

THE BULLETIN

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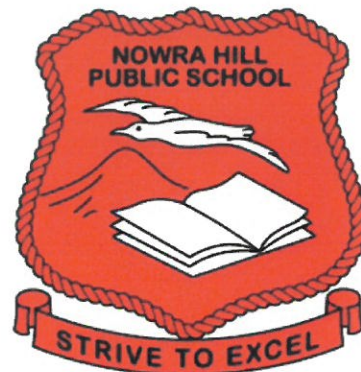
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CANTEEN: Wednesdays

UNIFORM SHOP: Friday 2.30pm – 3.15pm

ASSEMBLY: Fridays - 9.00am



Term 4, Week 4 – 1st November 2016

NO CANTEEN TOMORROW

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to week 4 of term 4 2016.

Our Grandparents Day celebrations are on tomorrow with open classes at 9:30am, followed by a special assembly in the hall at 10:00am. After the assembly, Grandparents and family members are invited to stay for a picnic lunch with their children at 11:00am. The school will provide a free sausage sizzle for families during the picnic time. All grandparents and parents are most welcome and we encourage them to attend and join in the fun. There will be no canteen operating tomorrow!

On Friday, we will have our normal awards assembly.

On Friday, 25th November students in year 5 who wish to be considered for school leadership opportunities next year will be delivering their leadership speeches at the weekly assembly. In the lead up, all students who wish to participate and be considered for leadership positions will be supported by teachers with writing their speeches.

Just a reminder about some upcoming events: Pizza Day is this Friday and orders should be in; The Christmas Shopping Bus Trip is this weekend and bookings can be made via the NHPS App; next Wednesday, 9th November Kinder and Year 1 are off to Shoalhaven Zoo and notes and money should be in, check the NHPS App if you need more information; and next Thursday, 10th November is the first day in our Kinder 2017 Transition program, all families involved should by now have received their invitations and programs.

DATES TO REMEMBER

<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>2nd Nov</i>	<i>Grandparents Day</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>4th Nov</i>	<i>Pizza Day</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>9th Nov</i>	<i>Kinder/Yr 1 Zoo Excursion Air Fleet Museum Yrs 2 - 6</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>10th Nov 17th Nov 24th Nov 1st Dec</i>	<i>Kindergarten Transition Days</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>14th Nov</i>	<i>P & C Meeting 6pm</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>23rd Nov</i>	<i>Yr 6 – KidsIn2Uni Visit</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>7th Dec</i>	<i>Presentation Night</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>8th Dec</i>	<i>Combined Scripture Service Albatross Chapel</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>16th Dec</i>	<i>Last Day of Term 4 for students</i>
<i>Mon/Tues</i>	<i>19/20th Dec</i>	<i>Staff Development Day</i>

I would like to talk about technology and devices at school. Our school has been fortunate enough to purchase a number of iPads, laptops and tablets this year, ensuring that our students have access to up to date technology to support and enhance their learning. We are also trialling a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program in the 5/6 class. Students of 5/6PB who wish to bring their own device to school have signed a BYOD agreement that states the expectations and conditions of bringing your own device to school. The parents have also counter signed these agreements.

Devices which come into the 5/6 classroom are kept secure and are only accessible during learning time for learning purposes. No device with a SIM card is welcome at our school, such devices compromise the integrity of our secure network, and can expose students to unrestricted access to the internet. No other students should be bringing devices of any sort to school. If parents need to get a message to students, they can do so through the school office.

Can I remind parents, that students should not be arriving at school before 8:30am. Teachers are on duty from this time and the playground is then supervised. If students do on occasion arrive early they are reminded that they need to sit quietly in the wet weather shed.

Thanks, and have a great week everybody!

Regards

Mr Gordon Parrish
Principal

P & C FUNDRAISING - TEA TOWEL ORDERS

We will still be taking orders for tea towels until this Friday, 4th November. Get your orders in quickly if you are still interested in purchasing tea towels.

BOOKCLUB

Book Club was sent home with last week's bulletin. Please note that all book club is due back urgently. No more orders will be taken after Thursday this week.

NO CANTEEN THIS WEEK

Due to the Grandparents Day BBQ, there will be NO canteen this Wednesday.



Students Waving to the MS Riders

ONLINE PAYMENTS - P & C ASSOCIATION

Please note that there are to be NO online payments made to the school account for P & C Payments. All payments to the P & C are to be by cheque (made payable to Nowra Hill P & C Association) or cash. Thank you.

APPLICATION FOR YEAR 7 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT IN 2018

If you are interested in applying for a selective high school placement for 2018 please see the front office for an information pack. Online applications are from 11th October – 14th November 2016.

