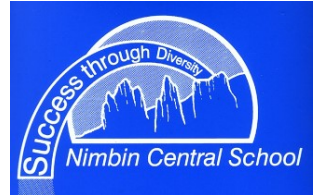


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Week 4
Term 1



From the Principal

Last week saw the school become non-operational again – this time due to floods. Over the past few months, due to circumstances beyond our control and in some cases even our imagining, this closing of the school has been necessary. It is a decision that is not made lightly and the deciding factor is always the safety of students and staff. I appreciate your understanding, cooperation and support in these situations and would like to recognise and praise the resilience, compassion, team work and sense of community spirit all have demonstrated in these circumstances.

I sincerely hope we do not have to do this again any time soon but it is comforting to know that, if deemed necessary, the situation will be handled professionally and competently ensuring the wellbeing of all involved.

I had the pleasure of attending our first P&C meeting of 2020 on Wednesday night and it was great to see some new faces, and to hear some new voices, due to the change in times. We are trialling an evening (5.30pm) meeting and an afternoon (2.00pm) meeting over the term in an attempt to cater for the differing needs of families and enable as many family and community members to be present as possible. I would also like to thank and congratulate the P&C and all the staff helpers who volunteered at Bunnings to make the BBQ fundraiser such a success. It was a fun, if hot day, and well worth it with over \$1000 raised to go toward P&C supported school projects. Also a great opportunity to proclaim "Proud and Public" and promote Nimbin Central.

My professional learning and reading over the past few weeks has been on building and changing school culture to build a positive school that supports the needs of all students with a focus on student progress and development. I believe that we, presently, best fit the model of a Collaborative School. This is a school where there is a climate of trust, respect and openness, where teachers share strong educational values and work together to pursue their own learning and are committed to school improvement.

Our whole school Professional Learning this year will continue to build on this and our strengths to ensure our focus remains on teaching and learning and with positive results.

Have a great few weeks.

Cath Marshall

IMPORTANT DATES:

**Tuesday 25th February -
School Photographs**
**IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR
CHILD'S PHOTO IN THE
GROUP PHOTO PLEASE
CONTACT THE SCHOOL
BEFORE TUESDAY 25/02/20**

**Tuesday 25th February -
Nth Rivers Zone Swimming
Carnival at Alstonville
(Primary)**

**Premier's Reading Challenge
commences 2nd March 2020**

Book Fair 16 - 23 March '20

**NEXT P&C MEETING
Wednesday 11 March
From 2pm**



From the Relieving Deputy Principal

Hi everyone,

It's only the second Newsletter of the year, with daily operations back in full swing, it seems as if we should be much further into the school year.

Fabulous swimming carnivals for both Primary and Secondary school; Meet the Teacher Breakfast; P&C meetings & Bunnings BBQ; Links to Learning and a beautiful SRC Induction Assembly are but a few events that have occurred in the last few weeks, in addition to continued learning and development.

Thank you to all involved in or attending these events. Congratulations to our Zone Swimming Representatives - Zoe and Mikayla for Primary and Tjala, Riana and Hunter for Secondary.

The SRC Induction Assembly highlighted Nimbin Central School leaders, students who strive to make a valuable and positive impact in both the present and future. I look forward to working with this team, led by our Year 12 Captains - Kai & Mayla.

Looking to upcoming events, we have our annual Book Fair, MYLI Science Pop-Up (Years 5-7), Year 7 2021 Welcome afternoon, excursions, Relay for Life and much, much more.

Stage 5 and Stage 6 students have now been registered for their 2020 courses with NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) and parents will soon receive confirmation to this effect. Completing Stage 6-the HSC qualification-by compressed curriculum can be challenging, and with the first assessments now due, students may be experiencing some stress. It is suggested that all parents, particularly of Stage 6 students, open and maintain communication with their children about their school life and put strategies in place should stress or other adverse effects become an issue.

Of course, please do not hesitate to contact the school and speak to your child's class teacher or Year Advisor if you have concerns. We'd also love to hear from you with positive reports.

Take care and enjoy these last days of summer.

Kellie Cockburn

LIBRARY NEWS

Our Library will become an Enchanted Forest for the week of **Book Fair (16-23 March)**, so start planning your forest book characters for a really fun parade. Anyone with large fake trees willing to lend them to us would be greatly appreciated.

Book roundups are always appreciated as we have many books out there snoozing under car seats, couches and beds that need to come home. Please help your jarjums to find them and bring them back.

