Swimming Carnival
Well done to those students who attended and participated in our swimming carnival last week. We were certainly lucky with the weather and conditions were perfect for the day. It was a great atmosphere at the pool and many students enthusiastically involved themselves in cheering their team mates to the finish line. Good luck to all those students who are heading off to the Zone Swimming Carnival this Friday. Thanks to Mr Dark for his excellent organisation and enthusiasm in organising the carnival.

Attendance
Just a reminder that regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as part of their duty of care, must monitor part and whole day absences. It is essential that parents or caregivers explain the absences of their children promptly to the school. A student’s absence will be recorded as ‘unjustified’ if no compelling reason, such as illness, is given. For partial absences it is important students have a legitimate reason to leave school. Please ensure that notes clearly state a reason, time to leave, school year and must include both the student’s first and surname. Thank you for your support in this matter.

P & C Meeting
All parents are reminded that our P & C will meet for their first meeting of the year this Wednesday, commencing at 6.30pm in the Library. Mr Wong will be the guest presenter. All welcome.

Year 9 Laptop Information Session
A big thank you to Mrs Menzies and Mrs McIntosh, who spoke at the DER Laptop information Session last Wednesday night. It was great to see so many parents and students there. The students will be receiving their laptops this week and gauging by their enthusiasm on Wednesday night are extremely eager to start working with them in class as soon as possible.

Canteen Roster

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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.

Aerosol Deodorants
Parents and students are aware that we have had incidents in the past where spray deodorants, particularly the Lynx brand, have been used at school and have caused severe reactions in some members of our school community who suffer from asthma and other allergies. It has been a long standing practice that aerosol deodorants are banned from Crookwell High School as they pose a serious health risk to those who suffer from such conditions.

Our school needs to be a safe environment for both students and staff and I ask all parents to please ensure that your children use a roll-on deodorant in preference to aerosols.

Students who use banned items at school without regard to the safety of others will be deemed to be non-compliant with school rules and will face disciplinary consequences.

Jeff Ward
Relieving Principal

Junior Girls Hockey
Junior Girls Hockey are calling for nominations for rep players for the 2013 season. Under 11’s, 13’s, 15’s & 17’s are now open with the nominations taken up until the 28th February. Please contact Lisa Leonard 48367218 or Jayne Selmes 48365275. Also our registration day is on the 2nd March at the Potato Festival look for our stall and register for the 2013 season. Hope to see you all there.
**Careers News**
Year 12 travelled to the University of Wollongong for Discovery Day, on an overnight excursion with Mrs McIntosh and Mr Walker. Students stayed at “Weerona”, which is a fully catered UOW accommodation site. Kathleen Campbell commented:
“It was a great experience for us to get an insight into student life and a basic understanding of the courses that we are interested in. We loved the university campus and the atmosphere of university life. It was a great opportunity for us to see the wonderful facilities that the uni had and what uni accommodation is like.”
A Workplace Health and Safety qualification, also known as the White card, will be run at the school on the 21st March. Student can obtain a qualification recognised by industry and which in fact is required to work in the construction sector. There are currently 8 places left – first in best dressed!
**Year 10 Career classes** have looked at Work Experience which will occur in the last week of November. Students have been encouraged to consider possible work places which they would like to experience, and to talk options over with their families. This week we will look at writing a resume and students will need to include their skills and experiences – a great conversation piece for the dinner table!

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**SOCCER NEWS**
Welcome to 2013 season. This year the Crookwell Soccer Club is looking forward to another exciting year, with our REGISTRATION DAY ON SATURDAY 23rd February at the Amenities Block from 9-12.
Our club caters for boys, girls, men & women, with ages starting out as young as five through to a spritely 60 something gentleman who graced the paddock last year. All junior games are played Saturday mornings solely in Crookwell, no travel required. While all senior teams play on a home & away basis.
This year there has been a major change with juniors. Due to high registration costs we have decided to go in a different direction, no longer affiliated to the STFA, which has resulted in a huge price reduction across the entire junior age group, and no difficulties with having to register on-line, we are reverting back to paper.
The cost of registration for all juniors [aged between 5-12] is $40 per child for the first two children & $30 for any child after that.
For all seniors, registration will once again be through the [http://myfootballclub.com.au](http://myfootballclub.com.au) website. You will be able to access our packages on-line from the 23rd February. If you require any assistance please come to the amenities block between 9 & 12.
So whether you are turning 5 or 55 or something in between bring a friend and come and give soccer ago, maybe you will discover skills you didn’t know you or your children had.

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**What’s Cooking in Food Technology?**
For the Crookwell show 6 year 10 students entered the Cookery section with decorated small cakes. James Anderson achieved a first, Martin McBride achieved a second and Alice Banfield received an encouragement award. A great effort by a small number of students. Pencil in this event for next year if you are currently in year 9 or 11 and let’s see if we can build up the entries!!
*Tracey Marks – Food Technology*