



Crookwell High School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 7

What's On



Principal's Bulletin 11th March 2025

High Potential and Gifted Education

This year a state-wide focus on High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) will take place, focusing professional learning and planning to support students in the four domains of HPGE – creative, intellectual, physical and social-emotional. Professional learning will begin at the start of Term 2, helping the school identify and build opportunities supporting students in these domains. Crookwell High School already has many opportunities to extend and positively challenge our students – our outstanding STEM program, Peer Support and Leadership, sports opportunities, debating, just to list a few. We are looking forward to working more deeply in this space and identifying areas we can strengthen and add value to.

A busy and productive couple of weeks

Over the past few weeks we have had students involved in many events and opportunities. Student leaders were inducted at our Leadership assembly, students have attended sport competitions in Cricket and Basketball, Year groups have had guest speakers speak about areas of personal development, and International Women's Day was celebrated with a mufti day and BBQ. This week students will have their school photos taken, Years 7 and 9 will sit NAPLAN, and numerous sporting games will take place. Senior students have numerous tasks due across various subjects and junior students are continuing their visits to Viewhaven. So many opportunities to support the development and growth of our students.

P & C Meeting and AGM

On Wednesday 19th March at 6pm our P & C Annual General Meeting will take place, followed by a regular meeting. The P & C play a pivotal role in providing feedback and raising funds to support our school. We would love to see as many parents as possible attend.

Vero Joseph | Principal

Monday 17th March

Open Girls Soccer
South Coast Cricket

Wednesday 19th March

NSW Parliament House
Leadership Program

Friday 21st March

Zone Touch Gala Day
Regional Flock Ewe Judging
Competition

Tuesday 25th March

Hospital Work Experience
Orientation

Leadership Induction Assembly

On Thursday 27th February our new Student Representative Council and our House Captains were inducted at our Leadership Assembly. Jack Searl, former School Captain, was the guest speaker. Jack spoke about how he made the most of his schooling years and the leadership and sporting opportunities he took along the way. His advice to the student body was to "participate and enjoy" because school doesn't last forever, and when it comes to an end, you wished it could have been longer. He reiterated that everyone can be a leader as long as they have a go, encourage and inspire people along the way. Congratulations to all our SRC members and House Captains!

Steph Croker | SRC Co-ordinator



Open Night and Meet and Greet

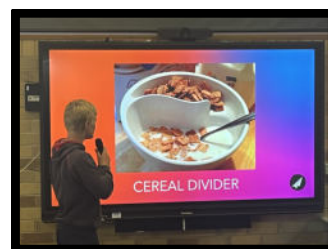
Tuesday 4th March, we held our annual Open Night and Meet and Greet BBQ. We welcomed current and prospective families and community members to participate in interactive exhibits and activities, and visitors also had the chance to tour the school. Thanks to all who came along and made the night a success. A special thank you to our student helpers and the Terry Campese Foundation (with their 2025 participating students) who cooked us a delicious BBQ.



Rockit Antibullying Program

The Rockit Antibullying Program descended upon Crookwell High School on Thursday 6th March. Dot and Ani spoke about the butterfly effect, how people react when under stress, how small kind acts can change a whole year group. Six students got in front of their classmates and pitched the weirdest items (snack hat, croc gloves and the cereal divider). Then they discussed how comfortable they were presenting to the group, and the motivation of why they talked in front of the other students. The enthusiasm of the facilitators was infectious. Year 7 and 8 represented Crookwell High so well.

James Crocker | Student Support Officer



Literacy fun

English teachers and the Learning Support team are working together to build students' skills in spelling, vocabulary and punctuation. The recent purchase of a class set of the game Bananagrams has given us a fun way to engage students in building their literacy. It was the perfect way for Year 10, pictured here, to finish off a week of learning.

Elizabeth Bollen | Head Teacher English



Stewart House is the NSW Department of Education's Charity of Choice. For nearly a century, since 1931, Stewart House has been a beacon of hope and healing for public school children in need across NSW and the ACT. Each year, 1,600 children facing difficult times stay at this beachside haven for a 12-day program focused on health, wellbeing, and fun—all at no cost to their families. Funded entirely by donations and school fundraising, the program provides everything from dental and vision checks to confidence-building activities, ensuring children receive the care and support they need to reset and thrive. Stewart House's vision is to inspire children to see beyond their present circumstances and embrace real hope and aspirations for a brighter future.

To make a donation collect an envelope from the school office. Show your support for children in need and enter for a chance to win a \$4,000 travel voucher! The draw will take place in Term 2 on Friday, 23 May 2025. Online payments are encouraged, and families can scan the QR code on the envelope to pay, record the receipt number, and return the envelope to the school office by 9th May 2025, to enter the draw!

STEWART HOUSE CHARITY DRIVE

Stewart House provides essential medical care, confidence-building activities, and a supportive environment where public school children in need can reset, thrive, and embrace a brighter future.



Envelopes must be returned to enter the draw!

Draw: Friday, 23 May 2025

Important:

Online payments ARE NOT an automatic entry into the draw.

