DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

FAREWELLS

The school recently received news from School Staffing that Mrs Marilyn Fletcher will be retiring from North Nowra Public School. Many of the older and former students of the school will remember Mrs Fletcher with fondness. She introduced the school to Indonesian studies and music, and was very supportive of the Southern Stars Program. Mrs Fletcher was recently recognised for 25 years of service with the Department of Education. We wish her well for her future retirement and give thanks to Mrs Fletcher for serving the students and families of North Nowra Public School.

It is also time to farewell our first year 6 student for 2016, Curtis Gilkes. Many will be aware that Curtis has been transitioning to his new school in preparation for High School over the past few weeks. Curtis first joined the school in Kindergarten and has been an important member of our school community. Friday will be Curtis’ last day at North Nowra and we will say goodbye. We wish Curtis and his family all the best at his new school and for his transition to high school.

CELEBRATIONS

K/1T has been enjoying a science unit ‘Things Change’. They have been learning about changing food by melting, freezing or cooking it. This week Levi, asked, “Can we change an apple?” All of the students in K/1T came up with some great ideas about how this could be tested. They are looking forward to completing the experiments and looking at the results.

Kristian in 6G drew a poster to sum up our school’s core values. When Mrs Dubbelde brought her class to Bounce Back and she liked the drawing so much she asked for Kristian’s permission to copy it and use it in her classroom.

Six other students in the Bounce Back program developed posters about the core values. These stage 3 students gave up 2 lunch times to complete their posters. To support these students Kris in 6G taught the group a smudging technique to help improve the quality of their posters while displaying wonderful communication and leadership skills.

David in K/6W listened to a song and was able to name the theme, Friendship, with no explanation from adults. Trey in 1/2V has been developing new friends in break times through a Lego construction program he has been attending.

Victoria in K-6P has been reluctant to try new mathematical concepts, however, this week she has been working on ‘expanded notation’. This is a very difficult skill to develop but Victoria has found that she can do it well!

Last week we reported on sporting skills and this week I am encouraged to see students investigative, social, and emotional and determination skills being displayed consistently in all classrooms across the school. Congratulations North Nowra students.

Mr Peter Wright-Smith
Relieving Principal
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Dear Parents,

This year we have made some changes to our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) system. Each week at morning assemblies, teachers select students in their class to receive merit awards for displaying positive behaviour according to our school-wide expectations. When students have collected two merits they are able to hand these in to their teachers and are eligible to receive a Bronze Award at a special PBL assembly that will be held at the end of each term.

This term our PBL assembly will be held on Monday 4th April at 2.00 pm. Assistant Principal Awards and attendance awards will also be presented at this assembly. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to attend our PBL Assemblies and a note will be sent out to parents/caregivers with the students who will be receiving awards.

Mrs Thomson - PBL Coordinator

SPORTING NEWS

Stage 2 AFL Gala Day - Cancelled
Unfortunately, due to insufficient interest the Stage 2 AFL Gala Day organised for Thursday, 10th March 2016 has been cancelled.
Students who have paid for this event will receive a refund soon.

Mrs Thomson - Sports Coordinator

BOUNCE BACK PROGRAM - Soft Toy Visits

Next week for the bounce back program I am asking students to bring into class a soft toy that was or still is important to them. They will be asked to introduce their toy and say how it has helped them to be strong and feel safe. They can talk about other soft toys they had when they were younger and what happened to these toys. They can talk about the role their toy plays in their life today or how they have outgrown some of those roles. Please help your child prepare to talk to the class and pin a name and class label to these valuable items or bring it in and join us for your child’s lesson.

Bounce back lessons are in room 10 (where breakfast club is held) or in their room for K/6W

Tuesday 15th March  KF 9.00-9.45  K/1T 9.45-10.30
Wednesday 16th March  1/2V 9.45-10.30
Thursday 17th March
  2F 9.00-9.45  K/6W 10.00-10.40  K/6D 12.30-1.10

I look forward to seeing you there.

Regards

Alison Coates

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day is held every year on 21st March to coincide with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs. It’s a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

At NNPS we will be celebrating Harmony Day by coming to school in traditional cultural clothing or orange clothes if you don’t have cultural clothes. We would also like to invite any parents, carers or grandparents to come to the school and share their knowledge of cultural food. Perhaps you’d like to do a cooking class with your child’s class or just bring in some food to show. More information will be sent out soon, however PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: Mon 21st March 2016

Year 6/7 Transition to High School

Parents and carers of current Year 6 students, please note that expressions of interest (EOI) for 2017 high school placement are being brought home today. Please make sure they are signed and returned to the school office by Friday, 18th March.
All the information you need for completing the EOI is attached as part of the booklet.

P & C NEWS

School Canteen

The canteen will now be open on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY for the rest of Term 1.

Uniform Sales

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

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking happens at North Nowra Public School every Friday. Please place your deposit books in the banking box located at the school canteen.