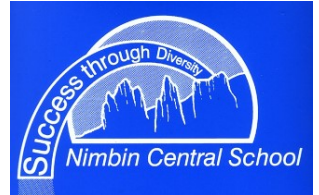


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Week 8  
 Term 4



### From the Principal

I can't believe that this is the last newsletter for the year! The year seems to have gone by quickly but we have much to celebrate and many happy memories.

Most importantly our students have enjoyed another fabulous year. They have excelled in so many fields it is impossible to list them all. These achievements have been in their academic studies, sport, music, the arts to name just a few and we are justly proud of them. There have also been many excursions, special events and other opportunities, provided by our tireless staff for students to widen their horizons and shine.

Just last week we had the opportunity to enjoy the amazing whole school musical '7 Deeds for 7 Dwarfs'. What a spectacular and a credit to the hard work and determination of all involved – especially Sian Evans, without whose passion and commitment it would never have happened. I know she already has plans for another musical for 2020!

We also had the beautiful Year 12 Formal at Beach, Byron Bay and the opportunity to celebrate the graduation and end of an important era in the lives of our young people.

Over the last few weeks the entire school staff has been involved in evaluation and planning for the coming year and setting the priorities to build upon the successes of the school so that we can improve still further. We should always seek to do better; to challenge ourselves and our students to set the highest standards and achieve our ambitious goals. And that's what we will do in 2020. We are looking at strengthening current programs and have some ideas for new and exciting initiatives.

I would like to thank the entire staff at Nimbin Central for another successful year in supporting and guiding our young people from Kindergarten to Year 12 and ensuring that we all find 'strength through diversity.'

I would also like to wish you all the very best for the summer vacation and look forward to welcoming you all back, refreshed, for what will be an exciting new academic year.



**Cath Marshall**

### IMPORTANT DATES:

**Wednesday 11th December**  
**Carols by Candlelight from 6.30pm**

**Thursday 12th December**  
**End of Year Celebration—Primary**  
**Murwillumbah Pool**

**Thursday 12th December**  
**Year 6 Graduation Dinner @**  
**Sphinx Rock Café 6.30pm**

**Friday 13th December**  
**Worlds Excursion for Secondary**

**Friday 13th December**  
**Primary SRC speeches & voting**  
**2.15pm**

**Monday 16th December**  
**Primary Final Assembly 9.30am**  
**Secondary Final Assembly 11.15**

**Tuesday 17th December**  
**Class Parties**

**Wednesday 18th December**  
**CANTEEN CLOSED**

**PLEASE SEE OVER PAGE FOR**  
**ALL RETURN TO SCHOOL DATES**  
**FOR 2020**



**Safe internet use over the holidays (and always!)****Tips for parents:**

- Be aware of how much time your child spends on the internet.
- Talk to your child about the dangers of online conversations, particularly with someone they have only ever met online.
- Explore the internet with your children and let them teach you about their favourite websites and apps.
- Keep computers and internet-enabled devices in a room that the whole family can access, not in your child's bedroom, and monitor internet access on those devices.
- Consider installing filtering and/or computer blocking software provided by your internet service provider.
- Ensure you can access your child's email and social media accounts, and check the contents randomly.
- Check your phone bill for unusual outgoing calls and consider using caller ID to identify incoming calls.
- Consult your phone company for options to ensure privacy and security.
- Enquire with your child's school, public library and places they frequent to find out what internet safety measures are in place.

**Tips for children:**

- Do not send a picture of yourself to anyone you don't know, and never place a full profile and picture anywhere on the internet.
- Never give out your personal information, including full name, home address, phone number or school, over the internet.
- Never arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone you know only online.
- Tell your parents or another adult you know of any contact that makes you feel uncomfortable.
- Think carefully before uploading or sending images or videos to people over the internet.  
**Once you press "send", it's definite and final: you can't get it back or take it down.**

Information on internet safety is available on the NSW Police website.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2020**

**Monday 27th January 2020 - PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**Tuesday 28th January 2020 - STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

**Wednesday 29th January 2020 - Years 1—6 & Years 7, 11 & 12 return**

**Thursday 30th January 2020 - Years 8, 9 & 10 return**

**Friday 31st January 2020 - Kindergarten commences**

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**From the Relieving Deputy Principal**

Hi everyone,

As I sit to write this article for the last newsletter of the year, I reflect upon all we have achieved in 2019 as a school and as part of this vibrant community.

