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Week 2 Term 4

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Welcome to Week 2 of Term 4.

It was great to see so many families involved in the Go4Fun program on Tuesday. This is a great community initiative and one I would encourage all interested families to get involved in. The group operates after school until 5:45pm each Tuesday and is based in the staff room. I think the groups may be full for this session but any interested families are encouraged to contact the office for phone numbers and contact people.

Congratulations to Matt Freebairn and Yvonne Parkins who were both successful at interview on Wednesday. Matt is now one of our Executive Team as Assistant Principal Stage 3 and Yvonne has been granted permanency as a Classroom Teacher. Both staff are already incredibly important to our school and your children. Their promotion to these positions is a credit to them and the professionalism and dedication that they bring to our teaching and learning team each and every day.

It was wonderful to welcome 3 NHHS teachers into our school on Friday morning. Matt, Lauren and Sarah joined us for the morning session as they got to know our Year 7 2019 cohort of students. I am sure that they are excited at the prospect of working with these incredible kids next year.

Our Stage 2 students headed to Woolies for a guided tour on Friday. Judging by the photos they all had a great time learning about supermarkets, healthy produce and our community. Mr Haynes did a great job organising this trip and I am sure it will be the first of many trips out into the community by our Stage 2 legends!

The Nambucca Library Librarian, Sue Hughes, will be popping in to see our Year 6 students today. I am sure that Sue will enjoy meeting our Year 6 learners and in turn our students will get a real idea of how the library can support them in their first year of high school.

Unfortunately our Wizard of Oz excursion has been cancelled on Wednesday. There was a mix up with the tickets. The children involved will instead be watching this wonderful movie at school as part of their Living Literature unit.

The NRL community team will be here on Thursday for their first infants sport session. The team will be one of the sport rotations for the next few weeks and I am sure that the kids will enjoy the experience. Mrs Edwards will be on the NRL station due to her silky passing skills and knowledge of the game.

As part of our Building Blocks for Learning initiatives there will be several agencies available in school time to support your child's overall health. The idea is that "Healthy Kids Make Healthy Learners". This Thursday there will be hearing screening from the team from Aboriginal Health. On Monday the Durri Medical Centre will be here for Dental screening. They will be joined later in the term by a whole school dental van. Please keep your eye out for permission notes as they will need to be returned if you would like your child to make the most

Diary

Wed 24th Oct
P&C Meeting
3:15pm

Thurs 25th Oct
NRL Stage 1
Sport

Mon 29th Oct
Durri Dental Van
Stage 2-3
Aboriginal
Students

Wed 31st Oct
Year 6
Transition Day

Fri 2nd Nov
Year 6 Mini Fete

Wed 21st Nov
Stage 2 Excursion
to Lake Keepit

Sat 24th Nov
Art Show
Opening
Nambucca
Entertainment
Centre

of these fully funded programs. Feel free to give me a ring should you have any questions in regards to how we can best support your child's health.

Finally a reminder that the Nambucca Valley AECG AGM will be held at NHHS on Monday the 29th Oct at 3:30pm. Nerida and I will be in attendance and any interested parents or carers are encouraged to attend.

Have a great week.

Todd.

Breakfast Club

Thank you again to Valla Lions Club for their donation towards our Breakfast Club. The kids really love and take advantage of this wonderful initiative, and it would not be such a success without the generous support of Valla Lions.



From the Library

The last BookClub order forms for the year were issued last week. Please have your orders in to the front office by Wednesday 31st October, or order online via Loop. See your order form for details. Being the last issue for the year, there are some great Christmas gift options!

Mrs Coulter

Lost Property

Once again we have a ridiculous amount of lost clothing, both uniform and non-uniform. *PLEASE*, make sure *anything* your child wears to school has their name on it. A table has been placed outside the office with all of the clothing on it. Any uniforms left at the end of the week will be given to the clothing pool, and non-uniform will go to the op-shop. If you are missing any of your child's clothing, please encourage them to come and have a look.

We have had a suspected case of scabies at school. If your child is scratching intensely or has any other signs of scabies, they should be seen by a doctor within 24 hours. Scabies will not clear up without treatment and scratching may result in impetigo. If diagnosed with scabies, your child is excluded from school for 1 day after the appropriate treatment is commenced. You should advise people who have had contact with your child. After treatment all clothes and bed linen should be washed in hot water. All members of the household need to be treated at the same time, even if there are no obvious signs of scabies. Please note that anyone can catch scabies, it has nothing to do with lack of personal hygiene. Thank you for your support in keeping our kids safe.

Class Merit Awards

KE: Charlotte Babula, Jamie Cook, Catalaya Jarrett, **2/1D:** Jasealah Boney, Jacob Winner-Coggan, **2/1M:** Ashton Crawford, Finn Angus, Dempsey Moon, **2/1W:** Levi Hamblion, Jordan Mackney, Leon Brown, **4/3H:** Makayla Davis, Amanda Crawford, **4/3S:** Miranda Mackney, Eddy Nelson, **6/5H:** Zachary Doherty, Lachlan Clenton, Toby Laurence, **6/5L:** Koby Hamilton-Giggins, Eli Griffiths, Angela Brown, **6/5F:** Kilara Davis, Tyra Jane Strachan, Corey Cross, **SCG:** Ashton Summers Mladin, **SCB:** Cohen Johnson, Liam Brown.

Assembly Lead by: Amber Horton & Corey Cross.

Acknowledgement of Country: Tyron Fernandez, Richard Carey & Krista Craig.



| WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | MONDAY |
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| NAME _____ CLASS _____ | NAME _____ CLASS _____ | NAME _____ CLASS _____ | NAME _____ CLASS _____ |
| SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN \$5.00 SMALL \$6.00 LARGE | MEXICAN BEEF BOAT W/ CORN COB \$4.00 ADD AVOCADO FOR 50C OR 4 FISH FINGERS, FRIED RICE, FRUIT STICK & POPPER \$5.00 | CHICKEN PAD THAI \$5.00 SMALL \$6.00 LARGE OR 4 CHICKEN NUGGETS, HASH BROWN, FRUIT STICK & POPPER \$4.00 | BLT \$4.00 BLAT \$4.50 |



Hearing health in babies and children

The earlier a hearing loss is recognised, the better it will be for a child's overall development.

The first three years of life are critical for developing good communication skills.

What to look for

The following signs are a general guide to hearing health in babies and children.

Birth to eight weeks: A baby is startled by a sudden loud noise three to six feet away.

Six to 12 months: Baby turns head towards familiar voices or sounds, babbles and responds to close, quiet noises.

18 months to two years: Child uses a number of single words – other than 'mama' and 'dada' – and understands simple instructions (for example, 'pass me the ball').

Two-and-a-half to three-and-a-half years: Child speaks clearly using groups of words, follows simple commands without visual clues and repeats phrases.

Older children: Hearing difficulties can be confused with behavioural problems in older children. Constant inattentiveness, below average school performance and frequent colds and ear aches are signs that there may be a hearing problem.

What to do if you are concerned about your child's hearing

- Contact your family doctor for advice and diagnosis. They may refer you to an Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist or an audiologist for further advice
- You can also contact Australian Hearing if you are concerned that your child requires assistance with their hearing. We specialise in the management of hearing loss in infants and children.

Australian Hearing is the largest provider of hearing and rehabilitation services to children and young adults (up to the age of 26), pension recipients, veterans and Indigenous people throughout Australia.

If you would like more information or advice, you can contact your local Australian Hearing centre on **131 797** or visit www.hearing.com.au

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