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**Week 5 Term 1 - 2024**



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hello to our families and can you believe we are halfway through the term.

### **Wednesday 6 March Parent Teacher Interviews Year 7,11,12 4:30-6pm and open classrooms in K-6 4:30-5:30.**

If you have children in the year groups listed above **appointment bookings** can be made through the Sentral Parent Portal as well as by phoning the office. Please come and speak with the teachers to see how students are progressing in their senior subjects or if you have students in K-7 please come and talk to us about how they have settled into the new school year. The K-6 teachers will have the classrooms open for you to come in and view classwork, routines and structures that make up your child's day.

### **K-6 Change to the way we start the School Day**

K-6 students no longer have a daily muster assembly. All students on bell time move to their classrooms where they participate in wellbeing and personal interest reading activities. The rolls are marked for the day and the students are settled and ready for learning. We will still hold a Formal Assembly weekly on Monday from 2.30 pm and invite families to come and join us in celebrating students success.

### **Year 6 into 7 2025**

I very much enjoyed meeting the families of students going into Year 7 in 2025. We had a number of families from the schools in our area join us. Mr Dolman will be the Year Advisor and together with the secondary staff they put together a series of mini lessons for students to participate in. Mr Dolman is famous not only for the expertise he brings to the Auto Workshop but also his ability in the Kitchen. The lemonade scones were a hit. Mr Dolman was also assisted by a number of Year 11 and 12 students who were there to answer questions, guide parents on the tour, and bake the scones.

### **International Women's Day**

On 8 March we will celebrate International Women's Day. This year our Girls Advisor Tiff Wiblen has put together a program for our girls that will reinforce the theme for 2024 which is **Inspire Inclusion**. The promotion of equality and gender parity is incredibly important. I tell the story of my family where my Mum was not permitted by her parents to continue at school past the old Leavers Certificate otherwise known as Year 10. Her goal for me was to go to University and do whatever it was that I wanted to do. I had always wanted to teach but it wasn't until it was almost too late that I discovered I could be a music teacher and get paid to do what I loved, which was play music. I am so very grateful to my parents for believing in me and encouraging me. How I ended up in the Principal's chair is another story I will share at a different time.

### **Our Career's Advisor**

This year our Career's Advisor Mark Chaseling has minimal face to face classes. This is so we can have an individualised focus on careers. It allows students and families to book appointments with him to discuss career pathways. There are so many different pathway options available to students. Many students don't really know what they want to do so it is important to sign up for the careers excursions that Mark is organising to see what the possibilities are.

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (cont.)

### Nimbin Place Plan

I am so pleased that on Tuesday our Leadership Team will be working with Lismore Council for student input in relation to Nimbin of the Future. Our young people have clear ideas about what they want, what activities they would like to do and where these things should occur. Thanks for including us and giving the students a voice. This is a very exciting project.

### Community Liaison Officer

Jane Mari is continuing in the Community Liaison role at Nimbin Central. If you have a matter you would like to raise and are not sure who to speak to Jane is someone you can call.

### Learning and Support Teachers

If you have any learning concerns for your child, please make contact with us. Therese Hedwards for K-6 and Alethea (Thea) Aquilina for 7-12.

### Secondary Principal Commendations

River McPherson- for Citizenship.

Eden Freeman- for exceptional work in Design and Technology in particular his design brief.

Rezna Bels- for grit and self motivation in course work.

*Sally-Ann Thompson*



### **THANK YOU MARC!!!**

This week ISS (the contracted cleaning company for the DoE) came to celebrate Marc's contribution.

They presented Marc with a badge marking this special occasion. It says 30 years but it has been 32!

Of course, for us, cleaning is just one thing Marc does.

He is such a valuable and appreciated part of our school community and the Nimbin community in general.

His dedication, application and jovial approach to his work brings a smile to so many faces everyday.

His music, breakfast and jokes kick start our days and he makes the school a better place (although some who know and listen to his Nim FM slot may dispute the music and jokes part!)

Thank you Marc for all the things you do for Nimbin.

*Simon Graham*

## FROM THE DEPUTY

What a great start to the year.

The effort and engagement in learning at the moment is exciting. The learners are doing some amazing things and the teachers are super proud of their efforts.

We have introduced the Golden Ticket (which replaces the old \$5 vouchers with a twist) to reward the learners for their efforts and application. Students can earn a Golden Ticket for lots of things from classwork/ effort/ learning dispositions/ sporting achievements/ arts and culture achievements and go into the draw for rewards. So please ask your learner about the Golden Tickets, they won't find one in a Wonka bar but they can get one at Nimbin Central School! We want to reward our learners for good things. We recognise that 95% of our students do their best all the time and we need to celebrate that and share their success.



