Term 1, Week 9

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 1

Week 9
- Tues, 25th March: Stage 2 AUSKICK Gala Day
- Fri, 28 March: Koori Kids Wellbeing Program

Week 10 - Autism Awareness Week
- Mon, 31st March: Assembly - Item 5/6W 12.30pm
- Tues, 1st April: Book Club orders/money due
- Fri, 4th April: Koori Wellbeing Program
- Stage 3 Paul Kelly Cup

Week 11
- Mon, 7th April: Otitis media screening
- Wed, 9th April: Cross Country Carnival $9.00
- Thurs, 10th April: Easter Hat parade 12.00noon
- Fri, 11th April: Koori Wellbeing Program

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
I would like to congratulate Mrs Bronwyn Payne on her appointment as Assistant Principal Special Education following the NSWDEC merit selection process. Mrs Payne will take-up this role from the start of Term 4. In the interim, Ms Secombe will continue as the teacher on K-6S.

The Berry Dairy Co-op will be donating milk to the Breakfast Club each week. The community is really supporting our Breakfast Club and it remains very popular with our students. Thank you to everyone involved for ensuring that this program is sustainable. Children are starting to receive Bronze tickets as they have achieved 8 personal best weekly awards. Congratulations to all of these children and thank you for always being responsible, respectful, resilient and cooperative.

Resilience does not mean putting-up with name calling or other forms of bullying. Resilience means that you are using the right procedures and reporting the problem to the correct people and that you are able to “bounce back” from a setback. Parents, please encourage your child to report any problems in the right way and not to stand by if another child is having a problem. This is also important to remember with increased access to social media.

Students from 2/3W and 3/4F went on an excursion to the Sydney Opera House yesterday without leaving North Nowra. They shared the excursion with students from Bourke, Croydon and Robert Townson Public Schools. They interacted with the presenter and they had the chance to learn a lot more about the Opera House in a very exciting way. Thank you to Mr Webb for organising this virtual excursion.

Students in stage 3 will participate in a survey that is being conducted by the Office of Communities - Commission for Children and Young People regarding volunteering. This is a program called classroom consultation and it is wonderful that our students are able to participate. Parents of children involved should have received further information about this consultation. If you do not wish your child to participate, please return the permission slip to indicate this to your child.

Lots of sport last week and unfortunately, the postponement of today’s Stage 2 AFL Gala day. Thank you to the teachers and the parents who are enabling children to be involved in these sporting opportunities. Mr Webb will be taking some leave from Friday this week. Mrs Viney will teach 2/3W during this 3 week period.

Parents and carers of Kindergarten children should have received a report yesterday regarding the Best start assessments that were conducted at the start of the year. Please contact the class teacher if you have any questions about these reports.

Parents and carers of students in Years 3 and 5 will receive a letter about NAPLAN today. Again, please speak to class teachers if you have any questions.

Thank you to the students from K-6D for their lovely artwork that is now displayed in my office.

Have a brilliant and bubbly week everyone!

AFL GALA DAY
AFL Gala day for Stage 2 was planned for today has been rescheduled to the 8th May. New notes will be sent out soon.

BREAKFAST CLUB
THANK YOU to the Berry Rural Co-Op for the wonderful donation of milk every week for the rest of the year.

Respect  Co-operation  Responsibility  Resilience
**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR SUCCESS**

**CO-OPERATION**

“wait patiently”

**AT SCHOOL** this looks like sitting under the COLA until the morning play bell rings and staying in the COLA for eating until dismissed by the teacher on duty.

**AT HOME** this might look like crossing off the days on a calendar whilst you wait for an exciting event like a birthday or return of a travelling parent. What does this look like in your home?

**DISCUSSION** - What does wait patiently look like at the supermarket?

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**RUGBY LEAGUE NEWS**

On Wednesday 19th March, 2 teams travelled to South Nowra Rugby Park to compete in the Shoalhaven Paul McGregor and Rod Wishart Shield 7 a side Rugby League event. The junior and senior teams played well, showing continual improvement throughout the day. In their final games, both teams saved their best performances till last - each coming away with impressive wins. A big thank you to Michael Shaw and Kelly Sandstrom for their help with the teams and also all of the parents and carers who attended the event.

Mr Perkins

**BOOKCLUB**

Your child has received their book club catalogue. Money and order forms are due back at school on Tuesday 1st April.

Mrs Dilley and Mrs George

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**NETBALL NSW GALA DAY**

Thursday 20th March 2014

Well done girls who represented our school last Thursday in the pouring rain at the Netball NSW carnival held at South Nowra. All of the girls tried their best and I was very proud of their effort throughout the whole day. I had a teacher from another school say what cooperative and responsible girls were in our teams, on and off the court! Well done girls and I look forward to continuing our netball training next week!

Mrs Payne.

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**P&C NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who has sold tickets already! The P&C is not available every day to collate the tickets that are returned but will do their best to get them back to you at the earliest possible opportunity. Please return tickets and money in an envelope for ease of identification and processing.

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**CAINTEEN ROSTER**

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**STAY COOL AT SCHOOL THIS SUMMER**

Win a CommBank Marquee for your school and $50 for a student just by depositing to your CommBank School Banking account in Term 1.

The school with the highest percentage of active students at the end of Term 1 will win a marquee. There are 4 marquees to be won in the South Coast and Southern Highlands area. Every student who completes a minimum of 3 school banking deposits in Term 1 will also be in the running to win one of two $50 credits to their School Banking account.

**Competition opens 28/01/2014 and closes 11/04/2014. For full terms and conditions please visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.**

Banking day is every Wednesday don't forget to put your bank books in the banking box at the canteen.

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**2014 Easter Raffle**

Donations of Easter eggs, baskets and wrapping materials are required and 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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Parent Signature:

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

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**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!

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2014 Mother’s Day Tea towel Fundraiser

This year for Mother’s Day the P& C are running a tea towel fundraiser. During the next week your child will contribute a picture of themselves for inclusion on a unique, high quality tea towel.

These popular keepsakes are a wonderful opportunity for children to create something personal and useful to proudly show you their love all year round.

Every child will contribute a drawing but will not receive a tea towel unless payment is received by Thursday 14\textsuperscript{th} April 2014.

Tea towels are $11 each or 3 for $30. Why not get one for Nanna and Grandma as well? There are two tea towels available: K-2 and 3-6.

Please note: while there will be a small range of items for sale at the Easter Hat Parade the Mother’s Day stall will not run this year.

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\textit{Please return the following order slip, with payment, to the canteen by Thursday 10\textsuperscript{th} April 2014 so that orders can be placed for receipt by Mother’s Day.}
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2014

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2014 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 13 - 15 May 2014.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

In 2014, as in previous years, the Writing task will be a single common task for all students. The 2014 Writing test will require students to respond to either a persuasive or narrative Writing prompt. However, the genre of the prompt will not be disclosed prior to the test period.

Wherever possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 16 May 2014.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:
- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustment or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the Principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.