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Principal's Report

Education Week

Education Week is this week, Monday 30th July to Friday 3rd August.

At NHPS we combined National Tree Day with our Education Week celebrations, as National Tree Day was Friday, 27th July. Our special day of celebration was today. The day commenced with an Assembly in the school Hall at 9.15am.

Items were presented by 1H and 1-2M, 2-3BG and our school band. Thanks to the teachers and students involved, your items were very impressive. Staff catered and provided a delicious morning tea for parents and visitors, which was enjoyed by all!



At 10am each class, in turn, planted a tree adjacent to our new school Hall. Mrs Miller has managed to procure donations of shrubs from Bunnings and Tree guards from Toyota. A sincere thank you to both Bunnings and Toyota for their donations to our school. Our school surrounds will be even more

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beautiful with the addition of some lovely new shrubs and native trees. It was lovely to see so many parents,



grandparents and community members in attendance, supporting their children and our school.

Strengthening Family/ Community Engagement in Student Learning

On Friday 10th August there will be a valuable opportunity for parents and carers of students at NHPS to give us valuable feedback on your attitudes to our school. This feedback will inform future school planning and programs.

Vicki Ford, the North Coast Partnership Officer, will be in attendance to explain the importance of parent involvement and support parents complete an online evaluation.

The evaluation will be done in the computer Room via an internet tool Survey Monkey. This process makes it much easier to collate responses, and gives our school valuable and

Term 3
Week 3
1 August 2012

Calendar of Events

August

- 3 District Athletics
- 7 Olympathon
- 15 Stage 2 & 3 Spelling Bee final
- 17 MNC Athletics
- 20-22 Life Education Visit
- 31 NC Athletics

September

- 2-7 Stage 3 Excursion - Canberra

OLYMPATHON

NEXT
TUESDAY



7TH AUGUST





**NEW TARGET
90,000**

**TALLY SO FAR
72,410**

**WOW! What a great
response.**

**Closing date is
extended to
12 August 2012 so
keep collecting.**

**STAGE 3
CANBERRA EX-
CURSION
Sunday 2nd -
Friday 7th
September
ONLY 4 WEEKS TO
GO
Vacancies still available**

Principal's report cont....

readily accessible feedback. Mrs Bonventi and members of the Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) team will also attend to give an update on additions to NHPS Welfare and Discipline Policy and PBL initiatives being implemented.

We would appreciate as many parents/ carers as possible to participate to inform us for future school improvement.

Parents are our most valuable partner in the education of our students. Please try to find time to attend and bring a friend. The greater the number of responses the more valid the survey results!

Details as follows –

Time – 10.30 am – 2pm

Where – Computer Room

Lunch will be provided.

Thanks in anticipation!

Kindergarten Enrolment 2013

Enrolments are now being taken. If you have a pre-schooler who will be starting school next year, please drop in for an enrolment form and an information sheet on our fabulous orientation program. Pre-enrolment interviews can also be booked at the office now to commence on 3rd September to 20th September.

Sports Carnival

Congratulations to Mr Katte for the wonderful day our whole school community enjoyed last Friday. Mr Katte never fusses and every event went off like clockwork with maximum enjoyment for all students and their parents. It was heartening to see the large numbers of parents in attendance supporting their children.

It was a happy day, and the weather cooperated also adding another pleasant dimension to our day.

Year 4-5P Master Chefs

Mr Pascoe's 4-5P class has been at it again! Cooking that is, and what an exciting experience! Students were fitted out in their Master Chef aprons and produced the most amazing desserts. My mouth was watering just looking at the Menu!

Well done to winner Jacob Pope who created the most delicious and beautifully presented dish.

Well done Mr Pascoe also for implementing such an innovative and engaging program!



Jacob Pope - winning
Master Chef.

Jenny Joske
Relieving Principal

STAGE 2 GABC EXCURSION

**Wed 24th - Fri 26th Oct
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list of students is being taken to
fill any vacant positions that
become available.**

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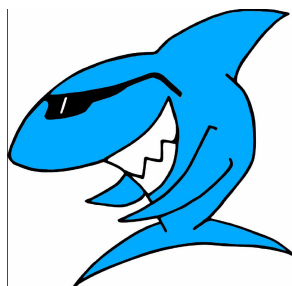
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Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Update



Have you heard your children saying "Seemore Says"? Are you wondering who Seemore is? If you're unsure, Seemore is the name of our PBL shark and school PBL mascot. Seemore promotes our values, rules and behaviours.

The PBL team has been meeting weekly for the past year. The team members are: Mrs McKinney, Mr Pascoe, Mrs Wilson, Mr Caesar, Mrs Joske & Mrs Bonventi (co-ordinator).

Some of the initiatives implemented for the children so far are:

- New Seemore garbage bins
- Explicit teaching of lessons around playground rules & behaviour
- New signs to reinforce these expected behaviours
- Walk signs
- New Assembly Trophy

to name a few.

The next initiative from the team is to add to our award structure.

The new award is called a "Gotcha". It means "Got you being good".

This is how the Gotcha's work. Children who are noticed doing the right thing, following school rules and showing safe, respectful and honest behaviour will be rewarded with a Gotcha token.

