

P & C Motto: Participate & Communicate
Meet every third Wednesday of the month

Community Notices

STUART POINT PLAYERS YOUTH WORKSHOPS

The Players Youth Workshops will be held over four Monday afternoons commencing on June 3rd at Stuarts Point Community Hall. The workshops will be songs from the upcoming youth production "The Little Witch of Walcha" and auditions for this will be on 15 July. Students aged between 8 & 18 years are welcome to participate. The workshops are free but students must become members of the Macleay Valley Arts Council and the Stuarts Point Players at a cost of \$15 per year. For further inquiries, phone 6569 0210.

FAMILY RELATIONSHIP SKILLS PROGRAM presents

"Standing Strong" - getting strong after difficult times.

Mondays 6, 13, 20 May between 10am to 1.00pm at the Family and Community Information Centre, 27 Wallace Street, Macksville. Book at 6568 2305 or 66427257.

STUART POINT PLAYERS present

Aussie, Aussie, Aussie - 3 award winning Australian one-act comedy plays. Adults \$25, Concession \$20, Under 18 \$15, Early Bird Discount of \$5.00 off each ticket if booked 7 days before show.

Nambucca Heads 2pm Sun 2 June, Bowraville 7pm June 15 and Bellingen 7pm Fri 21. More information and venues on www.stuartspointplayers.org.au or SMS 0403 074525. Phone bookings 6569 0809 or online www.tickethost.com.au, Harvey World Travel, Nambucca Heads, Mad Hatters Tea Garden, Bowraville, Waterfall Way Visitor Centre, Bellingen.

COFFS HARBOUR CARTOONING WEEKEND PROGRAM

Children can attend our special weekend cartooning workshop, so come and learn how to draw and gain skills. It is on Sat 8 and Sun 9 June at the Coffs Harbour Scout Hall. Cost \$30.00 short day (9.30 to 3.30pm) and \$35.00 long day (8.00 to 6.00pm). Brochures are available from your school Front Office if you would like more information.

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We would like to extend a warm welcome to Miss Sally Wesley, our new teacher for 1Creative.

Miss Wesley recently moved to this area after teaching at Riverston Public School in the Sydney area for the past five years. She has also taught in schools in the western district as well as Torres Strait.

Miss Wesley is only too happy to see any of her students' parents if you would to meet with her.

May 2013		Events Calendar
8	Wed	Fresh Dental Care Visit Kinder to Year 2 District Touch Trials
9	Thurs	Leadership Conference
10	Friday	District Cross Country Nth Coast Rugby League

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION FEES

Term 2 Fees of \$10.00 are now due

RELIEVING PRINCIPAL

Mr John Close will be our Relieving Principal for the next four and a half weeks whilst Mrs Miller takes medical leave.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Our school photographs will be taken on 5 June. This is just to let you know the date. Order envelopes and further information will be sent home closer to the date.



EARN & LEARN POINTS

If you shop at Woolworths, don't forget to collect your stickers so we can earn points to purchase resources for our school. There is a collection box at school but you can also drop them into our box at the Nambucca Woolworths store. Thank you to those who have been sending them.

RECYCLING MOBILE PHONES

We are supporting Humane Society International by recycling mobile phones. Their program to protect the last of the mountain gorillas has been largely funded by the recycling of old mobiles so if you have any old phones lying around or you replace yours in the future just send it in to the Front Office.

ATTENTION YEAR 4 PARENTS

Applications for Year 5 Opportunity Class Placement in 2014 have opened. The nearest Opportunity Class is at Toormina Public School. You can find more information on the following website. www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. Applications can be made online or you can see Mrs Leahy to receive a paper application. Applications close on 17 May, 2013.

Canteen News

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED DESPERATELY

Sharlene has recently lost a few of her volunteers as they now have fulltime commitments. This now means she is short staffed and is looking for help so she can continue offering the fantastic service she provides to our students.

Community Notices

FIRE & RESCUE NSW ANNUAL OPEN DAY

This year Fire & Rescue NSW is hosting it's Annual Open Day on Saturday 18 May from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children and their parents to meet their local fire fighters and learn all about fire safety in the home.

Our local Fire Station at 8 Ken Howard Crescent, Nambucca Heads is opening it's doors to celebrate Open Day with all sorts of fun activities planned for the kids including fire demonstrations, being able to hop aboard a real working fire truck and hold a fire hose and get a showbag full of goodies while chatting with real fire fighters about what they do.

With the onset of winter just around the corner, learning as much as you can about home fire safety is really important.

So make sure you reserve the date and head down to Nambucca Heads Fire Station on Saturday 18 May!

Playkindy

Expression of Interest

We will be offering Playkindy again this year for all 4-5 year olds who will be starting school in 2014.

This **free** program helps familiarise children with school as well as build strong partnerships with families. If you think this would be a program for your child and you would like more information, please fill in the slip below and return it to the office.

