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## Principal's Report

### Nambucca's Got Talent

And the winners are.....

Equal 1st Shane Atkins & Paul Goodby (Dance) & Genevieve Gardner & Georgia Hoffman (Duo)

2nd - Georgia Hoffman, Tasman Malouf, Elly Gooch, Aretha Stewart-Brown - Magic Act  
Equal 3rd - Zane Whelan - Breakdance & Lyam Caesar, Jack McNeil, Georgia Hoffman (Band)

Our school community was treated to a spectacular performance yesterday at the final of Nambucca's Got Talent.

Students from Kinder to Year 6 presented a variety of most enjoyable performances. Rowan Cook from Kinder Gliders was remarkably composed performing his magic trick in front of the large crowd. All were amazed that such a young student had the confidence and skill to stand before them



Paul Goodby & Shane Atkins - Gangnam Style

and perform. And what a talent Georgia Hoffman is who was in each act that placed in the top three.

There were dancers, singers, musicians, jugglers, magicians and a real live Rap

Dancer!

The final act was a huge hit with the audience really getting involved, Senior boys Shane Atkins and Paul Goodby performed a fantastic "Gangnam Style" dance based on the spectacularly popular South Korean popstar Psy's Utube hit.

"Being a geek is the new cool." is Psy's motto and the boys presented an excellent parody of his performance. Great school spirit from our Senior boys!

It was such a pleasure to be part of the audience and witness the amazing array of talent we have at NHPS in the Performing Arts. To see students from every Stage and both girls and boys was very satisfying.

A panel of students from Stages 2 and 3 judged the performances. I am pleased I was not called upon to judge, it was a difficult task. Thanks to the student judges who did an excellent job.

A big thankyou to Mrs Bonventi for organising the event, and for the many lunchtime hours spent viewing the many performers. It is an unenviable job to make the hard judgement on which performers progressed to the final.

Once again it made me proud to be part of the NHPS community!

### NHPS Parent school culture and attendance survey.

I have been closely looking at results of parent surveys completed late last Term. I would like to feedback results from the **NHPS Parent school culture and attendance survey.**

Term 4  
Week 2

17 October 2012

### Calendar of Events

#### October

- 18 P & C Meeting 6.30pm
- 18 Show- CSIRO K-6 9am
- 23 Coffs Harbour Pet Porpoise Pool Excursion Stage 1
- 24-26 Stage 2 GABC Excursion
- 29 School Swimming Scheme commences - 2 weeks duration
- 30 Halloween Disco

#### November

- 5 Swimming Scheme continues
- 7 Kinder Orientation
- 14 Kinder Orientation
- 21 Kinder Orientation
- 29 Yr 6-7 Orientation

#### December

- 6 Yr 6-7 Orientation
- 10 Reports Home
- 11 Presentation Day
- 12 Year 6 Farewell
- 19 Last day for Students





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## ARE YOU GETTING EXCITED ABOUT THE GABC EXCURSION?

Wed 24th - Fri 26th Oct

Total cost is \$255  
All money must be in this week.

## AMAZING ANIMAL REPORT

The RSP are hoping that it won't be long now! The Tawny Frog Mouths should have a chick soon.  
By the RSP

## Principal's report cont....

### School Culture –

- 100% of parents surveyed believe NHPS staff are welcoming to families and community
- 100% believe our front office staff are friendly and helpful.
- 97% believe student programs and activities focus on student achievement
- 97% believe the benefits of parental involvement in their child's education is valued by the school
- 96.8% believe NHPS projects a strong positive image within our local community
- 96.7% believe special workshops for families show how to help their children at home
- 96.7% believe the breakfast program helps students learn
- 93.8% believe NHPS is open and accessible- it is easy for parents to meet with the Principal and talk to teachers to bring up issues and concerns
- 93.8% believe their child is happy to come to NHPS
- 93.5% believe their child is respected at NHPS

Feedback about school/home communication was poorest and gives us a focus to improve on for 2013. I hope next year we receive more positive feedback in this important area. Survey results are as follows-

- 71% of parents surveyed believe teachers make personal contact with each family regularly
- 75% NHPS reports regularly to families about student progress.
- 84.9% believe teachers and families have regular opportunities to meet face to face and get to know each other

### Attendance -

The results indicate a high level of parent satisfaction and awareness of the importance

of good attendance.

