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North Nowra Public School News

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Term 3, Week 10

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Are you OK day!

‘Are you OK ‘day took place last Thursday (10/09/15). It is a day were we are encouraged and reminded to regularly ask our friends, families and community about how they are travelling and support their mental health to ensure they are looking after themselves. I would like us to also reflect on the things we say to our children (and in their presence) about parents and children who attend this school. Please be careful with the conversations you have because they can lead to unintended situations in the school environment. Our school community needs to be looking after our students’, staffs’ and community members’ Mental Health.

Campers Reports

On the 7/9/15 stage 3 went on a camp to Mogo. They spent the night at the Gold Rush Colony and had a tour around old Mogo Town. They had dinner and breakfast at the tavern where we were staying. The next day we got to play in the Mogo maze and then went to Mogo Zoo. At Mogo Zoo we saw lots of animals including Monkeys, Lions, Gorillas, Gibbons and Giraffes. One of the students had an opportunity to feed a Giraffe. On the way to and from Mogo we stopped at Ulladulla. They all had a great time.

Lunch and Recess Food Breaks

It has come to my attention that some children are finding it hard to balance (share) their food out in breaks and as a result they are often reporting that they have no food by second break. Please remind them of what you think is the best way for them to balance their food out for the day. Also, some children have been throwing their lunch and recess food in the bin and then requesting a school provided lunch. There will be an increased period of monitoring by staff to identify students who need additional support with school provided lunches. I appreciate your support, if you need advice and ideas for healthy lunches have a look at http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/campaignsprograms/munch-move-resources.aspx

Safety and Driving Around Schools

We know all too well our shock and concern when a child is injured as a result of a motor vehicular accident and we never want this to be a story about our school or family. It has been brought to my attention that some of the driving around the school zone areas at times is becoming dangerous and not ensuring our school communities safety. I have contacted police and asked for additional monitoring of driver behaviour around our school in an attempt to avoid a member of our school community becoming a statistic.

Uniform

A reminder that tonight at 6:45pm, Tuesday 15th September, the uniform motion(s) will be discussed and voted on by the P&C. If you are able to attend you are most welcome. Please contact the P&C for more details. I also thank the P&C for their continuing support and hard work.

Holidays

Holidays for NSW schools start Friday 18th September (this Friday) with students returning to school Tuesday 6th October. Holidays are a great time for students and staff to recharge their ‘batteries’. Students need to be safe and ensure they are wearing helmets when skate boarding and bike riding as there a lot more holiday makers on the road unaware of where children are playing.
Student success
Congratulations to 1/2W & 1/2K on their excellent performance at Monday’s school assembly. Also a thankyou to Savannah Edwards who has supported the MS Read a thon through her enthusiasm for reading to raise much needed funds for MS Research.

Have a safe holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in October ready to learn and work hard.

Assistant Principal Peter Wright-Smith

YEAR BOOK - SPONSORSHIP
We will be publishing a Year Book again to celebrate achievements and some special moments during the year. Every child in the school will be involved in the articles and/or photographs and artworks. We are seeking sponsorship to assist with the cost of making this publication.

Advertisement sponsorship
- One quarter A4 page = $50.00
- Half an A4 page = $100.00
- Full A4 page = $200.00

We require an electronic version of your advertisement or an email with the details you would like included in a student designed advertisement. The advertisement will be sent for your approval prior to printing. The distribution of the Year Book will be approximately 220 families. Please contact the office if you would like further information. Thank you in anticipation of your consideration of this request.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE - CNN
This year NNPS will be presenting a show entitled CNN – Channel North Nowra. It will feature items from all classes, in 2 scintillating performances. Important details are as follows:

Name of show: CNN
Date of Shows: Tuesday 27th October
Times of Shows: Matinee at 12:00 noon
            Evening at 5:00pm
Cost of tickets: $5 per person
Sale of Tickets: Week 1 next term
Funds raised: Used to improve the stage lighting in the hall

Please hold the above date in your diary to ensure you can catch a glimpse of the newest channel on TV.

Greg Lloyd Producer

SCHOOL CANTEEN - Closed
The school Canteen will be CLOSED this Friday, 18th September 2015.

PYREE ROBOTIC DAIRY FARM
Last Friday, 14th September, Kindergarten travelled to Pyree Robotic Dairy Farm to learn about where milk comes from as part of their unit of work “Paddock to Plate”. Students enjoyed a morning of patting and learning about calves, observing the cows being milked by the robotic arms and learning about the different ways cows can be milked. They enjoyed a glass of milk straight from the farmer’s cows. We would like to extend a big thank you to all staff who attended as well as Amy Smithson for helping throughout the morning and Andrea Henry for her great teaching and hospitality at the farm.

SCHOOL BANKING – REWARD RECALL
For everyone’s information, two of the banking rewards have been withdrawn by the bank due to safety concerns. They are the COSMIS LIGHT BEAM TORCH (button batteries are accessible to children) and LUNAR LIGHT BAND. The Commonwealth Bank apologises to students for any disappointment and urges parents to discard them. Term 4 will now have available a Galaxy Glider Frisbee in place of the torch. “Food for thought” if a child banks $5 each week over 40 weeks over 7 years you will have saved $1400 for your child and that does not count for any interest earned. “A good start towards the next phase in their lives” If you have any questions or would like further information I can be seen on Fridays at the School Canteen.

Cath Nottle – School Banking Rep

Kids Matter at North Nowra term 3 week 10
The next competency we are interested in building is social awareness, the ability to show understanding and empathy for others. It includes the ability to know, this person’s angry, aggressive or friendly, and ‘what does that mean?’ and ‘why might they be feeling like that?’, ‘why might they be behaving like that?’, That’s quite a sophisticated thinking skill and once again links to that whole idea of the capacity to develop your thinking. Empathy develops as thinking skills mature, because you have to have imagination to be able to put yourself in another person’s shoes. Asking children to think about who has been affected by their actions leads them to consider a broader view of their interactions.

PBS CELEBRATION DAY
Children being rewarded for positive Behaviour will be able to wear MUFTI on the 18th September 2015 and will be able to bring their own electronic device like an ipod, laptop or tablet to school for the day.