MERIT AWARDS

- Kinder - Cooper Fahey, Robert A, Armani D**
- K/1 - Taj Chalker, Marley Jade-Brant, Riley Gough**
- 1/2 - Jackson Caruana, Madison McCormack**
- 2/3 - Alina Henry, Aimee Lamb, Jack Woods**
- 4/5 - Jade O'Connell, Ella Butler**
- 5/6 - Toby Adams, Kaitlyn Boyne, Jake Jarrett**

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

- Kinder - Max Hughes**
- K/1 - Tiarn Schell**
- 1/2 - Thomas Manwaring**
- 2/3 - Leigha Barrett**
- 4/5 - Charlize Watson**
- 5/6 - Tia Renomeron**

Wellbeing Matters

HOW2Learn

You will have read and heard us talk about HOW2Learn quite a lot in recent months, but we wanted to share our learning journey in more detail with everyone in our community.

HOW2Learn stands for Higher Order Ways to Learn, and is about teaching students *how* to think and learn, not just *what* to think and learn.

The framework involves an intensive 2-3 years of staff professional development and it pulls together all the latest educational research available. Mrs White has been accredited as a trainer in the HOW2Learn framework and will be leading the journey here at Nowra Hill Public School. It requires many extra hours of professional learning and reading from every staff member, but we believe it is imperative to the academic, social and emotional success of all our students.

The framework covers 4 big domains and all the training is organised into modules to explore these domains in great detail.

They are:

- Creating a powerful learning culture
- Learning about learners
- Habits worth developing
- Practices that accelerate learning

This year, we have explored much of the first domain about building a powerful and transformational culture of learning. All teachers are committed to their own personal ongoing learning and to creating high expectations and developing students who are ready to face the unique challenges of the 21st century.

We have also started to explore the modules about how learners learn. These modules include a lot of the recent research in neuroscience and neuroplasticity which has provided a lot more insight into how the brain works and how learners learn best.

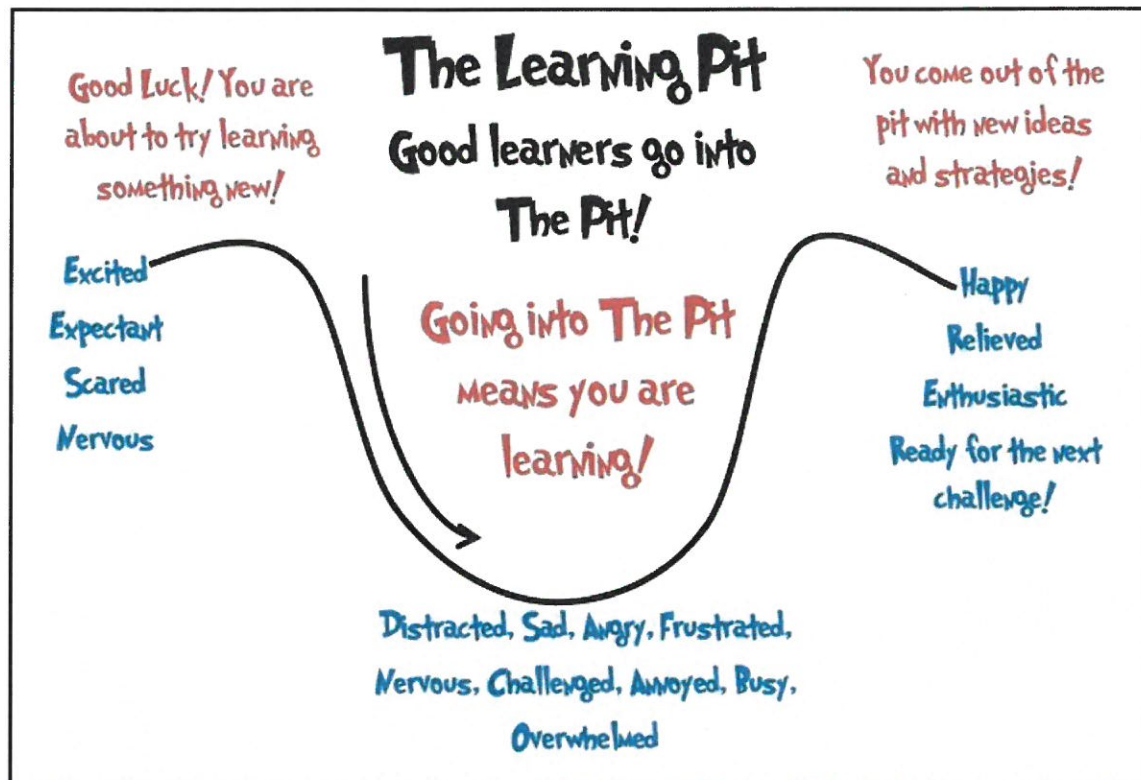
Some of the most exciting concepts we have examined so far, centre on the concepts of growth versus fixed mindsets. Teachers have started implementing these ideas into their classrooms and are already seeing a positive response from the students.

We have talked about the idea of the learning pit and how true learning can make us feel uncomfortable, but when we stick at it, we start to climb out of the learning pit and are rewarded with many positive feelings.

We have also talked about our brain as a muscle that when used, can always be strengthened. That everyone can learn, and that if we don't know something it's not because we are not smart, but because we just haven't learnt it yet!

So please, talk to your children and ask them about the learning pit, and the power of yet!

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THERE is a
difference
BETWEEN
not knowing AND
NOT KNOWING YET.

- Shelia Tobias