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Week 4 Term 4



## From the Principal

Now is the moment where we all share disbelief that we have only eight weeks ahead of us to reach the end of the 2019 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, I'd like to acknowledge and thank the staff, especially Kellie Cockburn, who stepped up into higher duties, and just generally whenever they saw a need over the last three weeks while we had a number of staff on leave. It is a wonderful indication of the high caliber of staff at Nimbin Central that there was no interruption to learning during this time.

Also, a big thank you to all our Secondary school teachers who have worked so hard to prepare our HSC students this year. The exams are almost over 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.

Talking about milestones, we are just now reviewing and revisiting our School Plan and how we have achieved our goals as reflected in our milestones for this year. This is an important part of the school's annual planning process and informs and guides our decisions in planning for the school for 2020. As part of this annual goal setting for schools, the DoE has introduced individualized school Targets, based on data collected from external testing such as the HSC and NAPLAN, as well as attendance rates and feedback from the 'Tell Them From Me' survey. I will be meeting with our Director, Rebecca Langdon, to discuss and finalise the Targets for Nimbin Central School for 2020. The mandated areas are around literacy, numeracy, attendance and wellbeing. I'm looking forward to setting some challenging but realistic targets for our whole school growth in 2020.

Our 'Tell Them From Me' parent and teacher survey results are quite heartening. While they indicate that we still need to work on the area of parent involvement in learning, the areas of inclusivity, welcoming and safety at school are rated very highly. Have a great two weeks.

Cath Marshall

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Monday 11th November Remembrance Day 10.30—11.30

Thursday 14th November Kindy Orientation from 9.30 - 11.30am

11 - 15th November—Dental Visit

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

> Tuesday 19th November Year 7 Taster Day

Thursday 21st November
Kindy Orientation—Teddy Bears
Picnic with families

Thursday 21st November Year 12 Formal at Beach Café, Byron Bay

Thursday 28th November School Musical Matinee 11.30am - 1.30pm Evening Performance 6-8pm

Wednesday 11th December Carols by Candlelight from 6.30pm



#### From the Deputy Principal

Hi everyone,

Firstly, a big thank you to Kellie Cockburn for filling in as Deputy Principal for the first three weeks of this term while I was on long service leave. She did a fantastic job, keeping the school running smoothly whilst juggling her regular duties. Also a thank you to Tiff Wiblen, Josh Howard and Piaf Rengger-Thorpe who all stepped up into Executive roles over this time. We really do have a dedicated staff team at Nimbin Central.

HSC exams are almost over — November 11 is the final day of exams — congratulations to our HSC students for navigating this stressful time and fingers crossed for some excellent results in December. After rollover in Week 6 we start all over again with a fresh batch of HSC classes so I'm afraid there is not much time to rest.

There is plenty coming up in other year levels also over the next few weeks. Kindy Orientation, Year 7 Taster Days and Orientation, Primary School Dental Visits, Remembrance Day, Primary School Intensive Swimming and the School Musical are all on the school calendar. Please contact the school if you need more information regarding these events.

Lastly can I please remind staff and students about school policy regarding mobile phones as we have had some questions about this from students and parents recently. As per government policy Primary students are not allowed to have mobile phones at school. If necessary they can leave them at the office in the morning and pick them up in the afternoon. Secondary students may have a mobile phone in the playground but they must be out of sight and on silent or turned off during class time unless given explicit permission otherwise by their classroom teacher.

Andrew Grimshaw

#### CAREERS NEWS

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

- Any Year 12 student interested in careers in Hair and Beauty, Hospitality and Tourism, Plumbing, Construction and Metal Fabrication may like to consider a short taster course at Wollongbar TAFE in November. For further information see Mr Chaseling. Please note these courses are only on offer to people who have left school.
- Scholarships at ICMS are currently being advertised for people starting graduate qualifications in the following areas: Business management, International Tourism and various management related degrees.

Mark Chaseling

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#### K-6 NEWS

Another busy fortnight has passed and Christmas is now on the horizon which is an incredible thought! Please take the time to review our calendar over the page to acquaint yourself with upcoming events as a lot is happening.

## **Intensive Swimming and Water Safety Program Reminder**

As Australians we spend a lot of our time in and around the water; it's a big part of our culture. For this reason it is important that our students learn water safety and survival skills, so they can continue to enjoy aquatic activities.

In Week 8, starting from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> we will be travelling to Kyogle pool for the Intensive Swimming and Safety Program. The scheme teaches children vital skills on how to stay safe in and around water. The program is conducted over 10 sessions and each session is 45 minutes. To help reduce transportation costs our program is compressed into one week.

Students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills and are unable to swim 25 metres confidently un-aided in deep water, will participate in the <u>Department of Education School Swimming and Safety Program</u> conducted by AUS SWIM instructors. Capable students will participate in extension and survival programs and K-1 students will participate in the water safety and confidence program incorporating structured water skills and play activities.

Notes have been distributed and a follow up "What do I need!" information sheet will be sent out in Week 6. Cost is \$28.00 and payments may be <u>made</u> in instalments if needed. We are committed to support students to swim more confidently and learn water safety.

# 2020 Kindergarten Transition Program Progressing Well

Our transition program aims to provide support to children and their families as they prepare for school. We aim to build reciprocal relationships between children, family and staff and endeavour to assist children to understand new routines, practices and expectations of the setting to which they are moving. Our games-based activities and exploration of the world of stories help students learn about working together and supports them to feel more confident with the process of change.

