



Schools Spectacular



2023





1st December, 2023 Term 4 Week 8

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For The Calendar...

Next Week

Mon. 04 Dec	K – 6 Christmas Social 6 – 8pm
Tue. 05 Dec	Year 6 Fete
Wed. 06 Dec	Last Canteen Day for 2023!
Thur. 07 Dec	K-2 Excursion to Goulburn movies
Fri. 08 Dec	Stage 2 Sydney Excursion

Coming Up

Mon. 11 Dec	Year 6 Luncheon
Tue. 12 Dec	K – 6 Christmas Concert
Wed. 13 Dec	Colour Fun Run
Fri. 15 Dec	Last day of Term 4 for students
Mon. 18 Dec	Staff Development Day
Tue. 19 Dec	Staff Development Day



We would like to invite you and your family to attend the Crookwell Public School Christmas Concert on **Tuesday 12th December, starting at 10:30am** in the school hall. Students and staff have been getting into the festive spirit, rehearsing for what is sure to be an entertaining concert full of Christmas cheer!

We invite you to join your child/ren for morning tea straight after the concert. Refreshments will be provided for adult guests.

Presentation Evening TONIGHT

Friday 1st December, 2023 at 7pm at Crookwell High School Hall
(Please arrive by 6.45pm)

Spotted...

- Lane, Lucas, Seanna & Charles for helping with art displays in the hall.
- Vida & Emmi for making guests welcome at our school.
- Sam S for maturity at play times.
- Austin and his family for being so thoughtful and generous.
- Lachlan W for being a great helper on duty.
- Lexi for beautiful singing.
- All students for being amazing at Presentation Night rehearsals.
- Indi D for exemplary behaviour during Presentation Night practices.
- Cailab for finding a love of reading.
- Piquet and Tyler for their excellent behaviour and active participation in all the activities at the Wiradjuri Language and Culture Camp.
- Oliver L for always being a polite and respectful classmate.
- Lexi and Claire for their enthusiasm to rehearse their Christmas Concert item.
- Josh for beautiful listening during our Presentation Night rehearsals.
- Year 2 for their wonderful manners and behaviour in the Technology Room with Mr Smoother.
- Sadie for making sure her recess was nut free.
- Josh and Rory for their imaginative ideas when writing about what they would do if Santa was stuck in a chimney.
- Mr Harrop for helping the Kindy teachers with technology issues.
- Jackson and Garth for using their science skills to build structures during recess time.
- Frankie for her great dancing in Christmas concert rehearsals.
- Billie Joe for helping her peers in the classroom.
- Lachlan Wi. for being a kind and supportive friend.
- Scarlett and Abigail for their amazing acting skills.
- The Schools Spectacular dance and choir performers for being F-A-B-U-L-O-U-S in Sydney last week.



Presentation Evening **TONIGHT**

Tonight, Crookwell Public School will hold their Annual Presentation Evening. The night will be conducted in Crookwell High School's multi-purpose hall commencing at 7pm sharp. Students will need to meet their class teachers under the sails at the front of the canteen block of the school at 6:45pm.

All students are expected to wear full summer school uniform with black shoes, red hair accessories and no jewellery. Children are to remain seated with their class, under the supervision of their teachers until the conclusion of the program when they are to be collected by their families.

This is a highlight of the Crookwell Public School's calendar year and I hope you can come along and share in your child's, and your school's, successes.

We were **FABULOUS** at Schools Spectacular!

Last Tuesday, 28 students and 4 teachers headed to Sydney to perform in the 2023 Schools Spectacular and what a week it was!

Tuesday was a jam-packed day of travel, exploring Darling Harbour and relaxing on the beach at Manly. We enjoyed the beautiful Sydney weather and indulged in seafood, chips, and ice-creams for dinner! The ferry trip across the harbour was a highlight for many, with our students lucky enough to be invited up to the bridge to meet the ferry crew and enjoy a beautiful sunset over the Harbour Bridge.

Wednesday marked the start of rehearsals at Olympic Park. It was also the first chance that our students in the regional dance had to practice together before heading to Qudos arena. Students in the choir learned their choreography and the dancers received their costumes (we look amazing in orange!). We returned to the city for dinner in China Town. The food was delicious, and students enjoyed the opportunity to sample a new cuisine.

Thursday was a massive day. The dance group had a particularly early start as we made the most of our time on the arena floor before a dress rehearsal in the afternoon. Choir students enjoyed the opportunity to practice with their props for the first time. We enjoyed our dinner of burgers at Grill'd in World Square!

Friday was our first show day, and we were all very excited to perform for Crookwell Public School students in the matinee performance. The show was amazing, and we enjoyed the energy of the crowd. Afterwards, we enjoyed catching up with our friends and teachers on the matinee excursion before they headed home to Crookwell, and we enjoyed spending time at Spec Fest before our second show of the day.

