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Week 2
 Term 4



Relieving Principal's News

Now is the moment where we all share disbelief that we have only 8 weeks ahead of us to reach the end of the 2018 school year.

So much has been achieved, so much has to be done, and there is not much time left. Term 4 is always busy, exhausting and exciting as the year draws to a close.

Firstly, a big thank you all our secondary school teachers who have worked so hard to prepare our HSC students this year. The exams have started and students appear well prepared and happy with the papers so far. I wish them all the best in this important part of their educational journey. It is an important milestone – one which so many of us remember from our own school days.

Also, a big thank you to Sian Evans and all the staff involved in the wonderful Wellbeing Day last Friday. It was a great day with a range of activities to engage the students and to get them thinking about themselves, their relationships and their future and to share a delicious lunch prepared by Felicity Wooltorton and her team. These special days are important to the development of the whole student and are one of the things that make our school so special.

The new term will provide inevitable tests and challenges but in all we do, we look to keep students at the centre – committed to their improvement and their successful futures.

Cath Marshall

Next P&C Meeting
Tuesday 30th October
2.00 pm
All welcome!!!!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Thursday 1st November

Kindy Orientation 9.30—11.15 am

Thursday 8th November

Kindy Orientation 9.30—11.15 am

Thursday 15th November

Kindy Orientation 9.30—11.15 am
 Bahzooley

Friday 16th November

AIME 7-11

HELP!!!

Could we please have some volunteers to help with food for Bahzooley. Simone can not do this alone and without help we will not be able to cater for the event.

Bahzooley is on Thursday November 15th and main meal dishes need to be prepared in advance. Health regulations insist that these dishes are prepared at the canteen.

Contact Simone at the canteen ASAP on 66891 355 to offer help.

Thank you
 Val Mace



From the Relieving Deputy Principal

Hi everyone! Term 4 is well underway now it's all systems go at Nimbin Central. The HSC students are in the process of sitting their end of year exams and the year 8s, 9s and 10s have been making their subject selections for the new timetable, which kicks off week 6 this term.

Last Friday the whole school participated in Wellbeing Day activities. It was wonderful to see students of all ages working together in the wide variety of workshops organised. It was great for everyone to spend some time just being mindful and remembering to look after themselves and each other. Yoga, judo, motivational movies and mindfulness sessions were just some of the activities the students participated in.

Recently a number of students have been using their mobile phones to contact their home during the school day asking to be picked up because they are not feeling well. Can I please ask parents and carers to discourage students from doing this? The school procedure for when a student becomes ill during the day is for them to report to the office who will then contact home if necessary to ask for the student to be collected. Your assistance with this would be much appreciated.

Andrew Grimshaw

WELCOME MR WHEELER

Greetings parents, carers and community!

My name is Mr. Corey Wheeler and I will be relieving this Term at Nimbin Central as Head Teacher of English, Drama and HSIE. I am on leave from my position at Richmond River High Campus, where I have been teaching English for the past 3 years. Prior to that I spent 5 years teaching in Griffith, NSW, where I cut my teeth as a Drama teacher.

If you have any questions or queries about your child's studies in any of these subject areas, please don't hesitate to ring me or pop in for a chat. This is especially important for parents and carers of Year 11/12 students who will be undertaking Stage 6 English from Week 6 – a demanding prospect under our Compressed Curriculum model.

In my time here I will also be looking after our Distance Education enrolments for Years 11 and 12, our AIME program, and our End of Year Celebrations Day. Notes for the end of year AIME celebration day and our Celebration excursion to the Gold Coast theme-parks will be out shortly. Please remind your child to get them signed and returned as soon as possible.

I've had a great start to my Term – I'm overwhelmed with the friendliness of the students and staff, and the great sense of community here at the school. It truly is a great place to come to work every day!

Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, or just to say hello!

Corey



K-6 NEWS

It's good to see so many smiling faces back at school, after what may have been a pretty damp holiday for many of you. We are back in full swing and the calendar is filling quickly.

FRED HOLLOWES FOUNDATION YOUTH AMBASSADOR 2018

I had the pleasure of being in Sydney on Monday when Year 6 student and SRC member, Jett Martin, was awarded the Fred Hollows Foundation Youth Ambassador for 2018.

Jett was among 50 students from around the State, who along with their parents and teachers attended the award ceremony at Parliament House where Gabi Hollows OA and Minister for Education, Rob Stokes, announced the winners.

Jett was nominated for his work in coordinating a walkathon, which raised over \$1200 to help build a water pump and support the local village of their Kenyan pen pals.

The students nominated for the award had all sought to help improve the lives of others and Gabi acknowledged that Jett's accomplishment embodied Fred Hollows ideologies of compassion, empathy, commitment, and the belief that he can make a difference. Well done to Jett, Nimbin Central is extremely proud of you.