Ukelele Hire: \$2 per week, see Ms Webb. Our Grade 2 class are currently learning how to play them. If you have one at home I can put colour coded stickers on it to help remember chord shapes.

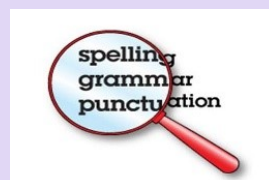
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K—6 NEWS

It's great to have everyone settled back into the routines of school so smoothly even though we had a slight glitch with the wet last week.

Collection of K-2 children at the end of the School Day

Child safety is a core part of Nimbin Central School's Priorities. Strategies and plans are reviewed regularly to ensure a culture of child safety is embedded in all areas of school.

Please note, as part of our safeguarding procedures, a child can only go home with the usual person who collects the child. If someone different is collecting him/her, the school is to be informed beforehand by the child's parent. **No child** will be sent home with another person without the school receiving at least verbal permission from a person with parental responsibility. We **will not** send a child home with someone else even if they are known to the staff member/school unless this has been communicated to the school first. When informing the school, parents should indicate if this is an on-going arrangement or a one-off situation. Children must be collected by someone over the age of 14 years.

In the event of a parent/carer being late for pickup, your child will be taken to the administration office where parents and emergency contacts will be called. It is important for all parents and carers to ensure that they have provided up-to -date contact details.

Collection Area for K-2

All Junior Primary K-2 students are to be collected from the inside courtyard, outside the school administration office. Kindergarten have been collected from this area already. K-2 students must be collected by an adult or someone over the age of 14years.

Students who catch a bus home will meet the supervising teacher at this checkpoint and will then be escorted together to the bus bay.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in these matters and helping make transition times safer and more effective.

"Help us to help your child!"

Some housekeeping problems have presented themselves during the course of the day. The first one is money. Many students come to school with loose money—notes and change with no purse/wallet or bag to keep it safe. Loose money falls out of pockets or bags too easily and it's upsetting for them when they have lost their money and are not able to purchase at the canteen. For the little ones especially it's a big ask to entrust them with loose money and on many occasions money is lost. Please help them by ensuring that money comes to school in a purse or wallet.

Thank you for the wonderful effort parents place in providing healthy lunches. Just a reminder: could you supply spoons when your child has yoghurt, baked beans, tuna etc and a piece of fruit or snack for break time at 10.15am during the morning sessions. Some students regularly have nothing to eat during this break.

It's a lot easier to find the owner of an item if it is labelled. We ask can all personal belongings, clothing, hats, bags and stationery be labelled. There is a large amount of lost property within the school and of course a name will help us find the owner.

Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring students are at school on time ready for learning. As always if you have any queries or concerns please contact the school.

Di, Toni and the Primary Staff

K - 6 News (Cont)**Terania District Swimming Carnival**

This year's Terania District swimming carnival held at Lismore Memorial Baths offered great weather, great competition and lots of fun.

It was wonderful to see our students taking part with our local community of schools and representing NCS with pride, respect and good sportsmanship.

All our students gave their best effort, while some went home with ribbons, all went home with smiles on their faces.

Local fish out of water Zoe Farmer was a notable standout, taking out the Senior Girls Champion title with five first placings and re-setting four records in the process. Well done Zoe!

Mikayla Frey and Zoe will be representing Nimbin Central at the Northern Rivers Zone Swimming Carnival being held at Alstonville on Tuesday 25 February 2020.

The highly coveted final event, The Lilo Race, was a battle of a floating lollipop, ice-cream, frog, tennis racquet and a thong. In the end it was a close battle between the ice-cream (NCS) and the thong (Coffee Camp PS), unfortunately a mid-race slip cost us some time, giving the title to Coffee Camp PS.

Special thanks to Mrs. Steel, Mr. Smail and Vanessa for coordinating, timekeeping and assisting with supervising our students.

Sam Bouni

Lucy Cudmore	3rd	50m Breaststroke
Jharal Roberts-Cook	3rd	50m Butterfly
Tahney Baker	2nd	50m Freestyle
Grace Ashfield-Cubis	2nd	50m Breaststroke
Mikayla Frey	1st	50m Breaststroke
Mikayla Frey	3rd	50m Freestyle
Zoe Farmer	5 x 1st	100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 50m Butterfly, 50m Breaststroke
Zoe, Mikayla, Grace & Tahney	1st	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay
Ivy Rowlands, Obelia Paitson, Zoe, Grace & Mikayla	2nd	Lilo Race

FROM THE COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER
Take the Time to get to know your child's teachers.

