The Kookaburra
North Nowra Public School News

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Term 4, Week 1

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome Back
I hope everyone had a restful holiday and are ready to conquer the eleven busy weeks ahead. The school was a buzz this morning with holiday stories and the excitement of catching up with school friends.

Well done the Cowboys and Jonathan Thurston.

It’s a Girl!
During the Holidays Mrs Payne’s baby arrived. She had a very healthy girl called Georgia. Her big sisters are very excited. Congratulations to the Payne family on their new arrival.

In Memory of Aunty Cheryl Griffiths
It is with sadness that I inform the school community that Aunty Cheryl, respected Elder and Aboriginal Education Officer at Nowra East passed away during the holidays. Aunty Cheryl was formally a member of our school staff. Many of our Year 5 and 6 students would remember the wonderful Aboriginal programs she ran at North Nowra. Aunty Cheryl was an ongoing valued friend of North Nowra and she often advised staff and sat on employment panels in her capacity as a member of the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group. We extend our condolences to the family at this sad time.

Staffing For Term 4
In the support unit this term we have a number of staffing changes. Mrs Jennifer Brown will be teaching K-6P five days a week. Mrs Brown was also the successful applicant for the position of Assistant Principal while Mrs Payne is on leave this term. Mrs Pudney will be on leave on Fridays and will be replaced by Ms Nicole Timbs and Mrs Sandstrom will be replaced by Jayden Lavington on Thursdays and Fridays.

In the office we welcome Mrs Horner back from leave. Also the school welcomes Mrs Driscoll back to school on Wednesdays, Mrs Goodgar will be working across the school on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Mrs Lynch will continue to cover 1/2W until Mrs Ashby’s return and Mrs Viney will replace Mrs Ardler until the end of the term.

We welcome these staff as they support students across the school.

Plans for 2016
At this time of year planning begins for the upcoming school year. At this stage, an indication of numbers for 2016 is being sort so adequate staffing and resourcing can be ascertained and decisions regarding future classroom arrangements can be more realistically considered. Expressions of interest for 2016 enrolments, as well as any indication of families who may be ‘moving on’, will enable a clearer picture to be formed. Your support with this issue is extremely imperative as the planning for the New Year is of utmost importance.

Uniform Update
Through the P&C’s consultation with the school community changes have been made to the School Uniform. The most significant change is that the uniform will be moving to a unisex uniform. A three year transition period inline with P&C Association guidelines applies to allow families to phase out the old items and replace them with the new items by Term 4, 2018. Please see full details in attached information from the P&C.

Empowering a positive future for our school community!

Mr Peter Wright-Smith
Relieving Principal

Tuesday 6th October, 2015
SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

CNN
((Channel North Nowra)
This year North Nowra Public School will be presenting a show entitled CNN – Channel North Nowra. It will feature items from all classes, in two scintillating performances. Important details are as follows:

Name of show: CNN
Date of Shows: Tuesday, 27th October
Times of Shows: Matinee performance at 12.00 noon
               Evening performance at 5.00 pm
Cost of tickets: $5 per person
Sale of Tickets: Tickets available from the front office
Funds raised: Used to improve the stage lighting in the hall
Tickets are limited – get in quick to avoid disappointment. Greg Lloyd - Producer

ROAD SAFETY
Key points to remember around schools:
• Ensure your children always get in and out of the car through the ‘safety door’. This is the rear kerb side door of the car.
• Never allow children to get out of the car on the traffic side.
• When possible, children should remain in the car until an adult opens the ‘safety door’. This helps ensure that children get out of the car safely.
• Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

TIPS FOR TACKLING HEAD LICE
• Use hair conditioner and a fine head lice comb.
• Apply conditioner to the hair and comb through with a wide-toothed comb to remove the tangles.
• Then use a fine metal lice comb to remove the lice and pull the nits off the hair.
• The conditioner helps slow down the louse and makes it easier to comb out.

For more information go to the "Nitbusters" website www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice

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

Shoalhaven Football (soccer) Academy
Shoalhaven Football (soccer) – Term 4 academies are being held at the following venue at South Nowra. The academies are suited for players of all abilities with the following skills being implemented; running with the ball, 1st touch, striking the ball and 1 v 1 games.
Commences Friday, 16th October for children aged 5 – 13 years for a six week program. Cost $70.
All enquiries please email mjonno1@bigpond.com.au or Ph: 0488 034 500

Tuning in Music Classes
Shoalhaven Youth Orchestra Inc.
School children – classes for Kinder – Year 1 at Nowra School of Arts.
Call Ph: 0435 584 220 or email: Syorchestra.pmp@gmail.com or visit www.syo.shoalhaven.net.au

SWIMMING SCHEME
Once again students in Years 2 – 3 will have the opportunity to participate in a Learn to Swim Swimming Scheme at Shea’s Swim School, North Nowra.
The swimming scheme is an intensive learn to swim program aimed at developing water confidence and provides students with water survival skills.
Permission notes have gone home with all students in Years 2 & 3. If you would like your child to participate in this program please return signed permission note and payment to the school office money box by Tuesday, 10th November, 2015.

Uniform Sales
The canteen is open for uniform sales on Monday and Friday from 8.30 am – 9.00 am.
Alternatively, uniforms can be ordered using the Uniform Order Form and left at the school office for processing.

SCHOOL BANKING
School banking is on every Friday. Don’t forget to put your bank deposit books in the banking box at the canteen, PLEASE remember to fill out all the information on the deposit slip including student number – all this information is found on the inside cover of your deposit book.