PSSA STATE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP

Super siblings, Daniel and Mikayla Frey, will be in Sydney on the 29th October to compete in the PSSA State Athletics Championship at Homebush Stadium. Mikayla will be running in the 100m, 200m, and 800m events and Daniel will be competing in the 11yr shotput and 11yr discuss. Both students train very hard and we know they will do their best against the State's best. Good luck.

STATE SPELLING COMPETITION

Also off to Sydney to compete at the Sydney Opera House is Kaara Stephens-Smith. Kaara won selection to represent the North Coast in the State Spelling Competition, which will be held on the 2nd of November. We look forward to seeing the televised coverage of the event, and if practice leads to success, we know that Kaara will do very well.

UNI BOUND PROGRAM

Year 6 students have been invited to Southern Cross Uni on the 31st October to participate in the Uni Bound Program. This program is designed to encourage students to consider their pathways beyond School and give them a taste of Uni life and opportunities.

COFFS COAST EXCURSION

A reminder to parents of students in Years 5 and 6, that the final payments for the Coffs Coast excursion are due by week 5. Remember that payments can be made by instalments and you can contact the front office to find out the balance owing. If you have any questions regarding the excursion please don't hesitate to contact Mr Everingham.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM

In week 7, all primary students will travel to Kyogle daily to participate in the Intensive Swimming Program. Keep an eye out for the notes which will be coming home soon.

WELLBEING DAY

I'd like to thank all the teachers involved, and particularly Sian Evans for coordinating the Wellbeing day events last Friday. It was a huge success and everyone had a great day.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

If you or anyone you know has a child starting school in 2019 please note our orientation dates on our flyer on the next page of this newsletter.

Well once again that is about all for this week so until next issue, stay happy and healthy.

Marc and the Primary Staff

YEAR 12 FINAL ASSEMBLY



NIMBIN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BAHZOOLEY 2018
 THURSDAY NOVEMBER 15TH
MPU

DELICIOUS FOOD FROM 5.30PM
 SHOW STARTS 6.30PM

ADULTS \$5.00
 SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN \$2.00
 PERFORMERS FREE



Nimbin Central School
 Kindergarten Orientation

Will your child start school in 2019?

Come and join us



Our proud school offers personalised learning for your child in a safe and supportive environment

Kindy Orientation Dates are:

- Thursday 1st November 9:30 to 11:15
- Thursday 8th November 9:30 to 11:15
- Thursday 15th November 9:30 to 11:15
- Thursday 22nd November 9:30 to 11:15 with a Teddy Bear's Picnic and information for parents.

Come along with your child on these days to get to know the teachers and other children

Contact our school: Phone: 02 66891355 or Email: nimbin-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Val Scarrabelotti and Gail Pierce, Classroom Teachers

Cath Marshall Relieving Principal

CLEAN UP NIMBIN DAY

On Friday 28th September Nimbin Central School students took part in the Inaugural Clean Up Nimbin Day.

The community cheered on students as they took pride in our local environment.

Thanks to Uri from Nimbin Lifestyle Real Estate for organising this excellent event for Nimbin.





WELLBEING DAY



NCS Newsletter Team
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Christine Riley





BYRON CIRCUS SKILLS EXCURSION

PARENTS AND TEENS
relationships and mental health

Do you have a teenager between 11 and 17 years old?
Help us understand how family relationships influence teen mental health



Complete a brief anonymous survey online at:
<https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentingteens/project/mentalhealth>



Chance to WIN \$100 gift voucher



Futsal is coming to Nimbin!



What? Futsal is an indoor game based on soccer. It's what squash is to tennis – highly kinetic, intense, an excellent out-of-season skill builder but mostly awesome fun

When? Sessions will be run Thursday afternoons (school term)

Where? at Nimbin Central School

How do I get involved? Sign up is Thursday 1st of November 3:30 Nimbin Central School Hall

Please bring: running/tennis shoes (non marking), black shorts, t-shirt, \$20 for the season to cover insurance.

Contacts: Torsten 0429 082 232

FROM THE COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER**Next P&C Meeting Invitation**

Everyone is invited to our next P&C meeting on Tuesday 30th October at 2pm.

Every person is important to the success of our support for the school.

We have a very busy time coming up with some big fundraising possibilities which will require extra help from you where possible.

Every cent we raise goes back into the school to support the education of all students.



Already this year we have contributed financially to a variety of programs that the school is able to run well with our help.

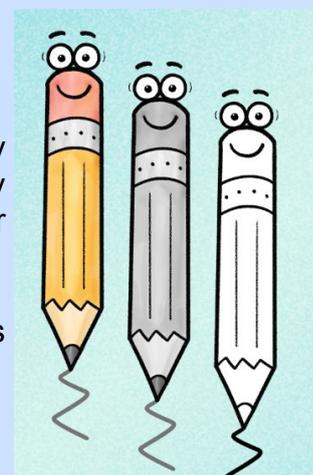
Please give us your support where you can.
Thank you.

New School Year

Our new senior students begin their new school year in three weeks. They will begin work on their new subjects and as such will have new stationary requirements. Please do your best to see that they start the new year in their best possible way with pens, pencils and books as asked for by teachers.

