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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As the end of Term 1 approaches, we see the completion of the Year 11 subjects morph into Year 12 for our Stage 6 student's learning as they transition into their HSC pattern of study. This transition highlights the importance of continuing to maintain our culture of high expectations whilst fostering a safe and supportive environment for all.

Nimbin Central School is committed to student safety and well-being, looking towards the implementation of new directions with student wellbeing at the centre. These include the update of our mobile phone procedures using Yondr (more information will come from this space shortly), closing the bathrooms during class times (trial proposed by P&C), revisiting and reminding all of our students of the dress code (information in today's newsletter) and re-structuring the administration space including relocation of our student medical centre. These changes aim to increase student learning and positive wellbeing support.

Our communication pathways are continuing to evolve to meet the needs of our Parents and Community. In Secondary we have a Year Adviser allocated to each year group to assist in supporting students and parents navigate school procedures. Parents are encouraged to use the following email [nimbin-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:nimbin-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or call the office (02) 6689 1355 to book a meeting with our Year Advisers when support is needed. **Please note that the Canteen is closed for Break 3 till further notice for repairs..**

- **Year 7:** Robert Dolman
- **Year 8:** Corey Wheeler
- **Year 9:** Tiff Wiblen
- **Year 10:** Brett Osterhage
- **Year 11:** Anthony Neenan
- **Year 12:** Dan Buckley
- **Primary:** Val Scarrabelotti
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**Mitchell Cross** | Principal (Rel)

## KEY DATES

- School Photo Day**..... **4th April**
- Catch up Photo Day**..... **8th April**
- Primary School Mobile Dental Program** ..... **19th May - 5th June**
- Easter School Holidays**..... **- Last day of school is Friday the 11th of April, students are to return on Wednesday the 30th of April, 2025.**

## Nimbin Central's Student Dress Code

Although we do not enforce a strict uniform policy here at Nimbin Central School, we do have a Dress Code in the school that students are expected to abide by.

Our "new" Nimbin Central School shirt was released in 2023. The design was created by Uncle Gilbert Laurie. Built upon a "Nimbin blue" background, our beautiful and unique shirt incorporates the three valleys of Nimbin, Tuntable, Crofton and Sam's Gully, features a rainbow to celebrate the diversity of our "Rainbow Region" and shows Nimbin Rocks, which is such a unique feature of our school's landscape.

There is one shirt design for all students, from Kindergarten to Year 12. Please also note that, due to the recent change, students may wear any of the former Nimbin School shirt designs.

The following are some of the uniform guidelines that we expect our students to follow:

- We encourage students to wear the school shirt each day, however this is a mandatory requirement when travelling on school excursions or when representing the school.
- Clothing should be clean, safe, modest and in reasonable condition.
- Covered footwear must be worn at all times and be appropriate for practical subjects.
- No inappropriate clothing should be worn. This includes clothing displaying unacceptable messages or images, "strappy" singlets, tank tops (bare midriffs), "short" shorts and other clothing considered immodest or inappropriate for the learning environment.
- As a Sun Smart school, we also encourage students to also wear a hat when outdoors and apply sunscreen as needed throughout the day. Primary school enforces a "no hat, no play" policy.

**We are proud of our school, and we'd love to see all students wearing our school uniform.**

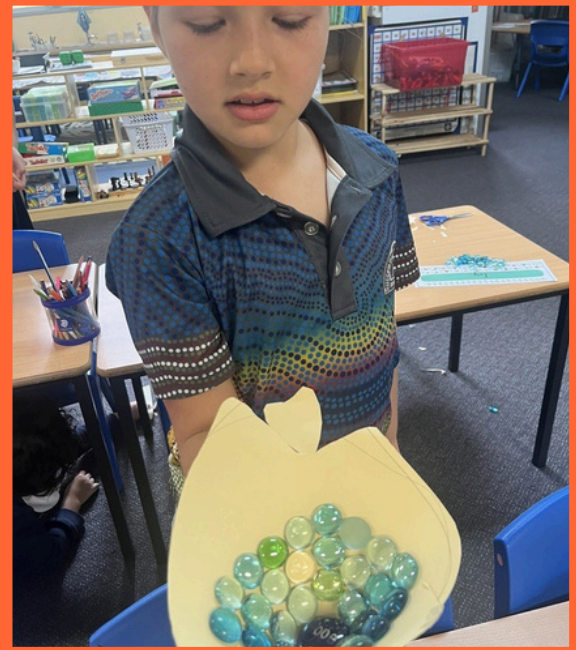




## K/2 News

We're thrilled to have our class back together after the recent weather event. Harmony Day was a fantastic experience that brought our buddy reading groups together for a series of engaging activities. Students rotated through three stations: a fun sports game, a collaborative group poster project, and a creative "Belonging Hands" activity. Throughout the day, our mixed peer groups supported one another, sharing stories, laughter, and teamwork. It was wonderful to see students connecting and celebrating the spirit of inclusiveness and belonging.

