

# The Kookaburra

North Nowra Public School News

*Quality Education in a dynamic and caring environment*

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Term 4, Week 7

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2013

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 4	
<b>Week 7</b>	
Wed, 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Citizenship Assembly 10.15 am
Fri, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	P & C Whole School Disco
<b>Week 8</b>	
Thurs, 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Christmas on Canvas Scripture Assembly
<b>Week 9</b>	
Tues, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Year 7, 2014 Bomaderry HS Orientation P & C Meeting 7.00 pm
Wed, 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Bravehearts Performance K-Yr 3
Thur, 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mini Fete
<b>Week 10</b>	
Wed, 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Presentation Assembly 1.00 pm
<b>Week 11</b>	
Mon, 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 6 Graduation

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### MADE IN AUSTRALIA School Production

Thank you to everyone in the school community who contributed to our school performance, **MADE IN AUSTRALIA** I thoroughly enjoyed it and I enjoyed it for a range of reasons. It was a whole school performance that provided an opportunity for all children to be involved and for all staff to be involved. I saw children happy and engaged in the learning. I saw individual achievements by children. I saw many proud and happy parents, grandparents and friends. Congratulations to Mr Williams, Ms Driscoll and the committee who produced the show. Thank you students for being superstars!

Mrs Knox has taken many photos of the performance and is spending a lot of time getting them printed so that parents can have a look before deciding whether or not to purchase photos. I am very appreciative of the time and expertise that Mrs Knox has given to make these photos available.

I would like the school community to be aware that the concert was not a school fundraiser. There were costs involved to deliver the show and the ticket sales helped to cover these costs.

I am also very sorry that some parents were unable to attend as tickets sold out. I have had some suggestions made by parents to avoid this disappointment in future

and these suggestions will be considered before our next concert.

### Changes to Assembly Timetable

There will not be any Monday assemblies for the rest of the year as we have our annual awards assembly on the 11<sup>th</sup> December and we are very privileged to have an Australian Citizenship assembly being held at our school tomorrow morning. Mrs Houghton is sharing her special moment with the students of the school. Hence, some classes will not be performing items at Monday assemblies. I hope that this does not inconvenience parents.

### Peer Mediation Program

Our peer mediation program has commenced and I would like to thank our student welfare worker, Ms McHugh, for training these students and monitoring the implementation of the program which aims to support our anti-bullying strategies. Congratulations to Phoebe Bertholini, Harley Shaw, Mia Stewart, Declan Courtney-Drennan, Codi Chase, Tayia Hollingsworth and Alyssa Timbery.

Attached to this newsletter is a tear-off slip regarding the student welfare worker position. The Australian Government requires school community feedback each year regarding this program. Please indicate whether you think that this position is a valuable one in the school and any other comments that you would like to make about the student welfare worker program.

### Bravehearts

On Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December, Bravehearts have been booked for students from Kindergarten to Year 3. The program is called Ditto's Keep safe Adventure Education program. The program will support the work of teachers and parents in educating children about personal safety. The cost of the program is \$4 per child. There will be 2 shows; one at 9.30 am and the other at 10.15 am. A note regarding the program from Bravehearts is attached. Parents are invited to attend. If you would like to attend, please advise your child's teacher.

Have another brilliant week everyone!

Mrs Julie Ashby - **Principal**

### ARE YOU LEAVING?

Planning has commenced for the organisation of classes for next year. It is very important that we know which families won't be attending North Nowra Public School at the start of 2014. If your family is leaving, or think you may be leaving this term or during the Christmas holidays, please let the front office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

### POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR SUCCESS

## RESILIENCE

### "Accept Consequences"

**AT SCHOOL** this looks like apologising for mistakes or thinking about your behaviour choices during time away from your class.

**AT HOME** this might look like apologising to your coach if you turn up late to sport practice, or helping mop up a drink that you spill.



### SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

#### ..... Watch this space .....

A huge thank you to Mrs Knox from **Trudy Knox Photography** who photographed many of our students as they performed in the **MADE IN AUSTRALIA** whole school production.

Mrs Knox is busy organising proof images for parents/caregivers to view and if interested these images will be available to order as professional quality prints at a discount price. In the meantime, the images have been transferred to our office computer and can be viewed on the office foyer TV.

Please call into the office and have a look.

More details regarding costs of prints etc. will be communicated via the school newsletter.

All funds raised from this fundraiser will go directly into resources for our school.

Thank you Mrs Knox for your generosity and offering your services to our school.

### P & C NEWS

Our next fundraising event is a whole school disco planned for Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November in the school hall. See Mrs Smart in the school canteen for ticket sales.

