Principal’s Report
Attendance and Engagement
Our school consistently maintains an attendance rate above the average for all schools across the state. Research indicates that good attendance:
- increases career and life options
- makes learning and teaching easier
- usually results in students being more successful at school
- allows students to develop a sense of belonging and being cared for
- allows students to make and maintain friendships
Students with poor attendance patterns:
- are more likely to leave school at an early age
- are over represented in the juvenile justice system
- are over represented in issues related to Child protection
- are at possible risk of harm
- develop gaps in knowledge and basic concepts

The Education Act requires parents to:
- provide reasons for absence that are consistent with the provisions of the act
- explain absences within 7 days of the occurrence of the absence
- explain any absence by written, electronic or verbal communication

Sexting
The emotional pain caused by ‘Sexting’ can be very significant, both for the sender and the receiver and there are significant legal implications. ‘Sexting’ is the sending of sexually explicit photos or videos electronically (eg by mobile phone, app, chat, social networking or email). With modern technology this can be done instantly, but it can have serious and lasting consequences.

Students: For people under 18, sexting is illegal. It is a criminal offence to take, possess, or transmit a naked image of a person under the age of 18 years. It doesn’t matter if you take your own photo and willingly send or publish it. You cannot ‘give someone permission’ to break the law. Penalties for these offences are very serious and can result in you being placed on the sex offender's register.

Parents: It is important that you regularly talk to your child about their experiences with communications technology. Make sure that you continually reinforce that your child should come to you if they have any problems, if they see something that they know is wrong or anything that upsets them.

Brian Hudson
Principal

Why It’s Great to be Alive - On Sale Now!
It is Great to be Alive!
Our students contributed poems and reflections to the recently launched booklet: ‘Why it is Great to be Alive’. It is available for purchase from the front office at Crookwell High School for just $20 a copy. This booklet has over 70 contributions from Crookwell High Students and the front cover was also drawn and designed by a Crookwell High Student.

I strongly encourage you to support this initiative which not only raises awareness about the rising incidence of youth suicide, anxiety and depression, it also has the potential to provide direct support to Crookwell’s Youth.

Why are we encouraging you to purchase a booklet (or two)!
All monies from the sale of the booklet will go towards a Youth Mental Health Program at the Wellness Centre at Crookwell Hospital, as there is currently no Youth Mental Health support available for the Upper Lachlan Shire. You can make a difference to the lives of our children in our local community when you purchase a booklet filled with wonderfully creative poetry and writings. This initiative has the backing of YaMAD (our local Youth Council), The Upper Lachlan Shire Council, Department of Health and The Department of Education and Communities as well as our local schools.

We need to support and protect our young people, especially in times of great need. Let’s show them we care by buying a booklet!

Peter Stephens - Head Teacher English, Visual & Performing Arts, LOTE

Maths Help
A reminder to all students that MATHS HELP is on every Monday, in Room 8 with Mrs Dark. If you have to catch a bus home, you can now take advantage of this opportunity as it is held at LUNCHTIME. So bring your lunch and some questions (and escape the cold) to do some Maths.

Rebecca Dark - Relieving Head Teacher Mathematics/Technology

Hot Chocolate Mondays are back…..
Hot chocolates will be available from the canteen in the first half of lunch each Monday for $3. Warm up on a cold day!!!
World Vision Youth Conference
On Friday, Madi, Charli and Mackenzie attended the World Vision Youth Conference at the Australian Institute of Sport. They learnt about issues associated with poverty, social injustice and global equality. These girls along with Teagan will be responsible for leading Crookwell High's 40 Hour Famine initiatives.

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop is now fully stocked for all your Winter Uniform requirements. Winter weight boys pants are now available for $48. Boys & girls white long sleeved brushed cotton shirts are also in stock for $22.00.

Canteen Roster
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Post School Expo Goulburn

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