You may notice a big media campaign by the government around attendance in the coming few months. Attendance at all schools has become an issue since the pandemic and natural disasters. I have presented the stats before. It is vitally important for children to attend school every day that school is open and they are well enough to do so.

Missing days means they not only miss the learning, which adds to anxiety about falling behind, but they miss the social/emotional learning, the skills gained by getting along and playing with others. School is not all about Literacy and Numeracy (although they are important) it is so much more, and staying away affects that advocacy and sense of belonging, the smiling, fun and laughter.

If your learner is not having fun, laughing, and enjoying school contact us and let's have a conversation about improving that.

We had a great swimming carnival- Go Yumbah!

**Simon Graham**

## Nimbin Central School

### Term 1, 2024

### Key Dates

<b>Tuesday 5 Mar</b>	Nimbin Place Plan
<b>Wednesday 6 Mar</b>	School Photos Stage 6 and Year 7 Parent Teacher Interviews 4.30 pm—6.00 pm K-6 Open Classroom—Meet the Teacher 4.30 pm—5.30 pm
<b>Friday 8 Mar</b>	International Women's Day Sydney University Visit
<b>Wednesday 13 Mar - Monday 25 Mar</b>	NAPLAN
<b>Thursday 14 Mar</b>	Pi Day
<b>Thursday 21 Mar</b>	Harmony Day
<b>Thursday 28 Mar</b>	Primary Easter Hat Parade
<b>Friday 29 Mar</b>	Good Friday
<b>Monday 1 Apr</b>	Easter Monday
<b>Friday 5 Apr</b>	Secondary Cross Country at Ballina
<b>Friday 12 Apr</b>	Last day of Term 1
<b>Tuesday 30 Apr</b>	Students return for Term 2 School ANZAC Ceremony

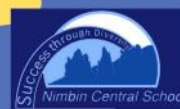
**MEET THE TEACHER**

**OPEN CLASSROOM**

**K-6**

**Wednesday 6th March**

**4.30 pm—5.30 pm**



**Year 7 and Stage 6**

Parent check-in meetings



**6th March 4:30 - 6pm**

Starting Year 7 and Stage 6 are significant milestones. Take the opportunity to check-in with your young person's teachers to discuss their progress and wellbeing.

Please call 66891355 or use the Parent Portal to schedule a meeting time.



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20 February 2024

## NAPLAN 2024 student readiness

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope your child is settling in well in their new school year.

This term, your child will undertake [NAPLAN assessment](#). NAPLAN provides schools with valuable information about your child's learning progress in literacy and numeracy. NAPLAN is only one way we assess student learning in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

**NAPLAN will take place from Wednesday 13 March to Monday 25 March in 2024.**

Your child's teacher is getting students ready for NAPLAN and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Students will become familiar with the types of questions in the tests and the online testing platform that we use. In addition to school preparation, I want to share with you some information on how you can further support your child for NAPLAN.

### Preparation for NAPLAN

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN and do not need excessive preparation or the use of services by coaching providers. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program. If you or your child/children would like to know more about the NAPLAN online platform you can go to the [public demonstration site](#) and do some practice tests and [past NAPLAN papers](#) are also available online.

### Participation in NAPLAN

Adjustments are available for students who have diverse functional abilities and needs. On a case-by-case basis, reasonable adjustments for individual students can be made so they can complete NAPLAN. Speak to your child's teacher to discuss the adjustments available. For more information read the [Guide for schools to assist students with disability to access NAPLAN \(PDF 96 KB\)](#).

### Assessment tips

You can support your child by reminding them to simply do their best. You can also encourage:

- a healthy diet
- drinking lots of water
- limiting caffeine (students in Year 7 and 9 only)
- getting enough sleep
- exercise and relaxation time

These, along with arriving at school on time ready to sit the test will help prepare our school to bring their best on the day.

Kind regards,

### Sally Thompson

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## 2025 Year 7 Information Night

On February 27 students starting Year 7 in 2025 had the opportunity to tour our school, meet teachers, and enjoy scones baked by our high school students. The tour included science experiments, drama games, a gallery walk, dancing, creating music and viewing our great art facilities, including a ceramics room and dark room for photography. Year 7 students will have the brilliant Rob Dolman as their Year Advisor in 2025. It is an exciting milestone and Rob will be there to guide and support students as they begin their high school journey. We look forward to welcoming these students into our secondary school next year!

