The Kookaburra
North Nowra Public School News

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Term 1, Week 8

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Student Representation
Last week was a busy one with special swimming scheme, netball, tennis, rugby league and the launch of the City of Shoalhaven Eisteddfod syllabus at our school. The reports from these activities have all been very positive about the behaviour and efforts of our students. Congratulations to the children and thank you to the staff involved.

Lost Clothing
There have been a few items of school uniform misplaced during the two weeks of the swimming scheme. Would you please check clothing and return any items that have found their way to your home that should be at another home?

Parent Information Sessions
A representative from Nowra Family Support Service attended school yesterday after assembly to give parents information about their services. The services are all free of charge and they are based near the PCYC in East Nowra. They run a range of courses including positive parenting, grief and loss programs and a music program for preschoolers. They provide child care which is also free. The contact number is Ph: 4421 5499. Thank you to our student welfare worker, Merryn, for arranging these parent information opportunities.

P & C Sub-Committee
There will be a meeting of the P & C canteen sub-committee this Friday at 2.30pm in the canteen.

Dream Cricket
Tomorrow, all students with disabilities from this school and some local schools will have the opportunity to participate in Dream Cricket. This program was initiated by the Movement Disorder Foundation and has involved Rotary Clubs, the Bradman Foundation, Cerebral Palsy Alliance and the Northcott Disability Service. Thank you to the local Rotary club for arranging this coaching clinic for these students. The object of Dream Cricket is to maximise the quality of the sporting experience for primary school children with a disability; raise standards of citizenship and behaviour through education, high expectations, discipline and enjoyment and to provide a model for schools and communities in arranging similar activities. There will also be a BBQ which is also arranged, supplied and cooked by these wonderful volunteers. I hope everyone involved has a great day. A reminder to all students participating to wear their sports uniform and sports shoes.

PBS Rewards
During the week, I had the pleasure of having lunch with Tarah Smith and seeing the wonderful work done by Cohen Langlo. It’s a tough job!!!

Have a wonderful week!

*Mrs Julie Ashby*
Principal

NNPS CHOIR
Any students interested in joining the North Nowra Public School choir are invited to Mrs George’s room at the end of lunch eating time on Thursdays. Interested students must be prepared to give up some of their playtime on Thursdays to rehearse, as well as practicing songs at home. Hope to see some

*Mrs George*

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
Our school Cross Country Carnival will be held on Wednesday, 27th March, 2013 at Willandra Cross Country Course. This is a whole school event. Please return signed permission notes and payment to the school money box by Wednesday, 20th March.
ICAS COMPETITIONS
University of NSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) testing will once again be available for students in Years 3-6. If you would like your child to participate in all or any of these tests, please complete the relevant sections of the Easter Slip which you must attach to this newsletter and return it along with payment to the school office by Wednesday, 1st May. For more details go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about
Mrs Clifton

EASTER HAT PARADE
Once again we will be celebrating Easter this year with a K-6 Easter hat parade on Thursday, 28th March. We would like you to join us from 11.00 am for morning tea. Tea and coffee, as well as delicious hot cross buns will be on sale if you would like to share some refreshments with the children at recess. There will be an amazing display of Easter Hats on parade that students have made. There will also be an enticing Easter Raffle with lots of yummy treats.
The parade will take place in the main assembly area under the COLA at 11.45 am and parents/carers are most welcome to come and watch the event.

LOCAL WALKING EXCURSION 1A, K-1G, 2D & 1-2T
As part of the Stage 1 unit of work on 'Local Places' the students in 1A, K-1G, 2D and 1-2T will be walking along Mahogany Creek to investigate and photograph places in this local area. Students do not need a specific permission note for this walk as their 'local walking permission note' will be sufficient.

PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE
YES!! – The Premiers’ Reading Challenge is on again and finishes at the end of August 2012. If you would like to take up the challenge, fill in the note below and return to Mrs George or Mrs Clifton to take part in this fantastic reading
BOOK BONUS – Going home with this newsletter is an information sheet for parents/carers who may like to support our school by signing their child up for the Book Bonus. The flyer is self-explanatory and optional.

Easter Raffle
Donations of Easter eggs, baskets and wrapping materials can be left at the school canteen.

Please return the following slip to the canteen if you wish to receive Easter raffle books.

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There will be a prize for the student that sells the most raffle tickets in each class.

Great News ….
Every student who donates Easter Eggs for the raffle will go into the draw to win the Easter Basket which is on display in the Canteen. Simply fill in your details on the slip below and hand it in with your donation. Good luck!

| Child’s Name: | Class: |