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Welcome to Week 9 of Term 2.

Our Round 2 debate against Laurieton did not quite go to plan on Tuesday. Despite a bold showing, our debaters went down in a close one. They had a practice debate against some staff on Monday to refine their skills and develop some new strategies in this most challenging discipline.

Last Wednesday was highlighted by the visit from Deborah Abela. Deborah spent the day with our students explaining what it takes to be a great author and how she goes about bringing her writing to life for both young and old. Many students let me know that they really enjoyed the visit and are now even more motivated to write interesting and exciting stories. Thanks to Mrs Coulter for all of her work behind the scenes organising this visit.

A huge congratulations to the NHHS students on the production of Disco Inferno. Our Stage 3 students thoroughly enjoyed the production and it was a real credit to both their talented staff and students. It was great to talk to several of our past students about their involvement in the performance and how motivated they were by the experience.

Friday was an exciting day on 2 fronts! Our Tournament of the Minds hopefuls attended a practice session with Mrs Inchley that was designed to show them just how exciting and challenging this activity can be. More than 25 students have indicated that they are keen to take on this creative and thought provoking activity. With 2 teams of 7 to be selected it will be a matter of just who is willing to give it their all and show Mrs Inchley just how important this opportunity is to them. Regular sessions will begin in Term 3.

Our basketballers put on a clinic against South Kempsey on Friday. They ran out winners 48 to 16. Their team work, individual skill and sportsmanship was incredible throughout the whole match! A range of students from Year 1 to Year 6 participated in this game, which is incredible considering the team we played was predominantly from Year 5 and 6. Coach Baker was very proud of their efforts, and we are now looking forward to taking on our next opponent in the State Knockout. Well done to the boys! We are very proud of you.

THURSDAY; This is a massive day for a range of students. It is the District Final for our public speakers and it will be held in our school hall. We have 4 students involved in the speaking and another 7 students involved in the running of the day. We have lost Angus Holloway to his State Footy commitments so will be adding a new member to the team.

FRIDAY; Both our boys and girls Touch Footy teams will be in action this Friday as they

Diary

Thurs 22nd June

District Finals

Multicultural

Public Speaking

Book Club Orders Due

Fri 23rd June

PSSA Touch Knockout V NHPS

Tues 27th June

Semester 1 Reports Go Home

Wed 28th June

Boccia Regional Knockout

Fri 30th June NAIDOC Day



take on NHPS in the PSSA Touch Footy knockout. Mr Freebairn and I are looking forward to watching them take on this wonderful challenge.

Have a great week.

Todd.

Our New Finance System

Attached to the newsletter this week is preliminary information regarding our new finance system and how it will affect payments to the school once we go live in September. Please take the time to read it, especially regarding the Stage 3 Excursion. We will provide any updated information as we complete our training.

P&C News

Our P&C have asked if families could please bring in any empty 2 litre bottles that they may have. These will be used for the next fundraiser. Please send to Front Office. Thank you.

Lost Property

We have had a lot of jumpers and jackets being handed in to lost property lately. Most of these are not school jumpers. If they are not claimed by the end of this term, they will be donated to the op shop. Please label all removable items!







We warmly invite you to help us celebrate

NAIDOC DAY 2017

This year we are having a

DELICIOUS

Morning Breakfast

7:30am

BIG NAIDOC MOVIE SCREENING

Plenty of activities so come along and help us celebrate NAIDOC Day

Where: Frank Partridge VC PS When: Friday 30th June

Time: 7:30am

We all stand on Gumbaynggirr Homeland













Deborah Abela visits FPVCPS

Our students from K-6 were delighted to welcome Deborah Abela to our school. Deb is a highly acclaimed children's author who has written 22 novels for primary school age children and just this year released her first picture book, 'Wolfie, an Unlikely Hero', which our K-2 students adore. Stage 2 and 3 students were very impressed, not only to have some time to chat with Deb, but also to learn that, during the brief time between her presentations at our school, she actually spent time working on her sequel (to be published next year) to 'The Stupendously Spectacular Spelling Bee.' This sequel, set in London, takes Spelling Bee competition to a new level. It becomes, much to the delight of readers, an international event!

Scholastic Bookclub orders (Issue 4) are due in by Thursday of this week please.

Mrs Coulter









WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY
Name	Name	Name	NAME
CLASS BLAT	CLASS	CLASS	CLASS
Bacon, Lettuce, Avocado & Tomato on a Roll with Mayo or Aioli \$5.50	Thai Style Chicken Noodle & Sweet Corn Soup \$6.50	HONEY SOY CHICKEN WINGS & FRIED RICE \$4.50 SMALL \$6.50 LARGE	3 PARTY PIES SAUCE NIPPY MILK \$5.00



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

COMMUNITY NEWS

BOOK NOW CONTACT US ON 6652 8111 payment on booking please

All workshops held at Coffs Harbour Women's Health Centre , 45—53 Little Street , Coffs Harbour

For further details on all services phone 0434 775 559 or email rvaschak@genhealth.org.au

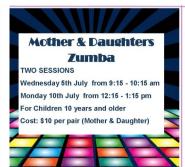




Freea, the group facilitator, of Freeflow Hoop dance is passionate about hoop dance and sharing the many benefits with others. She has been hooping and performing with fire in performance troops around Australia and overseas for the last 4 years.

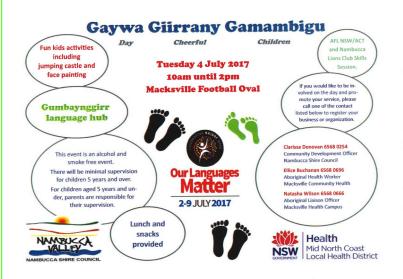
Freea is ready to invoke the magic and fun with an exciting workshop in which participants will enjoy making a hula hoop together and learning some new tricks.

Materials have been hand selected and will be supplied. (included in cost)



Join Mandy, the group facilitator, for some Zumba fun. Mandy is passionate about encouraging everyone to keep moving to improve their quality of life. Mandy has her Certificate III and IV in fitness and is a licensed Zumba Gold instructor.

The session uses easy-to-follow Zumba* choreography. Come ready to sweat a little, and prepare to leave smiling and feeling strong. The emphasis is on fun, not "getting it right". There is no right, we all have our own style. In Zumba* we call this "flavour!"







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Dear Parents and Carers

As part of the NSW Department of Education Business Reforms, our school will transition to the new NSW Public Schools' Finance System and a new bank account on **4 September 2017**. Our current school bank account will close, and funds will be held centrally by the Department of Education.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be some changes to the way we are able to accept payments from parents and carers.

1. Cash and cheque payments: This will not change. We will still accept cash and cheque payments at school. However, between 30 August 2017 and 4 September 2017, we will not be able to accept any payments, as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one.

Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before **25 August 2017**. **This** will apply in particular to the Stage 3 Excursion to Sydney. From

- 5 September 2017, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.
- **2. Online payments (POP)**: This will not change. However, as of **24 August 2017**, payments to our current online payment facility will cease. Please do not make any payments via the Parent Online Payment System between 24 August and 4th September.

Use of the POP System will resume on Tuesday 5th September.

- Direct deposits: We do not, and will not be able in the future, to accept any deposits direct to the bank account.
- 4. EFTPOS: The school does not, and will not have EFTPOS facilities.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. If you have any questions, please contact us on 02 65687100.

Yours sincerely