On Saturday we enjoyed a welcomed slightly slower morning as we ate our delicious breakfast. We were back at Olympic Park by 11am and ready for our final two shows and it was a very tired, but very proud group of students who met their parents at the end of the night!

A massive thank you to the parents for all your support as well as to the P&C for helping with the costs involved. Thank you to the wider school community for supporting us through fundraising and to those who came to watch us perform. Thank you to the teachers and staff members who made it happen for our students and, above all, thank you to each one of our choir and dance students for your dedication and commitment, not to mention your wonderful behaviour. You are **FABULOUS** and we are so incredibly proud of you all!



A trip to Sydney is never complete without a boat trip on the harbour.



Sam, Zoe and Lotoya add the finishing touches to the coolest drip sandcastle at Manly.



Check out the view from the bridge!



The boys, Laura and Alexis are eager for their delicious Chinese dinner!



The dance group in costume. Don't we look fabulous?



There is nothing else in the world quite like a Schools Spec finale! What an experience.



Tired but happy (hashtag slay!!!)



What a lovely day catching the ferry across to Manly, with a wonderful view.



It wasn't just the students feeling sleepy on Sunday morning!



Jim enjoyed himself at Spec Fest, buying a nice bright pink hat that he could also wear in the choir.



What a way to cool off on a hot day in Manly!

Schools Spectacular Excursion

Last week, students from Stage One, Two and Three woke up very early to travel to Sydney Qudos Bank Arena. We were all enthralled by the fabulous performance from all the students involved in this year's School Spectacular. Highlights from our excursion included, spotting our very own talented dancers on the stage, and waving to the students who represented Crookwell Public School in the Schools Spectacular choir. The students who attended the matinee were very excited to watch the entire show and were especially amazed by the aerial silk performers. We had a wonderful day finished off with a McDonalds stop on the way home!



Cousins, Arlee and Ayden enjoy spending time together on the trip to Sydney.



Erika, Darci and Isabelle are eager for the performance to start.



Odin, Darcy, Eli and Christian were enthralled by the talent of our public school students!



It was great to catch up with our school performers after the show, as you can tell by the smiles on the faces of Jack, Willow and Darci.

Wiradjuri Language and Culture Camp

Year 5 students Tyler and Piquet attended the Wiradjuri Language and Culture Camp at the Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Camp last Sunday through to Tuesday this week. The aim of the camp was to contribute to informing, strengthening and connecting students to language and culture through the sharing of knowledge and resources.

While at the camp the two boys had the opportunity to be inspired, motivated and challenged by a variety of activities as well as to interact with Elders and students from a number of schools. They attended sessions on dance, art, weaving and language, where they learned to write and pronounce their name, and a variety of common phrases, in the Wiradjuri language. Tyler and Piquet also took part in Sport and Rec activities including archery tag and a variety of team games.

Both boys, and their accompanying teacher, had a wonderful time, returning from the camp inspired and exhausted!

Mrs Atfield



Tyler and Piquet enjoying the camp which was set in beautiful natural surroundings.



Both boys appreciated learning Aboriginal dances.



Tyler and Piquet displaying their artistic talents painting a story of their life.



Tyler performing a dance segment about a wedge-tailed eagle.



Piquet is absorbed in learning to weave.



Tyler is picking up some weaving tips from an Auntie.



Tyler, Mrs Atfield, an Elder and his son, and Piquet, are actively engaged in the emu segment of an Aboriginal dance.



Piquet has the much sought after job of ringing the lunch bell.

Pre-Christmas Spending Extravaganza

Save all your money in readiness for the biggest Pre-Christmas Spending Extravaganza...the Year 6 Fete on **Tuesday 5th December**. Want to know what your future holds? Visit the fortune tellers for \$1. Feel like a sugar fix? Buy a cake or a piece of slice from 50c each. Want to throw a wet sponge at a Year 6 student for three throws for 50c? Or maybe try your luck with a footy throwing competition for just 50c for 3 throws. Feel like a make-over? Why not have your face or hair done? – prices starting at a low \$1. Purchase your Christmas presents at the White Elephant Stall with prices starting at a low 50c with nothing over \$5. Treat yourself to a sausage sandwich from the barbeque for \$2.50 and while you are at it why not have a popper for \$1 or a spider for \$2. Finally, The Haunted House will send your heart rate skyrocketing for only \$1!

These are only a few of the fun things you can take part in on the day!

