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Week 3
24 October 2012

Principal's Report

High Achiever

Each year our students are given the opportunity to enter the University of New South Wales Global International Competitions and Assessments for schools. A small number of students take this opportunity gaining valuable experience in external exams under formal examination conditions.



Lachlan Reiss-Wears in Year 4 was one student who participated in the Competitions and Assessments for Schools in Maths, English, Writing, Computer Skills and Science. His results have been outstanding and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate him on such fine results. Notable achievements include the

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following-

In Writing Lachlan achieved a Distinction award. He achieved in the top 2% of all participants. In Writing 7,775 students from NSW & ACT sat the assessment.

Lachlan also achieved a Distinction in English. He was in the top 4% of participants numbering 17,403.

He achieved Credit level awards in all the other assessments attempted. This is an outstanding performance given the number of students entering and difficulty of the tasks.

Lachlan has attended NHPS since Kindergarten, taught by Mrs Gerard, who obviously laid firm foundations for a stellar academic career.

He has received a fine education with us here at NHPS and we are all proud of his fine achievements academically as well as the high standard of behaviour he exhibits every day.

Well done Lachlan!

Parent Survey on Literacy

Once again thank you to the parents who completed surveys to assist us with our annual school evaluation.

Today I would like to feedback information parents gave us on their view of Literacy at NHPS.

Positives include the following-

- 100% of parents surveyed believe English is an important subject to

Calendar of Events

October

- 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



HALLOWEEN DISCO



**TUESDAY
30TH OCTOBER**

**Stage 1
4pm - 5.30pm**

**Stage 2 & 3
5.30pm - 7.30pm**

**\$5 per child
or
\$10 per family**

**MUST
PRE-PURCHASE
TICKETS**

Principal's report cont....

learn.

- 100% expect their child to do their best and do well in English.
- 100% believe their child uses skills they learn in English in other subjects.
- 96.4% believe the school expects their child will do well in English.
- 96.4% believe their child tries to do their best and takes pride in learning.
- 100% believe their child has good talking and listening skills.
- 92.8% believe their child has good reading skills.
- 89.3% believe their child has good Writing skills.
- 96.4% would like more information on how to support Literacy at home.

It is interesting to note the differences in attitude to talking and listening, reading and writing. Parents surveyed recognise the importance of literacy and expect their children to achieve well.

Parents are our most valuable partner in maximising student learning outcomes. High expectations of student achievement by parents, teachers and students is fundamental in achieving our goals.

Feedback indicated areas we can improve on as follows-

- 70.3% of parents believe their child's teacher clearly explains what literacy skills they are learning and why.
- 62.1 believe their child's teacher informs them what they can do to improve their child's results in literacy.
- 57.2% believe their child's teacher informs them what their child is learning

in English and how they can support them at home.

Once again it is in the area of home/school communication that we can improve.

At the P&C meeting last week I discussed the Parent Culture and Attendance Survey and asked for suggestions for improved home/school communication.

A number of simple ideas were raised. If you have any suggestions or wishes please note them and drop into the school office.

Stage 2 Excursion

Stage 2 set off early this morning for the Great Aussie Bush Camp. I know they will have a wonderful adventure and will be well cared for by Mrs Fenning, Mr Pascoe, Mrs McDermid and Mr Caesar, along with staff at the GABC. I'm looking forward to the stories on their return Friday.

A big thank you to Mrs Fenning for her marvellous organisational skills in making this opportunity happen for our Stage 2 students.

No Hat Play in the Shade

I would like to give another reminder to parents and students that students will be required to play in the shade if they do not wear a hat.

As a staff we are aware of the danger of cumulative effects of excessive sun. We ask you to cooperate in this request.

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for your cooperation in this important matter.

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

Winners will be announced and trophies presented at our Presentation Day, on 11th 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 7th November. See you then!

Jenny Joske
Relieving Principal

I'm going to bite you if you don't bring your hat!



UNIFORMS New & Used

We are in desperate need of Kindergarten sized uniforms in good condition to be donated to the school clothing pool. Please drop off at the office.

Order forms for new uniforms are available at the office. Get your order in early for 2013.

The GABC people left early this morning very exited. Photos next week.



See over for more photos and stories on Stage 1 visiting the Pet Porpoise Pool

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Movies and books

Is your child a reluctant reader? Why not try helping them find the book that goes with a movie or DVD they've enjoyed, or are about to see. Encouraging your child to read can help them to build their imagination.