Existing Award Structure

3 white merit awards = 1 School Award

5 white merit awards = 1 Assistant Principal Award

7 white merit awards = 1 Principal's Award

Gotcha Addition

5 Gotcha's = 1 white award (counts towards a principal's award)

10 Gotcha's = 1 "Seemore" Shark Badge

Tokens should be collected by the children and when a total of 5 or 10 is reached the tokens are given to Mrs Bonventi to redeem the appropriate award.

We hope your children will enjoy this additional chance to be recognised. More information on PBL initiatives soon.

Members of the team will be meeting with Vicki Ford and Parents on the 10th August at 10.30am to discuss and direct future school and PBL planning. We hope you will join us as your input is highly valued and greatly appreciated.

Glenys Bonventi

PBL Co-ordinator



"SAUSAGE SIZZLE"

**TOM TEAM
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Tuesday

7th August

Olympathon Day

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& parent helpers

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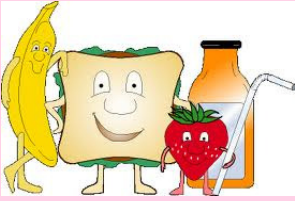
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CANTEEN



TERM 3

Thursday 2nd Aug
Cathy McDonald

Friday 3rd Aug
Marie Reiss

Wednesday 8th Aug
Heidi Cook



Olympathon Update

The excitement is building. The Olympic flame has moved from the middle of the Olympic stadium to the outside of the track to allow for athletic competition. Our flame has been lit from the Australian section and our torch is on it's way to Australia for our Olympathon. It was seen under tight security leaving the Olympic village and boarding a plane all Heathrow Airport.

Keep collecting those sponsors. Can we achieve enough funds to buy those gold turbo slides for our fixed play equipment.

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School Athletics Carnival

A beautiful sunny day greeted us for the School's Annual Athletics Carnival last Friday 27th July. Congratulations to all the children who attended and competed. You were part of a great day.

Liam Jones broke the 8 Years Boy 100m Sprint Record. The old record of 17.15 was set by Tom Henderson in 2000. The new record is 17.12.

The Junior Champions were Zeke Laidlaw and Bella Ronan. Other good performers in the juniors were Ella Williams, Chloe Martin, Monique Taylor, Georgia Heffernan, Angus Kimber, Liam Jones and Nathan Patfield.

The 11 Year Champions were Isaac Jones and Charlotte Williams. Other good performers in the 11's were Tia Scarth, Kaylah Naden and Isaac Hodnett-Daley.

The Senior Champions were Jake Laidlaw and Aretha Stewart-Brown. Other good performers in the Seniors were Chloe Sawle, Katie Hopkins, Daniel Teece-Johnson and Jack Edwards. The House Competition was close as usual. Participation points again proved the difference. One point is given to every student who enters an event. Flinders House had the highest participation on the day which helped them achieve an overall score of 186. Bass were second with 175 closely followed by Cook 165 and Phillip 161.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the carnival and cheered for the children. Thank you to all the teachers and helpers who work tirelessly on these sort of days. Lunch is usually on the run and your efforts are appreciated. Thank you to Trevor Keast who was at the ground at 7.30 helping set up and also started every race.

Children who finished 1st or 2nd in a field event and 200m and children who finished 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the 100m and 800m have qualified for the District Athletics Carnival to be held this Friday 3rd August at The EJ Biffin Fields. All children who have qualified should have received a note on Monday. Children should see Mr Katte if they think they have qualified and don't have a note.

The squad to attend the District Athletics is :

Girls

Ella Williams, Mia Kelsey, Breanna Daniel, Bella Ronan, Monique Taylor, Jayda Rixon, Chloe Martin, Tameka Walker, Emma Bryce, Taliah Waaka, Charlotte Williams, Tia Scarth, Aretha Stewart-Brown, Chloe Sawle, Brodie-Lee Gruenhofer, Katie Hopkins, Haidi McAlpine, Taylor Adair, Samara Hunter, Kaylah Naden, Fynn Tredinnick, Georgia Heffernan, Elly Gooch

Boys

Liam Jones, William McKinney, Maliq McGrath, Kade Scarth, Lucas Dumas, Koelby Welsh, Monty Wilson, Ben Mander, Angus Kimber, Adam Cross, Isaac Jones, Isaac Hodnett-Daly, Ethan Hocking, Jake Laidlaw, Bailey Rixon, Jack Edwards, Zeke Laidlaw, Logan Greenup Stokes, Joshua Preston, Daniel Teece-Johnson, Nathan Patfield, Bradley Stone, Tyson Giusa, Toby Breeze, Luke Sheppard.

A big thank you to Clair Daniel and her team of volunteers in the canteen on the day.

Results from the day are attached.

District Athletics

This Friday 3rd August the best athletes from the 8 Public Schools in and around Nambucca will compete at the Nambucca Valley District Athletics Carnival. To qualify for the Mid North Coast Athletics Carnival children need to finish 1st or 2nd in the final of an individual event and 1st in a relay at the District Carnival.

Mid North Coast Athletics

The Mid North Coast Athletics will be held on Friday 17th August at the Coffs Harbour International Stadium.

Amazing Animal Report

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