Our current focus in Maths is exploring measurement through volume and capacity. Recently, our Year 1 and 2 students took on an exciting challenge: designing vessels they estimated would hold exactly 30 crystals. The results were wonderfully creative, with students constructing a variety of shapes, including rectangles and cones. This hands-on activity encouraged students to apply their measurement skills while sparking curiosity and creativity. They also explored representing numbers in various shapes. The number 77 was demonstrated as a house and differing shapes.





## K/2 CONT.

### K-2 Class information:

Library day: Tuesday

Sport: Thursday

No canteen available in break 3 for the rest of the term.

School photos: 4th April 2025.

Mon – Friday: phonics / Literacy: 9.10 am – 10.20am please be on time for our literacy learning.

If there is anything our school can do to support your child's attendance, please contact me through the front office to make an appointment to discuss further.

Thank you

**Heather Jessup** | Teacher

**Tina** | SLSO



## SCHOOL PHOTOS NEW DATES

*School Photos have been rescheduled to Friday 4th of April, 2025.*

*Catch up photos are Tuesday 8th of April, 2025.*





## Lawn Bowl Trials

Nimbin Central School students were provided with the opportunity to attend the North Coast Lawn Bowls trials held at Evans Head Bowling Club.

Fourteen keen Lawn Bowlers all took part in the trials, they played well in teams of four, competing with and against a number of students from all over the North Coast Zone.

Unfortunately, no students from Nimbin were selected in the North Coast team. All students behaved in a wonderful manner, enjoyed the day and showed some skill in their bowling.

Hopefully this trip has encouraged a few students to become members of the Nimbin Bowling Club and start practicing for 2026!

**Mr Harry Witt** | Year K-12 Sports Coordinator

**Zen Ti Lee displays his painting that he did at school while the Secondary Swimming Carnival was on. We think he's done a great job!**



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## University of Sydney Visit

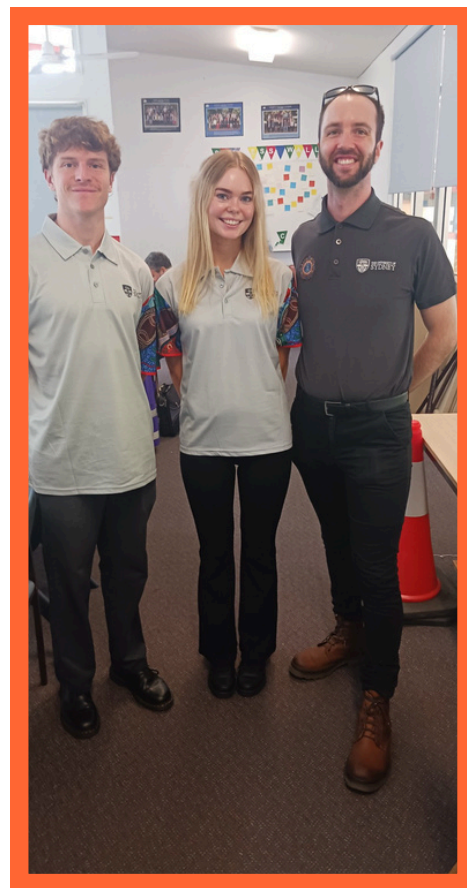
On Monday of Week 9, The University of Sydney Outreach Team visited Nimbin Central School. The visitors consisted of Tyrone the Marketing Manager, and students Ava and Sam. The team initially spoke to a group of Year 9 and 10. Topics of discussion included courses available at the University, student interests and on campus accommodation. Students were enthusiastic in participating throughout the whole period.

During lunch time, students from Years 11 and 12 received a presentation from the group. The students had the chance to ask individual questions of the presenters and discussions focused on topics such as how to apply for university courses, opportunities at Sydney University and workshops and open days.

During this presentation Ava Robinson was presented with an award for Academic Excellence from the University of Sydney. Congratulations Ava! Overall, the event was a great success with students participating with enthusiasm throughout.

Regards

**Mark Chaseling** | Careers Advisor









# Primary Easter Hat Parade

Families are invited to the Nimbin  
Central School Primary Easter Hat  
Parade!

Where: Play area outside of the K-2  
classroom. Hats will have already  
been made at school.



When: 10th of April 2.30 pm.



