PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

End of Term Celebrations
Congratulations to our wonderful Bronze ticket recipients and I hope you enjoy the disco tomorrow morning. I am also looking forward to the hat parade on Thursday afternoon. The question that most people want answered is: “Can we wear MUFTI on Wednesday for the Bronze ticket celebration?” The answer is “yes”. It is also a MUFTI day on Thursday for the Hat Parade.

Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN testing
Students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN on 12, 13 and 14 May. Information sheets accompany this newsletter for parents of children in Years 3 and 5.

Water Leak
The water leak has been found and it was a major crack in the join of water pipes located approximately one metre beneath the concrete. Although the playground currently resembles an archaeological exploration site, the area will be restored during the holidays.

Parent Surveys
Thank you to parents who have responded to surveys regarding Facebook as a means of communication and volunteering. The result was overwhelmingly in support of a North Nowra Public school Facebook page. The rules of engagement will be developed early next term. Permission regarding photos will also be sought as Facebook own any photos that are uploaded. Mrs Thornton will be in touch with everyone who is able to volunteer to improve our facilities and or help with a range of programs and activities across the school.

Music Lessons
There may be an opportunity for 6 students to have a group music lesson during first break every Tuesday. This would be lessons paid for by families and conducted during a break not class time. The music teacher is able to teach guitar, keyboard, violin, flute or saxophone. There are some instruments available to hire through the school. If you are interested, would you please contact our office staff as soon as possible? If you are interested in private lessons after school, please also contact the office.

ANZAC Day Service
Our ANZAC Day service will be held on Friday, 24th April at 9.30 am. Mrs Green has also been able to arrange for the Red Berets to drop into Drexel Park at about 12.00pm.

Highlights for me during the past week included:

- Yesterday’s assembly which was run by Year 6 students and included a report from the SRC. The items from 4F and K7 were delightful.
- Takeshi Lambert played his violin for the whole assembly. Thank you Takeshi!
- 5/6R worked scientifically with Ms Collin in the back field to determine whether more or less water was needed in a plastic bottle under pressure to travel further through the air. Each student tested the hypothesis and discussed the need to control variables and have several trials to increase the validity of the results. Great job 5/6R!
- Spending the first break with Levi Lowe, Elizabeth Lowe, Ashlee Lukey, Lily Baxter and Jessica Massey as part of our PBS fast and frequent rewards program.

Thank you
Thank you to the staff for their wonderful work throughout term 1. Thank you also to the hard working P & C, their canteen volunteers and to our Breakfast Club volunteers. It is a pleasure to work with so many fantastic people.

Have a wonderful break with your children and we look forward to their return on Tuesday, 21st April.

Empowering a positive future for our school community!

Mrs Julie Ashby – Principal
**ANZAC DAY**

Bomaderry RSL Sub Branch is holding a Dawn Service at Walsh Memorial Park commencing at 5.45am on Saturday, 25th April. The main service will begin directly after the ANZAC Day march which will step off at 9.15am from the RSL Club. If you would like your child to participate in this march and service, please meet us at the corner of Bunberra and Coomea St at 8.55am. Once the service is finished please collect your child from Walsh Memorial Park.

**Mrs George & Mrs Green**

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Well done to all students who have established a regular borrowing pattern this term. Many have taken advantage of before school borrowing on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

Our Superhero Readers for Term 1 are:
- ES1 - Emma Timmers
- Stage 1 - Lucas Stephanidis
- Stage 2 - Lenai Spender
- Stage 3 - Mitchell Bawden

Don’t forget the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Drop into the library for details. A reminder that the families are now able to borrow books for pre-schoolers at home.

**Mrs Clifton**

**THE GRUFFALO’S CHILD STAGE SHOW**

Students in K-2 should all have received a permission note to attend The Gruffalo’s Child Stage Show at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre on Tuesday, 28th July. A reminder that permission notes and payment are due by Thursday, 2nd April, 2015 to enable us to make a bulk booking for our school. Please note, this excursion will be cancelled if sufficient permission notes are not received by this date.

**Mrs Thomson**

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**NETBALL NSW GALA DAY**

Thank you to all of the parents who drove our wonderful netball team to the courts and picked us up again. The Netball team were lucky enough to be invited to Netball NSW gala day again this year, playing 8 games, with increasing skill, encouragement for one another and enjoying themselves thoroughly.

I am very proud of the 10 girls I took to the carnival and look forward to being invited next year!

Well done girls! Let’s continue training hard for the PSSA Knock-out.

**Mrs Payne**

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**P & C NEWS**

**Easter Raffle**

Last chance to get your tickets in for your chance to win a monster hamper from Berry Treat Factory valued at over $200 and many smaller basket of chocolate eggs and goodies. The raffle will be drawn after the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday, 2nd April. Goodluck!

**Save the date! Sunday 17th May**

The P&C is organising a working bee to get some odd jobs and tidying up done around the school grounds on May 17th. Is there something you would like to see done or an area of expertise that you can offer help with? Come along on the day to help out and be part of the school community. More information will be available after the school holidays.

**Canteen News**

The canteen will be open on Wednesday, Thursday this week for first break only.

**Uniform Sales**

The canteen is open for uniform sales on Wednesday from 8.30am – 9.30am. Alternatively, uniforms can be ordered using the Uniform Order Form and left at the school office for processing.