

The Kookaburra

North Nowra Public School News

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Term 4, Week 10

Tuesday, 9th December, 2014

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 4	
Week 10	
Thur, 11 th Dec	Awards Presentation Assembly 1.00 pm
Fri, 12 th Dec	Diamond Day Excursion
Week 11	
Mon, 15 th Dec	Year 6 Graduation
Tue, 16 th Dec	PBS Celebration
Wed, 17 th Dec	Last Day of School for students

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you

This is my last newsletter for the year as I commence leave from next Monday. I take this opportunity to thank everyone for your involvement in this school community throughout the year to improve the outcomes for students and thereby, empower a positive future for our students.

A school community has many people involved and many people to thank. Last Thursday, we invited our volunteers to a morning tea so that we could express our gratitude to them for their amazing contributions. We thanked our classroom helpers, our canteen helpers, our Religious Education teachers, our Breakfast Club helpers, our St John's PALS, our representatives on committees and of course, our P & C members who have done a brilliant job this year. The P & C have been led by Mrs Drury and her contribution has been outstanding and I thank her for the work that she is doing for our school.

Thank you to the entire staff for another year of striving to deliver the best education for each student.

Our strategic directions for 2015 are:

- *Teaching* – engagement in effective and ongoing professional development, which delivers pedagogy that is evidence based and of a high standard.
- *Learning* – quality teaching that provides personalised learning for all students.
- *Community Engagement* – strong relationships across our community through effective leadership, collaboration and communication.

Staffing Changes

There are some staff changes for 2015. Mrs Dilley and Mr Webb are moving to other schools. Mr Williams is having a one year exchange with a local school. Mr Perkins will be working at Havenlee School next year. Mrs Gastin will be working as a school counsellor at another school. Mrs Gowland will not be returning to our school as she supports Karlee who is leaving primary school.

We welcome Mrs Flanagan who will join us in 2015 and Mrs Ramires who will work with us for 2015 as part of the local school exchange.

These are the staff changes that have been finalised at this stage.

I congratulate each person who is leaving on the tremendous contribution to the education of students at this school and I wish them the best for the future.

Farewell Year 6

Farewell to our Year 6 students and to the families whose youngest is now not so young and moving into the next phase of education. I wish each one of them the best and thank them for their contribution to our school throughout their time here and in the past year as our school leaders.

Kindergarten Best Start Interviews

If you have a child commencing Kindergarten next year, you will be receiving a *revised* schedule for Best Start interviews as our enrolments have altered since the orientation program. Kinders will commence on Monday, 2nd February with staggered start times and their first full day will be Tuesday, 3rd February.

Student Class Placement 2015

Students will be placed into classes for 2015 that are based on our anticipated enrolments. However, parents need to be aware that classes may change. Students and parents will be advised about class placements when they return in 2015.

Christmas Stall

Thank you to the P & C and particularly, Sheree Phillis and Jennifer Mellington for running the Christmas present stall during the week. It was very successful and I hope the recipients enjoy their gifts.

My week has been full of highlights that include:

- 3/4F – the students have written stories, illustrated them and made them into books. I was lucky enough to enjoy the books written by Taylor Hall, Witchville and the crazy princess of hearts; Boudeeka James, Just Dance; Kyan Pearson, Invasion of the Aliens, Part 1 (I can't wait for Part 2!); Tarah Smith, My Vacation Disaster; Sarah Massey, Bad Monkey; Nathan Fagerlund, The Game; Keturah Horne, The Big Wednesday. These students would also like to acknowledge the support from Mrs Houghton in the publication of these books.
- Thank you to Abbie Houghton, Tahyla Monie, Aliea Hodge, Ruby Roberts, Cheyenne Peters and Clea Reece for their support of Havenlee students for their presentation assembly last Tuesday. Great job girls!
- I had a lovely break with Layla Volpatti, Dakota Puplett, Lily Milner and Zac Richter. They are wonderful students who are able to express some very strong opinions on a range of subjects.

Thank you again for a great year. Enjoy the holidays! Best wishes for the New Year and I look forward to another year of education at North Nowra Public School in 2015. Stay safe and happy!

Mrs Julie Ashby
Principal

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

2014 Presentation Assembly

Thursday, 11th December
commencing at 1.00 pm
in the school hall

2015 SWIMMING CARNIVAL – SAVE THE DATE!

Our 2015 swimming carnival will be held at Bomaderry Pool on **Wednesday, 4th February 2015**. Students in Years 3-6 will attend as well as any students in Year 2 that turn 8 in 2015 and are able to confidently swim 50m. Cost will be \$9 per student. Permission notes will be sent home in Week 1 and will need to be returned straight away. So make sure you are all swimming lots in the summer holidays so you are ready to give some great

PBS 100% AND DIAMOND EXCURSION

Students who have achieved 100% or Diamond PBS this year are eligible to attend an excursion to Bomaderry Bowling at Shoalhaven City Lanes this Friday, 12th December. Please return signed permission notes and payment by **TOMORROW, Wednesday, 10th December**.

No late payments will be accepted.

performances in the pool early in 2015!

Mrs Thomson

P & C NEWS

Canteen Operations

The canteen will be OPEN WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY this week.

Meal Deal

This week's meal deal is Hawaiian chicken burgers (with a piece of pineapple), drink and snappy for \$5.50.

We only have paddle pops and freeze pops left

Canteen Co-ordinator Position

We are pleased to announce that our new canteen co-ordinator is Mrs Sarah Blair. She will commence duties next year and she is looking forward to meeting you all.

Treasurer Position

The position of Treasurer has been filled and will be announced next year.

Uniform Sales

The canteen is open for uniform sales on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8.30 am – 9.30 am.

Christmas Raffle

Last call for Christmas Raffle tickets. The raffle will be drawn at the presentation assembly this Thursday.



SCHOOL BANKING

There will be NO SCHOOL BANKING THIS FRIDAY. School Banking will resume next year. Deposits can still be made at any branch of



North Nowra Public School 2014 Year Book

These are selling *FAST* – come in and grab your copy before we sell out - \$10 for one or \$20 for two!!!

Commonwealth Bank during the holidays.

LOST PROPERTY

A pair of reading glasses and a pair of black school shoes have been found at school. Call into the office if you think these may be yours.

Please also check the lost property box for any lost items. All unclaimed items will be sorted and donated to a local charity at the end of the Term.