

The Kookaburra

North Nowra Public School News

Empowering a Positive future for our Learning Community

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Term 1, Week 8

Tuesday, 14th March 2017

Term 1	
Week 8	
Fri 17 th March	SRC Funky Hair Day
Week 9	
Mon, 20 th March	Assembly 2pm (4/5G)
Tues, 21 st March	P&C Meeting 6.30pm
Fri 24 th March	AFL Gala Day Stage 2
Week 10	
Tues, 28 th March	Bundanon visual arts camp Stage 3
Thurs, 30 th March	Cross Country
Fri, 31 st March	Celebration Assembly at 9.15am
Week 11	
Fri, 7 th April	Easter Hat Parade
Fri, 7 th April	Last day of Term 1
Wed, 26 th April	School Resumes Term 2

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Failure and mistakes are success if we learn from them. –
Malcolm Forbes

District Rugby League Trials

On Friday 10th March we had four students attend the district rugby league trials to represent our school. Congratulations to Kruz S, Cohen L and Mattie C who were successful in making the district team. Well done also to Talea M for representing our school with pride.

Regional Soccer Trails

On Monday 13th March Hayden M, Jamie B and Alana R attended the regional soccer trials as part of the Shoalhaven District Team. We congratulate these students on their behaviour, sportsmanship and effort displayed throughout the trial.

Staff Roles

I need to inform the school community that Mrs Ashby has extended her leave until the end of Term 1. To support this extension, we will be employing Mrs. Des Atkins in the support unit to cover the teaching and learning program for K-6P, and Mrs. Payne will move into the Learning Support Teacher role while I am covering Mrs. Ashby's Principal position.

The office staff are currently working hard to use the new Department of Education accounting system. There have been teething problems and it is taking longer to complete tasks that previously were very routine. To combat this situation our office staff, out of good will and professionalism for their role, are coming into work prior to 8:30am to get a 'head start' on the day's work. The school community can support their efforts by holding any P&C and School Business until 8:30am when the office will be open and operating. Thank you to the office staff for their hard work and support of our school community every day.

Positive Learning

It has been great to witness many students learning very calmly in every classroom across the school in the past week. This year we remodelled the school learning timetable and changed communication structures across the school to ensure that learning time is not lost to unnecessary interruptions. It appears from my observations that this is having a very positive effect on students' participation in learning and teachers' ability to deliver quality teaching.

This week I have witnessed several kindergarten students attempting to form letters the correct way when writing. While watching I saw the following interaction:

Child 1 – "You did the letter wrong I watched and you didn't follow the arrows the right way."

Child 2- "But it is right, look."

Child 1 – "No, you have to follow the arrows or it is a mistake even if it looks the same. Watch me."- Child formed the letter on page the right way "See."

Child 2 – "I will do it again." Child forms the letter again on the page the right way.

Child 1 - "You got it."

Child 2 - "Yep I watched you and learned after I made a mistake."

Children learning from each other and learning from their mistakes saw both students experience wonderful success in learning – as a teacher these are the moments in time that never leave you, when you can sit back and watch a mind grow.

I wonder how many of us each day make a mistake and dwell on how bad it is without realising that it is a learning opportunity disguised as a failure. I hope that this week everyone can find at least one mistake in life and identify a way you can do it differently so that you can experience

growth like the wonderful kindergarten students at North Nowra Public School did this week.

Have a great week and I look forward to seeing you all at next Monday's Learning Success Assembly.

Mr Peter Wright-Smith
Relieving Principal



****THIS FRIDAY****

Funky Hair day. Wear your hair as wacky and crazy as you can.
The wackier the better.



When: Friday 17th March 2017.

What to bring: \$2 donation.

Remember this is for a good cause. We are raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation to help kids with cancer and fund vital research.

If you forget your Funky hair don't worry, the SRC will have a stall running before school and at first break (outside the library) to give you some funky hair.

Sara and Emine

STUART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE

Stuart House is NSW Public Education's Charity of Choice. Please consider donating to this cause. Stuart House supports 1,800 children from public schools across NSW and ACT who attend Stewart House each year. By donating \$2.00 or more you have a chance to win a \$4,000 family holiday to a destination of choice. Donation envelopes are going home today with this newsletter, if you would like to donate please return your donation in the envelope and place it in the school money box located in the foyer by Friday, 26th May, 2017.

P & C NEWS

Donations are being sought from the school community to support our upcoming fundraisers.

Easter Raffle

Chocolate goodies (eggs, bunnies etc.) baskets, cellophane, ribbon etc.

Mother's Day Stall

Small items suitable for a mother's day gift that students can purchase at our Mother's Day Stall.

If you would like to donate to one or both of the above P&C Fundraisers please leave all items at the school canteen on Tuesday – Friday mornings or at the school office.

Thank you for supporting our P&C Fundraising events at North Nowra Public School.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2017

<https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>



The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9. The Challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. Students in K-2 are expected to read or have read to them 30 books. This will be done as part of the Library program. Students in years 3-6 are expected to read 20 books this is on a voluntary basis. This will be incorporated into their classroom reading program and records updated in personal reading logs. Students in our support classes will complete this challenge in Library.

The Challenge runs from **6 March to 25 August 2017**. **Students must complete their online Student Reading Records by 27 August**, and following validation by the school, are eligible for certificates. All Student Reading Records will be submitted online at school.

If you have any questions, please drop in to the library and ask away.

Mrs Clifton (School Co-ordinator)

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

A reminder about our school cross country carnival, which will be held Thursday 30th March 2017.

Please return signed permission notes and payment to the school office as soon as possible. All students from K-Year 6 are expected to attend this carnival. Parents and carers are most welcome to come along and cheer on their children.

(ICAS) UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

ICAS is a highly regarded program for schools offered in the key subject areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. It is another means of identifying, recognising and rewarding students' levels of academic performance. Schools receive comprehensive reports on student performance in each subject. Each participating student also receives individual diagnostic reports and certificates of achievement.

Please return the Expression of Interest form in a clearly marked envelope to the office by Thursday 16th March, 2017