



Crookwell High School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 10

What's On

Monday 21st July
Staff Development Day

Tuesday 22nd July
Students return Term 3

Wednesday 23rd July
Year 9/10 Commerce
Goulburn Courthouse
Uniting View Haven Student
visit

Thursday 24th July
Year 11 & 12 Study Sessions

Tuesday 29th July
Subject info Evening Year 8
into Year 9 & Year 10 into
Year 11

Wednesday 30th July
Uniting View Haven Student
visit

Thursday 31st July
Year 11 & 12 Study Sessions

Friday 1st August
Science & Engineering
Challenge



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Beyond the Bell

Recently students in Year's 11 and 12 have been supported through our Beyond the Bell initiative. This is a once a week, after school opportunity for senior students to dedicate time to working on assessment tasks and homework. It begins with a guided study skills session, with concentrated study time punctuated by short breaks (and delicious snacks). We are only a few weeks into the program and early indicators show it to be a great success. This initiative was the brainchild of Rebecca Dark, our Head Teacher Maths, and Michael Dark, our Teacher Librarian. Many thanks to them for this fantastic program and to the staff who volunteer their time each week to support our students by supervising the sessions.

Art Exhibition

In Week 8 we held an exhibition of art works from students in our junior and senior art classes. Whilst there were a variety of art styles represented, the majority of works were self-portraits, a theme in junior art classes over the past term. I was very proud to be at the opening held at the Crookwell Art Gallery, and see the amazing talents of so many of our students on display. Many thanks to our Art Teacher Kirsten Jeffcoat, as well as gallery staff who helped make the launch a justifiably grand affair.

Peer Support Camp

Our Year 7 students and Year 10 Peer Support leaders recently went on camp to Collaroy in Sydney. Our Year 10 students have been trained as Peer Support Leaders, and each year our new group of leaders work with Year 7 to help make the transition to High School a really positive experience. Many thanks to Year Advisors Tara Arnall (Year 7) and Brett Woods (Year 10) as well as Head Teacher Chris Hewitt for helping organise and run a very successful camp.

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Mental Health talks

Last week students in Year's 9-12 took part in a series of talks to support mental health, with the Batyr facilitators. They work in reducing the stigma around youth mental health and help empower young people to take charge of their wellbeing. The talks were highly regarded amongst students and provided thought provoking discussion and possible pathways for support. Many thanks to our Deputy Principal Lynette Armitage for organising these worthwhile experiences.

End of Term 2 and Term 3 2025

As we approach our final week in Term 2, I would like to congratulate our SRC, led by Mrs Stephanie Croker, for the ongoing fundraising and awareness raising that they do. This Friday they are holding a Pyjama Day as a fun end of term activity.

We have been working hard to have school reports for Years 7-10 out by the end of this week, but factors outside our control may not allow us to meet this timeline for all year groups. We will inform families if there are any delays for specific year reports.

Term 3 starts on Tuesday 22nd July for all students, following a school development day on the Monday for school staff only. On Tuesday 29th July, we will be running our Subject Information Evening for students in Years 8 and 10. Tuesday 5th August will be our Student Parent and Teacher Conference. More information will be emailed to parents regarding both events. I hope everyone has an opportunity for some downtime and rest over the coming July holidays.

Vero Joseph | Principal



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Year 7 Peer Support Camp 16th - 18th June

After our three huge days of activities and two nights away, we are now back and in the swing of our learning. What an amazing experience for all at camp.

After our day one and day two activities that included archery, the high ropes course, the giant swing, abseiling, and beach activities, day three delivered a few changes with having several students heading off from camp to head to the South Coast Hockey finals, but for those who were lucky enough to get a little bit more of a sleep in, we hit the ground running for our final day of activities. Our final activities included the drop pole and the vertical challenge. The drop pole, a 12 metre high pole that students climb whilst harnessed for safety. Once they reach their desired height, off they leap and are guided to the ground by a safety wire.... notice that students climb up (no teachers involved in this one). The vertical challenge included our students working in groups of 4, with one student climbing through the vertical challenge whilst harnessed and the other three safely belaying their team member, keeping them steady and safe. Students had to manoeuvre their way through a ropes ladder, obstacles, over some planks of wood, climb a modified rock wall, and pull themselves to the top. Very challenging but also satisfying for those who took the challenge.

