

The Kookaburra

North Nowra Public School News

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Term 4, Week 8

Tuesday, 28th November, 2013

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 4	
Week 8	
Thurs, 28 th Nov	Christmas on Canvas Scripture Assembly
Week 9	
Tues, 3 rd Dec	Year 7, 2014 Bomaderry HS Orientation P & C Meeting 7.00 pm
Wed, 4 th Dec	Brave hearts Performance K-Yr 3 Shoalhaven High School Information Evening 4.30 pm – 6.00 pm
Thur, 5 th Dec	Mini Fete
Week 10	
Wed, 11 th Dec	Presentation Assembly 1.00 pm
Week 11	
Mon, 16 th Dec	Year 6 Graduation

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Staffing Update

Mr Simon Webb has been appointed as Assistant Principal at North Nowra Public School and will commence in 2014. Mr Webb was successful through merit selection for this position and I look forward to working with him as part of this school community. We said farewell to two staff members recently - Ms Driscoll and Mrs Pigott have finished working here for the year. Thank you to both teachers for the work and contribution to our school.

National Athletics championships

Congratulations Karlee Symonds for another personal best and 4th position in the National Athletics championships in Queensland. Victoria Kennedy also deserves congratulations for her support and of course, the whole Karlee Symonds' support team!

Citizenship Ceremony

We were very privileged to have Mrs Haughton's citizenship ceremony here last week. Our Mayor, Joanna Gash, presided over the ceremony and it was a good opportunity for children to learn about this service and more about citizenship. Thank you Ms Ardler and your dancers for welcoming everyone to Mrs Haughton's special assembly.

P & C Disco

The P & C held a wonderful disco last Friday evening and it was fabulous to see so many parents helping to make the disco a success. Thank you also to the parents

who supported the fundraising event. The P & C have contributed towards a number of school programs and resources from the proceeds of fundraising. This year, the P & C contributions included: Bullying minimisation pack, Year 6 farewell, Library subscription, hall projector upgrade, 2 iPads with accessories. In December, the P & C will identify programs from the school's management plan and priorities what they will endeavour to support in 2014. The P & C are the "icing on the cake" and make a big difference to what is happening in the school. Obviously, the work of these parents and the support of the parent body is greatly appreciated.

Koori Kids Program

In 2014, we will have a program for Koori Kids from Years 3-6 every Friday afternoon, from 1.30 pm to 2.50 pm, in Terms 1 and 4. The program is run by the Aboriginal Medical Service. Parental permission is required and the coordinators would like permission and an idea of numbers participating before the end of the year. I have attached a note from the Koori Kids Wellbeing Program for parents. Please sign and return this form if you would like your child involved in this additional support program.

Great Workers

Jasmine Galilejevs sent me through a very impressive power point presentation about trees and the need to protect trees and forests. This was researched and developed in the Skilled-Up program that Mrs Pigott provided. Great work Jasmine and thank you for emailing it to me.

Have a happy week!

Mrs Julie Ashby – Principal

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR SUCCESS

RESILIENCE

"Stay focused"

AT SCHOOL this looks like concentrating on your work or making sure that you are on task and not worrying about what others are doing.

AT HOME this might look like completing a job like washing the car and doing your best to get the job done well.



SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2014

Our school swimming carnival will be held on **Thursday, 20th February, 2014**. This carnival is for all students in Years 3-6 as well as Year 2 students who will be 8 years of age in 2014 and who are confident swimmers. Permission notes with more details will be sent home early in 2014. The cost of the carnival will be \$9 (this includes bus transport, pool entry and PSSA fee). The minimum distance for events is 50 metres. It would be great if students could train and practise to swim this distance over the summer holidays. We encourage all students who are capable of swimming this distance to participate in our carnival and earn participation points for their house. **Please note:** We usually run some structured novelty events at the carnival for students who not able to swim 50 metres. However, these events will only be held if time permits. There will be no 'free swim' or unstructured swimming time at this carnival as per DEC Guidelines.

BOOK CLUB

The last bookclub for the year has been handed out to students. Orders are due in by this **Friday, 29th November**. Remember to clearly label any xmas presents. Thank you.



Mrs Dilley & Mrs George 😊

STAGE 2 BANGALEE CAMP

Congratulations to the following 12 students who received their "Camper of the Week" awards this week (after much deliberation!); Steven Thorpe, Riley Kay, Riley Spender, Brock Sandstrom, Dylan Flentjar-Clarke, Brian Economos, Alyssa Paterson, Kristen Paterson, Aliea Hodge, Trinity Tilbury, Laelia Rueda and Crystelle Davis. These children displayed the school's core values of respect, co-operation, responsibility and resilience. Excellent!



Stage 2 Teachers, Ms Brennan and Mrs Haughton

2013 SCHOOL PRODUCTION MADE IN AUSTRALIA PHOTO FUNDRAISER

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.

Photos are now available to be viewed at the school office. Orders will be taken until **Friday, 6th December, 2013** and must be accompanied by **full payment**.

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 8

Wed, 27 th Nov	T Adams & K Miller
Thur, 28 th Nov	C Keane & T Smart
Fri, 29 th Nov	A Edwards & K Austin
Mon, 2 nd Dec	T Hodge & T Smart
Tue, 3 rd Dec	CLOSED

DINO NUGGETS

Wednesday 4th December

A separate order form has been sent home today with this newsletter. **All orders must be received by the canteen by Monday, 2nd December, 2013.**

SCHOOL BANKING

Put your deposit books in the banking box located at the canteen on Wednesdays.



DEFENCE NEWS

DCO Coffee Morning

The next DCO Coffee Club will be on Tuesday, 10th December at 10.30 am at the Tea Club (opposite the Roxy cinema). If you would like to come along, just turn up on the day. Helene from DCO will be hosting this morning tea.

Kookaburra Retreat

Kookaburra Retreat is holding a Christmas Party on Sunday, 1st December from 10.00 am – 2.00 pm. You do not have to be a member of Kookaburra Retreat to be able to attend. There will be a bouncing castle, Mumbo the Clown, face painting and lots of games. Food will also be available. On Sunday, 8th December there will be a "Show and Shine Bake Sale" at HMAS Albatross; cars will be on display and cakes will be for sale. For information about these events, please call Rachel on Ph: 4421 5766.

Defence Family Lunch

On Friday, 6th December, from 1.20 pm - 2.05pm, I will be hosting our annual Defence Family Lunch in the school hall. Please RSVP on Ph: 4422 7045 or Jacqueline.Copeland3@det.nsw.edu.au

Guest Speakers

I would like to thank Mr Graeme Copeland and Mr Mark Haughton for coming into our school and speaking to our students about life in the navy. The students really enjoyed these informal talks - question time could have lasted for hours! I would also like to thank Mr Brent Milner for coming in during the year.

Mrs Jacqueline Copeland – DSTA

P & C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Donations of suitable items can be left at the school canteen. Raffle will be drawn at the Presentation Assembly on Wednesday, 11th December.