PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Welcome Kindergarten students and families to your new school. Our Kinders had their first fantastic day together as a group today. I hope that all of their parents and carers coped as well as the Kinders with this big change.

We have had a wonderful first week. It has been busy and there have been some hiccups but I thank students, staff and parents for your efforts and resilience in dealing with changes and the issues that have arisen.

Staff arrangements
I would like to introduce Ms Sarah Phillips to the school community. Ms Phillips will be replacing Ms Susan White on K-6 P while Ms White is on leave for the year. Ms Phillips will also support the school as Assistant Principal as Mrs McCarthy will be taking leave on Thursdays and Fridays. Our wonderful Mrs Coates will teach K-6M on Thursdays and Fridays.

We welcome the return of Mrs Gina Thornton who will implement the Reading Recovery program and will also take some classes for "relief from face to face (RFF)" for classroom teachers.

We also welcome back Ms Penny Sigsworth who is taking 5/6L. Ms Sigsworth has done a lot of teaching at this school and we are very happy that she is available to teach our students again this year.

We have approximately 260 students enrolled at the school. There are 13 classes which includes our 3 support unit classes. The classes are now finalised and your child’s teacher will now let you know about class programs and routines. There will also be parent information sessions in the near future.

Sport
One change in timetabling that has caused confusion for which I apologise is sport days. In term 1, Kindergarten to Year 2 will have sport on Thursday mornings and Years 3 to 6 will have sport on Fridays during the middle session.

Assemblies
Our morning assemblies are working well and students are getting off to class as quickly as possible. I would ask parents to leave when the assemblies commence at 8.55 am and to wait near the COLA or at the back gates at 2.50pm when school finishes. Again, your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

Our whole school assemblies will be held on Mondays but the time has changed to 12.30 pm. Parents, carers and friends are invited to attend these assemblies which provide an opportunity for students to speak and/or perform in front of an audience and showcase some of the work that is occurring in classrooms. A list of dates and the classes who will present an item on those dates is included in this newsletter to help you plan and make arrangements to attend these assemblies.

Our Creative and Performing Arts groups will occur on Friday afternoons.

Transport to/from school survey
Thank you to the many parents and carers who returned the information about where and how your children come to school and leave school in the afternoons. We are using that information to best support the safe arrival and departure of our students. Last Friday tested our plans in the afternoon when it poured with rain as school finished. As much as possible, we will try to anticipate “extreme weather” and adjust our arrangements to meet the conditions. Thank you again for your understanding.

The changes to the vehicle entry to the school grounds has worked reasonably well during the week and I thank you for supporting that change too which reduces the risk of injury to children.
Asthma Friendly School
We are an asthma friendly school and an allergen aware school. As part of that awareness, we discourage children from sharing their food at school.

Parent Information Booklet
We have a parent information booklet on the school website and will endeavour to update that regularly. Please remember to use our website and we would appreciate feedback about information that is missing that might be useful to you or information that you find is out of date.

P & C Meeting
Our P & C are meeting tomorrow night at 7.00 pm in the staffroom and you are invited to attend and participate. There is a link to the P & C website from the school website for further information.

Student Attendance
Each year, there is an expectation that we remind you about your responsibilities regarding your child’s attendance at school. Information is included with this newsletter on this and there is also information on the school’s and the DEC’s websites.

Complaint/Grievance Policy
At times, you may be unhappy or uncomfortable with aspects of the school. I encourage you to raise your concerns with class teachers, assistant principals or myself in order to resolve your issues. However, if you remain concerned, you can also contact the NSW DEC.

Anti-Racism at School
Both the NSW DEC and this school community are strongly committed to an environment that is free from racism. If you have any concerns at any time, our Anti Racism Contact Officer is Mr Greg Lloyd.

Staff Professional Development
Since school started last week staff have participated in training and development on teaching comprehension strategies including summarising; anaphylaxis; child protection; utilising the school website and positive behaviour for success strategies. I thank the staff for their involvement in these courses and I thank the staff who delivered these workshops to their colleagues.

Have a wonderful week! I hope to see many of you at the P & C meeting and / or the swimming carnival. Congratulations and thank you to our House Captains and Vice Captains for taking on these leadership roles.

Mrs Julie Ashby
Principal

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2013 SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Please note arrangements for the swimming carnival on Thursday, 7th February 2013. Year 3-6 Students will be leaving school by bus at 9.15 am for the carnival to commence at 9.45 am. Students are to wear either sport uniform or house colours.

All students will sit in house areas and need to ensure they bring their lunch, recess and plenty of water. Students will be permitted to go to the canteen at allocated times to purchase treats only - there will be no lunch items available.

30+ sunscreen should be applied to all exposed skin before leaving home in the morning. Students should also bring their own sunscreen to the carnival and they will be reminded to reapply at regular intervals.

If you are attending the carnival and would like to take your child home at the end of carnival, please see your child’s teacher before leaving. A note must be provided for a child to leave with anyone other than their own parent.

Please note - novelty events will only be held if time permits.

Mrs Thomson
SPORT HOUSE CAPTAINS & VICE-CAPTAINS

Congratulations on our new House Captains and Vice-Captains for 2013. We look forward to your inspirational leadership and organisation at this week’s Swimming Carnival. These responsible students will be out the front in house colours cheering and encouraging their teams to victory!