- 100% of parents surveyed believe NHPS has effective strategies to reduce absenteeism.
- 96.9% believe NHPS rewards good or improving attendance.
- 100% are aware that if their child is away they need to explain why.
- 100% realise their child will miss important learning opportunities if they are away.

It is satisfying that parents value the strategies we have in place at NHPS to encourage good attendance. Good attendance is essential for maximising student learning outcomes.

At NHPS we employ Mrs McCullugh for extra hours every week to monitor class attendance. Every week at our Assembly the class with the best attendance receives a class reward. At the end of every Term the class with the best attendance for the Term receives a reward also.

We can see an overall improvement in student attendance.

Thanks to all parents and carers who are supporting this initiative by being diligent with your child's attendance.

I will give feedback on Parent surveys completed on Literacy and Numeracy next week.

We really appreciate the effort made by many parents to complete surveys. The information gathered is important for ongoing school improvement.

## State Athletics

This week Liam Jones, Year 3, is competing in his 100m age race, Chloe Martin, Year 4, is competing in high jump and Charlotte Williams, Year 5, is competing in the 800m race at the State Athletics in Sydney.



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them and wish them well.

## Annual Principal's Writing Competition

Don't forget the Principal's Writing Competition. I am enjoying reading the early entries!

The topic this year for our Writers is- **MY SCHOOL MY COMMUNITY.**

Trophies will be awarded to a winning entry from Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3. Please encourage your children to put on their Writer's cap, practice their Writing skills and be creative.

Entries can be delivered in person to the school's office or emailed to the school's email address- [nambuccahd-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:nambuccahd-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Winners will be announced and trophies presented at our Presentation Day, on 11<sup>th</sup> December.

## Kinder Orientation

Coming soon are the visits to the school by Kinder 2013! If you need information on enrolment, haven't yet filled in an enrolment form, need the dates for Orientation or have

any other starting school questions, please drop into the school office. We would like to see **all** our new students at school for the orientation days as they make the transition to school next year so much easier for the children. The first day is Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. See you then!

## No Hat Play in the Shade

With the advent of warmer weather we are enforcing our policy of No Hat Play in the Shade. All staff are aware of the hazards of too much sun and the prevalence of skin cancer in Australia and we feel compelled to be diligent in this matter. Please ensure your child has a hat to wear in the playground. We thank you for your cooperation in this important matter. Morning Assembly has moved to the Under Cover Area as the days have warmed up.

Hey! I thought I told all you kids to bring a hat. Remember, no hat play in the Shade and that's NO FUN.



## Starting Kindy

Do you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2013? Show them this video which explains what happens during a typical day. <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/what-happens-in-kindergarten>

## QuickSmart news

The QuickSmart program has just concluded for the year. Once again the data shows substantial gains for all students on the program. We are very pleased to be able to offer this program to some of our Year 4 and 5 students. I'd like to sincerely thank the QuickSmart team of Mrs Goodby, Mrs Wilson and Miss Lauren for their hard-work and dedication to the program. Without their passion for the program it would not be the success it is. So from the QuickSmart kids and myself...a very big thank you! Find below some of our remarkable results. Don't forget if you are a Quick Smart kid to keep practising! *Morelle Makinson (QuickSmart Leader)*  
QuickSmart data 2012

- 100% students on the QuickSmart Program improved in speed and accuracy in Number naming.
- 100% students on the QuickSmart Program improved in accuracy when answering multiplication questions.
- 100% students on the QuickSmart Program improved in speed and accuracy in answering division questions.
- 100% of students improved in problem solving.

## Moving into high school

Starting high school means a new location, new friends and teachers, and new routines. In this video teachers talk about how you can help to make your child's move into high school less daunting. <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/starting-year-7>

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Yazmin Taylor - first student to receive 5 Gotcha's

## BOOKCLUB

Due  
Monday 22nd October



## CANTEEN

Thursday 18th Oct  
Sonya Grafina

Friday 19th Oct  
HELP

Wednesday 24th  
Sarah Walker

Thursday 25th  
HELP

Friday 26th  
Sarah Walker

## Stars of the Week - 12 October 2012

Sarah Dwyer, Lachlan Dwyer, Zara Kimber, Kaylan McGrath, Isaac Martin, Jye Kimber, Will McKinney, Hilton Naden, Natesha Galea, Holly Hodgetts, Jayden Jackson, Riley Rouse, Adam Mackenzie, Xavier Morgan, Aaliyah Hodnett-Daly, Keira Phelps, Marli Mae Williams, Connor Green, Luke Gruenhofer, Kyuss Steele, Joe Malouf, Jayda Rixon, Annabelle McDonald, Emma Bournes, Bradley Stone, Marley Kelly, Adam Cross, Ryleigh Weeks, Tihana Dell, Zane Whelan, Lucas Dumas, Jack Edwards, Elizabeth Bryce, Charlotte Williams, Trent Hawkes, Brodie