We've seen such growth and development in our young people, watching joyously as they apply new skills they didn't even realise they'd learned! In these two weeks alone, we've had amazing things happening at Nimbin Central: we farewelled Year 12 and celebrated their immense success at the Formal; enjoyed new and positive learning experiences in secondary school following our Academic rollover; built cultural awareness and language skills with Uncle Gilbert in our Bundjalung Program; welcomed Year 7 and Kindergarten 2020 at orientation, and of course, enjoyed amazing success and achievement at our school musical "7 Deeds for 7 Dwarfs", connecting with so many wonderful members of our community. Thank you for your support.

Looking forward, we still have events to come including Primary & Secondary end of year formal assemblies, celebration days, Year 6 farewell and the release of the HSC results.

Classes continue as normal until **Wednesday 18th December**. It is important that all students come prepared for learning: books, pencils, pens, school bag and nutritious food and drink until then.

I wish everyone every happiness over the summer break and look forward to seeing our students back at school, refreshed, ready for learning on Wednesday 29th January (Years 11, 12, Year 7 and primary students), Thursday 30th January (Years 8-10), Friday 31st January–Kindergarten.

Thanks for a great year!



**Kellie Cockburn**

**FROM THE COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER**

This year has passed quickly with so much happening every week for our kids. Now is our time to celebrate with them on the big and small progresses that they have made during the year.

Everyone has made some progress in something and let us take a moment to enjoy our children and their triumphs, whatever they are.

Time together is the greatest gift. It is time that creates memories and the deep bonds.

Enjoy your holidays with them, as the time passes so quickly.

Best Wishes

Anne Bowden

**CAREERS NEWS**

**Information on the following areas is available from your Careers Adviser.**

- Any students in Year 12 in 2020 who are interested in studying Medicine at University please see Mr Chaseling ASAP.
- Any student in Year 11 or 12 who is interested in studying a Criminal Process Unit at The Gold Coast Campus of Southern Cross University over two weekends in February of next year please see Mr Chaseling ASAP.

**Mark Chaseling**



**K—6 NEWS****"Amazing" Swimming Scheme Response**

Parental and family response in supporting the Intensive Swimming Scheme this week has been amazing. Thank you for encouraging and ensuring your child is well prepared for the program.



There are countless benefits of such a program. Preparing and equipping children to be safe around water by teaching them life-saving skills, improvement in physical strength and mental health, personal discipline and development of organisational skills are just a few of the positive elements of the scheme. The behaviour and manners of the students is exemplary and as usual we receive wonderful compliments from the officials and public about their respectful responses. Everyone should be proud of them. Attending the scheme means that our students have the opportunity to be motivated and supported to acquire the skills they will need for a lifetime of enjoyable aquatic activity.

**"Lights, Camera, Action"**

Thank you to the students, staff, support persons for your hard work, non-stop practice and great musical skills to help make our combined School Musical a success. A lot of behind the scenes planning took place and to see how it came together was wonderful. The night was a great opportunity for students to showcase their performing skills and they were amazing.

**Year 6 Graduation Dinner Sphinx Rock Cafe Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Our Graduation for Year 6, Class of 2019 will be held at Sphinx Rock Café on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec commencing at 6.30pm. It is a wonderful opportunity to recognise the achievements that they have made throughout the discourse of their schooling, recollect on some great memories and to congratulate them on being great ambassadors for our school. Payment & menu orders need to be placed in at the office as soon as possible.

