DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

School Vision
The vision for our school is:
“Empowering a positive future for our learning community.”
This vision has resulted from input from parents, students and staff. Thank you for your contribution to our vision. On Monday afternoon, we will be meeting from 12.00 pm to set our strategic directions for the next three years based on that vision. There are parents attending this meeting. If you would like to participate, please let me know .... you are very welcome!

School Year Book
The inaugural North Nowra Public School Year Book is now for sale. Mrs Coates initiated this Year Book and has put in a massive effort to make our Year Book a reality. Mrs Coates had the editorial power to remove any mention of thanks to her in the Year Book.
However, our community needs to know that she has been the driving force for this publication and on behalf of everyone who will enjoy this book, I would like to thank her for a great job!

Thank you to our P & C
The P & C Association have worked hard throughout the year to raise funds to support your child’s education. Thank you for supporting the P & C. In 2014, the P & C funds have been used to cover the following purchases: a Reading Comprehension Box, 2 x Maths Boxes, Multiltit Reading Package, Australian Standards Order subscription for the library, Home Readers, Sports equipment and a contribution to the Year 6 farewell. Thank you again to the P & C for this effort as well as the other contributions that are made to the operation of our school.

Changes to School Facilities
The NSW Department of Education and Communities Asset Management directorate has needed to resolve an accommodation problem for student with disabilities at Havenlee School. As there are three spare classrooms at North Nowra Public School and Havenlee School is needing to expand, from 2015, two classrooms that are currently used by North Nowra Public School will be used by Havenlee School. These rooms are Home Bases 1 and 2 which are currently occupied by K/1G and also used for visual arts programs. The staff and the P & C have been asked to identify issues that need to be considered. As yet, the only concern raised has been what will happen if the numbers increase at North Nowra Public School. This has been considered and there is no forecast need for additional rooms based on current numbers and figures available from other sources i.e. census data, Council developments. I am working closely with the Principal of Havenlee and the Asset Management team to facilitate a smooth transition. If you have any issues that you think should be considered, would you please contact me to discuss?

Author writes to 1T
A few weeks ago, 1T wrote to the author of a book that the class was studying to ask some questions about why he had written the book. For example, they wondered about his childhood and whether there were some things that happened to him to prompt him to write this book. Amazingly, the author wrote back to each child who had written to him as he was so impressed with the quality of the work and the depth of understanding! Just brilliant!
Public Speaking
Speaking of brilliant, the speeches that Kinder, Years 1 and 2 have been preparing and delivering are also brilliant. The school had the opportunity to listen to the winners at the assembly yesterday. Lucas Stephanidis, Layla Volpatti, Lily Milner, Zac Richter and Fleur da Silva did a great job. I'm not convinced by Lily's argument to have more junk food in schools but a good try nevertheless!

Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra
Thank you to Mr Williams, Mrs George, Mrs Hodge and Ms Sadler for enabling Years 5 and 6 to have an incredible educational opportunity in Canberra last week. Mr Williams also reported to the students that he had received wonderful reports about the behaviour and respect demonstrated by our students. Thank you Years 5 and 6.

Congratulations Fleur
Fleur da Silva has been achieving some excellent results in her Dance exams. She received Honours in 2nd grade tap and ballet and in 3rd grade jazz. Fleur also performed at the Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival. It is wonderful to be able to share these achievements with our community.

Stage 2 Visit the Council Chambers
Years 3 and 4 and a few from Year 6 visited the Council Chambers last week. Our Mayor, Joanna Gash, made herself available to explain how local government operates. After this, the students were then led on a bushwalk back to school by Mrs Coates. By all accounts, it was a great excursion. Thank you to Mr Wright-Smith for coordinating the excursion and other staff for enabling students to have this opportunity.

Have a fabulous week everyone!

Mrs Julie Ashby
Principal

North Nowra Public School
2014 Year Book
Parents can view and/or purchase the Year book at the school office or by placing $10 in a clearly labelled envelope with the slip below and placing it in the school office money box in the foyer.

North Nowra Public School
2014 Year Book
I would like to purchase ........................................ copies of the 2014 Year book at $10 per copy.
Child's Name: ..........................................................
Class: ......................................................................
No.of Copies: ........................................................
Amount: .................................................................

