

Term 3 Week 4 2022

CROOKWELL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Principal's Bulletin 8th August 2022

Positive Vibes Week

Over the past week, we have been able to run our Positive Vibes program for the first time in the last couple of years. Positive Vibes is a wellbeing and positive mindset promoting set of activities, reminding students and staff of all the positive things around us when we make time to look for them. The week was organised by our SRC and involved sporting events, music, BBQ and activities. Thank you so much to our SRC led by Mrs McCormack, and to all the staff and students who participated or helped run activities – it was a fantastic event and a great success.

Sporting and Academic Achievements

Well done to Bella in Year 9 who travelled to Tasmania to compete in the School Sport Hockey Under 16 Championships – Bella and her team made the finals and won Silver overall. What a magnificent achievement! Congratulations also to Bethany in Year 10, who has again placed first in Australia in her age division for Karate – well done Bethany! Great work by our Science and Engineering Challenge team who competed in the event last Friday. Although not winners overall, they did very well in a number of the events.

Year 8 and 10 Subject Information Evening

On Wednesday 17th August we will be holding our Subject Information Evening in our school hall. The two sessions (Year 8 from 5.00pm – 6.00pm and Year 10 from 6.30pm – 7.45pm) will provide information about the range of subjects on offer, who the courses may suit, and any rules and requirements that govern each of those stages. Students in those year groups will be receiving information over the coming week to help prepare them for the choices they will be soon making. Parents and students are all welcome to the Wednesday evening sessions.

Parents and Citizens Meeting

Our P and C meeting is set to take place this Wednesday starting at 6.00pm in our staff common room. As I have mentioned before, the P and C is a great way of getting feedback about how we are performing as a school, as well as allowing us to plan together for improvements. If getting to the meeting is an issue, please contact the office and leave your details – I will look at organising other ways that people can attend including through a Zoom link.

Year 7 Advisor 2023

Congratulations to Ms Arnall who will be our Year 7 Advisor for the 2023 class. We will start visiting primary schools as well as organising transition workshops to allow our new students a chance to visit and get a taste of high school life.

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Monday 8 August 2022

Tuesday 9 August 2022

Wednesday 10 August 2022

Year 12 HSC Trials
Under 15 Boys Basketball
P & C Meeting

Thursday 11 August 2022

Year 12 HSC Trials

Friday 12 August 2022

Year 12 HSC Trials

Monday 15 August 2022

Year 12 HSC Trials

Tuesday 16 August 2022

Year 12 HSC Trials

Wednesday 17 August 2022

Year 12 Trail Exams Canberra Careers Expo

Thursday 18 August 2022

Year 12 HSC Trials

Friday 19 August 2022

Year 12 HSC Trials

Vaping in Schools

Vaping is a significant issue in schools across the country, and all schools, including Crookwell High School, are looking for solutions and strategies to stop it happening. Whilst we have tried a number of approaches already with varying success, we knew that we needed to get background information from the students to help look for longer term strategies. Last week we asked students to fill out an anonymous survey regarding vaping and how this affects their time at school. The survey asked their Year group, whether they had seen vaping take place and where in the school, whether they were concerned about a friend vaping, if they vaped themselves, and if they wanted help to stop. The results of the survey were very useful. We had approximately 140 responses. Almost three quarters of the students had seen someone vape at school, with the toilets being the most common location. Half of the students said they were concerned about going to the toilet because of the vaping. A smaller number of students said they had vaped at school, with over half that number saying they had trouble stopping and wanted help. Two thirds of students were concerned about a friend who was vaping. As a school, we will organise education sessions and provide support for those that want help stopping, as well as making the toilets a place that students feel less concerned to visit. I would greatly appreciate parents speaking to their children about this issue so that we are all coming from the same level of support. We will make sure resources regarding vaping available to parents in the near future to support this conversation. Please do not hesitate to contact the school with any questions or concerns.

Vero Joseph | Principal

Student Rewards

At Crookwell High we like to acknowledge the everyday efforts of students who make the most of their educational

Opportunities. Students receive 'free and frequents,' each received gives students a ticket in the weekly draw for canteen vouchers.

The recipients for week 1/2 were:

Georgia, Bruce,, Rhys, Ronan and Olivia

Recipients for week 3:

Lillian, Annie, Shaymus, Phoebe and Chloe

Lynette Armitage | Deputy Principal



NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills





education.nsw.gov.au



MC Class News

Crookwell High student Skyelah has been travelling to Laggan Public School to mentor Piper. Both are pictured here learning Braille using wooden tiles made by CHS Timber teacher, Mr Bennett, and also using the Braille machine. What a wonderful team.





Josh, Katie, Hailey and Skyleah eagerly waiting their turn to participate in their cooking lesson with Mrs Stelling







Skyelah and Hailey learning new techniques while making scrunchie trees in woodwork.



Cooper, Haileya nd Skyelah proudly Displaying their custom made mini Storage boxes they have created in Woodwork.





SPORTS REPORT

NSW All Schools State Cross Country

Lillian (Yr 9) and Jack (Yr 12) represented South Coast at the NSW All Schools State Cross Country event at Eastern Creek on Friday of Week 1.

Both athletes ran phenomenal races!!

Lily placed 42nd in a group of 101 competitors for her 4km race.

Jack placed 28th out of 89 competitors and recorded an impressive time of 32.38 minutes for his 8km race.

Some students were lucky enough to watch Jack and Lily run whilst watching the event via livestream on the classroom boards. Crookwell High is beyond proud of Jack and Lily who have put our small country public school amongst some of the best athletes in the state.