After the completion of our sessions on Wednesday, we headed to lunch, packed the bus, and headed home. A big shout out to our Year 10 Peer Support Leaders who were exceptional in leading and guiding the students and supporting the staff throughout the program and camp. Congratulations to all students for taking part in a range of activities, although some were very challenging, it was fabulous to see our students step out of their comfort zone and take on a range of new challenges.

Congratulations to all students who displayed respect and pride throughout the entire camp.

Thanks to Mr Woods and Mr Hewitt for your support and involvement at camp.

Tara Arnall | Year 7 Advisor



Portraits R-US Exhibition a Great Success!

Crookwell High School Visual Art student's exhibition was very well received by the young artists, their families and general public who visited the Crookwell and District Art Gallery on the 19th, 20th and 21st June. The monochromatic painted portraits by Years 8, 9 and 10 were very impressive as were the Year 11 mixed media still life studies and Josh's photographs. A fun evening at the opening was had by all, with speeches and catering and flattering comments to the artists present. A special thank you to Susie Recsei and the members of the Crookwell and District Art Gallery who hosted our exhibition and welcomed us all warmly to their creative space.

Kirsten Jeffcoat | Visual Arts Teacher



Tricky Roots By Evie

The seeds are innocent, special, and pure.

They're needed and wanted—until they're not anymore.

The roots are unique, strange, and slow,

But you can't be judging how things grow.

They say when they're small, they are not yet lovable,

But for me, when they're small, they are just as incredible.

From one leaf to two, petal after petal,

Moved from somewhere small to somewhere big, to stay and settle.

Time will go by, and they will get bigger from day to day,

But there will come a time when they'll just stay that way.

Community Spirit Shines Bright at Crookwell High School: Breakfast Club and More!

The Crookwell High School community is buzzing with excitement as we celebrate the incredible support for our Breakfast Club, made possible by the generous contributions from the Terry Campese Foundation. Under the guidance of Community Coordinator Luke Watson, this initiative has become a vital resource for our students, ensuring they start their day with a nutritious meal.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Terry Campese Foundation, facilitated through our local IGA, the Breakfast Club has been able to provide essential supplies, including juice, butter, bread, and breakfast condiments. This support has made a significant difference in the lives of many students, fostering a sense of community and belonging within our school.

The support from our community has been overwhelming. The local CWA Day Branch, led by Susan Reynolds, in conjunction with Eat Up Australia, has generously provided cheese toasties for our students and staff, ensuring everyone has a warm meal. Additionally, Vinnies Crookwell has stepped up to support our students and families associated with Crookwell High School, demonstrating the strength of our community spirit.

In addition to the Breakfast Club, Luke Watson has been actively involved in organizing school barbeques and local dances for the teens of Crookwell, creating opportunities for students to socialise and build friendships.

Excitingly, Luke is also heading the Youth Mentor Program, which is currently preparing to take five students to Tonga to work on building a community centre. This trip promises to be a transformative experience, allowing students to engage with a different culture while contributing to a meaningful project. Luke has also been dedicated to mentoring students through various activities, including visits to the local Men's Shed, fishing trips, and assisting with an upcoming overnight trip for our Aboriginal students.

Together, we are creating a nurturing environment for our students, and we are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support from the Terry Campese Foundation, local businesses, and community organizations. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making Crookwell High School a wonderful place for our students to learn and grow!

Stay tuned for more updates on the exciting initiatives happening at Crookwell High School!

James Crocker | Student Support Officer

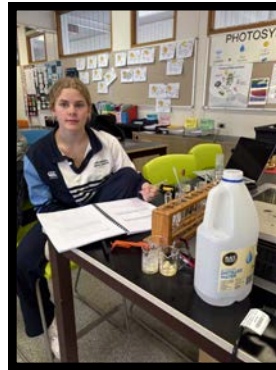


Year 11 Aurora Biology

The Aurora practical day was full of lots of investigations for Sophie and Savannah. They displayed accuracy and precision to obtain valid and reliable results.

