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Week 3 Term 1 - 2024



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hello and welcome to our 2024 school year.

Meet and Greet BBQ

Thank you to all the families that came out on the rainy morning to have breakfast with us. I really enjoyed meeting with the parents and carers of our students. Connections matter- it is strong ties with family, friends and the community that provide us with happiness, security, support, and a sense of purpose. We look forward to working with you this year.

Athletics Upgrade

We have made a few improvements to our athletics facilities at the school. There is now a long jump pit, discus throw circle and shot-put circle. We look forward to these being used by our school community.

Swimming Carnival

Thank you to staff for the organisation of the Secondary Swimming Carnival and for the Primary representation at the Terania Swimming Carnival. Lots of great photos and stories of two fantastic school days. To the students who attended the carnivals, well done and it certainly looked like you had a fun day.

Student Leadership

The student leadership team met for the first time with lots of great ideas for how to make Nimbin Central School a great place. I look forward to the development of a calendar of events that will compliment the learning in the classroom.

New Staff

We welcome Rhea to Nimbin Central School. She is joining us as our school Psychologist on a Monday and a Wednesday. Emily Jett is job sharing with Anthony Neenan this year teaching Science and Agriculture. Emily has worked with us before, and it is good to have her on our 2024 team. Baden Minas has been appointed permanently to the school administration team. Our staffing for 2024 will be tabled at the next meeting of the P&C to allow our parents to ask questions. Recruitment for the Principal role at Nimbin should conclude in the coming weeks with the formal appointment scheduled for Term 2, 2024.

Office Changes

We have had a little shuffle of office spaces and roles this year. Our Library will be the media hub of the school, with Sara and Julie operating the Socials, Newsletters, Website, and messages home. Our sick bay is near the main office for ease of access when leaving the school. Our main office has three people working in it to share the workload created in a small but very busy school.

Sally-Ann Thompson

FROM THE DEPUTY

Jingela,

Welcome back to the 2024 school year.

Once again we are excited by the year ahead and continuing our commitment to innovation and engagement.

We have some exciting things happening Term 1, driven mostly by our student body and young leaders in the school.

We plan to reinvigorate our student management and behaviour policies which will now be called Foundations For Success. As part of this the rewards system will be improved to ensure our focus is on rewarding outstanding behaviour and achievement rather than our system just recording negative incidents.

On top of the behaviour/ learning rewards, our attendance team will announce Attendance Awards soon. These will be for students who attend school on a regular basis. Data shows that strong school attendance supports greater academic success, personal wellbeing and increases their career life options.

Last year we started these innovations by introducing a whole school three house system. People may remember we use to have two houses in Primary- Green and Gold and four houses in Secondary- Red/Blue/ Yellow and Green or Guramen/Julum/ Miwan and Yambah. As we have furthered the idea of becoming one school, a Central School, rather than a primary and secondary school, we have merged the whole school into three houses based on the student surname. YUMBAH AH (Snake) Green/ MIWAN I- Pq (Eagle) yellow and GURUMEN Pr- Z (Kangaroo) Red.

Students can contribute to house points in the classroom/ playground/ sports/ citizenship and lots of other ways. At the end of every term the winning house will have a reward- decided by the student body.

We are really excited to get a rewarding system going that encourages participation/ effort and excellence for all. We have amazing learners that do incredible things.

We are continuing our engagement with the 4C Organisation, although scaled back in 2024, as we focus on embedding collaboration/ communication/ critical reflection and creativity in all aspects of our school. We have a dozen staff trained and hope to see that enthusiasm spread through to all our learners. For those still not familiar or for our new families <https://www.4ctransformativelearning.org/>

Thanks to all the families that came to the Meet The Teacher event last week- it was great to see some familiar faces and some new families to our learning community. The breakfast available was sensational and the company even better. We have lots of other great stuff going on- the garden out the front, which has hit the usual planning holdups, student leadership, amazing learning/ sporting and creative opportunities.

What a year 2024 will be. We had the secondary swimming carnival this week and students presenting some artwork to the doctors' surgery.

Simon Graham

MEET THE TEACHERS BREAKFAST 2024



Nimbin Central School

Term 1, 2024

Key Dates

Thursday 22 Feb	Uni Roadshow 9.00 am—12 pm
Monday 26 Feb	Yr 7 & Yr 10 Vaccinations
Tuesday 27 Feb	Yr 6 into 7 Open Night Secondary Zone Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 28 Feb	Stage 5 Food Tech & Ag Excursion to Tropical Fruit World
Wednesday 6 Mar	School Photos Stage 6 Parent Teacher Interviews 4.30 pm—6.00 pm K-6 and Yr 7 Parent Teacher Interviews 4.30 pm—6.00 pm
Friday 8 Mar	Sydney University Visit
Wednesday 13 Mar - Monday 25 Mar	NAPLAN
Thursday 14 Mar	Pi Day
Thursday 21 Mar	Harmony Day
Thursday 28 Mar	Primary Easter Hat Parade
Friday 29 Mar	Good Friday
Monday 1 Apr	Easter Monday
Friday 5 Apr	Secondary Cross Country at Ballina
Friday 12 Apr	Last day of Term 1

