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Principal's Report

Strengthening Family/ Community Engagement in Student Learning

Last Friday, 10th August, Vicki Ford, the North Coast Partnership Officer, joined parents and staff to assist with the completion of online evaluations of parent attitudes to School, Culture, Literacy and Numeracy at NHPS.

We have commenced our annual school evaluation which includes surveying the opinions of Parents, Staff and Students. A big thank you to the parents who were able to attend and complete surveys.

If you were unable to attend last Friday we would appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete the paper survey on School Culture attached to this week's Newsletter. Next week we will attach the Literacy and Numeracy surveys and would appreciate your responses, which are confidential and valued.

We are determined to continue to "Strive To Excel" at NHPS and make ongoing improvements wherever possible to ensure our school is the best it can be.

Please return your response to your child's classroom teacher or to the front office.

For those parents who would prefer to complete the surveys online the links are as follows-
Literacy/ Numeracy survey –

www.nambuccahd-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Email: nambuccahd-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SG8WG7X>

School Culture survey –

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SGRLL9N>

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Nambucca Valley Community of Public Schools Education Week Awards Night

Last Thursday, 2nd August schools from the Nambucca Valley congregated at Frank Partridge VC Public School for our annual Education Week awards night. FPVC hosted a very pleasant evening where Staff, Students and Community were recognised for their contribution to Public Education.

The recipients from NHPS were –
Student - Gabrielle Hall

Gabby is our school captain in 2012. She competed in the Premier's Multicultural Public Speaking Competition and was a member of our very successful Debating Team. Gabby is also a member of the school's TOM Language/Literature team. Selection in the eGATS program has been exciting for our whole school. Gabby is breaking new ground with her teacher Mrs White. Not only is Gabby academically gifted and displays excellent standards of behaviour at all times, she is also a member of our school choir! As you can see we have truly exception student who is a worthy recipient of this award.

Term 3
Week 5

15 August 2012

Calendar of Events

August

- 16 P&C Meeting
6.30pm Hall
- 17 MNC Athletics
- 20-22 Life Education
Visit
- 28 Book Character
Parade and Book
Fair
- 31 NC Athletics

September

- 2-7 Stage 3 Excursion
- Canberra
- 3 Kinder Pre-
Enrolment
Interviews begin
- 7 Stage 1 Movies
- 21 Last Day Term 3



P&C News

This year the P&C are holding a Fathers' Day raffle.

Ticket books are being sent home with the newsletter today and will need to be returned by Wednesday 29th August.

Rather than having just 1 or 2 big prizes we will have multiple prizes so you have more chances at winning. If you would like to make a contribution to the prizes we would be very grateful. New items can be donated and left at the office. Anything a dad would like to use would be appreciated, things like hankies and socks because we all know how much they like getting those. All money raised will go towards the completion of the new play equipment.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting is on tomorrow night, 16th at 6.30pm in the hall. Everyone welcome.

Principal's report cont....

Community – Carol Donnelly

NHPS has a volunteer tutor program, which has operated for some years. Carol has been a tutor for some years. Every Monday morning Carol arrives full of joy and smiles to work with four students supporting their Literacy learning.

Her warm, caring and friendly personality is perfect in her role as tutor and we are seeing improved literacy outcomes with all of her students.

Thanks Carol, your contribution to NHPS is very much appreciated by all staff and especially by your four students.

Staff – Quicksmart Team of Co-ordinator Morelle Makinson, tutors Narelle Wilson, Sandra Goodby and Lauren McMahon

Led by co-ordinator Morelle Makinson, the three Quicksmart tutors work with six students each, three times every week. Tutors work to improve Automaticity on recall of number facts. It is about students trusting their brains.

Congratulations to all recipients, who are assisting the continuation of NHPS's proud tradition of excellent academic performance.

Pacifica Partnership

Next week regular visits to the aged care facility, Pacifica, will commence. Our passive play knitters with Mrs Goodby and Mrs Wilson will be the first to visit during lunchtime. They will join knitters at Pacifica and no doubt be wonderful company. Our Garden Club will visit on Thursday during lunch to help out in a new garden at Pacifica. Kindergarten classes will visit regularly to entertain residents with singing items. We are so pleased to have this opportunity to be involved in Community and I'm sure to enrich the lives of residents at Pacifica. Thanks to the Teachers, Teachers Aides and students involved.