South Coast Athletics

Friday of Week 2, Alex, Pat, Erik, Nate (Yr 7), Rosa (Yr 8), Lily, Sam Mc (Yr 9), Eliza (Yr 11), Jack and Sam I (Yr 12) competed at the South Coast Athletics at the AlS in Canberra.

All CHS athletes achieved excellent results, many PB's and plenty of top 10 finishes.

Alex ran a time of 12.85 in the 13 boys 100m and finished 6th overall. Lily placed 4th in the 15 girls 800m with a time of 2:45:12, Eliza placed 5th in the 17+ girls 800m with a time of 3:01 and Jack placed 4th in both his 800m and 1500m races in the 17+ boys age group. The Junior boys 4x100m relay team of Pat, Alex, Erik and Nate placed 5th in their heat with a 57:58.

Congratulations to Lily and Sam I, who gained selection in the South Cost team to compete at the NSW State All School event in Sydney.

Lily placed 2nd in the 15 girls 1500m race and Sam won both the 17+ boys Long Jump and 100m sprint with a time of 11.08.







NSW All Schools Under 16 Girls Hockey -

Bella (Yr 9) spent all of Week 3 playing the NSW team at the Australia All Schools Under 16 Hockey tournament in Tasmania. 7 states and territories from across Australia travelled to Tasmania to complete with some of the best Under 16 hockey players in Australia. The games displayed high skill, were played at a very quick pace and plenty of players showcased their skills, work ethic and teamwork to many high level selectors and scouts.

NSW went through the round games undefeated.

Their round results were:

- 1-1 draw V Queensland
- 2-0 win V Victoria
- 2-0 win V South Australia
- 5-0 win V Tasmania
- 3-0 win V ACT
- 3-0 win V Western Australia

The NSW side went down to Queensland in the Final but they should be proud to end the tournament as second best in Australia, bringing home a silver medal.





New Zealand Hockey Tour -

Jay (Yr 8) spent last school holidays in New Zealand as part of an U14 NSW touring hockey side.

He played one game in Auckland against a school side, winning 4-3. The team and families then visited Hobbitin for a tour and then headed to Cambridge and played a 4-game tournament against teams with players from across all of New Zealand. Jay's team won one game, drew one game and lost two games.

Jay played centre defender for the tour and also scored two goals from set play penalty corners. One was an absolute cracker with a perfectly executed drag flick from the top of the circle.

He loved the experience, made many new friends, developed further hockey skills and will always remember his hard work paying off to be selected for this opportunity.









Berni Arnall | Sports Coordinator

HSIE News

Into term 3 and parents/caregivers will no doubt be aware that junior school students have undergone a change in subjects in the HSIE department. This semester, year 7 are studying History, with a focus on early indigenous history and the ancient world, while beginning to learn the skills of budding historians. Who knows? We may have a future Indiana Jones or Lara Croft among them! Year 8 have begun Geography, with a focus this term on Interconnections and then Water in the World next term. All the while, learning skills in navigating their environment and looking into the problems and issues that impact upon us and what the possible solutions could be.

Years 9 and 10 have changed teachers and subjects this semester. If your child/ward studied History last semester, then they will study Geography this semester (or vice versa). A reminder to pass along to your charges that in Stage 5 subjects, assessments are important and contribute to the Record of School Achievement as a credential from NESA if leaving school prior to sitting the HSC. Please encourage students to keep up with their coursework and assessments!

Year 11 Ancient, Business Studies and PDHPE/SLR classes have begun their last term prior to beginning the HSC. The final examinations at the end of term are an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learned and will be a great opportunity to put in place good study habits for their final year of school!

As always, we here in the HISE/PDHPE faculty wish everyone a great start to the term. It won't be too long before I'm writing my last item for the newsletter for this year!

Regards

Mr Hewitt Head Teacher HSIE/PDHPE

Free Laptops for Students

Crookwell High School is decommissioning its old Lenovo laptops and is able to offer them to students who could use them, for free.

The laptops

- are Lenovo x131e and Lenovo x130e models that were used by students over the years. They are functional, but may have marks on them as a result of usage.
- are Surplus to the school's and the NSW Education Department's needs. Once you accept one, it becomes your property to do with as you wish.
- have no applications installed other than an unactivated copy of the operating system.
- However, as a student at Crookwell High School, your child is entitled to install a copy of Microsoft Office 365 by going to https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/education/products/office and entering his/her school email address

If you would like to be considered for a free Lenovo laptop or have any questions, please email the school at

crookwell-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Canteen Term 3

Commencing on 1st August every Monday and Friday Nachos will be available - orders only \$5.00.

Veggie Burgers available \$4.50 Fish Burgers available \$4.50

Commencing week 3 there will be no extra food put on after lunch. Students can order on-line or place an order with the Canteen.

We are working towards trying to reduce waste and be more efficient so that students do not miss out on lunch.

Any enquiries please phone the Canteen PH: 4832 1575.

Cathey & Janelle

Canteen Roster

Monday 08.08.22	Tuesday - 09.08.22	Wednesday - 10.08.22	Thursday - 11.08.22	Friday - 12.08.22
Janelle Hunt	Janelle Hunt	Janelle Hunt	Cathey O'Connor	Cathey O'Connor
Monday - 15.08.22	Tuesday - 16.08.22	Wednesday - 17.08.22	Thursday - 18.08.22	Friday - 19.08.22
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Lunch bags available at canteen. Please put orders in so you don't miss out!