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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Assembly Items
Congratulations to 5/6R for reciting Dorothea MacKeller’s iconic poem, My Country, at yesterday’s assembly. This was a credit to the class and Mrs Ramires. Thank you! K-6W also impressed the audience with their weather report. It was a clever presentation that involved all of the students and an engaging way to learn about meteorology.

Art in 2/3G
Danielle Molloy visited me during the week to show me the drawing of a Thylacine, Tasmanian Tiger, that she had done in class. It was extremely good. 2/3G have been working with Adam and Sarah Herbert for Art lesson, the children are enjoying this opportunity and developing confidence and achieving good results.

Responsible Student Action
Mrs Ramires received a lovely letter which identified Rory Shield, Brodie Arkinson-Brazenall, Taylor Hall and Jorja Cox as taking very quick and appropriate action to prevent a grass fire from spreading. They noticed a small fire as they were walking home and rang 000 to alert the fire brigade. Great citizenship and we are proud of them.

P&C News
I apologise for an error in last week’s newsletter. Sophie Pinchen is not a P & C Vice President; she has taken on a number of roles and is working hard to support this school community. I would like to welcome and thank Rebecca Edwards for accepting the role of Vice President of your P & C Association this year.

NAPLAN Assessment
North Nowra Public School was selected at random to undertake a trial of the new NAPLAN science assessment. Students in Year 6 will be undertaking this trial during the week. Students in Years 3 and 5 will undertake NAPLAN in May. If you have any questions regarding NAPLAN, please contact your child’s class teacher.

Student Representative Council
Our SRC members will meet once per fortnight on Wednesdays. Miss White has offered to be the supervising teacher and will work with these class representatives throughout the year.

Sharing Food at School
All staff are currently working through training regarding allergic reactions including anaphylaxis. It is important that children are discouraged from sharing food to reduce the risk of allergic reactions. Please reinforce this with your children.

Water Leak
A major water leak has been detected at the school. We became aware when we received the water bill as there is no physical evidence of the leak. Plumbers are working to isolate the leak and they are doing their best to minimise disruption and to ensure everyone’s safety. I apologise for the inconvenience but I am very grateful for the cooperation from students, staff and families while this work is undertaken.

Social Media Survey
Going home with today’s newsletter is a survey to parents on social media. Would you please complete the short survey and return it to the school office.

Have a brilliant week everyone!

Mrs Julie Ashby - Principal
ICAS COMPETITIONS
University of NSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) competitions will be available for students in Years 3-6 plus students in Year 2 in the subjects of Science, English and Mathematics. If you would like your child to participate in all or any of these tests please complete the separate flyer sent home with last week’s newsletter and return it along with payment to the school office by Friday, 3rd April, 2015.

Mrs Clifton

ATTENTION PARENTS OF YEAR 6 STUDENTS
Coming up this week, a random selection of Year 6 students will be undertaking the 2015 National Assessment of Science Literacy online. This is a very interesting and fun online test. To successfully participate in this activity, could you ask your child to bring a standard pair of headphones with the 2.5mm jack (as used for iPods, iPads, mp3 players etc.) on Wednesday and Thursday this week. This will be of tremendous assistance to Mr Lloyd who will be administering the online tests. Please ensure they actually work before sending them to school. Thanks.

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 insufficient permission notes are not received by this date.

Mrs Thomson

YEAR 6/7 TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL
Thank you to those families who have completed and returned the Expression of Interest Placement into Year 7 form. A reminder that completed forms need to be returned to the school office no later than THIS FRIDAY, 20th MARCH. Please note that if you will not be seeking to enrol your child in a NSW Government School you still need to complete Section E – Placement not required and return the form to the school.

STAGE 3 RUGBY LEAGUE
Congratulations to our Stage 3 Rugby League team who won two of their four games at the Shoalhaven Legends day last Friday. The boys displayed exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship and were a credit to their school. A big thank you also to the parents who helped and provided positive encouragement to our team. A special mention to Dylan, Steven and Brodie who were chosen to represent our school in rugby league at the PSSA trials.

Gina Thornton

P & C NEWS
Easter Raffle
Once again the P&C will be running our popular Easter raffle, which will be drawn at school after the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday, 2nd April. We are asking for donations of Easter eggs, baskets, cellophane, tissue paper and ribbons. This is very much appreciated and can be left at the school office or in the canteen.

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

School Banking
Friday is school banking day - don’t forget to put your deposit books in the school banking box located at the canteen.