NIMBIN CENTRAL SCHOOL IS NOW ON FACEBOOK. PLEASE FIND US AND LIKE US:
www.facebook.com/nimbincentralschool



PRIMARY NEWS

Kindergarten have had an incredible start to their learning journey at school. Years 1 and 2 have supported them inside and outside of the classroom to make new friends, share their ideas and feel safe and confident in their new environment.

In our K-2 Math Unit, we have been exploring representing whole number using varying materials, shape characteristics and social math games when ordering numbers.

For our first K-2 English Unit, we explored how the students get ready for school. The Wild Guide to Starting School by Laura Bunting is our supporting text. We discussed how we all felt on our first day with many students relaxing after they had shared feelings amongst the group.

Our Kindergarten phonics program is Initial Lit. The program starts with learning about syllables and rhyme. Years 1 and 2 phonics program is Soundwaves. The program is supported by multimedia explicit lessons combined with focus words to support new sounds and literacy skills.

Our K-2 class have made their own set of expectations for each other and are thriving in the ownership and helpful roles they have created for their classroom.

We do have a change to the K/1 timetable. K/1 Library lesson with Miss Sara is now on Friday afternoons. Reading books with your child is a great way to support their developing literacy skills and love of learning.

If your child has a lunch order, please provide fruit / snack for the morning 1st break. Primary students do not have access to the canteen at this time. Our typical daily routine is:

K-6 Primary morning muster

1st session: Phonics program / literacy

2nd session: English lesson

3rd session: Math lesson

4th session alternates between: Choir / Rock and Water / Science / Library / Sport / Creative arts.

We are looking forward to the term ahead and to working closely with you throughout the year.

Heather Jessup

K/1 Classroom Teacher

K/2



NIMBIN CENTRAL SCHOOL

- Fostering a love of learning
- Achieving academic success through diversity
- Promoting active citizenship in a safe, sustainable and caring environment



2025 YEAR 7

Parents and Caregivers of 2025 Year 7 Students

You are cordially invited to a Year 7 information afternoon which will be held on

Tuesday 27th February 2024

3.30 pm – 5:00 pm

Students and their carers should proceed to the school's Library, where we will provide information, answer questions and introduce our great teachers before embarking on a tour of the school, showcasing our speciality learning spaces.

The tour will culminate with a light afternoon tea where any further questions will be answered.

Please RSVP to the school office by Friday 23rd February on 66891355 and let us know whether you and your son/daughter are able to attend.

Sally-Ann Thompson
Relieving Principal

Mr Robert Dolman
2025 Year 7 Advisor

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SCHOOL UNIFORM

The Nimbin Central School uniform consists of a school shirt, black or dark blue bottoms (pants, shorts, skirt) and enclosed non-slip shoes. A school uniform promotes a sense of belonging for students and creates a positive identity for the school community. This also contributes to the personal safety of students, allowing easier recognition of students inside the school, within the community and when travelling to and from school. Our school dress code also satisfies Workplace Health and Safety priorities and enables students to participate fully in practical learning activities and sports.

As a Sun Smart school, we also encourage students to also wear a hat when outdoors and apply sunscreen as needed throughout the day. Primary school enforces a "no hat, no play" policy.

Our "new" Nimbin Central School shirt was released in 2023. The design was created by Uncle Gilbert Laurie. Built upon a "Nimbin blue" background, our beautiful and unique shirt incorporates the three valleys of Nimbin; Tuntable, Crofton and Sam's Gully, features a rainbow to celebrate the diversity of our "Rainbow Region" and shows Nimbin Rocks, which are such a unique feature of our school's landscape.

There is one shirt design for all students, from Kindergarten to Year 12. Please also note that, due to the recent change, students may wear any of the former Nimbin School shirt designs.

We are proud of our school and we'd love to see all students wearing our school uniform in 2024.

Kellie Cockburn



NCS Newsletter Team

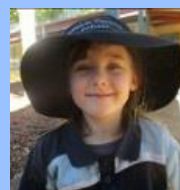
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NIMBIN CENTRAL SCHOOL HATS



AVAILABLE AT THE
OFFICE
100% COTTON

\$15.65

SECONDARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2024

On Valentine's Day, Nimbin Central Schools' 2024 Secondary Swimming Carnival was held at Kyogle Pool. Students from Years 7-12 turned up to compete and support each other to swim. Yumbah (Snake) House received the most points on the day, but the competition was very close and all students represented the school proudly.

