# The Kookaburra

**North Nowra Public School News**

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## Principal’s Message

**Welcome back to School**

A very warm welcome back to school for Term 3 for everyone in our school community. A special welcome to our new families; we look forward to working in partnership with you throughout your children’s primary school education. I apologise for the wrong dates regarding returning to school that were published in our newsletter. Thank you for alerting us to the problem.....an example of Facebook being useful to communicate a message to our school community. Our website is also available to check if you think something may be incorrect. Nevertheless, students returned with happy faces this morning and looking ready for learning. Staff returned yesterday and spent the professional learning time to complete the Aboriginal cultural awareness program, No Gap:No Excuse. Staff also continued learning about the KidsMatter framework. Some of our school learning support officers participated in workshops offered by Havenlee School.

**Staffing Matters**

A few staffing matters to be aware of; Mr Lloyd has extended his leave by one week and Mrs Lynch will continue teaching 3L. Mrs George is taking 2 weeks leave and 5/6G will be taught by Mrs Viney for the first 2 weeks of term. Mrs Barea will teach 1/2K on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a few more weeks. Mrs Horner will take leave from next week for the rest of the term. Her position will be shared by Mrs Larson and Mrs Kershaw. We also have a student teacher from Western Australia working with KT throughout the term under the guidance of Mrs Thomson. Her name is Ms Chavez and we welcome her to our school community.

## Student Attendance

I am looking forward to some students receiving recognition for 100% attendance during Term 2 at next week’s assembly. It is important for learning and success at school that children attend school every day and that they are present from the start of each day.

**Thank you to our volunteers**

I would like to thank our volunteers who are working across many areas of the school. Your contribution to support our students and your smiling faces are greatly appreciated!

**Stage 2 and Stage 3 Camp**

A reminder regarding Berry camp and Mogo excursions that will be held in week 9 this term; please keep up the regular payments or get in touch with me if you are having difficulties making these payments.

**Parent/Teacher Meetings**

Parent/teacher meetings will continue over the next few weeks and personalised learning and support plan review meetings will also take place throughout the term. Please discuss alternative times to meet with your child’s class teacher or to have a conversation on the phone if you are unable to attend scheduled meetings.

Have a wonderful week everyone!

*Mrs Julie Ashby*  
Principal

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**2016 Kindergarten Enrolments**

If you have a child who will be enrolling for Kindergarten next year please contact the school office. We are required by law to sight a child’s birth certificate, immunisation records and proof of residency when enrolling. If you are unable to locate these documents please apply for them now.

If you know of other families intending to enrol at North Nowra Public School please inform them also to contact the school office so we can begin the planning process.
STAGE 3 CAMP – OLD MOGO TOWN
The full cost of the excursion is $165 and full payment is due by Monday, 17th August payments can be made by instalments and online via the school website. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Ramires, the excursion coordinator, through the school office.

STAGE 2 CAMP – BERRY SPORT AND RECREATION
The full cost of the excursion is $265 and full payment is due by Monday, 17th August payments can be made by instalments and online via the school website. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Ashby, through the school office.

MASTERING SPELLING
Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling.

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

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS
The Department recognises that some families will be subject to family breakdown. In the absence of any notifications to the contrary. It will be assumed that both parents retain a shared and equal parental responsibility for their children and have been involved in making any decisions regarding their children’s education. This means that the school will recognise that each parent has equal duties, obligations, responsibilities and opportunities in relation to matters involving the school. If changes occur in your family relationships which have the potential to impact on the relationship between the school and your family, you are required to advise the school immediately. This includes providing copies of any court orders that may be obtained.

TREATMENT OF HEAD LICE
Head lice are a very common problem that most parents and teachers are more than familiar with. If your child has head lice here are some treatment tips:

- Do not treat your child if their scalp is irritated or inflamed
- Always read the head lice product label and directions before you apply it to your child's head. Products can be found in local chemists
- Apply the head lice product to every strand of your child's hair and work through, leave for 20 minutes, and comb out with a good quality lice comb
- Check your child's head and if dead lice are found, the product has worked. However make sure you re-treat your child's head in seven days to catch nymphs that have emerged from unhatched eggs
- Reduce the risk of your child catching head lice by tying their hair back or braiding it.

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back! So start collecting Earn and Learn stickers by shopping at Woolworths and placing completed sticker cards in the Woolworths Earn and Learn box located in the school office foyer. The program kicks off from Wednesday, 15th July.