Name

Phone

Child's name

Date of Birth

Name of siblings at our school

Playkindy will commence once a week in Week 7 this term. The day is yet to be determined and will be advised later.

STEWART HOUSE DONATIONS

Please support the Stewart House drive by sending in a \$2.00 Donation, in the envelope provided last term, to go into the draw to win a \$4000 family holiday. This is a wonderful organisation which gives students an opportunity to experience activities that they might not otherwise get. Please return your envelope by Friday 10 May.

CAR PARK - NEAR MISS

Yet another near miss in our carpark!! A child was nearly hit by a parent reversing from the staff car parking area. This **COULD HAVE BEEN YOUR CHILD. PLEASE** drop your children off at the front gate and walk them up to the school, and take note of the parking signs.

NAPLAN TESTING

Year 3 and Year 5 students will be participating in the NAPLAN Testing Program next week, 14 to 16 May. A letter was sent home to all the students' families late last term.

The schedule for the test is:

Tuesday 14: Language Conventions, Writing

Wednesday 15: Reading

Thursday 16: Numeracy

STAGE 2 EXCURSION

On Friday 58 students from Years 3 & 4 walked to Majestic Cinemas to participate in a behind the scenes tour and watch a private screening of Adventures in Zambezia as a part of our Science unit on Moving Pictures. After the movies students walked to Bellwood Park for lunch and enjoyed various games in the sunshine until returning to school. A great time was had by all!



YARRAHAPINNI STAGE 2 EXCURSION

REMINDER: Final payments for the Stage 2 excursion to Yarrahapinni are due by the 16th of May.

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POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING



Congratulations to the following students
who received their "Full Attendance in Term 1" certificates

Fiona Holloway, Braiden Jarrett, Katelyn Jones, Codie Little, Mykah McEachran, Bianca Wilson, Keira Donovan, Jai Winchester, Holly Blanch, Jasmine Glidden, Angel Harvey, Yazzystar Hoffman, Angus Holloway, Yolanda Jones, Anysley McEachran, Brennan Wilson, Zac Durbin, Hayley Griffin, Zabian Haigh, Zane Jones, Charlotte Kearney, Olivia Lane, Christa Parker, McKeely Ricaud, Zara Brown, Carly Donovan, William Jury, Jake Jones, Paris Stadhams, Penny Stadhams, Ella Cox, Sophia Fidirikkos, Terryn Hopper, Amber Jenkins, Teagan Craig, Clarence Donovan, Blayde Hopper, Billy Robertson, Nathan Woodland

Congratulations!

to the following students on receiving their

CERTIFICATE 1 AWARD

Yazzystar Hoffman, Angus Holloway, Yolanda Jones, Anysley McEachran, Patrick Bagnell, Seth Barton, Holly Behan, Zane Beuzeville, Olivia Bowen, Keenan Breasley, Chloe Cameron, Hayley Griffin, Zabian Haigh, James Hurley, Zane Jones, Olivia Lane, Damon Simon-Wilson, Ryan Winchester, Kiera Donovan, Jai Winchester, Billy Robertson, Zach Martin, Jacinta Hurley, Shania Eastwood Stankowski, James Donovan, Travis Hayden, Carissa Gallagher, Sophia Fidirikkos, Ella Cox, Tabitha O'Sullivan, Trent Richards, Shaela Little

Care Safe Respect Responsible

ASSEMBLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

KDelight	Madison Langhans	
KCaring	Fiona Holloway	
1Creative	Richard Carey	Angela Brown
1/2Excel	Tarran Jarrett- Marks	Cyan Elmes Lilly Schadel
2Bright Sparks		
3Hi5	Ryan Winchester	Hayley Griffin
3/4Fantastic	Jamison Rigby	Alex Parker
4Miindala	Jake Jones	Tyrone Dixon
5/6Magic	Kane Galo	Alyssia Fisher
5/6Super Special	William Mackney	Taz Streatfield
5/6L		
SU1		
SU2		
Library	Edmund Hurley	

Congratulations!

STUDENT BANKING NEWS

The Commonwealth Bank are giving away a family holiday valued at \$5,000 with \$500 spending money. All you need to do to receive an entry is make 3 deposits this term. It doesn't how much or how little you deposit. So bring in your bank books on Mondays or Tuesdays to keep collecting your tokens. 10 tokens will still get you some great things. If you are unsure of what is available, just include a note with your deposit and I'll give you a list. I'm looking forward to lots of deposits.....Debbie Vassallo

Library News

Bookclub orders are due to the Front Office by **Wednesday 15 May. No late orders please.**

Attendance and absences

When children miss out on school they miss out on vital information, their learning routine is broken, they can lose confidence and they miss out on building up friendships.

If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, including arriving late or leaving early, please either tell your child's teacher or the administrative staff at the school, or explain the reason by phone or written note as soon as possible, but within seven days.

Once children are enrolled parents are legally required to send them to school every day that the school is open for instruction or participation in school activities, such as sports days.