Congratulations ladies!

Stephanie Croker | Year 11 Bio



Year 7 Science

We have some great scientists at work investigating the 3 states of matter, and practicing their working scientifically skills as well!

Stephanie Croker | Year 7 Science Teacher



Sport News

Zone Athletics Success

Congratulations to the following students who were successful at the Zone Athletics Carnival at AIS in week 6. Alex A, Cooper, Amelia, Caitlyn, and Indianna all gained a top three placing in an event and have qualified to represent at the South Coast Athletics Carnival in week 3 of Term 3 at Kerry MaCann Athletics Centre (Beaton Park).

We wish these students all the best at the South Coast Carnival.

Tara Arnall | Sports Coordinator



South Coast Hockey Finals

The Open Boys and Girls Hockey teams headed to Unanderra on Wednesday 18th June for the South Coast Hockey Finals. The boys got off to a great start with a terrific win over Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts in a 2-1 win. The girls followed with a convincing win over Illawarra Sports High School with a 3-0 win. The boys had some time to relax with a forfeit from Nowra High School before they finished the day with a fast paced, skilful game against Illawarra Sports High School with a close 3-2 win making them South Coast Champions and moving forward onto the next stage of the competition. Unfortunately the girls did not have such luck, going down in a close match with Albion Park High School 1-0 and a close game with Mulwaree High School resulting in a 1-1 draw. This resulted in the girls ending up third in the South Coast region. Congratulations to all students who played, especially to the players who stepped in at the last moment to assist with numbers. Best of luck to the Boys in their next game!

Anna Kemp | Hockey Coach



Rugby League Skills Sessions with the Canberra Raiders!

On Monday 16th June, a group of keen students from Years 7-9 kicked off their Rugby League skills sessions with coaching from the Canberra Raiders!

These sessions will continue for the rest of the term — running on Mondays in Weeks 9 & 10 and Friday in Week 10 — with a focus on building students' skills and game knowledge.

We're very lucky to have these sessions funded through the Sporting Schools Grant — a fantastic opportunity for our students to develop their skills with expert coaching.

 A big thanks to Mrs Arnall and Mrs Bilsborough for organising these sessions.

Molly Good | PDHPE Teacher



Community News

MON 7 JULY

LILAC CITY CINEMA
10am - 1pm
Drop off & Pick Up: Goulburn Community Centre

TUE 8 JULY

BAKING & DECORATING
10am - 1pm
Drop off & Pick Up: Goulburn Community Centre

WED 9 JULY

BACK TO THE ARCADE
10am - 1pm
Drop off & Pick Up: Back to The Arcade

THUR 10 JULY

ART WORKSHOP
10am - 1pm
Drop off & Pick Up: Goulburn Community Centre

GMC YOUTH SERVICES
JULY 2025 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
For Ages 12 - 18
Time: 10am - 1pm

All activities, including lunch are free.
For more details and to confirm your booking, please use the QR code below.



For more information, please call Luke on (02) 4823 4838 or email luke.wallace@goulburn.nsw.gov.au

GOULBURN MULWAREE COUNCIL

Winter

Libraries

School Holiday Activities at your Library



NAIDOC Week
Basket Weaving Workshop \$2
Crookwell Library
7 July, 10:30am-12pm
Gunning Library
11 July, 10:30am-12pm



NAIDOC Week Snake Artwork \$2
Crookwell Library
8 July, 2-3pm



NAIDOC Week Dot Painting \$2
Gunning Library
9 July, 3-4pm



Minibeast Shrinky Keyrings \$5
Crookwell Library
17 July, 11am-12pm



Pourpalz Keyrings \$5
Gunning Library
18 July, 11:30am-12:30pm

Book online: <https://tinyurl.com/ULSLSchoolHols>

271 CROOKWELL
FIRE + RESCUE
OPENING STATION DOORS
SATURDAY 5TH JULY 2025
11AM TO 3PM

Watch the flames take over as we show you what **NOT TO DO** in a kitchen fire simulation.
Watch the jaws of life rip a car to shreds.
Sausage sizzle and Meet the Crew.
Fire Prevention STARTS with YOU!
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