Bon Voyage Miss Box

We are very sad to lose Miss Box to extensive travel abroad. She will be finishing her teaching duties this Friday and flies to Mexico on Saturday. Miss Box has endeared herself to teachers, parents and students and will be missed. She has worked very hard and become very much a part of NHPS. Everyone at NHPS wishes her well and trusts that she has a very happy overseas adventure.

Jenny Joske, Relieving Principal



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Premier's Spelling Bee

The Schools Spelling Bee Final was completed on Tuesday 14th August. Finalists from Stage 2 & Stage 3 competed. What a fantastic group of spellers they were. Great job everyone! The winners are as follows:-

Stage 3 - Bailey Rixon & Keisha Loughton (Reserve - Isaac Hodnett-Daly)

Stage 2 - Lachlan Reiss-Wears & Lucy Green (Reserve - Jayda Rixon)



The winners will compete at the Regional Spelling Bee Final at Sawtell Public School on Wednesday 12th September. Congratulations, well done and good luck to all of you.

Glenys Bonventi

Word Challenge

1/2M has been learning how to find little words in a big word. The first big word we used was DISQUALIFICATION and we found 35 little words. Next we tried ENVIRONMENTAL and we wanted to get more than 30 little words. But we managed to find 50 words. Can you find more than us?

These are our rules.

You can only use the letter once (unless there are two in the big word).

You are allowed to rearrange the letters.

They need to be real words.

See how many you can find in ENVIRONMENTAL.

Let Mrs Miller know how you did.

PBL News

Making smart choices is what we see these students doing. (Seemore won't need to bite any legs off!!!! Phew) They are following our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) behaviours from our last lesson. At NHPS we **WALK** to our rooms quickly, quietly and safely. We have kind voices and line up remembering our personal spaces and in a settled manner. We are being respectful and safe. HOORAY!



STUDENTS FOLLOWING PBL RULES



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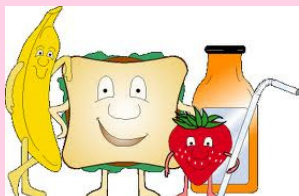
contemporary cuisine & fine wine

Our New Small Plate Menu is now available on Thursday nights and during lunch service on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Our small plate menu is designed so that you can have a couple of great dishes or to try some of our a la carte plates at a reduced price, its great for sharing and has vegetarian, fish and meat options. Our a la carte menu is also available so you can pick and choose your dishes. All of our menus are available to view on our website; www.jaaningtree.com.au



School Awards

CANTEEN



TERM 3

Thursday 16th Aug
Cathy McDonald

Friday 17th Aug
? ? ?

Wednesday 22nd Aug
Jade Muir

Thursday 23rd Aug
Carol Randall

Friday 24th Aug
Sonia Graffina

Stars of the Week 3rd August

Jayden Jackson, Marli Bateman, Kalen Marquardt, Mahalia Sutherland, Malachy Walker, Indigo Sharp, Arabella Birse, Luke Gruenhofer, Connor McPherson, Alexi Williams, Dominic Lambe, Dakirra Williams, Annabelle McDonald, Nicholas Davison, Liam Jones, Mia Kelsey, Sophia Gora, Chloe Martin, Taylor Adair, Lachlan Reiss-Wears, Lucas Dumas, Lucy Kearney, James White, Georgia Heffernan, Emma Bournes, Koelby Welsh, Logan Greenup-Stokes, Emily Pascoe, Jack Edwards, Shane Atkins, Paul Goodby, Cassie Ferris, Charlotte Williams, Luke Sheppard, Lyam Caesar, Keisha Loughton, Isaac Hodnett-Daly, Ethan Hocking, Kayla

Naden, Tia Scarth, Laynhi McAlpine, Jake Laidlaw

Students of the Week

Jaxon McQueen, Kade Scarth, Ella Williams, Yazmin Taylor, Kyle Pallister, Brody Kerwin, Bella Ronan, Leanna Brown, Tilisha James

School Awards

Jay Taylor, Hunter Ford, Elly Gooch, Connor McPherson

Assistant Principal's Award

Mark Robinson, Brianna Daniel, Domynique Byrt, Jacob Pope, Jay Taylor, Lily Kelsey, Elly Gooch, Isaac Jones

Principal Awards

Jacob Pope, Annabelle McDonald, Elly Gooch, Lucy Green, Connor Ford



Assistant Principal's Award Winners



Principal's Award Winners

STAGE 3
CANBERRA EXCURSION
Sun 2nd - Fri 7th Sept
ONLY 2 WEEKS TO GO

Vacancies still available
Final Payment due by 24th August

STAGE 2
GABC EXCURSION
Wed 24th - Fri 26th Oct
Excursion is now full. A waiting list of students is being taken to fill any vacant positions that become available.

