in association with the Huskisson RSL sub-Branch held a Vietnam Veterans Day Commemorative Service at 3.30pm at Voyager Park Memorial, Huskisson.

August 18 is a significant date in the Vietnam War as it is the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan (1966) when 120 Australian troops held off an attack from up to 2,500 enemy soldiers, until reinforcements arrived. Over 60,000 Australians served in the Vietnam War; 521 died and 3,000 were wounded.

Ellie Strange (School Captain), Shakeela Williams, Liam Dooley (Vice Captains), Jayden Stynes, Meg Anderson (School Leaders) escorted Louis Cameron (School Captain) as he laid a wreath on behalf of staff and students at Vincentia High School. Shoalhaven dignitaries, representatives from HMAS Creswell, HMAS Albatross, St Georges Basin Public School and various local groups also attended the commemorative service.

After the service Vincentia High School students had their photo taken with WW2 and Vietnam veteran Mr Jim Bennett-Burleigh.

Year 12 Music Performance Night

Year 12 Vincentia High School Music students will be showcasing their amazing talents on Thursday August 27 from 5pm-8pm in the school hall. We would like to invite all parents, students, staff and community members to come along and support our wonderful students.
Library News

Thank you to all the students who participated in PISA over the last month. PISA is the Programme for International Student Assessment. It’s like a NAPLAN for the globe as its finds out how students from around the world compare to one another. If you would like to find out more check out http://www.oecd.org/pisa/ .

Students can check out the “read something new and try something new” on the Library moodle page. Each week a new app or book is featured that might help make school work more fun. This week’s featured app is Virtual manipulative’s, a great practice tool for practicing fractions - check it out.

This week’s new read is ‘The Pause’ by John Larkin, a tale about a 17 year old boy named Declan, who is feeling suicidal, but don’t let this tough issue put you off reading this sometimes sad often humorous tale of a young man’s life. This book demands your attention and has lots of twists and turns, guaranteed fun for a rainy day.

The library regularly adds new reads to the collection and currently we are aiming to expand our graphic novels section. Many picture books and graphic novels contain complex stories that withstand complex analysis, but apart from all that are great reads.

“There comes a time when you have to choose between turning the page and closing the book.”– Josh Jameson

Crazy Hair, Hat and Beanie Day!!

In 2015 approximately 1,355 Australians died from brain cancer. Brain cancer is on the rise and we need your help!

On Wednesday September 2 the SRC will be hosting a Crazy Hair, Hat & Beanie Day. This is to help raise funds for the Brain Cancer Foundation. A gold coin donation is required and will be collected at roll call.

During the day the SRC will be running a "Brain Stimulation Station" where they will be offering hairspray, bags full of lollies for low, low prices. As well as this, the SRC will be conducting a VHS coin challenge. The gold coins collected at roll call will be used to spell out the words Brain Cancer in the Year 7 area.

We need everyone to get behind this fundraiser as every cent counts!!
**What's happening at VHS**

**Wednesday 26/08/2015**
- Garabara Ngurra NAISDA Dance Camp/Kariong - J. Hill
- Yr 12 Taste of Transition to Work - Support Unit
- Southern Stars - Wollongong Entertainment Centre
- WHS White Card Course - H Pastor
- HSC Drama Practical Exam

**Thursday 27/08/2015**
- Garabara Ngurra NAISDA Dance Camp/Kariong - J. Hill
- My Story Matters IRT St Georges Basin - A Lee pds 3 & 4
- Debating Camp - G Keogh
- Southern Stars Wollongong Entertainment Centre - J Norman
- ACT Mountain Bike Championships Canberra - C Boyce
- HSC Performance Night in Performance Space

**Monday 31/08/2015**
- Resilience and stress relief for HSC - M Morris
- Yr 6 Transition to high school visits - T Mason & Jessie Norman

**Tuesday 01/09/2015**
- Future Finder Workshop - H Pastor
- Taste of Transition to Work - S Clark
- InVEST information evening - Library
- Yr 6 Transition to high school visits - T Mason & Jessie Norman

**Wednesday 02/09/2015**
- Youth Forum Yr 8 Workshop - G Brady
- Yr 6 Transition to high school visits - T Mason & Jessie Norman

**Thursday 03/09/2015**
- My Story Matters Project IRT St Georges Basin Mr Lee pds 3 & 4

**Friday 04/09/2015**
- First Aid Course in Cottage Ms Pastor
- Year 12 Assessment VET Wagga Wagga Hospitality/Trade Kitchen Mrs Boyce pds 1 - 6

**P & C Meeting**

**Tuesday, 25th August, 2015.**

Parent Information Session:
starts at 6pm followed by meeting at 7.30pm.

**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
- R Gilbert  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)
- H Pastor  Head Teacher Teaching & Learning Stage 6 (Rel)
- J Oxley  School Administration Manager
- W Bruffey  Head Teacher Admin (Rel)
- G Keogh  Head Teacher English (Rel)
- W Nelmes  Head Teacher Sport
- G Smith  Head Teacher Mathematics
- L Swierenga  Head Teacher Science (Rel)
- L Ryder  Head Teacher CAPA
- J von Stieglitz  Head Teacher HSIE (Rel)
- A Newton  Head Teacher TAS
- P Raftery  Head Teacher PDHPE (Rel)
- 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
- K Walker & P Charlton  -  School Counsellors

**Leadership and Social Engagement Contacts**

- C Ryan & L Brooks  Year 7 Advisers
- M Morris  Year 8 Adviser
- G Keogh & L Swierenga  Year 9 Advisers
- J Powter  Year 10 Adviser
- J von Stieglitz & H Pastor  Year 11 Advisers
- K Edwards & G Brindley  Year 12 Adviser

**Term Dates:**

**Term 3 2015**
Tuesday 14th July to Friday 18th September 2015

**Term 4 2015**
Tuesday 6th October to Friday 18th December 2015
Formal dresses only
$50 - $150
Only while stocks last!!
Other dresses also available.

- Formal ties $10
- Hanky $4
- Designed ties $5
- Vests $20
- Shirts $10
- Suits $70

St Georges Avenue Vincentia - Phone: 0410 378 474
www.jbformals.com

Next course 12th September 2015
ph:44218588

Learner drivers who complete the course will receive 20 hours of logbook credit from your compulsory 120 logbook hours.

www.pcynsw.org/club_shoalhaven_safedrivers_course

BAY AND BASIN AMATEUR SWIM CLUB
SUMMER SEASON 2015/2016

Bay and Basin Amateur Swimming Club meets each Friday night at the Bay and Basin Leisure Centre, Wool Rd, Vincentia.

We are opening for our Summer Season starting in October and would love new members to join us.

Swimmers of all abilities are welcome and your first trial night is free.

Registration fees apply if you join up and are valid for the year. 5pm for entry registrations for a 5.30pm start.

If interested please call Chelsea on 0409 493 026 or email bayandbasinasc@gmail.com for more info.

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FASD – LET’S PROTECT
OUR BABIES FROM IT
(Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder)

Family and Community Awareness Day

Nowra Pavilion
9th September
10am – 2pm

Resources, videos, Lunch, Dance, Artwork, jumping castle, face painting, support services

Contact Jenny Kelly - Adelays for more information or if you have received an (02) 4448 0300 or email Jenny@Southcoastams.org.au.
INVITATION TO ATTEND
THE P&C ASSOCIATION
MEETINGS
FOR 2015

The P&C Committee meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. A series of Parent Workshops will begin at 6pm prior to each meeting. The workshops are 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. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Regards
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