The Kookaburra
North Nowra Public School News

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome Kindergarten!
Our Kinders started “full-time big school” today and we are all very excited. Thank you to our Year 6 buddies who greeted the children, their parents and grandparents.

Staff Appointments
I forgot to mention last week that Mrs Thomson and Mrs Thornton have been appointed as Assistant Principals at this school following a merit selection process that was held in the last week of term last year. Congratulations to them and I am sure that they will ensure that “first class” teaching continues at this school for all students.

Labelling School Items
The students look fantastic in their uniforms and we thank parents for ensuring that children are in uniforms and bring their hats. The P & C is currently running a fundraiser which entails labelling for uniforms and lunch boxes. A great idea that will help everyone to find the owners of these elusive items! A brochure accompanies this newsletter.

Dance2bfit
The Dance2bfit program commenced last Friday and will continue on Fridays throughout this term. The cost is $10 per child for the term. Dance is part of the curriculum and therefore, all students are expected to participate. The feedback from most students last week was that the lessons were fantastic.

Canteen Operations
The canteen remains closed this week and will re-open on Monday and you can help! More volunteers are needed to operate the canteen. Please give your P & C President, Mark Lambert, a call if you can help or would like some more information. Mark’s number is 0410 335 050. The P & C does a fantastic job and there are some keen customers waiting for the canteen to re-open so please consider how you can help out!

Class Structures
We have made a few changes to classes but expect that they will settle this week. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

*Kids Matter*
Don’t forget the launch of KidsMatter on Thursday, 11th February. It will just be a couple of hours in the afternoon but hopefully, you can join us. We will let you know about our KidsMatter program called Bounce Back and an opportunity to chat with your child’s teacher.

Class Information Sessions
We will not hold class information sessions this year as they were not well-attended last year. Please contact your teacher if you have any queries about the class programs and procedures.

Dragons Visit
The St George Illawarra Dragons attended our school this morning. They presented a program to students from Years 1-6 on healthy lifestyle with a particular emphasis on the need for a good night’s sleep. Sleeping enables memory and children need approximately 10 - 11 hours sleep each night. The Dragons also spoke about distractions in bedrooms that might prevent a good night’s sleep. Perhaps you could chat to your child about what the Dragons had to say about a good night’s sleep.

Car Safety
Just a reminder that cars should not enter the school driveway in the afternoons as it is very congested. There is a road crossing supervisor at the crossing in...
Page Ave and there is usually more parking available. Please consider this as an alternative place to meet your child. In the mornings, the front drive is a “Kiss and Drop” area only. Please do not leave your car as again, it becomes very congested and we need to be very mindful of everyone’s safety. Thanks again for your cooperation with this matter. Have a happy week with your families!

Mrs Julie Ashby
Principal

P & C NEWS

Canteen Operations
THE CANTEEN IS CLOSED THIS WEEK.

Uniform Sales
The canteen is open for uniform sales on Mondays and Fridays between 8.30 am – 9.30 am.

DANCE2BFIT
Dance2bfit is an energetic, innovative and fun way to get fit and funky with the latest dance styles to the hottest music tracks. This is a great program to improve the fitness levels of students while they are having a great time. Dance2bfit has been developed specifically for NSW Primary Schools under the PDHPE syllabus where students have fun learning a new dance each class.

This term all students will be participating in weekly lessons during sport time. The usual cost of this program is $25 per student but I have managed to organise it at a discounted rate of $10 per child. This is equal to $1 per week!! Students will also receive a DVD to take home and practise their new dance moves in front of the TV. Please return permission notes and money ASAP.

Mrs Thomson – Sports Co-ordinator

2016 CLASSROOM SUPPLIES
Thank you to all families who have sent their child/ren to school with the “equipment” they need to undertake learning tasks efficiently. Managing his/her own gear is part of each student’s responsibility as a learner. You will be notified if your child needs any other resources throughout the year. Classroom supplies lists are available from the front office or can be accessed on our website http://www.northnowra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/2016-classroom-supplies

SCHOOL BANKING ACCOUNT OPENING DAY
North Nowra Public School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward. The rewards available during 2016 are: Flying Snake Tail, Wildlife Writer Set, Mud Splat Handball, Outback Pat Bag Tag, Backtrack Eraser Pen Jump and Skip Rope, Bush Fly Fan, Wriggly Glow Worm School Banking day at North Nowra Public School is Friday. Each week you need to place your bank book in the box located at the canteen window.

ACCOUNT OPENING DAY
TIME: 8.30am to 9.30am
DATE: Thursday, 4th February
LOCATION: under the cola near the canteen.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification.

Alternatively, you can open an account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school banking rep, Cath Nottle on Friday mornings at the canteen.

Kids Matter
Come and join us at North Nowra Public School for our KidsMatter launch 2.30 pm – 4.30pm on Thursday, 11th February. Parents, grandparents, carers and siblings are invited to meet the teachers and new families. There will be displays explaining our new social and emotional program, Bounce Back and fun activities to join in with your children.

A FREE sausage sizzle will be available.