

Nambucca Heads Public School



Proud to be a Positive Behaviour for Learning School

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Week 5
7 November 2012

Principal's Report

Farewell for Les Mc Mahon

Nambucca Heads Primary School is organising and hosting a farewell for Les McMahon, our Principal until November 2011, when he finished work due to ill health.

Details to date are as follows –

Venue – Nambucca Heads RSL Club

Date – Saturday 1st December

Time – 6.30 for a 7pm start

Staff led by Mrs Fenning are organising a night of celebration. We invite parents and community to come along and join us.

More details will be published as they are finalised.

Kindergarten 2013 Orientation

Today sees the first Kinder Orientation afternoon for our new Kindergarten students commencing in 2013.

Children starting school next year will have a fun afternoon with Kinder teachers Mrs Gerard and Mrs McKinney.

I have seen the careful preparation by the teachers for the Orientation afternoons, and know our new "little ones" will be engaged and happy.

We are so fortunate to have such dedicated and talented Kinder teachers who give every one of their students an excellent start to their education.

I have missed my time in Kinder this year (as I traditionally visit and help with Reading) whilst being Principal, as it is so exciting to see the rapid development in the student's literacy and numeracy learning. It is a rich reminder of why I chose teaching as my life's work!

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Parent Survey on Numeracy Summary

After careful analysis of the Parent Numeracy survey the following findings are evident-

Positives

- 100% of parents believe Maths is an important subject to learn
- 100% of parents expect their child to do their best and do well in Maths
- 96.6% believe their child their child tries to do their best and takes pride in learning
- 96.5% believe the school expects their child to do their best and do well in Maths
- 96.4% believe their child uses the skills they learn in Maths in other subjects
- 96.4% believe their child has good number skills
- 93.5% believe their child's teacher expects their child will do well in Maths
- 93.1% believe their child has good space and measurement skills

Areas for Improvement

Again it is the area of home/school communication which caused parents most concern.

- 58.6% believe their child's teacher informs them what they can do to help improve their child's results in Numeracy
- 62% believe their child's teacher informs their child what Maths skills they are learning and why
- 62.9% believes their child's teacher clearly explains what their child will be

Calendar of Events

November

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

AMAZING ANIMAL REPORT

The young Tawny
Frog Mouths are
starting to move away
from the nest and onto
the branch.
By the RSP



BUS TRAVEL



Reminder to complete a new bus application form (available at the office) if you are moving into Year 3 or Year 7 in 2013. Don't wait till next year. Get them in **NOW!**

Holiday Planning

Holiday camps are a great way for kids—7-12 years or 13 and over—to have an adventure and make new friends in a supervised environment. Packages include accommodation, activities and meals. Bookings are now open at camps across NSW. Find out more: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/>

Principal's report cont....

assessed on in tests and assessments

- 64.3% believe their child's teacher informs them what their child is doing well in Maths
- 92.9% of parents want more information about supporting numeracy at home

All three parent surveys, School Culture and Attendance, Literacy and Numeracy were largely positive. All three indicated parents want more information from their child's teachers about what their child is learning and also how they can help them improve their skills.

I wish to thank all parents who completed surveys. The information learned from the surveys helps us continually improve our great school. Your opinion is valued and we will be putting initiatives in place in 2013 to address the issues raised in your feedback in the surveys.

NHPS special programs

In following newsletters we will be including a number of the special programs implemented at NHPS. We are very proud of the many opportunities available to our students. Every student at NHPS has the opportunity to be engaged in one, or many, programs which they feel they are interested in, be it Sports, Music, Choir, Debating, Public Speaking, Tournament of Minds, Gardening or Craft.

Principal's Writing

Please encourage your children from Kinder to year 6 to enter the Principal's Writing Competition. I am enjoying reading the entries which continue to arrive, and look forward to reading more creative entries. The topic is **My School My Community**.

Jenny Joske

Relieving Principal

Positive Behaviour for Learning Celebration



The Positive Behaviour for Learning program has been a successful addition to our school community.

The staff and children are noticing a change occurring in our school culture and a new confidence as children's

knowledge of expectations and rules increases.

To mark this success a 'PBL Celebration Day' has been organised for the children and staff. Next Tuesday 13th November a free sausage sandwich and a drink will be offered. There will be music, Seemore balloons and maybe a bit of dancing.

PBL will continue with our 'Gotchas', certificates and badges and our playground processes and in 2013 Social Skills lessons will be added to the program.

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NHPS Fabulous Playground Programs

Playground Programs

The school prides itself not only on its academic success but also its sporting success. One of the reasons for our sporting successes are the dedicated teachers who take the time to train the teams. The school's active lunchtime program supports the sports programs and provides healthy and active lunchtime games and activities.

Active Playground Program

The active playground program to keep active students involved in structured games over the lunchtime play period has been a very successful and popular program in reducing inappropriate behaviour issues in the playground. Each lunchtime the bottom oval is open and supervised by two teachers for all lunchtime. Games of cricket, tag football, soccer and hockey are played. On occasions there are special days such as bike days organised. These activities are for both boys and girls and for all students K-6. An energetic run at lunchtime is great for physical fitness, and social development occurs through following rules and learning appropriate play interactions.