Newly-elected Guramen (Kangaroo) House Captain Jasmia Shahin made this report of the event:

The Swimming Carnival was a huge success, with around a third of the High School in attendance, which is so amazing!

It's so great to see fellow students get excited about school sporting events and representing their house colours.

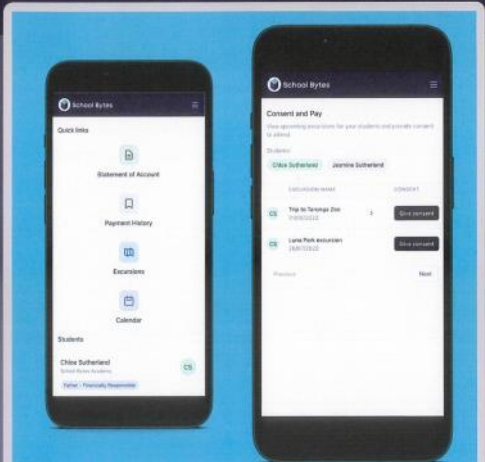
Seeing everyone dressed up in fun colourful clothes, getting competitive and chanting along was amazing to watch and participate in. Watching everyone support their house teams and giving each other confidence boosts was a heartwarming experience.

Even if you were not participating in swimming you were still a part of the house team spirit and made a difference to the day.

So, thank you all so much for showing up, having fun and representing your house.

Written by Jasmia Shahin, Year 11

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>



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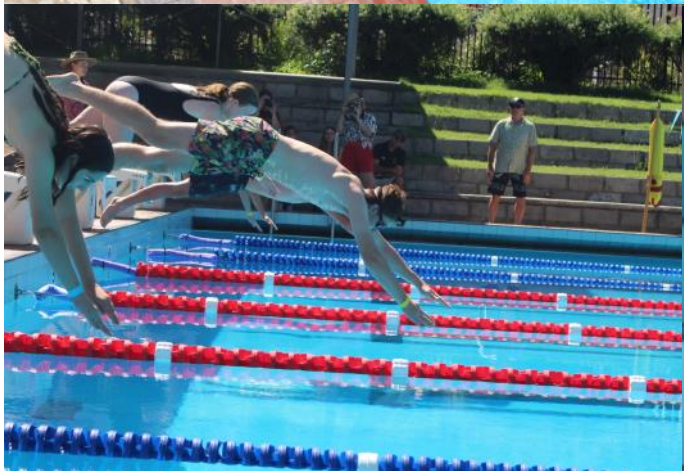
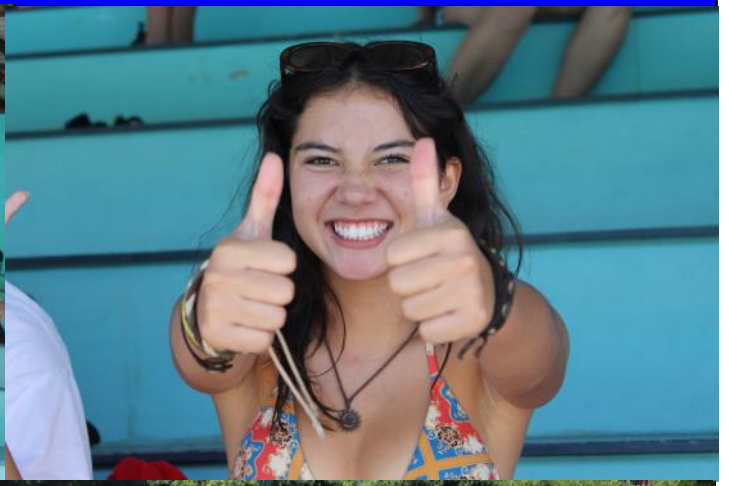


1. Clothing
2. Hat
3. Sunscreen
4. Sunnies
5. Go Outside

By Caoimhe

SECONDARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2024





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19 February 2024

Student Attendance

Dear Parents and Carers

It's been great to have our students back in classrooms and settling into the school year. I know all our teachers are looking forward to a successful 2024 and are excited to work with you to make this a memorable year for your child.

The evidence is clear that consistent attendance is the essential first step for your child to have a positive experience at school.

Every day matters for your child's learning. In recent years we've seen too many students miss a day of school here and there. Missing school for students means missing assignments, time with friends, an important maths lesson or getting picked for a sports team. With days missed, years are lost.

Students are required to attend school every day, whether it's the first or last day of the term, Mondays, Fridays or days dedicated to sports carnivals, school excursions and incursions.

Help us make sure your child is achieving their best and stays ahead in their learning with regular school attendance. The more time your child attends school, the greater their opportunity to learn, make new friends and improve their wellbeing. Together, let's build positive attendance habits for a lifetime.

