

Nambucca Heads Public School



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Principal's Report

Welcome Back

Hope everyone had a relaxing break. It was great to see all the happy smiling faces yesterday - and that was the staff – and yes, the students looked happy to be back as well!

Staff Changes

There are a few changes to our staff for this term. Mrs Banks, the Principal, is away this term on leave, Mrs Makinson will be relieving as Principal. Mrs McKinney will be acting as the Stage 1 leader during the term. Miss Hollister will continue on 1MH for the term. Mrs Wood is on leave this term and Mr Herron will be her replacement. We also welcome Mr Simpson who is working on special Aboriginal programs. Please remember if you need to discuss any aspects of your child's education, their class teacher should be your first port of call. If you need more help Mrs Bonventi is available for Stage 3 students, Mrs Joske is available for Stage 2 students and Mrs McKinney is available for Stage 1 students. Having said that, the executive is a great team and any of us are always happy to assist any parent with an inquiry. Just ask!

A Fond Farewell

This week the staff farewelled Mr Roger Goddard who is now enjoying retirement. At a special luncheon on Monday, surrounded by colleagues, he was presented with his service medal. The

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school community appreciates all the great support Mr Goddard has provided to the school over the last 15 years. I am sure he has impacted positively on the lives of many of our students. Who can forget his great recorder performances! For some of us the recorder is a squeaking instrument but somehow Mr Goddard managed to turn a recorder performance into good entertainment. I'm sure you will agree if Mr Goddard's students turned out to be half as nice as him, they will be top people. I'm sure the community will join with me in saying thank you and happy retirement to Mr Goddard. We wish him well.

Term 3

Coming up this term, as well as our strong academic programs, we have a busy program of sport and celebrations. This term we have loads of sport activities, including the school athletics carnival. We have Education Week coming up soon and later in the term Book Week. These are two of our favourite weeks of the year with fun celebrations and lots of parent and community involvement.

Education Week 29th July to 2nd August

The theme for the week is "Learning about the past to create the Future" which fits well with our school

**Term 3
Week 1
17 July 2013**

Calendar of Events

July

- 19 State X-Country
- 26 School Athletics

August

- 1 Breakfast at School
- 2 District Athletics
- 19 MNC Athletics
- 27 Father's Day Stall
- 30 North Coast Athletics

September

- 1- 4 Stage 2 Excursion
Lake Keepit
- 20 Last Day Term 3

2012 Yearbook

**A limited number of 2012
Yearbooks are still
available to purchase.
Cost is \$22**



Principal's Report cont.....

celebrations. We are planning a breakfast before school on Thursday, 1st August (thanks to the P&C) followed by a special assembly at which we will open a time capsule. We welcome back any ex-students who are keen to see what they archived in 1988. If you know any ex-students who have items in the capsule please invite them on our behalf to breakfast which starts at 7am, followed by an assembly. For more Education Week activities watch this space.

Afternoon arrangements

A reminder that parents who wait for their children in the afternoon need to meet them in the top playground, as we don't ask parents to sign in, in the afternoon when collecting their children we do ask parents to sit in the front playground for the safety and security of our students. Also, parents sitting around the school in the afternoon disrupt class lessons as children start to get anxious about home time, particularly Kindergarten who start to worry that their parent hasn't arrived yet. Please help keep the rooms settled and stay out of sight and be in the front playground until home time. Please note that adults walking around the school at any time will be directed to the office to sign in. This is to keep our school safe so that we know who is on site at anytime.

TONIGHT - Free Starting School Seminar for Families

Wednesday, 17th July, at Nambucca RSL 4.30-6.30pm there is a free information session for parents who have children starting school next year. No need to book. Representatives from local schools and guest speaker Associate Professor Alma Fleet will be there to answer any of your questions. Finger food will be served at 6pm.

Staff Development Day

Staff spent Monday familiarising themselves with the new English Curriculum and developing units of work based on the New Syllabus. Nambucca Heads staff are well ahead with their progress towards the implementation of the new documents.

P&C Meeting

It would be great to see lots of parents on Wednesday 24th July at the next P&C meeting at 6.30pm. Come and enjoy a cuppa and catch up with what's happening at the school. Further helpers are required to assist with the Education Week breakfast on Thursday 1st August. If you are an earlier riser and can lend a hand at 6am to help with cooking please let us know.

QuickSmart Program

QuickSmart is a program for Primary aged students to help develop automaticity with number facts with the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). We have just received our school report for 2012 results from the University of New England who developed the program. It is with much pleasure that I can quote from the report that "these results indicate a strong gain for QuickSmart students. This improvement is in excess of the expected yearly growth of students." Congratulations to the QuickSmart team of Mrs Goodby, Mrs Wilson and all our enthusiastic students who are so keen to learn and improve.

Uniform Reminder

At Nambucca Primary students wear their uniform with pride. It was pleasing to see most students with a red shirt on today. Just a reminder that the uniform is a red jumper. Red jumpers can purchased from the P&C or there are some second hand jumpers available. Any parent experiencing difficulty providing the correct uniform should drop into the office. Thank you for your support with uniform.

State Cross Country – Good luck to Bella Ronan and Charlotte Williams who are competing this Friday.

School Athletics Carnival – Friday 26th July – we need positive thoughts for a nice fine sunny day!

Morelle Makinson

Relieving Principal



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SCHOOL BANKING Thursdays



CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday 18th July
Serena Whelan

Friday 19th July
Heidi Cook

Wed 24th July
Jade Muir

Thursday 25th July
Cathy McDonald

Friday 26th July
Sports Carnival

REMINDERS

Year 6 Urgent

Please return your expression of interest form for Year 7 if you haven't already done so.

Year 3-4 Excursion Lake Keepit.

1st - 4th September

The full cost of this excursion is \$280. There will be a note going home in the next day or two.

Please keep those payments coming in.

Year 5-6 Excursion Bathurst

3rd - 8th November

\$50 deposit due **NOW!**

Further payments can be made anytime.

Don't forget paying Online is now available.

Simply log onto the school website at www.nambuccahd-p.schools.nsw.edu.au. Select Make a Payment. When you get to payment options, please select the relevant section and enter payment description etc.

SPORT & MORE NEWS

State Cross Country

The State Cross Country will be held at Eastern Creek near Sydney this Friday, 19th July. Bella Ronan and Charlotte Williams have qualified for this carnival. Good luck girls.

State Touch Football Trials

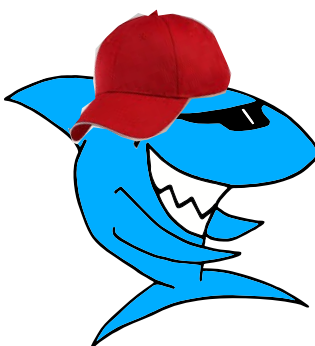
The State Boys Touch Football Carnival will be held in Coffs Harbour starting next Tuesday 23rd July. Isaac Jones was selected in the North Coast Team. Good luck Isaac.

School Athletics Carnival

The School Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 26th July at E.J. Biffin Fields. All children will receive a note with full details of the carnival. Children may wear their house colours on the day. Bass - blue, Cook - yellow, Phillip - green, Flinders - red. All children must wear shoes when competing. This Friday final qualifying for all field events will be held during sport time.

We hope to see many parents at the carnival next Friday.

The District Carnival is Friday 2nd August.



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