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Week 2 Term 4



From the Principal

With the start of Term 4 and all that it brings, the end of last term seems a long time ago. However, the Year 12 Formal Farewell Assembly on the last Thursday of term was a highlight. It is always a pleasure to see a group of young people, many of whom I have known for at least six years (and in some cases thirteen!) graduate and this year's cohort was no exception to this.

The range of skills, interests and personalities amongst them was recognised in the speeches from all the Year group representatives. These were all heart-felt and not without a few tears. It was also a pleasure to share this event with so many parents, friends and community members, recognising that they play a huge part in supporting these young people to this point, along with the school.

We now wish these students all the very best with their HSC exams and I look forward to seeing them all again and saying goodbye in a less formal manner at the Year 12 Formal on 21st November.

This week has seen the school complete its submission to the Department for the External Validation process. This process, which involves presenting evidence of the school's programs, initiatives, results and plans for the future to a panel of visiting Principals, is a massive endeavour that happens every five years and is an important part of the school planning process.

I am very proud of our submission which highlights the wonderful array of teaching and learning, wellbeing, community, aboriginal and transition programs we have in the school at present.

I would like to acknowledge the huge amount of commitment and hard work the entire staff put into this submission to make it such a quality document. I would particularly like to thank the External Validation Leadership Team and the SASS staff for their tireless efforts.

The Panel visit is Week 5 and I will let you all know how it goes.

Have a great two weeks.

Cath Marshall

IMPORTANT DATES:

Car Boot Sale postponed until early 2020

Tuesday 29th October - Year 6 UniBound @ SCU

Thursday 31st October & Thursday 7th & 14th November Kindy Orientation from 9.30 - 11.30am

Friday 8th November - Rivers
Public Speaking Comp—Lismore

11 - 15th November—Dental Visit

Wednesday 13th November Goonellabah Health Dental Visit for K - 2

Thursday 28th November School Musical

Matinee 11.30am - 1.30pm Evening Performance 6-8pm

> P & C Meeting on Tuesday 29th October from 2-3pm



From the Relieving Deputy Principal

Hi everyone,

It is an absolute pleasure to welcome everyone back for Term 4 and what a delight to be able to share the following news so early in the term. Nimbin Garden Club have kindly donated \$500 to the Nimbin Central School Breakfast Club. The Breakfast Club, run by Marc Le Bars, operates out of the school canteen every day and provides a free morning meal for our students so they can start the day without rumbling tummies and focus on learning. The donation, presented by teacher Peter Hagan, will guarantee the ongoing success of the Breakfast Club well into 2020. We are very grateful to the Nimbin Garden Club and value having such a supportive organisation within our local community.



Term 4 is an exciting time at any school: HSC students sit their final exams, Year 12 students move into the world and Year 6 students say goodbye to Primary School and look forward to commencing Year 7. Traditionally, things start to slow down around mid-term as school members anticipate the summer holidays, tidy up and finish off tasks. But this does not occur at Nimbin. Here, we gain momentum!

Orientation Days for both Kindergarten and Year 7 2020; intensive swimming for Primary students; a Community Engagement barbeque; our famous HSC Art Showcase; Bundjalung Language classes; Carols by Candlelight; Year 12 Formal; Year 6 Farewell and the long-awaited School Musical are only some of the events planned for this term. In addition to these, Secondary students "roll over" to the 2020 academic year at the start of Week 6 (18.11.19). This is an incredibly important time for learning as all students move up an academic year and start afresh with new classes, new teachers and new goals.

In light of all the events this term, our Nimbin Central School community is encouraged to keep up to date using our media formats and written communications and ensure that students attend school each day prepared for learning and with all of the necessary materials required.

Looking forward to a wonderful Term 4.

Kellie Cockburn

K-6 NEWS

Welcome back to school to all students, staff and parents for the final term for the year. Which as always is a busy one and Christmas is just around the corner!.

The weather has warmed up and all students need to be reminded to bring and wear a wide brimmed hat for school. It's particularly necessary during sport time when activities require the students to play on the ovals.

Two Dental programs, how lucky are we!!

NSW Health Primary School Mobile Dental Program - Week 5

Letters about this service were mailed out to all families in Term 3. If you would like to take advantage of this service & have dental work done for free - please return information packs now to secure a placement - numbers are limited.

Goonellabah Public Dental Clinic - Wednesday 13th November

This is another service available to K-2 students where therapists conduct in-school assessments and provide you with a report of their consultation.

UNI-Bound Primary School Program Year 6

On Tuesday 29th October, Year 6 students will visit Southern Cross University to participate in the "Year 6 On-Campus Visit " program. This visit provides an opportunity for students to experience the physical environment of the university, learn about course areas and career pathways and their personal strengths. Students participate in a number of workshops which aim to introduce them to a range of career options and to link these with education, goals and aspirations. This is a great opportunity for students to learn about the connection between education, careers and the world of work.