## STEM LEARNING

We are embarking on an exciting hands-on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) project at Nimbin Central School, constructing a 6-meter geodesic dome! This innovative structure allows students to explore engineering, mathematics, and sustainability in action. Designed as both a collaborative learning experience and a functional addition to our school, the dome will initially be used as a greenhouse.

The project's first stage kicked off with enthusiastic Year 5 and 6 students getting their hands dirty as they helped prepare the site. Working together with the help of some older students, they dug drainage trenches, laid pipes, and filled them with gravel to ensure the dome's foundation remains dry and stable. This initial groundwork not only introduced students to basic civil engineering concepts but also highlighted teamwork and problem-solving skills in a practical setting. Stay tuned as we continue building this incredible structure!

**Bronwyn White** | STEM Teacher





## Northern Rivers Conservatorium

Northern Rivers Conservatorium, in partnership with Nimbin Central, is delighted to be engaging youth in our Music in Schools program 2025. The Music in schools program is one on one lessons with a professional music tutor, who is NRC staff. Individual lessons are the most effective for learning an instrument, however we offer shared lessons as a lower cost option.

Currently we are offering lessons at Nimbin Central in Drums, Guitar, Bass and Beginner Vocals. This is for all students from Kindy all the way through to Yr 12.

Little do I need to say that music is a wonderful thing. Being involved with music education is great for development of fine motor skills, the brain, skills in communication and collaboration and so much more...

If you would like your young music prodigy to engage in music lessons, you absolutely need to enrol your child/children. We can only offer a limited number of spaces, so please enrol as soon as possible.

Please visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MQMSBVV> to enrol your child.

**Brett Osterhage** | Music Teacher



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*in the* **FIELD**

A free night  
of fun for the  
whole family!



**Peter Rabbit**  
(2018)

12 April 2025 | 6.30pm  
The Quad, Lismore

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for free tickets

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# SURROUND SOUND '25

Surround Sound is a band program for students from secondary schools in rural and remote areas. Bands must have between 3 and 16 members and may perform covers or originals in any contemporary music style.

Applications are submitted by video audition.

Selected schools will be visited by an industry mentor for a school-based workshop.

Bands will receive tiered support to travel to Sydney and be accommodated for a camp style workshops and performances on the mainstage at SpecFest, outside Schools Spectacular Term 4 Week 7 - full details on our website at the link below

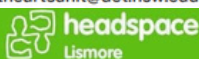
Applications close Friday 6 June (Term 2 Week 6)

## SPECFEST 2024



Surround Sound  
artsunit.nsw.edu.au/Surround-Sound  
surroundsound@det.nsw.edu.au

The Arts Unit  
artsunit.nsw.edu.au  
theartsunit@det.nsw.edu.au



## rainbow social groups 2025

### Queer Cahoots

ages **12 - 15**  
4th Wednesday of every month  
4-6pm

### H-AWKS

ages **16 - 17**  
1st Wednesday of every month  
4-6pm

### Sour Patch

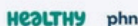
ages **18 - 25**  
3rd Wednesday of every month  
4-6pm



free social gatherings with snacks and activities for young people who are **LGBTIQSB+**, questioning, or allies



Contact: 6625 0200  
reception@headspace-lismore.org.au  
29 Molesworth street Lismore



headspace Lismore is delivered by Social Futures and is funded by the NSW Government through the North Coast RHN Program

# Compass Music Festival North Coast



**Seeking talented local public school students to perform as a featured item in the upcoming Compass Music Festival!**

Compass is an instrumental and vocal festival that provides high-quality opportunities in the performing arts for students and teachers in regional and rural areas. Compass North Coast will be held at Wiigulga Sports Complex on Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 June 2025.

We invite interested schools to audition a solo, duo or trio ensemble to perform a featured item within the program.



# Nimbin Preschool

Playful, collaborative, multi-layered, creative, respectful, critical and lasting.

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY**  
**8:30AM-4PM**

Run by our experienced early childhood teacher Katie Pennant, Nimbin Preschool offers a genuinely child-focused and led program.

**A variety of spaces for your child to explore, learn, play and grow.**

We have a vegetable garden and an enormous outdoor shaded play area where your child can test out their physical prowess. We have chooks, guinea pigs, bunnies and an education support dog named Gidget.

We also take walks into the wider and sometimes 'wilder' world. There is always a repertoire of activities on hand - painting, felting, reading, piano playing, mud kitchen, cooking and more...

