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Newsletter Issue 24

Term 3 Week 5

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Welcome to Week 5 of Term 3.

What a wonderful week last week! Lovely and quiet with lots of curriculum focus in the classroom for our students. A chance to put all of the engagement and motivational activities that we do to the test, as we set higher and higher expectations within our classrooms.

The week came to an end with a great Open Day and Community Assembly. It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers and community members on hand to help us celebrate the achievements of students and staff alike. There was lots of talent on show with the school bands, Stage 2 and Kindergarten performances. Thank you so much to everyone who made the time to come along and help us celebrate Education Week.

I did fail to congratulate 3 of our Valley 10 Education Week Award recipients on Friday and for this oversight I apologise. Mr John Close, Mr Colin McCurley and Ms Chloe Martin were awarded staff, community and student awards respectively at a ceremony in Bowraville last week and I would like to take this opportunity to publically congratulate them as I had intended to do on Friday. All of these individuals make a real difference to our school and it is with great pleasure that we acknowledge their efforts.

We look to have another classroom focus this week with minimal interruptions and the opportunity for students to get in and engage in all of the wonderful learning opportunities afforded them through their classroom and classroom teacher.

Many of our parents will be interested to know that several of our staff will be attending a special "Personal Learning Plan" meeting at NHHS on Tuesday. These plans are an integral part of many children's learning and engagement activities, and Mr Gary Cattanach has done a wonderful job researching the most up to date PLP processes available to us. I am sure the staff will return with many new ideas and potentially a new and streamlined system that will support our students K-12.

The Life Ed Van will arrive with Happy Healthy Harold on Wednesday and will remain in our school for a week. The lessons this year will focus on cyber safety and safe behaviours. All students will be expected to attend the sessions, so we have subsidised the cost quite heavily. Students will need to return permission notes and \$3 prior to their visit. This is an incredible resource for our community and something that we need to support, should we wish for it to continue, so please get your note and \$3 in to school as soon as you can. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the program then please contact me or pop in for a quick chat.

Our staff will be attending a Cyber Safety session at NHHS this Thursday to support the

Diary

Wed 13th Aug

Life Education Van

Thurs 14th August

Cybersmart

At Nambucca Heads

High School

5.30pm - 7pm

Fri 15th Aug

MNC Athletics

Sat 16th Aug

P&C Photo Day

At school

Tues 19th Aug

Years 3-6 Spelling Bee

Wed 27th Aug

Newcastle Permanent

Maths Competition

Years 5 & 6

Tues 2nd Sep

Father's Day Stall

2nd, 3rd & 4th Sep

Book Fair

Before & After School

Thurs 4th Sep

'Connect to Reading'

Book Week Parade

initiative from Life Ed. We also want to ensure, of course, we are up to date in this very special area, where our children might be exposed on a daily basis to various concerning scenarios. The information will be of great use in our classrooms I am sure.

I will be finishing off the week with a trip to Coffs Harbour to attend the Mid North Coast Athletics Carnival. We have more than 10 students in attendance and it is a parent carer responsibility to get them to and from the carnival. If you are having any problems with transport please ring me at school as a matter of urgency.

Thank you again to all of those who made the Education Week Assembly such a wonderful afternoon! It is our community that makes our school and only with your support can we give these great kids the high quality education that they deserve.

Have a great week.

Todd.

Library News

Are you still looking for dress-up ideas for our Book Week 'A character I connect With' parade on Thursday 4th September at 2:00pm?

Here are some ideas: Sharon, from 'Sharon Keep Your Hair On', 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird', A Rat on a Stripy Sock, Mutt Dog, Caroline Crocodile from 'The Swap' and King Pig. Other suggestions from our students include Verity Sparks, Jake from 'Adventure Time', Rowan of Rin, Mulga Bill, Granny Grommet and Billie B Brown. More suggestions next week or pop up to the Library for ideas.

Once again our annual Book Fair will run in conjunction with Book Week celebrations. The Fair will be open before and after school and at lunchtimes on 2nd, 3rd and 4th September.

Stage 2 and 3 students need to finalise their reading for the Premier's Reading Challenge. All reading records need to be updated online by next Monday 18th August. We'll done to our students who have already done so.

Thank you to all our families who are supporting students at home with the Read-a-thon. Keep up the good work!

Chess Club: Nicholas, Anthony, Taz, Zane, James and Lawrence plan their next move in Round 3 of our Winter Chess Comp!

Mrs Coulter



Cybersmart

All parents, students and staff are invited and encouraged to attend Cybersmart at Nambucca Heads High School on Thursday 14th August from 5.30pm-7pm. This Federal Government initiative is an important presentation for students, parents and teaching staff.

The focus of this **free** presentation is to inform EVERYONE on internet safety. We hope many of our school community attend.

Caught Being Good

Thomas Farnsworth 2/1C Always trying his best, Emily Humphreys 4/3F-Doing the right thing, Shaylee Farnsworth 6/5M-Being a good friend, Miranda Mackney KC-Helping others.

Class Merit Awards

KC: Miranda Mackney, Caitlyn Jones, Durell Cohen, **KD:** McKenzie Winner-Coggan, **2/1C:** Maddison Gordon-Lichaa, Richard Carey, **2/1E:** AJ Meredith, Keira Donovan, **2/1H:** Jake Duckett, Jesse Cohen, **4/3F:** Will Cohen, Emily Humphreys, Brooke Heather, McKeely Ricaud, **4/3M:** Alex Parker, Sally's Mum, **4/3W:** Holly Blanch, Holly Behan, Yolanda Jones, **6/5L:** Terryn Hopper, Jerrai Dahlstrom, **6/5M:** William Mackney, Belle Elphick-Ttoolou **6/5S:** Tyrone Bowden, Flynn Varley

Congratulations



Education Week - Celebrating Public Education

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CANTEEN MEAL OFFERS

WEDNESDAY 13th August	THURSDAY Thurs 14th August	FRIDAY 15th August	MONDAY 18th August
Name: _____ Class: _____ Beef Burgers Beef pattie, lettuce, tomato, beetroot, cooked onion and sauce on a bun. Price \$5.50	Name: _____ Class: _____ Satay Chicken and Veges with Steamed Rice * Contains Peanuts * Price \$4.50 small \$6.50 large	Name: _____ Class: _____ Chilli Chicken Burger with cheese, tomato, lettuce, mayo & sweet chilli sauce Price \$4.00	Name: _____ Class: _____ 3 Party Pies with Sauce Tom/BBQ Juice (Orange, Apple, Passionfruit) Price: \$4.00

Canteen News

Volunteers are required urgently as our previous volunteers have gained full time work. Please, if you can spare a few hours it would be greatly appreciated, as we may not be able to operate if we don't have helpers.

Jess Burgess is leaving on Wednesday to study. She has volunteered at the canteen for 6 years and I would like to say a big thank you to Jess for such a huge effort. All the best for the future.

Sharlene and The P&C Committee.

We are now taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2015!

For more information please come in to the school or you can call us 65687100.

Skoollbag

If you have a smart phone or smart device (such as iPads and Android tablets) you can download the Skoollbag app to receive reminders, newsletters, notice of upcoming events plus much more. Simply search our school name in the App Store or Google Play Store and install.

Instructions are available at the Front Office if needed.

In the coming weeks, we will be adding the canteen menu, uniform order, some permission notes/Eforms are also available for absentee notes and change of details.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Across August Majestic Cinemas Nambucca Heads will be screening a different DISNEY PRINCESS film each weekend, with TICKETS only \$6 ea.