School Swimming and Water Safety Program

In Week 8, starting from Monday 2nd December to Friday 6th December all Nimbin Central School students will be participating in the Swimming and Water Safety Program at Kyogle Pool. This program aims to develop greater water confidence and provide students with the basic skills in water safety and survival.

It is conducted over 10 sessions and each lesson is 45 minutes. To help reduce transportation costs Nimbin's Swimming Program has been compressed into one week with two swimming sessions everyday. Students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills and are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the Department of Education School Swimming and Safety Program which is conducted by trained instructors. The program focuses on weak swimmers as well as students with special needs. Notes will be sent out shortly to enable parents to pay for costs in increments if needed.

Interrelate "Moving into the Teen Years Program"

Last Monday an educator from the Northern Rivers Interrelate Organisation conducted the "Moving In To Teens" whole day workshop for students in Years 5 and 6. This primary program **c**overs issues including sexuality, gender identity, bullying awareness and respectful relationships. The students and teachers comments about the program were that the delivery was very professional and informative. The booklets provided will be a good resource for parents and carers to refer to for future discussions about the changing years. The instructor complimented the class for their mature and attentive behaviour. Well done Years 5 and 6.

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K—6 NEWS (cont)

School Attendance

Nimbin Central Primary School hours are 9.10 am until 3.10pm. It is a legal requirement that students attend school during these times. If your child arrives to school late or leaves early, it is a legal requirement that they be signed in and out of school <u>by an adult.</u> The same applies if your child has an appointment during school time. While it would be preferred that appointments be made outside school time we realise that sometimes this is unavoidable.

If not signed in and out, students not attending school will be deemed as having an unexplained absence. Continual unexplained absences may result in referral to the Home School Liaison Officer. We understand that everybody is busy and it can sometimes be inconvenient but we are asking all families to please respect our processes when arriving late, leaving early and taking students to appointments during the day. We appreciate your support in this matter as it supports the school to keep children safe.

Term 4 Primary Calendar

Week	Date	Activity	Additional Notes
Week 3	Tuesday 29th October	UNI-BOUND Year 6 @ Southern Cross University	Notes to be handed in by 25.10.19 No cost is involved
	Thursday 31st October	Kindy Orientation 9.30am – 11.30am	Students can bring recess to join in with the school.
Week 4	Thursday 7th November	Kindy Orientation. 9.30am- 11.30am	Students can bring recess to join in with the school.
Week 5	Monday 11th November through to Friday 15th November	Dental Visit	Permission notes need to be returned ASAP
	Wednesday 13 th November	Goonellabah Public Dental	K-2 students only
	Thursday 14 th November	Kindy Orientation. 9.30am- 11.30am	Students can bring recess to join in with the school.
Week 6	Tuesday 19th November	Year 6 to 7 Transition Taster Day	At NCS
Week 7	Tuesday 26th November	Year 6 to 7 Transition Taster Day	At NCS
Week 8	Tuesday 3rd December	Statewide Year 6 to 7 Orientation Day	At 2020 schools
	Monday 2nd December through to Friday 6th December	Intensive Swimming and Water Survival Program	Kyogle Swimming Pool All students attend
Week 9	Thursday 12th December	Primary Celebration Day	Murwillumbah Pool
	Thursday 12th December	Year 6 Graduation Dinner	Sphinx Rock Cafe'
Week 10	Monday 16th December	End of Year Assembly	All family members welcome. Presentation of school badges and academic certificates.
	Tuesday 17 th December	Class Parties	
	Wednesday 18th December	Last day of school for students	

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CAREERS NEWS

Information on the following area is available from your Careers Adviser.

- Any Year 12 Indigenous student interested in studying a Health related area at Certificate 4
 or above, at TAFE or University, should see Mr Chaseling ASAP for information on Puggy
 Hunter Memorial Scholarships.
- B.Inspiring Student Conference incorporating leadership & skill development in Law, Business, STEM, Arts & Social Sciences. In Sydney in December.

Mark Chaseling

FROM THE COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

Double your play time with two \$100 Active Kids vouchers

From 1 July 2019, parents can claim two \$100 Active Kids vouchers for each school-enrolled child annually. The vouchers can be used to help cover costs towards membership and registration fees for sport and recreation. The two vouchers can be used for the same activity as long as they are redeemed for separate terms, or for two different activities within the same term.

Voucher one can be used all year and voucher two can be used July to December. After 1 July 2019, the second voucher can be claimed immediately after the first voucher. This means kids can get active year-round.

With over 10,000 <u>approved Active Kids providers</u> children in NSW can swim, twirl, jump, kick and hurdle into loads of sport and active recreation activities. Whether it's for scouts, martial arts, golf or volleyball – you're sure to find an activity they will love!

https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids/parents

Check it out for more opportunities for kids.