**ENROLLING NOW**



**contact us**

Phone: 6689 1203  
Email: [nimbinpreschool.director@gmail.com](mailto:nimbinpreschool.director@gmail.com)  
Facebook: Nimbin Preschool  
Location: A&I Showgrounds, Cecil St  
[www.nimbinpreschool.org.au](http://www.nimbinpreschool.org.au)



**Have you changed address or phone number since enrolling your child?**

**Please advise the office of any changes so we can update your records and keep you in the loop of all updates.**

## Early Childhood Early Intervention Playgroup

Free for all families  
Morning tea provided

Outdoor play area

# Early Childhood Early Intervention Playgroup

An inclusive playgroup supporting early childhood development for children aged 0-5 years.

- Are you concerned about your child's development?
- Would you like advice from an experienced early childhood intervention specialist?
- Would you like to connect with other families?

**Learn:**

- how children develop and what to expect at different stages
- how to encourage speech and language development
- how to support positive behaviour
- where to get additional help if needed



**Friday**

**10:00am - 12:00pm**

During school terms  
7th Feb-11th April  
Southern Cross University  
61 Rifle Range Road  
East Lismore

Just turn up or contact us for more information  
(02) 6621 2489  
[admin@fsn.org.au](mailto:admin@fsn.org.au)

An inclusive playgroup supporting early childhood development for children aged 0-5 years. Do you know of a parent who is concerned about their child's development?

We meet Fridays in school term, 10 am to midday, February 7th to April 11th, 2025. Held at Aruma Early Intervention, 61 Rifle Range Road, East Lismore. Just turn up, or contact us for more information 66212489 admin@fsn.org.au



# CORE PARENTS DAY REHABILITATION



## The Buttery's CORE Parent Program

The Buttery's CORE Parent Program offers a comprehensive non-residential 7-week, day rehabilitation program, complemented by 4 months of aftercare support.

Designed specifically for parents and caregivers dealing with problematic alcohol or drug use.

Drawing upon The Buttery's wealth of expertise in treating substance dependency, participation in the CORE Parents Program is provided at no cost.

Phone: (02) 6687 1111

Email: [intake@buttery.org.au](mailto:intake@buttery.org.au)

PO Box 42 Bangalow NSW 2479

## Program Structure

**7-Week Day Rehabilitation:** Participants engage in a 7-week day rehabilitation program, attending group support and individual support sessions. Online services available.

**4 months Aftercare:** Participants receive 4 months of aftercare support.

## Location

The Core Parents program is delivered in 7-week blocks during school terms in various locations across the Northern Rivers.

## To donate visit

[buttery.org.au/make-a-donation](http://buttery.org.au/make-a-donation)

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# Yoga Nimbin

# YOGA CLASS

Every Tuesday during the school term  
3:45pm - 4:45pm

**NCC DANCE STUDIO**

Northern NSW Local Health District

## The Primary School Mobile Dental Program is visiting soon!

The Northern NSW Local Health District Primary School Mobile Dental Program will be visiting Nimbin Central School from the 19<sup>th</sup> of May until the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2025.

All primary school children who have returned the dental consent forms will be seen.  
For parents that wish to attend their child's appointment, staff will be in contact to arrange an appointment.

Toothache or emergency appointments will be prioritised.  
Please return your child's forms **no later than Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May.**

Brush your teeth morning and night

Eat more fruit and vegies

Choose water as a drink

Have regular dental check-ups

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**EXHIBITION ON SHOW SATURDAY 26 JULY - SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER**





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**PASSION PROJECT EXHIBITION**

You are warmly invited to view the passion projects developed by Year 7 students at Nimbin Central School. Parents and carers welcome!

**WHERE: NCS LIBRARY**

**WHEN: FRIDAY 4TH APRIL, 9.30AM**

**AO holiday programs**  
PRESENTED BY Weet-Bix

**LOOKING FOR A SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY THAT HITS DIFFERENT?**

Aspiring youngsters can get a taste of the AO tennis action across these school holidays with themed activities, experiences, and virtual surprises from some of the world's top players as part of the AO Holiday Programs presented by Weet-Bix!

AGE:	4-15yrs	Multisport skills	Prizes	COST:	\$20-\$25.00 per day. Family discounts
DATE AND TIME:	April 14-16	9-12 noon		CONTACT PHONE:	0400331553
LOCATION:	Dunoon Tennis Club			CONTACT EMAIL:	0483211759

## NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF CELL PHONES ON ACADEMICS



**20 MINUTES**

The time it takes for students to regain focus after a nearby cellphone distraction

*\*2023 UNESCO Study*



**15 POINTS**

The decrease in scores of mathematics students when distracted by phones

*\*PISA (2022)*



**3 HOURS**

The daily social media use that doubles anxiety and depression risks among youth

*\*US Surgeon General, 2024*



**68 PERCENT**

The percentage of students who report that electronic devices are distracting

*\*NIH Study, 2017*

# APRIL VACATION CARE AT RAINBOW REGION KIDS

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