When you have an understanding of who your child's teacher is and how they work and what their expectations are, life gets a whole lot simpler for you and your child. Studies show that healthy parent-teacher relationships are a more significant factor in student success than parent income levels or social status. Parent-teacher relationships require effort and energy from both parties if they are going to really benefit children and young people.

This can be done formally by attending start of the year information evenings and informally through conversations, reading newsletters and staying in touch digitally and in real-time.

So says Michael Grose from www.Parentingideas.com.au.

When we think about it, the only gift we have to give our kids is our time. Using it wisely is our daily challenge.

Anne Bowden

CAREERS NEWS

A reminder to Year 12 students that applications for the Southern Cross University Star Scheme will open in early April 2020. If students apply through this scheme for courses at Southern Cross University they may be able to gain early entry to University on the basis of their application. For further information please see Mr Chaseling.

Mark Chaseling

BUNNINGS P&C FUNDRAISER

On Sunday 16th February the P&C organised a fundraising day manning the sausage sizzle at Bunnings in Lismore.

We would like to thank everyone who was involved for all their hard work and organisational skills **and not forgetting their excellent cooking skills!**



A special thank you to Cath Marshall and Anne Bowden for their tireless work across the day and Tee Prikulis for all her planning for the day.

The fundraising was a huge success and the P&C will be putting the profits towards a variety of resources across the school. This wouldn't have been possible without each and every one of you - teaching staff, parents & P&C and community members - so once again thank you all!!

Shizuka Oki

YOUTHROCK 2020 IS ON ITS WAY!

YouthRock is a NSW competition for young bands and has helped launch the careers of artists such as Silverchair and Alex Lloyd! There is also \$15,000 worth of prizes to be won!

To enter, you will need to submit an entry form and upload a video of your band to YouTube. Finalists will perform about 15 minutes of ORIGINAL material in Sydney in April.

ENTRIES CLOSE 8.00pm on Sunday 22 March '20

Visit www.youthrock.com.au or see Mr Osterhage for more information or entry forms.

So get together with your mates, write some original material, and ROCK ON!!

English, HSIE and Drama Report

What a positive and vibrant start to 2020 in our English, HSIE and Drama classrooms! Students' attitude to learning so far has been excellent, with our teachers commenting on strong work ethic, positive attitudes to learning and a genuine interest in classroom topics. Below is an overview of what each class is up to this term.

English	Year 7 English - Novel study "When a Monster Calls" by Patrick Ness Year 8 English - Novel Study - "Trash" by Andy Mulligan, focusing on sustainability Stage 5 English - Close Study of Text Unit reading either the "Hunger Games", "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime" or "Jasper Jones", focusing on textual value.
History	Year 7 History - Investigating the Ancient Past Year 8 History - Vikings Year 9 History - The Industrial Revolution Stage 5 Elective History - 'History vs Hollywood', the use of film as a reliable source in History Year 10 History - The Holocaust Stage 5 Aboriginal Studies – Aboriginal Identity Stage 6 Ancient History - the ancient site of Teotihuacan, followed by a comparative study between the ancient women of Greece and Rome.
Drama	Year 8 Drama – Masks and Improvisation Stage 5 Drama – The Elements of Drama, the building blocks of good theatre Stage 6 Drama – Theatre Traditions throughout History, followed by an exploration of contemporary Australian play "Ruby Moon".
Geography	Years 7 & 8 Geography - Landscapes and Landforms, a study of the importance of landscapes and land-forms and how they are formed and transformed. Years 9 & 10 Geography - Changing Places, an exploration of urbanisation, the changing nature of cities and potential futures for them. Preliminary HSC Legal Studies - The Legal System, The Individual and the Law, Law in Practice

As always, please contact us here at school if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress in English, HSIE and Drama.

Mr. Corey Wheeler – Head Teacher English / HSIE / Drama

Meet and Greet

What a fabulous turn out at our breakfast meet and greet. It was lovely to have the opportunity to chat with a large range of parents in an informal manner. We could really see the strength in our school community and how important it is to build these personal connections for the benefit of the students. What a great way to eat breakfast. Thanks to all that came and supported this event.



The secondary swimming carnival was held on Monday the 10th February. We had a fantastic turn out with the largest number of students attending in recent years. The students showed great team spirit, they made the day a fun and great experience. Our overall House winner was Yumbah by a staggering amount of points. We have had some successful candidates for the zone swimming carnival: we wish Riana (Yr 7), Hunter (Yr 8) and Tjala (Yr 11) good luck with representing our school.



Secondary Swimming Carnival



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