Parents Visiting School
While we are always very pleased to have parents visiting our school I would like to remind everyone about the protocols that we have in place when visiting the school. As you would appreciate, these protocols have been developed to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students. Also, like all workplaces, we have to comply with Workplace Health & Safety guidelines and procedures. I ask that:

1. All parents and visitors report to the front office on entering the school.
2. If you wish to see a member of staff about an issue related to your child, please make an appointment at a mutually convenient time with that staff member.
3. In order to minimise disruption to classes, if you need to see your child during the school day the best time to do this is at recess (10.55am) or lunch (1.15-1.55pm).

School Attendance
Research has shown that there is a direct correlation between a student's performance and happiness at school and their attendance. Parents and carers are reminded that children must attend school every day and the Department of Education & Communities has clear guidelines for monitoring and addressing the attendance of students.

At Crookwell High School the Welfare team monitors attendance closely and at times, if the attendance of your child is causing concern, the Year Advisor may contact you to discuss the reasons for absence and discuss ways of supporting your child to address the problem. If your child has to be away from school for any reason, please provide a signed note explaining the reason for the absence, as soon as possible.

If your child arrives at school late, or needs to leave early, please ensure that a note is provided for this partial absence. This note must clearly include the following:
- Student’s name
- Date
- Reason for absence (please provide as much detail as possible)
- The relationship of the person writing the note to the student
- Signature

Year 12 Examinations
Year 12 will commence their half–yearly examinations this Thursday - we wish them well.

Holiday Dates
Please note that the last day of term is Thursday, 2nd April with school resuming for all students on Tuesday, 21st of April.
ANZAC Day falls on Saturday 25th. There is NO additional public holiday on Monday 27 April.

Brian Hudson
Principal

ANZAC Cooking
Commemorating 100 years of Gallipoli
Years 9 and 10 Food Technology will be replicating some of the food items that would have been sent to the ANZACs at Gallipoli. ANZAC biscuit slabs and fruit cakes in cans are on the menu. Students are busy collecting food cans to cook their fruit cakes in but we need more. If you have any unlined food cans with the lids cut off that you could donate to the Food Technology department, please bring them to the High School front office, before the end of the school term. Once these food items have been baked, students will be wrapping them in brown paper and tying with string to further replicate how they were packaged to send overseas to their loved ones.

Canteen Roster

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The year has taken off in spectacular fashion in English. Students have been productively creating, writing and speaking across the years and most have completed two assessments of the skills they have developed thus far this term.

**Year 7**
‘Dare to be Yourself’ – a close study of *Bridge to Terabithia* (both novel and film)

**Year 8**
‘Animation’ – creating flip charts based on the film study of *Despicable Me*

**Year 9**
‘Challenging Gender Stereotypes’ – learning that is accepted to be a stereotypical girl or boy but it is also acceptable not to conform to these stereotypes.

**Year 10**
‘Power and Prejudice’ – a close study of the novels *Jasper Jones*, *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *Fighting Ruben Wolfe*. Students are also working towards writing their first essay for the year.

**Year 11**
‘Area of Study: Belonging/Journeys’ – a close study of this concept and how it relates to *The Happiest Refugee* (Standard) or *The Book Thief* (Advanced)

**Year 12**
‘Area of Study: Discovery’ and a close study of *Ten Canoes* (Advanced) or *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* (Standard)

**Lauren Waite – English/LOTE**

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**World of Maths Roadshow**
On Monday, March 9th a small group of year 8 and 9 students visited the World of Maths Roadshow. In groups students solved problems and puzzles, gaining a new perspective on maths and its uses outside the classroom working out the answers to such questions as the best place to position a mouse trap in a house, how to work out the height of a telephone pole using shadows and how angles can improve your basketball skills.

**Zone Touch Football**
On Monday 16th March the Open Boys and Girls Touch Football teams competed in the Zone Championships in Goulburn. The boys team competed against 3 other schools in a pool system and progressed to the semi-final on top of their pool. The final was held against Bowral High School. The boys semi-final was a see-sawing affair with each school trading tries. In the end Bowral edged out our school 4-3, a close result. The boys should be congratulated for coming first in their pool and I wish them the best of luck to go one step further next year.

The Open Girls team were faced with a different tournament structure due to schools not participating. The girls had 5 matches against all schools present, and edged out Yass to be in the top two teams at the end of the day to progress to the South Coast Finals. After a legitimate dispute by Yass regarding the final results, we were forced into a drop-off to decide who would go through. Starting with 5 players and dropping down to three for each team, the deciding match was a tense occasion. Luckily the Yass girls fumbled the ball into Holly Evans’ hands who raced away to score the winning try. With that, the Crookwell girls solidified their position in the South Coast finals, which will be held at Nowra on the 24th April. I wish all the girls the best of luck at the next level.

Thanks goes to the Goulburn Touch Association for their assistance with putting on a great day for all students.

*Michael Dark*