If you know of any families within the community who intend to send their child to Nimbin Central next year and are not attending the transition program please let them know about it and suggest that they contact the school.

#### **Peer Support**

This week was our final session for the Peer Support Program for this year. Last week, students continued developing a range of strategies they can use in challenging situations and learned sometimes they cannot change a situation. At these times, it is important to move forward with a positive outlook. In this week's final session, students reflected on what they have learned over the past seven sessions. Students made a cube to remind them of their strengths, achievements and people who support them when faced with challenging situations. In the coming weeks we will be conducting a concluding session to acknowledge the effort that all students have put in over the duration of the module.

We value your input and our aim is to develop within our students a love of learning and develop as many opportunities for each individual to achieve their full potential. Please do not hesitate to contact the school with any queries or suggestions you may have.

Dian, Toni & the Primary Staff

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# K—6 NEWS (cont) Term 4 Primary Calendar

Week	Date	Activity	Additional Notes
Week 5	Monday 11th November through to Friday 15th November	Dental Visit	Permission notes need to be returned ASAP
	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Goonellabah Public Dental	K-2 students only
	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Parties	
	Wednesday 18th December	Last day of school for students	

#### P & C NEWS

The P & C is running a variety of fundraisers this term to support the installation of a solar system for our School.

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

- World Music Performance, Nimbin Town Hall on Sunday 24th November at 2pm
- School Musical at Nimbin Central on Thursday 28th November
- Carols by Candlelight at Nimbin Central on Wednesday 11th December

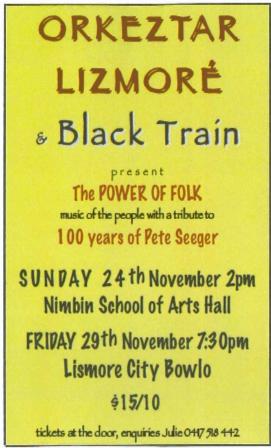
# **SRC FIRE BRIGADE FUNDRAISER**

The SRC will be holding a sausage sizzle & games on Thursday 14th November to raise funds for the local RFS.

Special guests will be attending from Nimbin Fire Brigade.
Sausages & vegie sausages all \$2.50

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CATERING BY NIMBIN CENTRAL SCHOOL'S

P & C ASSOCIATION

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR INSTALLATION OF
SOLAR PANELS FOR THE SCHOOL



# \$5 microchipping \* for cats and dogs.

9am – 2pm, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019 Cat Pavilion, Lismore Showgrounds, Alexandra Pde, North Lismore.

\* Cost of the implanting only.

Normal registration fees still apply...

www.olg.nsw.gov.au/content/registration-fees for details of fees.

Call us on 0436 845542 for information.

#### NIMBIN BOWLING CLUB

Bowlers and Beginners Twilight Carnival

Runs 6 weeks each Friday from 8 November to 13 December 5pm - 7.40pm CONDITIONS OF PLAY

3 Bowl Pairs Setplay

Set 1 5.10pm - 6.25pm 10 ends

Set 2 6.30pm - 7.40pm 8 ends

In the event of 1 set all, there will be 1 sudden death end

The field will be divided into two halves ..... bowlers and beginners .....

Beginners will be randomly drawn with bowlers.

Beginners and bowlers will each have a turn at leading and skipping

In the event of a sudden death end, teams will determine their own lead and skip.

POINTS SCORE

2 points for a win 1 point for a loss

1 point for a los

Points will be accumulated for the entire 6 week competition, with weekly winners as well. ENTRY FEES

There will be no green Fees

There will be a \$5 entry fee each week for the prize pool

PRIZES

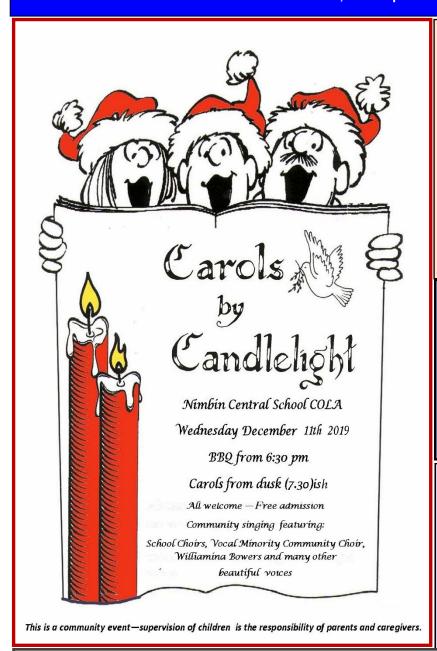
Prizes will be awarded weekly and to the top 5 end of season finishers

Students, Teachers & Parents all welcome - Join the fun!!

Free Practice from 3pm. Be here by 5pm!

Phone Wayne (Bowls Co-ordinator) for further info 6689 1250

UNDER THIS FORMAT, EVERYONE HAS AN EQUAL CHANCE OF A PRIZE



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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SAVE YOUR
BOTTLE CAPS AND
BREAD CLIPS FOR

LIDS4KIDS

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

Lids4Kids recycles these items to make prosthetic limbs for children 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 Strategies Officer Barbara Jensen said.

"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 be recycled. So this is a fantastic alternative."

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

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 points.

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.