The Kookaburra
North Nowra Public School News

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Terms 1, Week 4  16th February, 2016

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Kids Matter
Thank you to everyone who participated in our KidsMatter launch last Thursday. We hope that you enjoyed spending some time chatting to staff and other parents; perhaps skipping or having your nails painted and learning more about the Bounce Back program. Each child identified three things that help to lift them up and things that deflate them. Families do a lot of that lifting! Mrs Coates is implementing the Bounce Back program and has a lesson each week with every class. We will continue to provide information about the program during the year and we hope it has very positive outcomes for our school community.

“Bad times don’t last
Other people help if you talk
Unhelpful thinking makes you more upset
Nobody is perfect
Concentrate on the positives and laugh
Everybody feels sad, hurt and rejected at times. It’s not personal

Blame fairly. Was it circumstance, bad luck or partly due to you?
Accept what can’t be changed and try to change what’s possible
Catastrophizing exaggerates worries
Keep things in perspective. It’s only part of your life”

Assembly Items
Thank you to 2F and 1/2V for their performances at our assembly yesterday. They were the first classes to present items this year. Our leaders, Trinity Tilbury, Brodie Arkinstall-Brazenall, Kyan Pearson and Aaliya Puplett did a great job running the assembly with Deklan Green and Brendon Daly also doing a wonderful job as the technicians for the audio.

P & C Meeting
The P & C Association meeting will be held tonight at 7.00 pm. Hope to see you there. Thank you to the brillant volunteers who have provided lunches to many students since opening again last week and arranged for school uniforms to be available from the start of the year!

Have a fantastic week everyone!

Mrs Julie Ashby – Principal

What do you like about “Big School”?

Luci – “I like having fun on the equipment with my best friend Lexi”
Ashton – “I like working with numbers in class”
Lexi – “It’s fun – I like counting”

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TELL THEM FROM ME STUDENT FEEDBACK SURVEY

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at:  

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 26 February. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

BOOKCLUB

A reminder that Bookclub orders are due on Thursday, 18th February. Please take all orders and money to the school office. Happy Reading

Mrs George and Miss White

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.

Classroom supplies lists are available from the front office or can be accessed on our website http://www.northnowrap.schoos.nsw.edu.au/news/2016-classroom-supplies

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ASTHMA?

We are pleased to tell you that as part of the Asthma Friendly Schools Program we are updating our student medical forms. We would like to ask parents and carers to please let us know if your child has asthma event if it is very mild.

A letter has been sent home to all students who have already been identified as having asthma asking for an updated Asthma Care Plan to be completed and returned to school as soon as possible.

Please help us care for your child by completing and returning an updated Asthma Care plan for your child.

P & C NEWS

Canteen Operations

THE CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN ON WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.

Uniform Sales

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

SCHOOL BANKING

Don’t forget school banking day at North Nowra Public School is FRIDAY. Place your deposit books into the banking box located at the canteen in the morning.

Cath Nottle - School Banking Co-ordinator

say cheese

School Photo Day is Tuesday 1st March

Have your child’s school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Sibling Photo Envelopes are available at the school office upon request. Online Ordering is NOT available for Sibling Photo Packs.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given.
- Return your individual photo envelopes on photo day. Your child will be asked to present the envelope directly to the MSP photographer, sending it to school earlier will only create more work for your school administration staff.

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NSW Department of Education & Communities

Asthma Australia

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