The Kookaburra  
North Nowra Public School News

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Term 4, Week 2  
Tuesday 13th October, 2015

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Great start to Term 4

Students have settled back into the term very well and are working well. As I travelled around the school from class to class I noted how settled students were. It was great to see their efforts particularly in writing. I saw some amazing scientific explanations coming out of 1/2W about their ‘Water’ research.

Assembly Choir Performance

Thank you to the school choir for their item at assembly this week and congratulations on your performance last term at the Shoalhaven Music Festival.

Attendance

Congratulations to all students who arrive no later than 8.50 am each morning ready to start the school day by ordering their lunch, seeing friends and ready to receive morning messages. Established morning routines allow our students to have a positive start to the day. If a student is at school prior to 8.30 am they are required to have a book to read and to sit quietly under the COLA outside the Hall.

Last week I asked our learning Support Team to commence an audit for school attendance records to ensure that our records were correct and that we as a school are communicating clearly the attendance records we have for your child. I know the office and I have received a number of enquiries identifying that our records need to be adjusted due to a range of communication breakdowns. As a result some absences have been recorded as ‘Unexplained’. We appreciate your patience and supportive communication. We know that working with you will increase a student’s attendance at school and ultimately their academic success.

To support attendance our staff will contact parents if students are absent for more than two days to ensure that children attend school each and every day that they are well enough to do so. Students who are away for more than two days are encouraged to bring a Doctor’s certificate. Our Home School Liaison officer works closely with our Learning Support Team to support families with their attendance. The following information may assist parents in understanding the importance of student attendance on academic performance.

If a child is absent:

- 1 day a fortnight that is equal to 20 days a year or 4 school weeks, which equates to missing 1.5 years of school and is equal to finishing in year 11.
- 1 day a week that is equal to 40 days per year or 8 school weeks which equates to missing 2.5 years of school and is equal to finishing in year 10.
- 2 days a week that is equal to 80 days per year or 16 school weeks which equates to missing 5 years of school and is equal to finishing in year 7.

Our school’s current attendance rate is 92.54%. Our Year 2 students have the best attendance rate attending 93.44% of the time. If any family is experiencing difficulties with getting their children to school please contact the class teacher so that support measures can be put in place.

CNN Performance

Tickets for our school production are available from the school office. Get in quick, if we sell out – you miss out!

Have a wonderful week.

Empowering a positive future for our school community!

Mr Peter Wright-Smith  
Relieving Principal

Respect  Co-operation  Responsibility  Resilience
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

Due to WHS and Child Protection Policies
the following conditions apply:

- No prams/strollers allowed
- No photos/videos to be taken
- Seats will be filled from front on arrival
- No gaps in seating
- No standing during performance
- No smoking on school grounds

P & C Voluntary School Contribution
Thank you to all families who have already paid their 2015 P&C Voluntary School Contribution. These funds are used to provide books, pencils, art supplies and other educational supplies to all students. The school contribution for 2015 is:

1 child - $25

2 children - $45

3 or more children - $60

If you have not paid this contribution please consider making this payment as soon as you are financially able to do so. Thank you to all parents for your ongoing support.

No student will be disadvantaged by non-payment or miss out on any educational program.

SCHOOL BANKING
School banking is on every Friday. Don’t forget to put your bank deposit books in the banking box at the canteen.

Sundae Day
Buy an ice cream sundae with your choice of topping and sprinkles for only $2

Friday 16th October
Second Break

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

South Coast Karate
Fun kids classes Fridays at 4.00 pm in the school hall. Come and try it – your first lesson is free
All enquiries please Ph: 0418 977 402 or visit www.shotokankarate.com.au

SWIMMING SCHEME – YEARS 2 & 3
Thank you to all families who have returned permission notes and payment for swimming scheme. If you have a child in Years 2 – 3 and would like them to have the opportunity to participate in a Learn to Swim Swimming Scheme at Shea’s Swim School, North Nowra please return signed permission note and payment to the school office money box by Tuesday, 10th November, 2015
Mrs Thomson

P&C NEWS

P & C Meeting
Next Tuesday, 20th October, is our next P&C meeting commencing at 7.00 pm sharp in the staff room. Please consider attending this meeting and supporting the work the P&C does for our school.

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.