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Weekly Bulletin

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**Principal's Report**

Our athletics carnival took place on Wednesday 6th of May at Todkill Park. It was a very cold day though the sun was shining. It was great to see so many students attending and participating in the various events. I spent the day starting races and was particularly impressed with the talents of our students in the various running races. Many thanks to Mr Whittle and the staff for organising and running such a great day and to the student volunteers who helped out in a variety of ways. Our Year 7 and 9 students will be participating in the NAPLAN tests this week. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is a snapshot of how a student is performing at a particular point in time in a selected range of areas. The school measures a student’s performance at many points throughout the year and so we expect our students to do their best at all times.

I have already mentioned the “Why it’s great to be alive” book that a number of our students, as well as others from the Upper Lachlan area, have contributed to. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, you can do so at our school office. The cost of the book is $20.

Thank you to Mr McCrorey for his organisation of the school photo day. Things went off without a hitch and the students (and staff) scrubbed up very nicely for their photos. This week sees some of our students competing in the Zone Cross Country and a number of our Year 11 students on Hospitality work placement. Year 12 students will be receiving their reports and will be interviewed by Mrs Needham, Mr Walker and myself on their performance and application to their studies.

**Vero Joseph - Relieving Principal**

**MATHS**Help

It is exciting that MATHS help has started up again this week but in a new timeslot! Mrs Dark will be in Room 8 during lunchtime each Monday to assist students with Maths. This new time will allow students who need to catch buses to come and get help with their homework or other questions. All students are encouraged to make the most of this fantastic opportunity provided by the Maths staff. With exams coming up for Years 7-10 and in class assessments for Year 11 and 12, it is the perfect opportunity to get some extra help!

Come along next week!

**Rebecca Dark – Acting Head Teacher Mathematics**

**How do I study?**

With exams for Years 7-10 starting next week, all students should be completing extra revision and study and preparation. Consider the following:

- Talk to your teacher about exam technique (every subject is different)
- Eat healthy, drink lots of water and exercise
- Make yourself a study timetable, and try to stick to it
- Do practice exams

**Deputy Principal’s Report**

With the cold weather upon us students are reminded to wear uniform items that are appropriate for the weather. Woolen or polar fleece jumpers are available through the uniform shop. Students are also encouraged to wear blue beanies, scarves and jackets if they are seeking extra warmth against the Crookwell cold. Hoodies should not be worn, even under a school jumper, as they are not in keeping with school uniform.

A reminder that all students, including Year 12 students need a note from home to be able to get a pass to leave early for an appointment.

**Anna Robinson – Acting Deputy Principal**

**NAPLAN Tests This Week**

Parents of students in Year 7 and Year 9 are reminded that the schedule for the NAPLAN tests this week is as follows:

- **Tuesday 12th May** – Language Conventions & Writing
- **Wednesday 13th May** – Reading
- **Thursday 14th May** – Numeracy (calculator allowed) & Numeracy (non –calculator)

Any student who is absent on any of these days will sit for their missed NAPLAN tests on Friday, 15th of May.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.naplan.edu.au

**It is important that all students attend on the NAPLAN test days and participate in the tests**

**Canteen Roster**

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**In the Library**

In June, our school Library is going to have a huge change. We will be moving to a new Library management system called OLIVER. This will replace OASIS which has been used since the 1980's as a way of managing borrowers and resources.

We are one of the first schools in NSW to move to OLIVER as we were successful in our application to become a ‘Lighthouse’ school. This means we will be leading the rest of the State through the transition.

The new system, OLIVER, will be accessible from any device connected to the internet. It has a modern browsing interface and library users will have their own borrowing profile where they can manage their borrowing. You will be able to reserve, renew, request online!

The new system will also give us access to e-books and e-resources that the school previously did not have. People will be able to ‘borrow’ these resources on their own devices. The new library system allows you to search for books and see their covers, reviews and often, the first chapter.

The Library has been busy getting ready for the change by ‘cleaning’ up the catalogue and culling books we no longer use.

*Rebecca McCormack – Teacher/Librarian*

**IIATE Wood Show Challenge**

Each year the Institute of Industrial Arts Technology Education runs a wood working competition for students across the state. This competition is a great opportunity for students in woodwork to extend their skills and knowledge. This year, for the first time, Crookwell High School has entered teams. One team of students is made up of four Year 9 students, while the other consists of four Year 10 students. These teams are lucky enough to be going to the Wood Show Challenge State Finals which will be held over three days in June. The state finals for 2015 will be held at the Sydney Timber and Working With Wood show in Homebush. The competition commences on Friday, June 12th, concluding on Sunday, June 14th. In these finals students will be required to complete two projects within a three hour time frame. Students have shown a lot of enthusiasm for the challenge and we wish them all the best for the competition.

*Steve McCrorey – Industrial Technology (Timber)*

**Peter Pan takes to the Stage in Crookwell**

This classic children’s adventure hosts a large cast of 35 children, aged from 5 to 15 years and opens in Crookwell on Friday evening May 22 at 7.30pm. The cast will bring this story to life through story, song and dance.

Full of mischievous fun, this heart-warming children’s play will stir your childhood memories while introducing you and your children to one of the world's most enduring and timeless classic tales. Peter Pan and Tinker Bell carry you off to the enchanted Neverland where children never grow up! There you will find all the beloved characters of this classic adventure: Captain Hook, Lost Boys, Pirates, Tiger Lily and Mermaids of the Lagoon. The role of Peter Pan and Wendy is shared by two actors - Jye Naughton and Taitan Hill and Wendy will be played by Kira Warren and Ellie Searle (everyone has a Role in Peter Pan!) - Captain Hook is Zach George and his side kick Smee is Paddy Lowe, Tinkerbell is Taleisha Bill, and the Crocodile is Katie Simpson. There are far too many to name but come along to one of the shows and watch our children SHINE!

Show times are:
- **Friday** 22 May 7:15pm
- **Saturday** 23 May 7:15pm
- **Sunday** 24 May 1:45pm

These children have been in rehearsals for many weeks now, and have put in their best efforts to make this a fun and entertaining show. Even if you do not have children involved come along and encourage these young actors, you may even be surprised at how much you enjoy the show.

Tickets are on sale at the Crookwell Visitors Centre now – so book your seats - The Hall will be heated and comfortable.

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**Trivia Night**

Come and join us for our annual trivia night

**Thursday 11th June 2015**

6:00pm - 9:00pm

School Hall

Tables of up to 10
$15 per person

Tickets available at the school office or on 02 4832 1421

Supper and finger food provided