

Review Time

Death at La Fenice by Donna Leon

Meet Guido Brunetti – a Commissario with the Venetian Police Force. Solve his cases, get to know his family, share a meal with him - but most of all fall in love with Venice.

Bene Grazie

Death at La Fenice is the first in a series of detective mysteries set in Venice. A famous but arrogant maestro is killed in the dressing room of Venice's La Fenice opera house – Teatro La Fenice. As the investigation unfolds, a chilling picture slowly begins to take shape... Each novel stands alone, but we learn more of the lives, ambitions and challenges facing the characters as the series proceeds. The hero in these novels is Venice. Each page lives and breathes Venice: the streets, canals, sounds, aromas, people; its beauty and decay. Our Commissario, Guido Brunetti, is an empathetic and honest policeman in a corrupt system. Adding to the detective milieu is Brunetti's family life: his wonderful relationship with his English-teaching wife; his two individualistic children; lovingly described meals; his problematic attitude towards his 'noble in-laws' and his ability to work within a challenging political system. Enjoy it all – In the Brunetti books one learns about, and enjoys, Venice and Italian culture as well as solving crime.

Library Opening Hours

Before School – 8:30am-RAK
Recess 2
Lunch 1 – Years 10-12

Lunch 2 – Years 7-12
Study Periods - Years 11-12
Homework Centre – 3:30-5pm
Tuesdays and Thursdays

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Did You Know?

We have new DVDs
and Audio! A Magazine
Revamp! Great new
novels! Teacher Resources!

BOOKING THE LIBRARY

As you can appreciate the Library is often in high demand, especially when assessments are due and computers are needed. Regretfully there are times when we are unable to accommodate everyone's needs, but we do our best to try to fit everyone in. If you have a space booked but you are unable to bring your class up could you please just let us know, as there may be someone else who is after a space at the same time.

If you are unable to book in remember that you are able to request a book box to use in your room. All we ask is 24 hours' notice to organise this for you.

New Magazines!!!

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 TAS
 English
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What's been happening ...

Teen Mystery Trialled at Kempsey High School – PJ Byer Author Visit

Trial Bay Gaol and the township of South West Rocks are key settings in the Young Adult novel **Collision** by PJ Byer, who, as a visiting author, ran a workshop at Kempsey High School Library recently. Thirty five 2016 HSC English students discussed Discovery concepts and analysed extracts with the author, while junior students met informally with PJ Byer following her talk. It was a wonderful opportunity for the senior students to study a novel set in our local area and consider how it relates to their HSC English area of study. Students enjoyed the presentation and found the premise of the novel interesting: historical time shifts, mystery, romance and fantasy.

‘I was thrilled to see every hand go up when I asked who knew South West Rocks and Trial Bay Gaol,’ said author Ms Byer. ‘It resonates with both teens and adults when they can read about their own place and history. It reveals the Macleay Valley as a place rich with stories.’

The book **Collision** is available for loan from Our Library.



The first LifeSmart Conference for Yr 8 girls was held in 2002 and its success has seen it continue. It is an initiative designed to create a connection between Kempsey High School (KHS) girls, LifeSmart organiser KHS Girls Adviser Mrs Sneddon and the health and wellbeing experts from local community support agencies. The LifeSmart program aims to empower students to make informed choices about their health and wellbeing.

Recently the program has been reviewed and updated through consultation with female student leaders in Year 11 to ensure the content remains relevant. These older girls have also played a role in leading the conference, and mentoring the younger girls, roles that form an important part of our KHS Student Leadership Program.

The Year 8 girls participated in four LifeSmart sessions: Respectful Relationships (Kempsey Family Support Service); Sexual Health (Women’s Health) and (Sexual Health); Self Esteem and Cyber Safety (PCYC); and Q&A with our panel of expert workshop leaders.

Some of the comments on the student evaluations included:

“Everything was awesome! I had a great day and I know that my friends did too”

“Learning new things about life”

“It was fun and I learnt a lot. I got to know the girls in my year better.”

“All the ladies were really nice and funny. And we got to be ourselves. Basically everything was great!!”

“I don’t possibly think it could get any better. I had the greatest day”

100% of students said they felt the day was of benefit and should be held again.

MECS Leadership Day