Year 6 Fete – Tuesday 5th December

Fortune telling	\$1
Cakes/slice	50c - \$1
Hair stylist... ..	\$1
Face painting.....	\$1
White Elephant	50c - \$5
Wet sponge	3 throws for 50c
Sausage sandwich	\$2.50
Drinks/spiders.....	\$2
Make-up.....	\$1
Footy Throw.....	3 throws for 50c
Fitness/Obstacle Course	50c a turn or \$1 for 3 turns
Haunted House.....	\$1
Jelly bean guessing.....	50c a guess
Chocolate chasies.....	50c
Three-legged race.....	\$1
Lolly pong.....	50c a turn or \$1 for 3 turns

K-6 Christmas School Social

The Term 4 social will be held on **Monday 4th December**. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are welcome to attend. It will be an enjoyable night of Christmas songs, dancing, games and a delicious sausage sizzle.

The night will commence at 6pm and conclude at 8pm. The price of entry is \$6 per person or \$10 for a family. Remember to dress as 'Christmassy' as you can, bells, tinsel, Santa hats – the works!

We look forward to seeing you all there to celebrate the end of another fantastic school year!



K-2 Movie Excursion - Trolls Band Together

On Thursday 7th December, students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to celebrate the end of a successful year with an excursion to the Goulburn Lilac City Cinema.



Students will leave school at 11:00am and arrive in Goulburn to watch the movie, 'Trolls Band Together' at 12pm. The movie is rated G, you can view the trailer at www.universalpictures.com.au. After the movie finishes, we will be catching the bus back to school arriving at 2:30pm, in time for our normal afternoon routines. Students are to wear full school uniform. Please pack your child's recess and lunch as it will be eaten during the day. The cost of the movie and bus will be \$20 per student. Please return the permission note via School Bytes on Friday 1st December. Please note that refunds will not be processed beyond 4th December as tickets will be purchased on that day if you have indicated your child will be attending. Thank you, Infants Team.

Term 4 Library Update

It would be much appreciated if students could return any borrowed library books to school by **Friday 1st December** to allow a complete stocktake of library resources to successfully occur before the end of term.



White Elephant Stall

Need a spring clean out at home? Well Year 6 is here to help! We are looking for all unwanted treasures for our White Elephant Stall for the school fete. Please bring donated items to Miss Miners in the Magpie classroom or Mrs Whittington in the Kookaburra room before Friday 1st December. We will be happy to take books, toys, puzzles, jewellery, hats and brick a brac - just to name a few. Please make sure items are not damaged, dirty or broken when you donate them. Many thanks from all of Year 6.



School Colour Fun Run

The school Colour Fun Run will be held on Wednesday 13th December at Crookwell Public School. The staff and students will be taking part in the fun run at approximately 11:45am. Students will be required to wear a white t-shirt, dark bottoms and joggers to school for the fun run. (Please note that some of the colour powder may not wash out of their clothes).

Students will need sunscreen, a bottle of water and a hat. Students that catch the bus will also need to bring a clean change of clothes to wear home on the bus. We will be having a BBQ lunch on the day. Students will be able to purchase single sausage sandwiches for \$2.50, poppers for \$1.00 and Zooper Doopers for 50 cents. Students should bring their own lunch if they do not wish to purchase from the BBQ.



Staff Development Days Term 4: Mon 18th & Tues 19th December

Monday 18th December and Tuesday 19th December are pupil free days for staff to prepare for the following year and engage in professional learning. Students will finish the school year on Friday 15th December.

Staff will be onsite preparing for 2024 on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December. If you need to call or drop into the school on the Monday 18th or Tuesday 19th December, the school will still be 'open' with Mr Whittington, teachers and the office staff in attendance.

Details For Starting School Next Year

School re-opens for the 2024 academic year on Tuesday 30th January 2024 when **staff only** return to school. Staff also have a Staff Development Day on Wednesday 31st January. Students in Years 1 to 6 will return to school on Thursday 1st February. The 2024 Kindergarten students will commence their schooling on Monday 5th February, 2024 after participating in the Best Start assessment program for a period of time on Wednesday 31st January, Thursday 1st February or Friday 2nd February, 2024.

N.B. Invitations informing Kindergarten families of their child's Best Start interview times should have arrived in the post next week.

2024 Classes

Enquiries about classes for next year are being received. When all staff positions are filled and children have been grouped, with academic and social considerations taken into account, an announcement will be made in News & Views next Friday 8th December, 2023.

Every Day Matters!



How many days of school has your child missed this term?

Yours in Public Education,

Michael Whittington
Principal

Jade Bell
Assistant Principal

Sarah Whittington
Assistant Principal

Phoebe Bell
Relieving Assistant Principal

Kirstie O'Neill
Assistant Principal, Curriculum & Instruction

P&C News

P&C Christmas Raffle

The P&C Christmas raffle is on again! Tickets were sent home with students last week (10 tickets at \$2 each). **Prizes include a fun family experience, toy bundle including BMX bike and a wonderful pamper pack from brilliant local businesses.**

Please return all tickets, sold and unsold, to the office by **TODAY**, Friday 1st December. The raffle will be drawn at Presentation Night this evening. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door tonight.