Please return your envelope(s) to your school with a receipt number (if paying online) for entry in the draw.



SCAN TO PAY ONLINE



Sports News

Open Boys Basketball

On Friday 7th March, Crookwell High School Boys Basketball team headed to Goulburn to play in the Boys Zone Basketball competition. Over the last 3 weeks the boys gave up their lunchtime to train, showing dedication and a great willingness to learn.

Game 1 Crookwell 28 V's Mulwaree 53

The boys started slow with a few nerves, but soon got into the swing of things with Crookwell keeping up with in the first half. The boys never gave up with Laz and Sam running hard both ends of the court. Crookwell had a lot of opportunities while shooting, but the ball just did not drop in. Good defence by Will and Riley C kept Mulwaree's score from creeping up.

Game 2 Crookwell 23 V's Moss Vale 58

The boys went out hard, shocking Moss Vale with a full court press. Moss Vale had a lot of experience, but our boys keep them on their toes, and held their own – once again our shots just did not want to go in! Good game control from Liam, and great "D" from all boys. Riley A saw his strength and was really starting to get a grip on the game of basketball.

Game 3 Crookwell 23 V's Jerrabomberra ?

This was our best game, by now we are in the swing of the game. The boys went out guns blazing, running hard both ends of the court, with great hassling from Brax, Laz and Will. Jerrabomberra had great 3 - point shooters, who did not seem to miss. Brax and Riley C positioned themselves well to keep Jerra out. Sam and Liam controlled the game. Once again Riley A (the work horse) getting right into the game, with some great defence, blocks and even got a few shots away.

The Crookwell boys had a never say die attitude in every game, every player giving 110%. All of the boys should be proud, conducting themselves with pride and great sportsmanship. I enjoyed coaching these young men who were attentive and willing to learn. I look forward to continue working with them for 2026.

I would like to thank Crookwell High School for giving me the opportunity to share my knowledge and love for the game of basketball and to the staff (Steph and Steph) for their help in training and on the day. On behalf of myself and the boys, we would like to thank Jess for giving up her day job to come and be our referee for the day. Jess refereed four games for us on the day.

Jan Gibson | Coach

On behalf of Crookwell High School, we would like to give a huge thank you to Jan (from Crookwell Hardware) for giving up her time and sharing her expertise and passion with the team. They improved out of sight and had lots of fun. Thanks to Jess (Jan's daughter) for her superb refereeing at the zone carnival.



Wellbeing and Health In-reach Nurse Coordinator program

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Meet our Wellbeing Nurse



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Anna Webster is a highly skilled registered nurse employed by NSW Health and works closely with our school's wellbeing teams.

Anna supports our students and their family with health and wellbeing concerns to connect to health and social services.

Anna will be at Crookwell High School, fortnightly on Monday and Tuesday.

Find out more: www.health.nsw.gov.au/whinprogram

STAND TALL CANBERRA 2025



On the 4th of April 2025, Stand Tall is bringing Australia's largest youth wellbeing event to Canberra for the first time!

DATE AND TIME: 4th April 2025, 9.30am - 2pm

LOCATION: National Convention Centre, Canberra.

YEAR GROUPS: Year 7-12

Community News



Services
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Australian Government mobile service centres

If you live in a rural area, you may need to travel greater distances to access government payments and services. To make it easier for you to access these services, we're bringing them to you and your community.

Mobile service centres (MSCs) travel extensively throughout rural and regional Australia to provide help and support. During natural disasters and emergencies, they can provide on-the-ground support for disaster recovery efforts.

Services Australia staff travel with the MSCs and can help you with Medicare and Centrelink payments and services. Our MSCs also have disabled access.

Our staff can also help veterans and their families connect to the Department of Veterans' Affairs phone line and online services.

Wi-Fi is available for visitors to the MSC and staff will be able to help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Our staff provide you with friendly face-to-face service, information and support. From time to time, representatives from other government agencies also travel with the MSCs.

More Information

To view the latest itineraries for the MSCs, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

The stopping locations are promoted in each town and on social media before each visit.

Information and help you can access on board the MSCs

We provide information, help and support to rural and regional communities, including:

- families
- older Australians
- students
- job seekers
- people with disability
- carers
- farmers
- self-employed people.

We can assist you with:

- registering and using the agency's online services
- new claims for Centrelink payments
- updating and confirming Medicare and Centrelink information
- information on how financial matters may impact on payments
- assistance with payment and service options
- rural payment entitlements for eligible farmers
- non-cash Medicare transactions
- enrolling for and issuing new Medicare cards
- updating and re-issuing Medicare cards
- social work support and referrals.

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Serving regional Australia

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We can also help veterans and their families connect to the Department of Veterans' Affairs phone line and online services.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Monday, 17 March 2025

9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Near the art gallery, Spring Street

CROOKWELL



For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice



COME AND TRY DAY!

FREE SAUSAGE
SIZZLE AND DRINK
FOR EVERY CHILD

THURSDAY 13 MARCH FROM 5PM AT MEMORIAL OVAL



PLUS A MERCH
GIVEAWAY!