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The Kookaburra
North Nowra Public School News

Quality Education in a dynamic and caring environment

Find us at: 75 Judith Drive, North Nowra, NSW 2541

Term 1, Week 3 Tuesday, 12th February, 2013

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to everyone who attended the swimming carnival last Thursday. The participation and behaviour was wonderful. Sun safe behaviour was also obvious and needed as it was a very hot day. Thank you to the parents who were there to support their children and to the parents who helped us out with some of the jobs that needed to be done. A huge thank you to Mrs Thomson and Mrs Kellert for organising the carnival and to the rest of the staff for their co-operation and support to ensure that we had a great carnival. Congratulations to students who will now compete at District Level.

Cricket Trials
Good luck to Zak Phillips at the cricket trials on Thursday.

NRL Parramatta Eels Visit
We had a visit from four of the Parramatta Eels on Friday. They spoke about how they felt when they were teased at school and how important it is to speak-up if you are a bystander when someone is being picked-on at school. I hope that we were all listening and that teasing or bullying of any kind is not happening at this school.

Anti-Bullying Plan
Our anti-bullying plan was reviewed last year and a summary of the plan accompanies this newsletter. The full plan is available on our website.

Breakfast Club
Mrs George has offered to coordinate the Breakfast Club again this year and this is greatly appreciated. However, Mrs George has asked for parent volunteers to help prepare, serve and clean-up on the mornings when Breakfast Club operates and also someone to do the shopping for the ingredients. If you can help, would you please leave a message for Mrs George. We are very lucky to have the support of North Nowra P & R Bakehouse who donate the bread for our Breakfast Club.

School Drop Off/Pick Up – new arrangements
I was asked at the P & C meeting last week to explain the reasons for altering the arrangements for “drop-offs” and “pick-ups” of children. The safety of everyone on site is my concern and my responsibility. My reasons for putting some procedures in place are therefore, to minimise risk to students, staff and the school community.

School/Home Partnership
Partnerships with parents are a very important part of the education of children. Please contact the office if you need to speak with your child’s teacher – teachers will return your calls and make time to speak to you when they can give you their full attention.

Thank you again for your co-operation and support in keeping children safe.

Have a fantastic week!

Mrs Julie Ashby
Principal
**2013 SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

The NNPS swimming carnival was a big success. I would like to thank all of the staff for their expertise which enabled the carnival to run smoothly. I would also like to thank the parents that assisted with time-keeping. The carnival could not have run without your assistance. I was proud of the performances of all swimmers and particularly proud of all of the swimmers that entered events just to 'have a go'. I think that many students were inspired to improve their swimming and may even ask their parents to start taking them swimming lessons or squad swimming. Swimming is a vital and important skill to have in an area such as ours with such beautiful beaches and rivers and I hope to see lots of strong performances at next year’s carnival.

Swimming carnival place ribbons will be presented to placegetters at an assembly at a later date. Parents will be notified of this date.

Mrs Thomson and Mrs Kellert

**DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ASTHMA?**

*EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT* presentations for asthma increase dramatically when children return to school in February. Make your child “Ready for School” by:

1. **Regular review by GP before school starts**
2. **Review and understanding of asthma medications and symptoms**
3. **Review and update of asthma action plan**

Refer to Children’s Asthma Educators: PH: 1300 792 755

**SCHOOL BANKING**

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

“**ZERO TOLERANCE**” to protect your child

**FACT** When a child is hit at impact speed of 30 km/hr, they have a 99% chance of surviving. At 70 km/hr, that child’s chance of survival is less than 7%. *Source Australian Transport & Safety Bureau.*

**MATHS QUESTIONS**

Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child’s maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey’s Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It’s aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.


**HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH HOMEWORK**

How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.


**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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**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. Contact Amanda Gore on Ph: 0421 851 189 or visit our website at [www.nnbnc.netball.asn.au](http://www.nnbnc.netball.asn.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](http://www.rebelsnetball.asn.au)

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

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