**End of Year Final Assembly Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Commencing 9:30am in MPU Hall. Parents/ Carers, Family and Friends are invited to attend. Presentation of Awards and Certificates will be presented to recognise the student's achievements throughout the year.

**Class Parties Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Each class will be conducting their end of year celebration parties commencing at 12:00pm. We ask that students bring a plate of food to contribute. It is preferred that healthy food be the option rather than sweets. Remember! You don't want them coming home charged up on too many sweets.

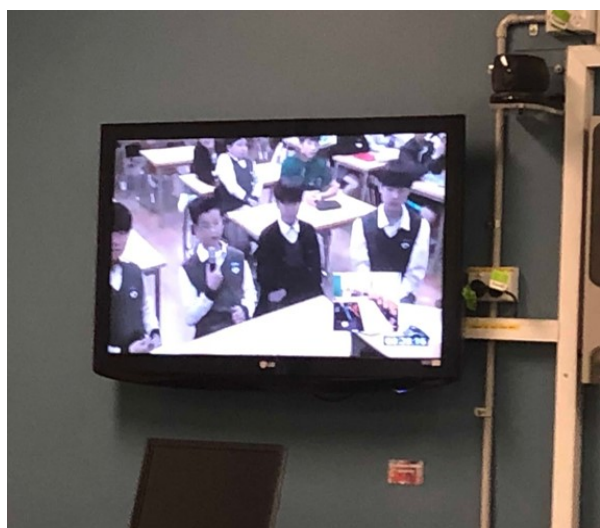
**Last Day of School Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - General classroom clean-up. CANTEEN CLOSED**

As always if you have any concerns about your child's education please talk to us so that we can make your child's schooling a happy and positive learning experience. Thank you for your support.

*Di, Toni & the Primary Staff*

## Year 8 Geography – South Korea Video Conference

Since September, Year 8 Geography students have engaged in video conference lessons with students in South Korea as a part of their studies in Interconnection, specifically between people in different geographical areas.



Students shared information about key landmarks, typical activities engaged in by teenagers and different cultural celebrations. Our students were particularly interested in the Korean musical genre 'K-Pop' and in the day-to-day routines of Korean students which were largely similar to their own: listening to music, playing sport (mostly soccer) and sharing meals with friends.

The program culminated in the sharing of culture boxes: boxes containing cultural items of significance. We were most happy to receive Korean snacks, some traditional clothes and a traditional Korean mask.

The students were mature, respectful and open-minded with their Korean counterparts. Overall, this was a hugely authentic and valuable program and one which we hope to repeat with future classes.

Thanks to the University of New England and Mr. Phil Shaw for facilitating the sessions.

Kudos to 8GEO1 for their eager participation.



**Corey Wheeler**

## PRESTIGIOUS AWARD



Recently Nimbin Central School student, Izabella Demkin-French, received a prestigious Deputy Vice Chancellor's Academic Excellence Award from Southern Cross University.

The Award entitles Izabella to various benefits including a campus tour, the opportunity to enter the University Head Start Program and direct liaison with the Student Recruitment Team.

The Award was presented to Izabella by Professor Tyrone Carlin, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), at the recent Awards Ceremony at Southern Cross University.



**P & C NEWS**

We would appreciate your donations of cakes/slices for the following event:

♦ **Carols by Candlelight at Nimbin Central on Wednesday 11th December**

For catering purposes, if you will be providing cakes/slices etc for this event please email:

Shizuka Oki at [shilucky7525@gmail.com](mailto:shilucky7525@gmail.com)

**The P & C would also be very appreciative if any parents would be able to assist with serving food and drinks at this event.**

**MORE FROM THE P&C**

The P&C has had a busy year organising many in-school events & contributing funding to students and the school. Below is an overview of our successes!