### PEER MEDIATION

I would like to congratulate the following students who have completed Peer Mediation Training; *Declan Courtney-Drennan, Phoebe Bertholini, Tayia Hollingsworth, Harley Shaw, Dylan Kirwin, Codi Chase, Talia Stewart, Mya Stewart and Alyssa Timbery.*

Over the last few months these students have shown commitment and enthusiasm in learning mediation skills. They will be on duty at lunchtimes on Mondays and Wednesdays to help students solve minor disputes such as teasing and friendship problems. Peer Mediation fits into North Nowra Public School's Anti-Bullying Policy and will help students take greater responsibility for solving their own problems.

**Melissa McHugh – Student Welfare Worker**

### CANTEEN ROSTER

#### Week 7

Wed, 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	T Adams & K Miller
Thur, 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	C Keane & T Smart
Fri, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	J Gibson & T Smart
Mon, 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	T Hodge & T Smart
Tue, 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	CLOSED

### CANTEEN SPECIAL

#### While stocks last!

**MEAL DEAL 1:** 5 chicken nuggets & sauce \$3.50

**MEAL DEAL 2:** 5 chicken nuggets & sauce, flavoured water \$5.40

**MEAL DEAL 3:** 5 chicken nuggets & sauce, flavoured water & paddle pop \$6.40

### SCHOOL BANKING

School banking is on every Wednesday; don't forget to put your deposit books in the banking box located at the canteen.

Term 4, school banking competition is now on. Make two deposits before 30<sup>th</sup> November and go into the draw to win one of 60 Apple iPod touch 16G, or one of 100 adventure DVD packs including Despicable Me, Despicable Me 2 and Hop.

Congratulations to the following students for collecting ten tokens and filling in their reward sheet to receive a reward. Abbie Haughton, Joshua Haughton, Logan Mather, Fleur da Silva, Emily Scott, Scott Hardy, Danni Keane, Matthew Nottle, Mia Edwards, Ryan Hupp, Katie Halliday. Stay tuned, we have more rewards to hand out soon.




### 2014 YEAR 3 STUDENT - BUS PASSES

All students entering **Year 3 in 2014**, who currently hold a bus pass, must complete a new application form for next year. **These students will not automatically receive a bus pass at the commencement of 2014.**

The requirements of the NSW Government Transport and Infrastructure are that students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for bus travel irrespective of the distance from home to school. Students in Years 3-6 must reside more than 1.6 km from school. All students entering **Year 3 in 2014 need to reapply and complete a new application form.**

Forms are available from the school office.



You are invited to join us  
on a guided tour of the  
'NNPS Art Gallery' to celebrate  
the 2013 Scripture Assembly

**Christmas**  
**On Canvas**  
EXCLUSIVE SHOWING

Thursday November 28  
10-11am NNPS Hall  
Mornina tea will be served afterwards

### VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL

The school enjoys many visitors who come to the school regularly or for a one off visit. This can often be in the way of classroom helpers or helping with a school activity. The visitors sign on book is located in the front office foyer and we ask all visitors to the school to sign in and out and wear a "visitor" sticker provided. Knowing who is on the school site in the event of a lock down or lock out is necessary to know. We appreciate having the school community visit us however the safety of students/staff is very important.

### MATHS AT HOME

Kids' early experiences with measurement are often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play.

Visit the following website for homework tips:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/helping-your-child-measure-mass-and-volume>

### WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD IS AWAY

Don't forget if your child is absent from school you will need to write a note to your child's classroom teacher and send it in to school with your child. Notes must explain why your child missed school and how many days your child was absent. Please remember to include the date and sign it. If your child is going to be away for more than 3 days please let us know so we can let the teacher know.

### HEAD LICE

Head lice are a very common problem that most parents and teachers are more than familiar with. Having a child with head lice can be frustrating, time-consuming and expensive. The fact that anyone with a head can catch them - regardless of age, sex, background or how clean your hair is and that it takes only one infested head to infest a whole class, we ask that you please take the time to check your child's hair regularly. If we all do our part we just may get rid of these nasty little creatures.

#### Tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice:

- Regularly check your children's hair
- Teach older children to check their own hair
- Tie back and braid long hair
- Keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair

### STUDENT WELFARE WORKER PROGRAM

I think the position of Student Welfare Officer at North Nowra Public School provides a valuable contribution to the Peer Mediation Program supporting the School's implementation of the Anti-Bullying Policy:

YES

NO

Comments:

Please complete and return the school office. Thank you!