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR SUCCESS
SUPERSTAR AWARD /TROPHY
K/1G  Lucas Stephanidis
K-1K  Paeton Subbi
1T  Layla Volpatti
2D  Akasha Herbert
2/3W  Malac Whitehorne
3/4F  Jack Hantha
5/6G  Janaya Whitehorne
5/6W  Rhett Butler
K-6 Support  David Steele

PARLIAMENT AND CIVICS EDUCATION REBATE (PACER)
Stage 3 students have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Rebate towards the cost. The rebate is paid directly to our school.

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

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
The final book club brochure for 2014 has gone home. There are lots of goodies to fill the Christmas stockings! Let us know (on the envelope) if you would like us to keep your order separate for Christmas. Happy Reading
Mrs George and Mrs Dilley

ARE YOU LEAVING?
In order to plan our class/year numbers for next year, it is very important that we know which families won’t be at North Nowra Public School at the start of 2015. If you are leaving, or think you are leaving this term or during the Christmas holidays, please let the front office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

LEAVING YOUR CHILD HOME ALONE
At some point it will be necessary to leave your child home alone for a short period of time. There is no actual law in Australia that states what age a child can be left alone, but parents are legally responsible for their child’s safety and wellbeing. You may be nervous the first few times (although most kids are excited about the independence) so making some clear “home alone” rules with your child gives them an understanding of their boundaries and how to stay safe. Read more here: http://bit.ly/1u5vTa9

2015 YEAR 3 STUDENT BUS PASSES
All students entering Year 3 in 2015, who currently hold a bus pass, must complete a new application form for next year. These students will not automatically receive a bus pass at the commencement of 2015.

The requirements of Transport for NSW are that students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for free bus travel irrespective of the distance from home to school. Students in Years 3-6 must reside more than 1.6km (radial distance) from school. All students entering Year 3 in 2015 need to re-apply and complete a new application form. Forms are available from the office.

Ready For High School
Just to let you know that the transition to high school, Ready for High School Checklist is now available in 36 languages. Search by language at: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/start_ss/rfhsc.php

P & C NEWS
Canteen Operations
The canteen is now CLOSED ON FRIDAYS until further notice. If you would like to volunteer to assist in the canteen please contact the P&C. You can leave a note in the P&C box located in the office foyer, or email us at: northnowrapandc@y7mail.com

Meal Deal
This week’s meal deal is Nacho dipper, drink and snappy for $5. We are winding down stock so there are no dino nuggets, cheeseburgers or slushies.

Position Vacant – Treasurer
Our current Treasurer Mrs Jodie Gibson has indicated she will be “hanging up the calculator” as her youngest child moves onto high school next year. Thank you Mrs Gibson for your dedication and the hard work you have put into ensuring the P&C financials are in order. On a positive note, Jodie leaves the books up-to-date and accurate and has agreed to provide a handover.

If you feel you have the skills required to fill the role as P & C Treasurer please consider volunteering your time in this role. If you’d like to know more about what’s involved, please feel free to contact Mrs Jodie Gibson on Ph: 0405 567 880 after 7.00 pm or call in and have a chat to Mrs Ashby.

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

Christmas Raffle
Thank you to all families who have already sent in donations for our Christmas raffle. We are still accepting donations so keep them coming. You can drop suitable items off at the canteen or the school office. Tickets are also now available from the school canteen. The raffle will be drawn at the presentation assembly.

Christmas Gift Stall
Perfect opportunity for children to buy their own Christmas gifts to give. Items remaining from the Mother’s/Father’s Day stalls will be for sale THIS WEEK. Thursday 27th and Friday 28th November during 2nd break and after school. All items are priced between $1 - $10. Proceeds are used by P&C to benefit all children at our school.

SCHOOL BANKING
Friday is school banking Day. Don’t forget to place your deposit books in the box located at the school canteen.

SRE 2014 Assembly
What’s happened to Christmas?
Has it been stolen?
Can it be found?

Shrillock Homes investigates....
WHAT? Combined Scripture Assembly & Play
WHERE? NNPS Hall
WHEN? Thursday 27 November 10am
WHO? EVERYONE WELCOME

MORNING TEA WELCOME

BOMADERRY HIGH SCHOOL
Orientation Day
Tuesday, 2nd December, 2014

Stage 3 students attending Bomaderry High School in 2015 Year 7 Book Packs for 2015 will be available for purchase on the day.
Respect  Co-operation  Responsibility  Resilience