A small number of absences may be justified if your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably these should be made after school or during holidays)
- has to go to a special religious ceremony
- is required to attend a serious and/or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school, or has an infectious illness.

If you need further information please ask your child's teacher.

Sports News

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

This Friday over 60 students will be representing our school at District Cross Country at Bowraville. Permission notes and payment for the bus is due no later than Wednesday 8 May. Teachers attending are Jayne Morrison, Cally Haase and Kimberly McArthur.



NORTH FOOTBALL TRIALS

Congratulations Luwana Cohen on your wonderful achievement in the North Coast Football (Soccer) Trials.

Luwana will now participate in the State Trials.



Chess Club @ My Library on Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes. All welcome!.....Mrs Coulter

Targeting Effective Numeracy (TEN Program)

Our school has been participating in the TEN program with Sue Davis who is the Best Start Literacy/Numeracy Leader for the North Coast Region. This program has been providing professional learning for our teachers in Kindergarten to Year 2 and some support staff with the focus on Number. All teachers are looking forward to their last day of training with Sue as all the strategies and resources they have been using are very practical and lots of fun for all children. We would like to offer parents a chance to participate in an afternoon with Sue playing games and learning tips on how to help students learn their number skills at home. We are planning this afternoon session on Tuesday afternoon sometime this term and would like to know if you are interested. Afternoon tea will be provided and there will also be some **free resources** given out on the day to everyone who attends. I would like to make sure we have enough games to give to everyone, so if you are keen to attend this fun afternoon could please complete and return the attached note to school as soon as possible. If you have any further questions could you please contact Mrs Robyn Beauchamp at school.

Tuesday Afternoon Session (TEN Program)

I am interested in attending the Tuesday afternoon session

Name: _____

Child's name: _____

CANTEEN MEAL OFFERS *Normal menu available every day*

Name: _____ Class: _____

WEDNESDAY 8 May

HAM & PINEAPPLE PIZZA SINGLE

+ **Orchy Fruit Juice**

Orange/Apple/Orange Passio (circle choice)

PRICE \$3.70

Name: _____ Class: _____

THURSDAY 9 May

CHICKEN BURGER WITH CAESAR DRESSING

PRICE \$3.80

Name: _____ Class: _____

FRIDAY 10 May

CHICKEN & VEGETABLE PIE

Tomato BBQ, (circle choice)

+

+ **Orchy Fruit Juice**

Orange/Apple/Orange Passio (circle choice)

PRICE \$4.30

Name: _____ Class: _____

MONDAY 13 May

6 CHICKEN NUGGETS & SAUCE

Tomato BBQ, (circle choice)

Nippy Flavoured Milk

Chocolate/Strawberry (circle choice)

PRICE \$4.70

P&C UNIFORM ORDER

With the colder weather approaching we would like to advise that should you require winter uniforms you will need to place an order with the P&C to receive these items.

There are two options on how to order. You can either complete an order form, enclose the money and the P&C representative, Alida, will fill the order for you to pick up from the Front Office or send home with your child. Alternatively, you can ring Alida on 65683652 to organise a suitable time to meet.



Premier of New South Wales
Minister for Western Sydney

Historic Achievement for NSW Students, Teachers and Parents

I am very pleased to inform you that the Prime Minister and I recently announced NSW would be the first Australian State to agree to the “Gonski” national education reforms. This is great news for students, teachers and parents. It will mean more resources and a fairer system – and assist our aim of higher standards and a better education for our children. The agreement will deliver an additional \$5 billion for NSW schools as well as continue the NSW Government’s education reforms, including improving literacy and numeracy, raising teaching quality and empowering principals and school communities to make local decisions. I am proud of this historic reform which could not have been achieved without the advocacy of students, teachers and parents across NSW.

Barry O’Farrell MP
Premier

SHOWTIME



Dylan rehearsing his role of Rafiki with Renee, Luwanna, Jasmine, Abbey and Suzannah

We’re not sure how they managed to pull it off but it **didn’t** rain for the open air “Showtime” performance by the Nambucca Valley schools. Students from our school performed items from the Lion King. Their costumes were fantastic and we’re not biased but we think they were the best. It was a lot of hard work and practise but what a great opportunity and experience for our students. A big thank you to our wonderful staff for all the extra time and effort given.



DAWN SERVICE, ANZAC MARCH AND SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Anysley received her award for attending the ANZAC March from Mrs Joy Hutchins at our Special Assembly last Wednesday.



Captains, Lily Dedman, Kane Galo with Vice-Captains Nathan Woodland and Chloe Colb and Councillor Cassie Ferris attended the dawn Service with Mrs Leahy

Our school was well represented with 46 students and 12 members of staff attending the ANZAC Day March. Many students proudly wore medals belonging to either their grandfathers or family members.



Vice-Captain Chloe Colb interviews a Women's RSL Auxiliary representative for the documentary they are filming.



Ethan Willard at the ANZAC March



Angus and Fiona Holloway, Ella Buchanan and Jade Crawley



Kane and Nathan