Anne Bowden Community Liaison Officer

Kindergarten Transitions

Our Kindergarten Transition to School sessions start soon for all children enrolled to start Kindergarten at Nimbin Central School in 2020.

Children will enjoy a fun morning each week, over four weeks, where they can make new friendships, meet the teachers and explore our school environment.

Starting school is an exciting and important milestone for children and families.

Children who make a positive start to school are more likely to:

- Feel comfortable, relaxed and valued
- Feel excited and motivated to learn
- Have good relationships with others
- Develop a sense of belonging within the school community.



From 9.30 till 11.30am - our dates are:

Thursday 31st October; Thursday 7th November & Thursday 14th November.

Thursday 21st November is the Teddy Bears Picnic with families.

For more information about transition to school go to:

https://education.nsw.gov.au/.../primary-scho.../starting-school or contact us on 6689 1355

Thanks to Earn and Learn points, we now have a fabulous maths game called Mabble in class sets for Upper Primary and Secondary classes.

Like Scrabble, there is a board, tiles and a scoring system, with numbers and functions (plus, minus, equals, divide) instead of letters. Students join their answers onto existing equations to earn points...... making numeracy FUN!



VOLUNTEER AT VINNIES!

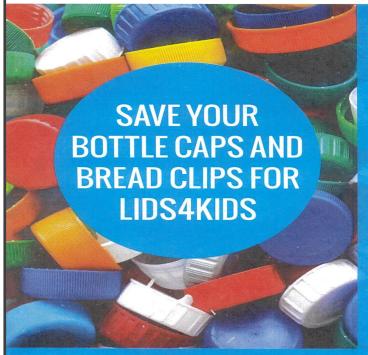
Your local Vinnies shop at Nimbin is currently recruiting new volunteers with full training provided.

Volunteers can help with customer service, operating the cash register and sorting/pricing donations.

All roles give you the opportunity to learn new skills, give back to your community and meet Centrelink mutual obligation requirements.

For more information please call Andrew on **0428 977 454**





We are collecting small plastics to make prosthetic limbs for children, and you can help by donating your plastic bottle lids and bread clips.

using 3D printing and there are now drop-off bins at the Lismore Library for anyone who would like to donate.

"Previously these lids were going into landfill. Now people can take the lids off their bottles and put them into a bucket at home before dropping them off at the library. The bottles can go into your yellow recycling bins to be recycled as normal," Council's Environmental

"Lids4Kids is great because it provides us with a solution for our bottle lids and bread clips while helping others. We have been educating people that lids should be removed from plastic bottles as they can't

The bottle lids and bread clips are sent to Envision Hands, a non-for-profit organisation, which shreds the plastic and turns it into

Simply collect all your plastic milk, water and soft drink lids, and bread clips. Wash and dry them and remove the freshness seals.

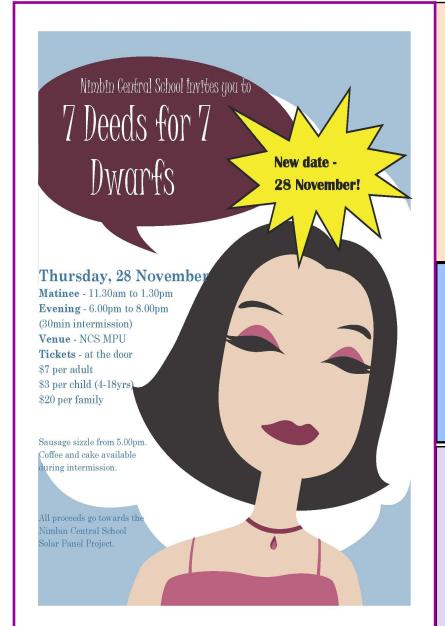
Put the lids into one bag and the bread clips into a separate bag (for Wheelchair Charity) and then drop them off at one of the collection

As well as Lismore Library, lids and clips can be dropped off at RED Inc on Magellan Street, Lismore, and at Coffee Time, Goonellabah. Anyone in an outlying township is welcome to coordinate their community and deliver to one of the collection points or set up their own town collection point by joining and nominating at the Lids4Kids North Coast NSW Facebook page.

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







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)

NIMBIN CENTRAL SCHOOL HATS AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE. 100% COTTON \$15.65



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GO4FUN HEALTHY ACTIVE HAPPY KIDS



Go4Fun - FREE fun program to help kids become fitter, healthier and happier! Do you have children between 7-13 years old?

The Go4Fun program is a free healthy lifestyle program to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children above a healthy weight.

Go4Fun runs for 10 weeks over the school term for children, between the ages of 7-13 years and their parents. Sessions include games, activities, tips on healthy food, label reading, portion sizes plus much more!

Term 4 2019, Go4Fun will be held in Goonellabah.



To find out more and register visit www.go4fun.com.au or contact us on 1800 780 900.

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