- Purchase of hats for Kindergarten students
- Contribution of \$300 towards paint for murals on school grounds
- Purchase of twenty ukuleles at a cost of \$1200
- Fundraising through organisation of Mother's and Father's Day stalls
- Catering for Bahzooley
- All profits from the school musical going towards the Solar Panel initiative
- Sales of organic cotton school shirts
- Grants obtained for the purchase of rainforest plants & also a small equipment grant
- Participation in the P & C Forum for parents
- Organising & running the Tamaire game at Primary Sports Day
- Student support to participate in the 'Young Endeavour' sailing program
- Student support to attend the Premier's Spelling Bee State Championships
- Student support to participate at the State PSSA Athletics Championships
- \$5000 grant to the Canteen
- Donation of LED candles for both the school musical and Carols by Candlelight
- Catering for Carols by Candlelight
- Bunnings BBQ in December '18 & another organised for February 16th, 2020

Our major fundraising goal this year was raising funds for the installation of solar panels to make our school a cleaner, greener place of learning!

I would like to thank all our P&C members for all their ideas and hard work which enabled us to achieve the outstanding results you see above.

A special thanks also to Cath Marshall for all her support and encouragement.

On behalf of the P&C I would like to wish all students, parents & staff a safe and happy break and we look forward to working with you in 2020!

**NEXT P&C MEETING ON TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2-3PM**

**Shizuka Oki**

**Primary Polo School Shirt**

**Sizes 4-16 \$19.25**

**Secondary Polo School Shirt**

**Sizes 10-18 \$22.00**

**Senior Secondary Polo School Shirt**

**Sizes 10-18 \$22.00**

**Organic Cotton Polo Shirt sold at canteen on Friday mornings by P&C \$24.00 (S) \$29 (L)**

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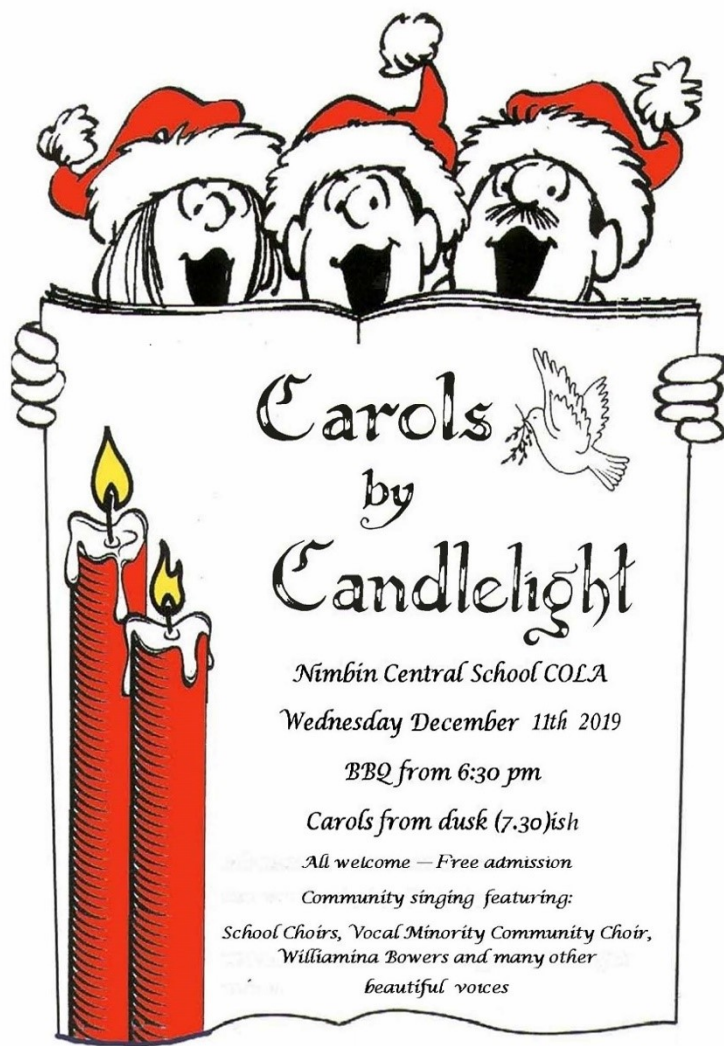












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