Waratah - Josh, Pauline, Tully and Payton

Banksia - Harley, Jake, Grace and Lilliarna

Bluegum - Ethan, Reece, Elly and Natalie

Wattle - Kaitlin, Claudia, Isaac, and Dylan

Defence News

Welcome Back!
I would like to welcome back all of our defence families and of course extend a warm welcome to our new defence families who have become a part of our school community. Like last year, I will be working on a Tuesday and Thursday from 8.30 am - 3.00 pm. During the next few weeks I will be spending time with each defence child and also planning our special welcome morning teas.

If you have any ideas or resources for this year’s Defence School Transition Program please contact me on 4422 7045 or email me at jacqueline.copeland3@det.nsw.edu.au. Likewise, if you or your partner is away on deployment, training or works outside of Nowra could you please let me know so I can spend extra time with your child. Thank you.

Mrs Jacqueline Copeland

SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

As the new year is upon and many parents chose to drive their children to school it is a task for Council’s Rangers to enforce the law. To avoid receiving a fine when you are dropping off or picking up children from school please observe the road rules associated with signs around the schools. Please be warned – when an offence is detected – you will be fined. Council officers have advised “Zero Tolerance” will be enforced to protect your children.

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to NNPS library in 2013. This year the library will be staffed on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The library is open at 8.45 am on those days for before school borrowing. Please feel free to drop in and browse.

All classes will commence library sessions in Week 2. Your child needs a library bag to protect their books. Unwanted plastic bags gladly accepted for students without bags.

The library is open the second half of lunch break and all students are encouraged to visit, particularly in hot weather!

If your child is taking on the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year, the range of titles will be on display shortly and available for loan.

If you are a new family to our school, you may be interested in setting up family borrowing rights for other family members.

Come and see me before or after school on the above days.

Happy Reading!

Mrs Clifton

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CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen is now selling navy sports shorts with our school initials embroidered on them at a cost of $25. Dresses and Culottes are now available from the canteen for $30 each.

A new canteen menu is going home today with this newsletter.

If you can volunteer some time to help in the canteen please fill in the flyer attached to this newsletter and return it at the canteen.

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking starts back on Wednesdays. Don’t forget to put your bank books in the banking box located at the canteen.

P&C

Welcome back to P&C for 2013! Hope everyone had a relaxing break.

Just to let you know that our first meeting for the year will be on Wednesday, 6th February commencing at 7.00 pm in the staffroom.
UPDATE YOUR DETAILS
It is important the school is aware of any changes to your family circumstances and student medical conditions.
It is requirement of the Department of Education and Communities that parents sign a Local Area Excursions and Authority to Publish form each year. Forms were sent home with students last week. Please complete all forms and return them to the school office as soon as possible.

EIGHT WAYS TO GET YOUR KIDS ORGANISED
Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday's half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.
Find out more:

SMART FOODS TO BOOST LEARNING
Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?
Find out more:

COMMUNITY NEWS
This information is supplied for your information only. It is not a school activity or a NSW Education and Communities activity.

North Nowra/Bomaderry Netball Club
Registration Day for North Nowra Bomaderry Netball Club will be held at the Shoalhaven Netball courts on Saturday, 16th February from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm. Take advantage of the early bird special and pay only $95 for your new uniform on registration day only! Eftpos facilities are available for all payments. Any further queries can be directed to Amanda Gore on Ph: 0421 851 189 or visit our website at www.nnbnc.netball.asn.au

BLUEJAYS Hockey Club
2013 Registration day – Friday 8th and Friday 15th February at Bernie Regan Sports Complex, West Cambewarra Rd, North Nowra between 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm. Male & female, senior and junior players welcome. Contact Greg Pullen 4421 4861, Juanita Mackay 4422 1780 or bluejayshc@shoalhavenhockey.org.au

Rebels Netball Club
2013 Registration Day – Saturday, 16th February from 9.00 am - 12.00 pm at Shoalhaven Netball Association Clubhouse, Park Road, Nowra. Netball clinic for new players from 10.00 am – 11.00 am. To register early or for more information please call Rae Thomson Ph: 0413 809 748 or go to www.rebelsnetball.asn.au

Platypus Kinda Preschool
We are taking ENROLMENTS NOW for the new year. We offer individualised educational programs, nutritious healthy meals provided. Qualified and caring staff. CCB AND REBATE AVAILABLE. Call in or phone today!
2 Karowa Street, Bomaderry Ph: 4423 3103

Do you love to Dance?
Affordable preschool, kids and ladies fitness and dance classes. Shoalhaven Physie Dance School Enrolment Day Wednesday, 7th of February. Teaching APDA syllabus. Call 0410 605 249 for an information pack.

Nowra Warriors JRLFC
Registration days Saturday, 9th & 16th February at 10.00 am to 2.00 pm @ Lyrebird Park, South Nowra. New Players to provide birth certificates.

Private Tutor
Primary Education or beginning piano lessons. Experienced and qualified teacher. Contact Maya Thompson on Ph: 0431 345 540