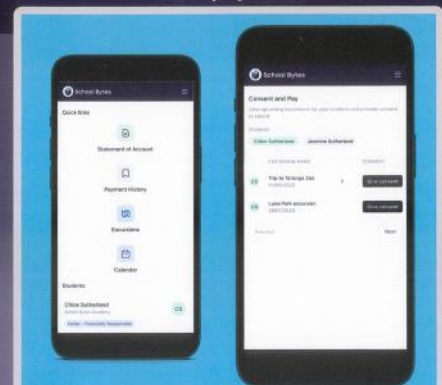
*Sara Khamkoed*





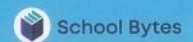


We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments



**The Parent Portal**

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Request a refund



**NOW AVAILABLE!**

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>





### TROPICAL FRUIT WORLD EXCURSION

The Stage 5 Food Technology and Agriculture classes went to Tropical Fruit World on Wednesday to explore new amazing and interesting fruits and learn about their origins and how they are farmed.

We had a very knowledgeable tour guide named Andy who showed us the different directions the crops were planted in order to manipulate their growth and fruiting to ensure an all-year round crop. Andy spoke about the different soil types and qualities, and we learnt that avocado trees are planted on mounds as they don't like wet roots.

We explored the packing shed, learning about the industrial side; how the fruits are sorted and stored and distributed and used not just for their fresh food market but in their cafe, as well as made into beauty products and garnishes.

The students went on a tractor ride, sightseeing all the different trees, learning there are over 23000 avocado trees, with many different varieties on the farm.

There was a petting zoo with chickens, sheep and goats getting lots of snacks and cuddles from the students.

A fun boat ride took us to an island with indigenous foods and recreational activities that kept everyone amused.

The tour was wrapped up with a fruit tasting and then everyone was able to explore the fruit market and cafe, indulging in a tropical infused lunch.

The students all had a great time!

*Yeleena Paolucci*









## YEAR 3-6 SPORT

This term, 3/4/5M and 5/6C are combining to engage in a variety of sporting activities for skill development, health and fitness, strength, balance, mobility and of course fun. From Week 4 we are in the MPU working on fundamental movement skills as part of our PDHPE program. Our students had so much fun, lots of laughs and happy faces could be seen. In Week 8 we will start cross country training in preparation for competition at Caniaba Week 2, Term 2.

**Jo Mackney**

**Assistant Principal 3-6 (Rel)**

**Stage 2 Classroom Teacher**



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# Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life





The school canteen is looking for volunteers. If you can spare some time to help out, it would be greatly appreciated. Even just an hour or two can make a big difference. Call Simone on 66891355 or drop in to see her.

# SINGING OR GUITAR LESSONS

There are a few time slots available for singing or guitar lessons with Val Mace. Call or text Val on 0477059613 for more information



## TRADING HOURS

**OPEN DAYS**  
10 am - 3 pm  
2nd and 3rd Wednesday of the Month

**OP SHOP DAYS**  
10 am - 3 pm  
1st and 4th Wednesday of the Month

**MARKET DAYS**  
9.30 am - 3 pm  
4th and 5th Sunday of the Month

**NIMBIN CWA BRANCH**

## COME AND TRY RUGBY

**FREE**

- SUNDAY 25TH FEB 3 PM
- SUNDAY 3RD MARCH 3 PM
- SATURDAY 9TH MARCH 11AM

LISMORE RUGBY PARK  
1 RUGBY RD LISMORE

BOYS AND GIRLS  
AGES 5-9/10-12/13-16

**MORE INFO CONTACT BEVAN 0427 404 279**

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### NIMBIN CENTRAL SCHOOL HATS

AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE

100% COTTON

\$15.65





## NIMBIN CENTRAL SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU Term 1, 2024

HOT FOODS	COST	SNACKS	COST
Garlic Bread	\$1.00	Fresh Fruit - seasonal	\$2.00
Cheesy Garlic Bread (needs to be ordered)	\$1.50	Air popped popcorn	from \$1.00
Dim Sims steamed chicken 3 for	\$4.00	Custard Cup / Yogurt cup 2 sizes	\$1.00 OR \$2.00
Hash Browns each	\$1.00	Tinned Fruit Cup Plain	\$1.00 With Custard \$1.50
Spinach & Cheese Roll HALF only	\$2.50	Chips – Sea salt/ Grain waves s/c chives/Pretzels	\$1.50
Sausage Roll	\$4.50	Pikelets x 3 with maple syrup	\$2.00
Bag of 4 Chicken Fingers or Dino Nuggets	\$2.50	<b>NEW FRESH YOGURT BERRY GRANOLA CUPS</b>	\$3.00 OR \$4.00
Stir Fried Rice VEG \$4.50 Chicken	\$5.00	(Gluten free/nut free)	LARGE
Pasta Bolognese * Meat OR Veg	\$5.00	<b>COLD MEALS</b>	
Mexi Beans & Rice *	\$5.00	Pesto Pasta Plain	\$3.00 OR with cheese \$3.50
Mac Cheese	\$5.00	With lettuce, tomato, red onion	\$5.00
Nachos Bean	\$5.00	With lettuce, tom, red onion, flame grilled chicken	\$6.50
Teriyaki Chicken or Butter Chicken n Rice	\$5.00	<b>WARM</b> versions also available by request	
		<b>GLUTEN FREE PASTA AVAILABLE BY ORDER FOR AN EXTRA</b>	
			0.50
* WANT CHEESE WITH YOUR MEAL? THEN PLEASE ADD AN EXTRA 50c TO THE PRICE *		0.50	
		<b>Basic Salad Box</b> Lettuce Tom Cuc Sprouts Red Onion	\$5.00
		With Ham OR Cheese OR Egg	\$6.50
TOASTIES		SNACK PACKS	
Just Cheese	\$3.00	½ sandwich of choice + juice popper + small custard or yogurt cup	\$5.00 EACH
Ham Cheese / Salami Cheese / Tomato Cheese	\$3.50		
Ham Cheese Tomato	\$4.00	Or switch the custard/yogurt to cup of tinned fruit	
Chicken & Cheese	\$4.50	<b>SALAD BOXES &amp; SNACK PACKS MUST BE ORDERED</b>	
½ Round Roll Toasted with Tomato Cheese / Ham Cheese	\$3.00	<b>STAFF SALADS AVAILABLE BY ORDER FROM</b>	
			\$6.00

Tomato/BBQ/Sweet Chilli Sauce 30c

Salad dressing 50c

Extra Forks/Spoons 10c

SANDWICHES	COST	DRINKS	COST
Jam OR Vegemite	\$2.00	Berri pop top juices 250ml 3 flavours	\$2.50
Cheese OR Tomato	\$3.00	100% Just Juice Poppers 5 flavours	\$2.00
Tomato & cheese OR Cheese & cucumber	\$3.50	Water 600ml	\$1.50
Ham & Cheese	\$3.50	Water 1 litre	\$2.50
Salami Cheese Lettuce OR Ham Cheese Tomato	\$4.00	Juice bomb can 8 flavours	\$2.50
Salad (lettuce, cucumber, tom, carrot, sprouts)	\$4.50	Cup of cold milo 12oz please order	\$3.00
Egg Mayo Lettuce OR Curried Egg Mayo Lettuce	\$4.50	Cup of WARM milo 12oz (winter months only)	\$3.00
Tuna Mayo Lettuce with Red Onion & Tomato	\$5.00	M2GO milk poppers Choc/S'Berry	\$2.50
Chicken Lettuce Mayo/Chicken Avo/Cheese Avo tomato	\$4.50	Nippys 500ml Iced Choc/Coffee H/S ONLY	\$4.50
Salad with Cheese	\$5.00	Nippys 375ml iced choc/coffee	\$3.50
Ham Cheese Salad OR Chicken Salad	\$5.50	(coffee is for high school only)	
ALL SANDWICHES ARE MADE ON JUMBO WHOLEMEAL BREAD FROM LOCAL BAKERY USING DAIRY FREE SPREAD		<b>FROZEN</b>	
<b>WRAPS</b>		Juice Cups (canteen made) Apple	\$1.00
Salad with Dairy Free Mayo	\$5.00	Sips 4 flavours Half/Whole	50/100
Chicken lettuce mayo	\$5.00	TNT Δ	\$1.00
Egg, lettuce n mayo/curried egg lettuce n mayo	\$5.00	Snap juice ice blocks 6 flavours Half/Whole	50/100
Flame grilled chicken with mayo, lettuce & sweet chilli sauce	\$5.50	Chocolate moosie	\$2.00
(WRAPS AVAILABLE DURING SUMMER MONTHS. BY ORDER ONLY)		Juicies 2 flavours	\$2.00
<b>BURGERS</b> CHICKEN OR BEEF		<b>CANTEEN MADE</b> custard cubes/yogurt cubes	
*Flame Grilled Chicken, lettuce & special burger sauce	\$5.50		\$1.00 EACH
*Cheeseburger - Beef patty, cheese and choice of sauce	\$5.50	<b>ICE CREAM CUPS</b> VEGAN OR DAIRY GF	\$2.00 EACH
(Please add 50c extra per ingredient if you want salad items)		(Vegan = Coconut /Dairy = Vanilla)	-----

PLEASE REMEMBER IT IS PREFERRED THAT ALL HOT FOOD ITEMS FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> BREAKS BE ORDERED