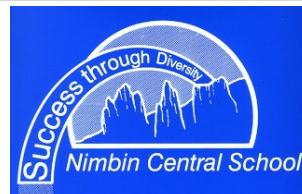


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Week 8
Term 1



From the Principal

As we move into more uncertain times with the COVID-19, I would like to assure families that we are all doing our best to support your children. Apart from some precautionary measures that we have been advised to follow, learning is continuing as usual.

I will provide any updates that I receive from the Department to families via Facebook, School Stream and the school Website. I'm regularly checking so that I can pass information along quickly. While there are many rumours circulating, we will only act upon the official advice we receive. There is a lot of talk about whether schools should remain open. We will continue to follow the advice that we have been given, which is that there will be NO school closures at present. If the situation changes, you will be notified.

Any families who are currently overseas will be advised to self-isolate for 14 days upon return.

If your children are unwell, please keep them at home. We would really appreciate it if you could provide us with details of absences for our records. However, the expectation is that students will be at school, if well, and that teaching and learning will be maintained as usual. However, we recognise that some students are being kept home for a variety of reasons and staff are working hard to ensure the best possible learning outcomes for all of our students.

Work for students to complete at home will be available from Monday March 23. This will be available on the school website. If a hard copy of work is required please contact the office and this will be provided for you to pick up. Please allow 24 hours. Secondary students are also being asked to bring a USB to download their work onto if they require a digital copy, from next week. This is proactive planning and we remind parents that NO school closures are planned in NSW at present.

We have been trying to answer children's questions and concerns about this situation while reassuring them that people are working together to keep everyone healthy. Children pick up on a lot of adult discussions so it's important to be mindful of this for their wellbeing. Please use the Department of Education and the Department of Health websites for the most accurate and up to date information. Other media sources cannot be relied upon. And of course, do not hesitate to contact the school or myself with any concerns or enquiries.

Cath Marshall

IMPORTANT DATES:

March 23 - 27

NAPLAN Online Practice Testing

Friday April 3

**DEADLINE for artwork submission
for Nimbin Art Fair**

Thursday April 9

End of Term 1

**NEXT P&C MEETING -
TERM 2
DATE TO BE ADVISED**



From the Relieving Deputy Principal

The spirit of our Nimbin Central School community continues to shine in these unprecedented times. Our children continue to smile and laugh as they engage positively and learn new skills each day. Our staff continue to deliver positive learning experiences for our children.

We are looking after each other, educating everyone about appropriate hygiene practices, cleaning surfaces and minimising access from external personnel.

We endeavour to provide consistent and accurate information to answer the many questions raised about COVID-19.

We ask that caregivers reinforce hygiene practices such as hand washing, coughing or sneezing into the elbow and disposing of used tissues immediately, so that they become the norm.

We also ask that caregivers send antibacterial wipes, gel or similar products to school so children may be responsible for maintaining their own hygiene.

Nimbin Central Schools' fleet of computing devices have been cleaned and we will be renewing our request for all students to wipe down their devices on conclusion of use.

We thank you for your support in maintaining a happy, healthy learning environment at Nimbin Central School.

Garimaa (respect)

Kellie Cockburn

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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



K—6 NEWS

In these uncertain and unsettling times, we thank you for remaining calm and for supporting your children's education. The Principal's notice explains the strategies that we have in place for any future disruptions.

Thank you to the families who have adhered to the changes in our collection of children from school strategies. We seek to ensure the safety of your children and are always revising routines to ensure a smooth flow, especially in the afternoon.

School continues and it was wonderful to have our Book Week parade this week. The library looked amazing and transformed into a magical land of goblins, witches, wizards, goblins, fairies and unicorns. Students enjoyed poetry reciting, dancing and bending their bodies to the limbo. It was an enjoyable time for all and purchases at the fair were successful. Thank you for your support.

STUDENT MOBILE AND COMPUTING DEVICE POLICY REMINDER

It's a timely reminder to re-visit the school's policy.

Rationale:

Mobile phones and electronic devices have become an important and invaluable part of our modern lifestyle. The school understands that there are times when possession of a mobile phone can provide a sense of safety and security while travelling to and from school. However, mobile phones and electronic devices are unnecessary during school hours as students can be contacted at the school office. There are also concerns about the misuse of mobile phones in a school environment e.g. bullying, interruptions in class, distraction, inappropriate photography.

Aim:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that mobile phone usage does not disrupt the learning environment. This policy seeks to clarify the responsibilities of staff, students, parents and carers with regard to mobile phones and/or electronic devices.

Implementation:

In general, students should not bring valuable items to school as they can go missing. However, if a mobile phone is required for the reasons of safety for travelling to and from school the child will be required to deliver the phone and/or electronic devices to the School Office for safekeeping until the end of the school day.

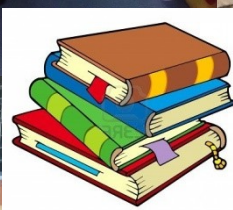
Parents and students are advised that in bringing mobile phones and/ or electronic devices to school, they are doing so at their own risk and must comply with school's mobile phone and/or electronic devices policy. It has always been the school's practice to pass on important messages to students throughout the day. This can be done by phoning the School Office on 66891355 and requesting that a message be given to the child and is an efficient and effective method of communication.

If a student is found to be using a mobile phone and/ or electronic device in an inappropriate manner e.g. bullying, inappropriate photography or texts, they will have the phone and/or electronic device confiscated immediately and the phone/device will be placed in secure storage, to be collected by the parent and/or carer. The student may also be subject to disciplinary action.

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 & the Primary Staff

BOOK FAIR 2020





CAREERS NEWS

HELP STUDENTS DISCOVER THEIR CAREER PATH

An ADF Gap Year is a unique opportunity to experience life in the Navy, Army or Air Force, without needing to make a long-term commitment. The skills obtained through the ADF Gap Year program will provide them valuable work and life experience and are completely transferable. It will enable your students to develop the confidence for their next endeavour.

Students who take part in the ADF Gap Year program:

- Gain valuable skills and work experience
- Enjoy a great salary package plus free healthcare
- Live a varied, active and healthy lifestyle
- Make friends with like-minded people
- Have the opportunity to see more of Australia



Whatever their interests, there are a variety of roles to select that will provide young Australians valuable life skills. These include experiences as an officer, in management, engineering, logistics and warehousing, combat and security, and administration.

See Mr Chaseling for further details.

LIBRARY NEWS



Let's read together, get involved and boost our vocabulary... the more words we know, the more powerful the choices available to us all. Challenge your child/yourself to read 20 books between now and the end of August. Kindy to Yr2 students have to record 30 since they can have the books read to them as well.

Mazz Webb

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AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE
100% COTTON
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**Organic Cotton Polo Shirt sold at
Canteen on Friday mornings by P&C
\$24.00 (S) \$29 (L)**

CALLING ALL MINIROOS

GRADE 6 – GRADE 11

TRAINING COMMENCES THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 4.15PM

**NEW PLAYERS WELCOME –
COME TRAIN WITH US AND HAVE A TRY!**

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2. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile.
3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.

KARATE CLASSES

ages 12 yrs - Adults

Nimbin Central School hall

**Mon & Fri
4.35-6pm
\$15**

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