Passive Outside Playground Program

Some of our students like a quieter lunchtime and enjoy the passive play area. In the passive play area there are small cars, garages, army men, army vehicles and dirt. They love the dirt and bark chips and make roads and use their imagination to create scenes and stories. It is a quiet place to play or sit and have a chat with friends or the supervising staff.

Passive Inside Playground Program

The inside passive play area is very popular especially on hot days when an air conditioned room is the cool option. In the room is all manner of craft, art and game activities to excite our resident artists and game lovers. It is also a place that is calm and quiet and a place to chat to friends over some colouring in, drawing, bead work and even a board game. Dedicated supervising staff organise a range of interesting activities.



The Library

The Library is also a popular place for the kids to hang out at lunchtime and is "the place to be". The brand new Library with lots of lovely books and games is a very popular lunchtime spot to spend time.

Nambucca Heads Staff are committed to making the playground a healthy, exciting and fun place for the students. A variety of activities are provided to cater for all student interests and needs every day. For further information on these programs please contact, Mr Katte, Mrs Fenning, Mrs Bonventi or Mrs Makinson.

**MISSING
Sleeping Bag
cover from GABC.
Please return to
Mrs Fenning if
found.**

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday 8th
Sonia Grafinina

Friday 9th
Skye

Wednesday 14th
Kirsty Cooper

Thursday 15th
Matt & Heidi Knight

Friday 16th
Sarah Walker

Changing schools

Research shows that when parents take the time to get children ready for a change of school they settle in quickly. Find out what to do if you're planning to make the move, whether across town or interstate.

Go to: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/smoothing-the-way-when-your-child-changes-schools>

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New Menu for Spring

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All of our menus are available for you to view on our web site at www.jaanningtree.com.au

**Winner of Lions Club
International Peace Poster
Competition - Theme
"Imagine Peace"**

Elly Gooch



P&C News

Next meeting
22 November
6.30pm school hall.

Don't forget to get your
uniform orders in early
for 2013.

Big thank you to Jade
Muir and Sarah Walker
for running the canteen
last Friday at short
notice.
New volunteers always
needed.

Stars of the Week - 2 November 2012

Jy Rothe, Sarah Dwyer, Bindi Guerke,
Kyron Auld, Zara Kimber, Joshua
Daniels, Marli Bateman, Tara Le Franc,
Cameron Adair, Keyalah Talbot-Kelly,
Tara Kelly, Hunter Morgan, Jye Kimber,
Logan Donovan, Emma Bryce, Zac
Mackenzie, Tully Rixon, Nicholas
Davison, Liam Jones, Holly Lugnan, Lucy
Kearney, Titan Challenor, Tamika
Walker, Channeill Talbot, Lyam Caesar,
Alex Cowan, Isaac Hodnett-Daly,
Marley Kelly

Student of the Week

Trent Hawkes, Logan Greenup-Stokes,
Chloe Wicks, Katie Hopkins, Hannah
Donnelly, Patric Laverty, Macaih Daly,
Brianna Daniel, Sarah Kelly, Keyalah
Talbot

School Awards

Lexi Weeks, Kalen Marquardt, Skylar
Kyle-Robinson, Aziah Steele, Jaxon
McQueen Bindi Guerke, Lachlan Dwyer,
Sarah Kelly, Rhys Hawkes, Chloe
Keppie, Nathan Patfield, Bailey
Thompson-Rowse, Riley Rouse, Chloe
Keppie, Hannah Sharp, Rhys Hawkes

Assistant Principal's Award

Chloe Wicks, Wilson Baade, Adam
Cross, Tara Kelly, Bailey Rixon, Elly
Gooch, Luke Sheppard



Principal's Awards

Isaac Martin, Riley Rouse, Amanda
Goodby, Rhys Hawkes, Chloe Keppie,
Will McKinney, Luke Gruenhofer (below)



University of NSW Awards

Maths - Tarryn Cook, Lucy Green,
Lachlan Reece-Weirs, Amanda Goodby,
Georgia Williams

Writing - Tarryn Cook, Lachlan Reece-
Weirs (Distinction) (below)



Inspiring Celebrations

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By Tarryn Cook



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COMMUNITY NEW

Are you raising grandchildren or kin?

If you are a grandparent or relative raising children whose parents are unable/unwilling to raise them themselves, you are invited to attend a meeting.

Where: Neighbourhood Centre Cnr Wallace & Princess Sts Macksville

When: Wednesday 21st Nov

Time: 1.00pm

This meeting is to give support and advice to those in this situation. It will be attended by Merrilyn from Kempsey who has six years of experience in a support group of this nature and by others with expertise from other government fields.

Sometime just a chat with those in similar circumstances is a help and comfort.

For further information contact

Beryl Lane 6568 1642

Merrilyn 6584 1855

REMEMBER
the
60's

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