DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 3
Week 8
Wed, 2nd Sept Kindergarten 2016 Information 9am
Wed, 2nd Sept Shoalhaven Public Schools Music Festival
Thurs, 3rd Sept P & C Father’s Day Morning tea 8.30am
Week 9
Mon, 7th - Wed 9th Sept Berry Sports & Recreation Camp
Mon, 7th - Tue 8th Sept Old Mogo Town Camp
Fri, 11th Sept Pyree Robotic Dairy Farm Excursion
Week 10
Mon, 14th Sept Assembly 2:00pm Items by 1/2W & 1/2K
Fri, 18th Sept PBS Celebration Day

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Rain Rain Go Away
Well what an amazing week of weather we had last week. At school things were challenging but we got through it safely. A number of things were affected by the weather including the late publishing of the newsletter last week. We regret for any inconvenience caused during this time.
Due to flash flooding a number of rooms had water inundation on Tuesday night. These rooms have had driers evaporating the water from carpeted areas. The most effected classrooms have been 5/6R and 5/6G. These classes have been moved to the library Friday, Monday and hall today. Largely the problem is resolved and will be finalised during the holidays when the carpets will be professionally cleaned. We hope that learning for all classes will return to normal as soon as possible.

Music Festival
Our choir performs at the Shoalhaven Music Festival tomorrow night. I wish them all the best and look forward to watching their performance. I hope to see lots of families there. Thank you to Mrs George for her time and enthusiasm for developing the choir this year. Use the encouraging words of the Performing Arts, “break a leg”.

Camp
Over 100 students will be attending camp this year. I know that the children are looking forward to the opportunity and experience. Teachers and School Learning Support Offices are going to bed early this week to get sleep in the ‘bank’ for the nights ahead. I thank Mrs George, Mrs Ramires, Mrs Haughton and Mrs Sandstrom who will be supporting Stage 3 at Mogo Village. I hope students find lots of gold and no Ghosts. I know they will all have a wonderful time, also thankyou to Mrs Collin and Mr Farrow who will be supporting Stage 2 at Berry Sport and Rec. I hope that they hit lots of bullseyes at artery and no one gets stuck on the high ropes. The students can thank their teachers by having a wonderful time and showing exemplary behaviour. Please remind your children to demonstrate, Respect, Cooperation, Responsibility and Resilience while on camp.

Back at School
While Stage 2 and 3 programs are unable to run normally, there will be a learning program continuing that Mr Lloyd will be teaching the students who are not able to attend camp. Students not attending camp are expected to be at school and to participate in the learning programs. 2/3G Year 2 students will be going to KF, KT, 1/2K or 1/2W for a couple of days to join their learning programs.

Uniform
I have had a number of questions about the new uniform. I firstly would like to extend to the P&C members who have worked on this project a vote of thanks, it has not been an easy undertaking and I have appreciated the support they have shown for our school. To answer many of the questions, please see flyer attached, meeting to be on Tuesday 15th September 2015.
Safe use of sports equipment on hard areas
There have been a number of close calls with students kicking large footballs and soccer balls on the hard areas. I have asked staff to direct any students who ignore the warning and rules “that footballs and soccer balls are only kicked on soft areas” to detention. To support staff in this matter any footballs or soccer balls that are kicked will be confiscated and handed to me so that arrangements can be made with parents for collection.

Have a great week
Assistant Principal
Peter Wright-Smith

Kids Matter at North Nowra
Every child needs social and emotional skills. Being able to make and build relationships and being able to manage their emotions, can help children both learn and feel better. Research into ways for children to achieve better academic success and personal wellbeing has identified key social and emotional competencies. Self-awareness is a child’s ability to understand themselves and identify the emotions that he or she is feeling. So it is important to discuss feelings and develop our emotional vocabulary. Closely linked with self-awareness is self-management, whereby children recognise their emotions, then with support from others they learn to cope with things that don’t go to plan. This ability to understand, manage and regulate feelings, allows people to avoid the fly off the handle reaction when frustrated. Students watch how adults express their emotional reactions and find ways of resolving them that inhibit impulsive responses

BOOK FAIR
Many thanks to all the wonderful families, who supported our fundraiser by way of book purchases or donations. Our sales totalled more than $2875 netting our school $922 worth of free books! Thanks to the many families who generously donated books to the value of $128.00. Look for them on the shelves in the coming weeks. Another fair has been booked for Book Week next year. Mrs Clifton

LOST PROPERTY
All Lost Property will be on display Thursday 3rd September throughout the day underneath the COLA. Any items not collected by 3pm Friday 4th will be donated to Charity.

BOOK WEEK SHINES AT NORTH NOWRA
Despite the challenging weather, many parents braved the conditions to help us celebrate Book Week on our dress-up day. Both teachers and children dressed as a favourite book character and in a way to promote the theme “Books Light up Our World”. See you next year!

MILO - In2Cricket
Programme for Girls and Boys ages 5-9 years.
Cost is $70 includes, Milo Back Pack, cricket bat/ball, shirt, hat, water bottle and other goodies.
Starts October 8th on Thursday afternoons 5-6.30pm at Nowra Showground (runs for 11 weeks)
Register and pay online www.playcricket.com.au
David Schofield 0425 204 276

Shoalhaven Baseball
Try T-Ball & Junior Baseball Days
Sunday 13th & 20th September 2015
10am – 1pm
Ison Park baseball field, Hillcrest Avenue, South Nowra.
Ages 4 – 13 years
Free event
Contact: Michael Taylor 0412 239 939
www.shoalhavenmariners.baseball.com.au
P & C Special Meeting
Agenda for Special General Meeting, Tuesday 15th, September 2015
Location: School Staff Room

Motion 1- That we make the uniform unisex by removing dresses, culottes and tunics, and replacing them with grey shorts or pants, and grey socks.

Motion 2- That we make the uniform unisex by removing dresses, culottes and tunics, and replacing them with navy blue shorts or pants, and white socks.

Motion 3- (if needed) That we retain dresses OR culottes, but reduce choice so that for school photos and excursions, all girls look the same and all boys look the same.

Motion 4- That we make the polar fleece school jacket the only option of jumper but introduce a payment plan or layby system to make this more affordable for families.

Motion 5- That we introduce a long sleeve polo shirt for winter as close to the summer design as possible.

Motion 6- That we change the sports shirt fabric to a lighter, more breathable sports fabric but retain the current design.

The P&C would like to inform you that if any of these motions pass we are required to give a three year transition period. This would commence in Term 4, 2015 with full implementation by Term 1, 2019.

The meeting is to take place on Tuesday 15th September, at 6:45pm. We welcome advice on these uniform changes from the school community. This can be done in writing and put in the P&C box in the office or by email to: northnowrapandc@y7mail.com