If your child is absent from school, please let us know why as soon as possible, even if it's just a few minutes at the start or end of the school day. Of course, there will be times when your child is unable to be at school (like when they are unwell). Medical appointments should take place outside school hours where possible and family holidays should be taken in term breaks.

If your child is feeling anxious about coming to school and you need support, please reach out to your child's teacher or me directly. Our staff are here to work with you and your child to help them attend school each and every day. There are also helpful resources for parents and carers on the [Every Day Matters website](#).

Thank you again for working with our teachers and support staff to make sure your child is at school, on time, every day. We all want to see our students learn, grow and belong in our equitable and outstanding education system.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sally Thompson", written over a horizontal line.

Sally Thompson

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LIBRARY NEWS

Happy Lunar New Year! We have been celebrating the Year of the Dragon in the Library.

Please remember to return library books on your library day:

- Monday—Class 5-6 (Ms Cabale)
- Tuesday—Class 3-5 (Ms Mackney)
- Wednesday—Class 2 (Ms Mia)
- Friday—Kindy-1 (Ms Jessup)

Sara Khamkoed



Thank you to Chaya, Anthony, Cohen, Neo and Chantz for the donation of a beautiful new BBQ for cooking vegan food at school events and fundraisers. We love it!

We need your help!
 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.



Breakfast Club

Hello my name is Marc and I've been doing Breakfast Club at Nimbin Central for many years now. I am very thankful for the support from local businesses: Nimbin Bakery for bread, the Emporium for Nutlex, the Hemp Embassy for hemp seed for smoothies and donating money for organic fruit and veges for juice from Nimbin Organics. Also Food Bank for their amazing contributions and the Garden Club for their donation.

On behalf of our students at Nimbin Central School

WE THANK YOU!!!

Marc Le Bars

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

Sun Safety Posters

SUN SAFETY

- Australia, since 1960-80 has had the highest skin cancer levels in the world. In the 1900s, at the end of the industrial everyone had started using Aircon and Fridges. The chemicals that they used interacted with the Ozone layer in the atmosphere, thinning it.
- When you go outside on a sunny day remember to wear suitable clothes; for example long and short sleeved shirts and hats
- Remember to wear sunglasses as well to protect your eyes from the increased UV.
- And don't forget sunscreen. Apply it to your cheeks, your nose, your forehead, your arms, legs, neck, and any other exposed skin.

Try not to go out in the sun in the middle of the day

HOW TO BE SUN SAFE

Wear a hat Wear protective clothing / or swimmers

Use sunscreen Wear sunglasses Drink water

TREAT SUNBURN WITH:

- Aloe Vera
- Anti-inflammatory
- Moisturize
- Wearing Loose Clothing
- Cold baths
- DRINK LOTS OF WATER

SLIP
SLOP
SLAP

SUN SAFETY

Be Like Joe
Joe wears a hat, sunglasses and puts on sunscreen when it is a hot sunny day to protect himself from UV RAYS.

Don't Stay in the Sun too long.

Stay hydrated!

Don't Burn!

Don't always stay hydrated

Items To Wear: Long-Sleeved clothes, Sunglasses, Hat, Pants, Swimsuit

HAHA L

i'm so sunburnt

SUN SAFETY

SLIP SLOP SLAP

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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	NEW FRESH YOGURT BERRY GRANOLA CUPS	\$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	COLD MEALS		
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	WARM versions also available by request		
			GLUTEN FREE PASTA AVAILABLE BY ORDER FOR AN EXTRA		
					0.50
* WANT CHEESE WITH YOUR MEAL? THEN PLEASE ADD AN EXTRA 50c TO THE PRICE *		0.50	Basic Salad Box 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		\$5.00
Ham Cheese / Salami Cheese / Tomato Cheese		\$3.50	custard or yogurt cup		EACH
Ham Cheese Tomato		\$4.00	Or switch the custard/yogurt to cup of tinned fruit		
Chicken & Cheese		\$4.50	SALAD BOXES & SNACK PACKS MUST BE ORDERED		
½ Round Roll Toasted with Tomato Cheese / Ham Cheese		\$3.00	STAFF SALADS AVAILABLE BY ORDER FROM		
					\$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			FROZEN		
WRAPS			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
BURGERS CHICKEN OR BEEF			CANTEEN MADE custard cubes/yogurt cubes		
*Flame Grilled Chicken, lettuce & special burger sauce		\$5.50	EACH		
*Cheeseburger - Beef patty, cheese and choice of sauce		\$5.50	ICE CREAM CUPS VEGAN OR DAIRY GF		
			(Vegan = Coconut /Dairy = Vanilla)		
			EACH		
(Please add 50c extra per ingredient if you want salad items)			-----		

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