When students have all the right gear to start the day then the day is less stressful for everyone.

Thanks again.



Anne Bowden

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR
STAGE 5 & 6 STUDENTS**

Stage 5 elective selections and Stage 6 course selections for the 2018-2019 academic year are now available online.

Students can access the selections via their student emails. Once the decision is made, students will need to print the form and have it signed by their parent or caregiver.

Online selections will close at the end of Week 3; November 2nd 2018.

Please note that current Stage 6 students sitting the HSC will not be penalised in selections due to their absence from school.

Kellie Cockburn

CAREERS NEWS

Information on the following areas is available from your Careers Adviser:

- Any student interested in studying medicine or a related health area see Mr Chaseling for UMAT information.
- There is currently a school based traineeship being advertised at Reece Plumbing Lismore. Any interested student see Mr Chaseling for more information.

Mr Chaseling

LIBRARY NEWS

Mystery plague hits Nimbin Central School: the great pen crisis of 2018. Please check if your student/s have enough stationary, pens and pencils to take to school. Our supplies are exhausted and students often don't return the equipment they borrow. A new stationary list will be issued to students for the new subjects they start in Week 6 this term.

Project Based Learning: 'Creativity is intelligence having fun' (Einstein quote)

Yr 7 & 8 students joined together for 3 weeks to trial an innovative Project Based Learning program of 'hands-on' design-thinking. 'The Force Awakens' unit combined Mathematics and Physics skills to assist students to design a craft. Students conducted a number of research experiments using forces for propulsion before prototyping their own land, air or water based craft.

Project Based Learning will be an aspect of learning programs in Yr 7 & 8 classes in 2019. A second unit called 'The Pitch' will be trialled for 3 weeks this term, utilising and expanding English and ICT skills. Already students are learning to work together more effectively, gain independence as learners and to use design principles for divergent and creative problem solving.... Exciting times ahead!

Mazz Webb



21st Century Skills
Communication
Collaboration
Critical thinking
Creativity



The Pitch
Project Based Learning
2018

Driving question: How do we raise awareness about the prevalence of media influence in our lives?

Outcomes

Drama

- 4.1.4 explores a range of ways to structure dramatic work in collaboration with others.
- 4.2.1 uses performance skills to communicate dramatic meaning
- 4.3.2 recognises the function of drama and theatre in reflecting social and cultural aspects of human experience

English

- EN4-4B makes effective language choices to creatively shape meaning with accuracy, clarity and coherence
- EN4-2A effectively uses a widening range of processes, skills, strategies and knowledge for responding to and composing texts in different media and technologies
- EN4-5C thinks imaginatively, creatively, interpretively and critically about information, ideas and arguments to respond to and compose texts

IMPORTANT CYBERSAFETY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Cybersafety sessions are often structured around how we can help children, and what a child should not be doing on social media.

This, however, is about parents.

When you comment on a public post, you are often engaging with complete strangers. Depending on the discussion you are entering into you may encounter people you wouldn't invite into your home, or talk to at a party. You certainly wouldn't tell these people when and where you went on holiday, how old your children are, their names, where they go to school, where you work, the area you live and what kind of stuff you own?

You would be cautious in real life, so why not online?

Risks to your children

Further to this, when you comment on your schools Facebook or Instagram page – you are publicly stating you have an association with the school. That means you could have a child there. Depending on the nature of the post you respond to you may confirm this fact. Should someone click on your name, what sort of profile will they find? Have you just revealed too much about your family?

Parents, most of the security on your accounts is not as strong as it should be.

Think about what can happen when you geotag a photo of your child into their school and then have a public Instagram or Facebook account. We see this a lot during school awards ceremonies, the first day of school and at other special events.

Think about this scenario. Someone who doesn't have a child's best interests at heart happens to be driving past the school, they pull over and search the name of the school and see photos of your child that you have geotagged to the school. They click on your name and go straight to your account because your Instagram is not set to private or your Facebook isn't as private as it could be. Then, that stranger could understand everything about your life and therefore be very convincing to your child if they see them walk out of the school and say to them "Mum told me to pick you up" think about it if your child says how do you know my Mum? They could answer with a whole lot of information about your life based on what you are posting. Right down to where you last went on holidays and the name of the dog.

Also, please be aware when you are taking photos at your child's school and posting them there may be kids in protective custody in the background of the image, and you could unwillingly put them at risk. Also if you take photos of your child with their friends always make sure you have permission from the parents of the other children before you post pictures of their kids online.

We all ask our kids to keep their accounts set to private...time to lead by example.

Primary Polo School Shirt

Sizes 4-16 \$18.30

Secondary Polo School Shirt

Sizes 10-18 \$22.00

Senior Secondary Polo School Shirt

Sizes 10-18 \$22.00

**NIMBIN CENTRAL SCHOOL HATS
AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE.**

100% COTTON

\$11.00