Uniform Shop

Uniform shop is open every Wednesday 9am – 10am. App orders are sent home by volunteers each Wednesday.

Large hats have now arrived at the uniform shop, and all back orders have been filled. If you're missing any uniform items, please let the uniform shop volunteers know.

Food for Thought Canteen

The canteen is open on **Wednesdays**.

Make sure you join the "Crookwell Public School Canteen-Food for Thought" Facebook group to stay up to date with all canteen news.

There will be no canteen in Week 10, the last week of term. The canteen committee will be using these last few days to clean and prepare for 2024.

We wish to thank all of the amazing volunteers for their time to assist in the canteen running smoothly.

Enjoy the festive season with family and friends and we look forward to working with you all again in 2024!

The last canteen day for 2023 will be Wednesday 6th December.

Community Announcements

The inclusion of any announcement does not constitute or imply endorsement, sponsorship or recommendation thereof by Crookwell Public School.

An advertisement for The Crookwell Nursery. The top half has a background of dark green leaves. The text reads: "GRAND RE-OPENING OF", "The Crookwell Nursery", "Saturday 2nd December", "9AM - 4PM". Below this, on a white background, it says: "Come and join us for a free sausage sizzle. There'll be lots of seasonal colour, trees, shrubs, roses, indoor plants, pots, tools and garden ware." The address is "68 Laggan Road, Crookwell (opposite Viewhaven Lodge)" and the phone number is "Phone 0422 525 620". At the bottom left, the opening hours are listed: "Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am - 4pm", "Wed CLOSED", "Sat 9am - 2pm", "Sun 10am - 2pm". In the center bottom is a circular logo with a fork and a shovel, and the text "THE CROOKWELL NURSERY". At the bottom right, it says "Follow us at:" followed by Instagram and Facebook icons and the handle "the_crookwell_nursery".

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ROALD DAHL'S **The Witches**
A PLAY BY DAVID WOOD

Lieder Theatre Company

DIRECTED BY ANNIE BILTON

DECEMBER
FRI 1ST - 7.30PM
SAT 2ND - 7.30PM
SUN 3RD - 2.00PM
WED 6TH - 7.30PM
FRI 8TH - 7.30PM
SAT 9TH - 2.00PM
SAT 9TH - 7.30PM
WED 13TH - 7.30PM
FRI 15TH - 7.30PM
SAT 16TH - 7.30PM

BOOKINGS:
THELIEDERTHEATRE.COM




Gunning District Landcare **SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Water bugs and water testing

Barbour Park, Gunning
17 January 2024
10:30am - 12:30pm

- This activity is suitable for children 5 to 12 years.
- Children under 6 MUST be accompanied by an adult.
- All equipment supplied.

For more information and to reserve your FREE tickets scan the QR code.



For all enquiries email projects@gdl.org.au

'Gunning District Landcare School Holiday Program – Water bugs and water testing, Wednesday 17 January 2024 from 10:30am to 12:30pm, Barbour Park, Gunning.

Our summer 2024 school holiday program, 'Water bugs and water testing' is suitable for children 5 to 12 years old. We will meet at Barbour Park to search for insects that live in Meadow Creek and learn the basics of water testing. All equipment supplied. Please note that children under 6 years MUST be accompanied by an adult. To reserve your FREE tickets go to <https://events.humanitix.com/water-bugs-and-water-testing>. For enquiries, please email projects@gdl.org.au.

Binda Community Carols

Saturday 9th December
5.30-8.30pm Binda School

Guest Musicians – Binda Students
Sing-a-long carols with the Band
Christmas Story – BBQ – Ice Cream
Coffee Van – Christmas Cake Stall

www.facebook.com/BindaCommunityCarols

An activity of the Anglican Parish of Binda
All donations on the night go to charity.



CRICKET NSW FOUNDATION

INDIGENOUS YOUTH CRICKET PROGRAM
FRIDAY 2 FEB 2024
ARTIE SMITH OVAL
84 CAMBERWARRA RD, BOMADERRY

9AM - 1PM CRICKET COACHING CLINIC
CRICKET & CULTURE FOR YR 3 TO YR 12 STUDENTS
SCAN TO REGISTER



1.30PM - 8PM T20 MATCHES
SYDNEY SIXERS V SYDNEY THUNDER
ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER WOMEN'S TEAMS
SYDNEY SIXERS V SYDNEY THUNDER
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