Inspiring Celebrations

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COMMUNITY NEWS

For Budding Future Olympic Sailors

It is very timely after our Olympic Gold Medals in sailing that we have been contacted by Urunga Sailing Club who are offering various sailing courses to keen new sailors.. It sounds like a fabulous hobby to get into. Please read below information on courses or see the office for their flyers and application forms.



We currently do a Yachting Australia accredited "Basic Sailing" training course that teaches students the basics of safe dinghy sailing with the option to go on to an advanced "Better Sailing" Program and then "Racing". Of course, it will take some time to reach the Racing but they have to start somewhere first. My 8 year old daughter has just completed her first solo sail in the last school holidays.

Training courses for this year start on Saturday the **11th August to 25th October to from 11am to 2pm**. If there are enough starters, we can do a **LADIES ONLY** course on **Thursdays** from 10am. Please advise if you are interested in this day. On **Sundays** we do Social Sailing and we run Sailability sailing on the 3rd Sunday of the month if you would like to volunteer your time. USTC is a not-for-profit community group run by volunteers and any funds made goes back into providing the service to the com-

Tax Help

The Nambucca Community Centre has trained and experienced **TAX HELP** volunteers available at Nambucca Heads ready to assist to complete your tax return. The service will be available from Monday 13 August.

The **TAX HELP** service is available to anyone who has an income below \$50,000 per year but that this can vary depending on circumstances.

To determine if you are eligible for this free service, contact the Nambucca Community Centre on 65686249 or the ATO on 13 28 61

Booking for **TAX HELP** appointments is essential and can be made by contacting the Nambucca Community Centre on 6568 6249.

For further information contact Nambucca Community Centre 65686249

OLYMPIC GREEN & GOLD MUFTI DAY



Above - Mia Kelsey & Amanda Goodby

Below - Joel Trindall & Lochy Heighington



Caitlyn Chaseling-Pearson & Elizabeth Bryce

Below: Mrs Miller



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National Tree Day

On Wednesday 1st August Nambucca Heads Public School participated in National Tree Day. This was incorporated with the schools Education Week celebrations which also included an assembly showcasing student talent and recognising their achievements.



The tree planting was done in co-operation with Bunnings Coffs Harbour who generously donated over 30 plants, watering cans and two staff to assist on the day. Toyota Coffs Harbour donated tree guards to assist the students in protecting and caring for the new plants.

Each class showed that they "care a whole awful lot" just like the tree day ambassador the Lorax, they dug holes, mulched and fertilised and are now in charge of watering and weeding to ensure that the plants survive. It has been lovely seeing students checking on their plants and proudly showing parents which one is theirs.



Mid North Coast Athletics

This Friday 17th August the best athletes from the Grafton, Coffs Harbour, Nambucca and Bellinger Zones will compete at the Mid North Coast Athletics Carnival. The children who have qualified from Nambucca Primary are :

Luke Sheppard 11 Yr Boys Discus and Shot
Isaac Jones 11 Yr Boy 200m, Long Jump and 100m age race
Isaac Hodnett-Daley 11 Yr Boys 100m
Taliah Waaka 11 Yr Girls 100m
Tyson Giusa 11 Yr Boys High Jump
Jake Laidlaw Senior Boys High Jump
Charlotte Williams 11 Yr Girls High Jump and 800m
Haidi McAlpine Senior Girls 800m
Monique Taylor 9 Yr Girls 100m
Ella Williams Junior Girls 800m
Chloe Martin Junior Girls High Jump
Liam Jones 8 Yr Boys 100m
Monty Wilson 9 Yr Boys 100m and Junior 800m
Adam Cross Junior 800m

PBL Positive Behaviour for Learning

Thank you from the PBL Team to those wonderful parents who participated in the PBL presentation and discussion last Friday. Your interest, engagement and reaction to the program was extremely helpful.

Your commitment to your children and the school is thoroughly appreciated. Parent involvement in PBL is crucial to its success. We appreciate your suggestions and would love to answer any questions you may have.

Please fill in the slip below and put in the PBL box at the office.

Thank you,
The PBL Team



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Suggestion: _____

Question: _____

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