The Kookaburra
North Nowra Public School News

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Term 2, Week 10      Tuesday 23rd June, 2015

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Thank you everyone for another enjoyable and productive term of teaching and learning at this school. We are finishing the term with a range of activities and learning opportunities.

NAIDOC Week Celebrations

Standing on Sacred Ground: Learn, respect and celebrate.

NAIDOC is an important time as we enjoy Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage. All Australians have the chance to learn more about the oldest culture on our planet which has, and continues to, mould our identity as a Nation.

Conservatorium of Music Visit

A group from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music visited today and taught all of us a bit more about the clarinet, bassoon, oboe, flute and the French horn. It was an enjoyable presentation which we were fortunate to have as they tour for one week only on the South Coast, Highlands and down to Cooma and Bombala.

School Leaders

Congratulations to our School Leaders and the members of the SRC who received their badges at yesterday’s assembly. Both groups of students are working well to support school procedures and look for ways of continually improving the school.

P & C Movie Night

Thank you to the P & C for the Movie night last Friday which was well attended. I would also like to acknowledge Mrs Lynch, Mrs Thornton, Mrs Flanagan and Mr Wright-Smith for their support on the night.

Multicultural Speaking Competition Finals

Our four students who represented the school at the finals of the Multicultural Speaking competition also deserve our thanks and encouragement. It is difficult to speak in front of an audience and the impromptu speeches require knowledge, analytical thoughts as well as the capacity to keep the audience interested and convinced by the speech. Great job Paige, Joshua, Abbie and Deklan!

School Athletics Carnival

Good luck to students for the Athletics Carnival which Mrs Thomson has organised. The focus is on best efforts and enjoyment of exercise with a healthy dose of friendly competition and Team House rivalry. Fingers crossed for good weather this year!

Return to Term 3

Staff will return to school on Monday, 13th July and will be involved in professional learning in Aboriginal Cultural awareness and how teaching and learning may be adjusted for all students. They will also undertake further training in KidsMatter which is the whole school community mental health initiative to promote good mental health across the school community.

Students will return to school on Tuesday, 14th July.

Have a wonderful break with your children everyone!

Mrs Julie Ashby
Principal
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR SUCCESS
SUPERSTAR AWARD/TROPHY

KF  Ebonie-Lee Day
KT  Stephanie Miles
1/2K  Dylan Poole
1/2W  Jaris Butler
2/3G  Jenny Whymark
3L  Jack Phillips
4F  Paige Greig
5/6R  Clea Reece
5/6G  Dylan Kohler
K-6 Support  Blake Nelson & Hunter Bohme

KIDS MATTER AT NORTH NOWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL
This program is built on evidence based research about how to improve the mental health and wellbeing of children and how to achieve greater support for those experiencing difficulties. It does not provide a list of compulsory strategies but rather sets out guidelines of things to consider about our unique school environment. KidsMatter has identified four key areas where we can make a difference to children’s mental health and wellbeing. The first area we are exploring is how to create a sense of community in our school and how to promote feelings of belonging and connectedness for all children and families. We are looking at ways to make our surroundings safe and welcoming for everyone. This has been shown to have a positive effect on children’s mental health.

K-6D, K-6P & K-6W
PARENT INTERVIEWS
There will be no parent interviews held in Week 10 for our support classes. Interviews will be held in Term 3 as review meetings.
Mrs Payne – Assistant Principal Support

SPORTS NEWS
Athletics Carnival
Our annual athletics carnival will be held tomorrow Wednesday 24th June at Drexel Park. This is a whole school carnival and we look forward to every student participating.
Students may come to school in mufti (house colours) or in school sports uniform. Remember to wear something warm and bring a hat.
Parents are most welcome to come along and support all our athletes.
Please contact the school if you do not want your child to participate in this whole school event.
Mrs Thomson

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS
“Damper Competition”
As part of our Naidoc Week celebrations we are holding a Damper Competition. Attached to this newsletter is a recipe to make the perfect Damper. This competition is open to all students and prizes will be awarded to students who produce the best Damper/s. Have some fun and have a go! All Dampers should be clearly labelled with students name and class and delivered to Mrs Ramires 5/6R before school on Friday.
“MUFTI Day”
Friday is also mufti day - students may come to school in Red, Black or Yellow clothing.

KNITTING CLUB
Donations Wanted!!!
If you have any spare knitting needles or balls of wool could you send them to the Library for our Knitting Club which will start next term. All donations gratefully accepted
Mrs Clifton (Head Knitter)

SEASONS FOR GROWTH INFORMATION SESSION
Seasons for Growth is a peer support education program for children who have experienced change, loss and grief. An information session is being held on Wednesday 15th July at 12.30 pm in the library for any parent or member of the school community to come and learn more about this program.
Mrs McHugh & Mrs Green

P & C NEWS
Canteen News
The canteen will be CLOSED on Wednesday, 24th and Friday 26th June, 2015.

PBS REWARDS DAY
Friday, 26th June
Students who have earnt their Silver or Bronze PBS award this term are invited to attend our reward celebrations on Friday.
Students may bring their own electronic devices to school, participate in a drumming workshop or watch a move.
It is also MUFTI for NAIDOC Week – students can wear RED, BLACK or YELLOW to school on Friday.

Respect  Co-operation  Responsibility  Resilience

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