Kerwin, Angus Kimber

### Students of the Week

Poppi Rogers-Palmer, Shaina Cohen, Jemma Wilson, Joel Trindall, Charlotte Williams, Chloe Keppie, Jaxon McQueen, Shane Atkins, Patrick Noonan, Marley Kelly, Ryleigh Weeks

### School Awards

Benny Battiston, Lyam Caesar, Ella Williams, Isaac Martin, Zeke Daley, Marli Weimer, Dominic Lambie, Roxanne Hall, Emilia Grafina, Holly Bennett, Lydia Peterson, Isaac Martin, Leanna Brown

### Principal's Award

Emilia Grafina, Kayla Hilton, Roxanne Hall, Zeke Daley, Marli Weimer, Lily Kelsey, Elle Holladay, Holly Bennett, Jay Taylor, Lachlan Reiss-Wears, Charlotte Williams, Lyam Caesar.

### Gotcha Award

Yazmin Taylor - first person to receive 5 gotcha awards.



Assistant Principal's Award Recipients



School Award Recipients



Principal's Award Winners

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## Nambucca's got heaps of Talent!!!!



Above - Hannah Donnelly & Chloe Keppie - Juggling



Genevieve Gardner & Georgia Hoffman - Duo



"Mystique" - Georgia Hoffman, Tasman Malouf, Elly Gooch, Aretha Stewart-Brown - Magic Tricks



Zane Whelan - Break-dancer



"4 Leafed Clover" - Lucy Green, Jayda Rixon, Sophia Gora, Monique Taylor - Singing



Brodie-Lee Gruenhofer & Taliah Waaka - Singing



Lucy Harvey, Georgia Williams & Gabi Hall - Singing



Amanda Goodby - Singing



### Stage 1 excursion Have you ever been kissed by a seal!

Stage 1 has organised an outing to the Pet Porpoise Pool next Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Please return the permission note and money as soon as possible so we can finalise numbers. We would hope all students in Stage 1 will take advantage of this great

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Thank you Stage 1 Teachers.

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**TUES 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**PICKUP START MACKS SCHOOL 9.15AM.**

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HAD A BREAST SCREEN OR NOT HAD ONE  
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### Interactive Workshop for Parents

"Siblings of Children with Disability"

Presented by

**Kate Strohm**

Director, Siblings Australia Inc.

& Author of

*Siblings: Brothers and Sisters of Children with  
Special Needs* (Wakefield Press)



**Date:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2012

**Time:** 6-8pm, supper provided

**Venue:** Early Childhood Intervention Centre  
13 Kane Crescent, Coffs Harbour

**Cost:** \$10 pp

The workshop will assist parents to:

- Understand the concerns of siblings
- Identify behaviours that might indicate stress
- Explore factors affecting the adjustment of siblings
- Identify parent role in supporting siblings
- Identify other sources of support for siblings
- Meeting other parents with similar experiences

RSVP: 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. via email: [admin@ecip-coffs.org.au](mailto:admin@ecip-coffs.org.au) or

Phone 66528080

Booking is essential places limited

# GAAGAL

## Cultural Event

Saturday, 20 October 2012, 11AM to 9PM  
Yarrawarra Cultural Centre, Corindi Beach

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Workshops\*  
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Some workshops may have a fee for participation. Please note that the Yarrawarra Cultural Centre is a group and a drop and smoke free zone.

**Gaagal Art Exhibition**  
A collection of local Aboriginal artworks reflecting and celebrating the ocean and its connection to our people, our history and our daily lives.

**Market Stalls**  
Local Produce, Food, Craft And More  
Stall holders wishing to participate please call Jane Donovan on 0478 032 641

**Workshops**  
Didge Playing, Weaving, Screen Printing  
Dance, Painting, Bush Tucker Walks  
Cooking With Native Foods

**Outdoor Cinema, 7PM-9PM**  
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