For tips and ideas: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/home-work-and-study/english/my-book-club/how-movies-can-inspire-kids-to-read>

Working children

Is your child under 16 and about to be employed in some form of modelling, entertainment or photography work? You will need to know about the employer's obligations.

Find out more: <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/children-s-employment-1>

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday 24th

Sarah Walker

Thursday 25th

HELP

Friday 26th

Sarah Walker

Wednesday 31st

Jenny Marshall

Thursday 1st

Cathy McDonald

Friday 2nd

Jade Muir

Stars of the Week - 12 October 2012

Caleb Jackson, Hunter Ford, Ralph Binge, Arabella Birse, Makayla Talbot, Joshua Daniel, Skylar Kyle-Robinson, Jay Taylor, Mahli Mobbs-Williams, Tarra Kelly, Jaxx Eadie, Hailey McPherson, Laura Hughes, Keyalah Talbot-Kelly, Grace Holladay, Aidan Ahearn, Will McKinney, Elle Holladay, Holly Bennett, Lily Kelsey, Caleb Jackson, Riley Rouse, Monique Taylor, James White, Kayley Hunter, Izaiya Kelly, Tullee Rixon, Maddy Adams, Ella Williams, Holly Lugnan, Ethan Taylor, Brodie-Lee Gruenhofer, Luke Sheppard, Haidi McAlpine, Kyle Pallister,

Chloe Wicks, Isaac Hodnett-Daly

Students of the Week

Tasman Malouf, Georgia Williams, Titan Challenor, Jinarli Breckenridge, Benny Battiston, Joshua Monaghan, Lochy Heighington, Bella Ronan, Monty Wilson, Jorden Brown

School Awards

Hilton Naden, Zachary Marchant, Zeke Miller, Cameron Adair, Jasmine Dell, Laura Hughes, Hailey McPherson, Macaih Daley, Jay Fuller, Tarra Kelly, Kyuss Steele, Kaylan Marquardt

Assistant Principals

Lachlan Hoffman, Shaina Cohen, Hilton Naden, Jayden Jackson, Hunter Morgan, Zeke Miller, Aaliyah Hodnett-Daly, Holly Hodgetts, Kyuss Steele

Principal's Award

Kyuss Steele, Domynique Byrt, Poppi Rogers-Palmer, Brodie Kerwin



School Award Recipients



Assistant Principal's Award Recipients



Principal's Award Winners

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Stage 1 Pet Porpoise Pool Visit

Yesterday our class and lots of other classes went to the Pet Porpoise Pool. We saw the dolphin show. Some seals waved. The seal kissed us on the cheek. It was a good day.
By Joshua Daniel K-R



On Tuesday I went to the Pet Porpoise Pool and I got kissed by a seal. I patted a cold dolphin. It was weird. Next we went to the fun park and played on the equipment. It was excellent.
By Adam MacKenzie 1H



Stage 1's Pet Porpoise Pool Excursion

On Tuesday we went by bus to the Pet Porpoise Pool. We saw a dolphin show and they did some tricks. Mrs Gerard was picked to feed Bucky a fish. We saw a seal catch hoops on her neck, balance a ball on her nose and put rubbish in a bin. Adelaide the seal kissed us all on the cheek, while our photo was taken. Other animals we saw were: little sharks, little Blue Penguins, peacocks, turtles, fish and an octopus. We went to the park for lunch and a quick play before coming back to school. It was a fabulous, fun day!
by 1/2M



Every student in Stage 1 attended the Pet Porpoise Pool Excursion on Tuesday. An **enormous** thank you to the parents for getting payment in on time and making the day possible. We had a fantastic time and learnt a lot about marine animals and how we can care for the environment. 1H

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COMMUNITY NEW

State Athletics Carnival

Last Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th October the State Athletics Carnival was held in Sydney.

Charlotte Williams, Chloe Martin and Liam Jones represented our school at this carnival. Each of them performed well in their event. Liam Jones ran 16.23 in the 8 Yr Boys 100m. This time was faster than his run at our school carnival (17.12). Liam finished 31st. Charlotte Williams ran her personal best in the 11 Yr Girls 800m. She recorded a time of 2.41 and finished 7th in her heat. Chloe Martin was again jumping 1.20 in the Junior Girls High Jump when she was eliminated. 1.20 is her personal best. She finished 28th.

Congratulations Charlotte, Chloe and Liam.

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TUES 13TH NOVEMBER

PICKUP START MACKS SCHOOL 9.15AM.

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