

The Kookaburra

North Nowra Public School News

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Term 4, Week 9

Tuesday, 3rd December, 2013

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 4	
Week 9	
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
Fri, 6 th Dec	Defence families lunch
Week 10	
Wed, 11 th Dec	Presentation Assembly 1.00 pm
Week 11	
Mon, 16 th Dec	Student reports go home Year 6 Graduation
Wed, 18 th Dec	Last Day of term for students

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Premier's Sporting Challenge – Gold Award

The school received a **Gold** award in the Premier's Sporting Challenge this year. The award is based on the average result that students who participated achieved. Congratulations to the students who participated and thank you to Mrs Thomson and Mrs Kellert for encouraging students to be involved. The Premier's Sporting Challenge team wrote *"it is exciting to see the Challenge being consolidated in school programs and encouraging more students, to be more active, more often. It is important to reinforce to young people that physical activity and healthy lifestyle choices are lifelong and not just a focus for children or 'elite' sportspeople."*

Parent Helper Morning Tea

We will be having a morning tea for our volunteers next Thursday, 12th November at 11.00 am in the school hall. If you have helped in the canteen, in classrooms, on excursions, assisted with P&C or school functions or volunteered in any way, I hope that you will be able to join us so that we can say thank you.

Workers of the Week

K-6M invited me to join them to play the Maths games that they had made. A great way of engaging students in their learning and to consolidate learning. Cameron Toth from class K-6D also impressed his teacher with his independent work on spelling, writing and reading. Fantastic Cameron!

Busy End of Term Activities

There are several events happening in the next couple of weeks. We endeavour to keep the website updated with events and notes are going home. For example, on Thursday this week, it is the Year 6 mini-fete which has been held each year so that Year 6 can raise funds to purchase a gift for the school. A separate note has been sent home about this event.

Enjoy the week and the sound of summer.

Mrs Julie Ashby
Principal

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR SUCCESS

RESILIENCE

"Ask for help & report problems"



AT SCHOOL this looks like putting your hand up to show your teacher you have a question or telling an adult when you fall over and hurt your knee.

AT HOME this might look like completing a job like asking an adult to tie your shoelaces or telling someone when you accidentally broke a plate.

All parents/caregivers are cordially invited to join us as we celebrate a year of learning and achievement at our

2013 Presentation Assembly

Wednesday, 11th December, 2013

commencing at 1.00 pm

in the School Hall

PARENT HELPER MORNING TEA

Thursday, 12th November at 11.00 am in the School Hall

Invitations are currently being sent home with children but in case we miss anyone we would like to issue a general invitation to all parents/caregivers and family members who have assisted with school programs throughout the year. The staff value your assistance with our school programs and the morning tea is a small way of saying "thank you" for your efforts and contributions during 2013.

RSVP: Monday, 9th December PH: 4422 7045



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.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The 2013 Premier's Reading Challenge certificates have arrived in the school. They will be presented to the 130 students at our end of year presentation assembly. Special congratulations to Declan Courtney-Drennan on his Platinum Award (7 years), Mitchell Bawden, Hayden Butler, Curtis Gilkes, Josephine Hare, Abbie Haughton, Josh Haughton, Taiya Hollingsworth, Kyan Pearson, Daniel Rowe, Emily Scott, and David Steele who all received Gold Awards (4 years). Great reading!



Mrs Clifton and Mrs George

PLEASURES OF FREE PLAY

Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination.

Under scheduling your child:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child>

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.

- LAST CHANCE FOR ORDERS -

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 9

Wed, 4 th Dec	T Adams & K Miller
Thur, 5 th Dec	C Keane & T Smart
Fri, 6 th Dec	N Longbottom & T Smart
Mon, 9 th Dec	T Hodge & T Adams
Tue, 10 th Dec	CLOSED

SCHOOL BANKING

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



P & C NEWS

P & C Meeting

Final P&C meeting for 2013

Our last committee meeting for the year is on tonight at 7.00 pm in the staffroom. Come along and put forward any suggestions or ideas you have. Everyone's welcome to come help us wrap up a great year and start planning for the next!

Christmas Raffle

Tickets are now on sale. Please return all tickets sold and unsold to the school canteen. Donations of suitable items can also be left at the school canteen. Raffle will be drawn at the Presentation Assembly on Wednesday, 11th December.

Year 6 Mini Fete

WHEN: Thursday, 5th December, 2013

COST: Tickets are on sale—20 tickets for \$6

There are heaps of stalls that your children can go to.

Please send money in an envelope clearly marked with child's name and class to the office by Wednesday, 4th December

All money raised from the Mini-Fete goes toward the Year 6 Farewell celebrations

Donations of books/toys/bric-a-brac suitable for the white elephant stall may be left with Mrs Fletcher 4/5F