

THE BULLETIN

Nowra Hill Public School

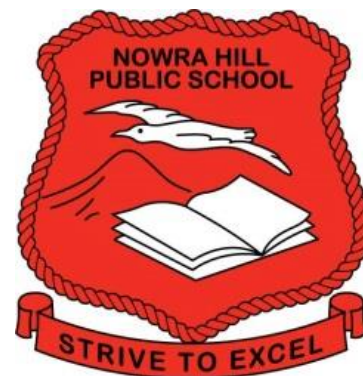
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CANTEEN: Wednesdays

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Term 1, Week 7 – 8th March 2016

Dear Parents,

Well week seven already, what a busy term! Just a few things from me this week!

As you are no doubt aware, there is very limited parking around our school, particularly during pick up and drop off periods. Can parents please make sure you park to the west of the concrete path that runs down to the road. It can be quite difficult for students and supervising staff to make their way to and from the bus pick up zones, so I ask that all parents are extremely cautious in this area.

Also on the subject of pick up and drop off, if you are making changes to the way your children go home from school, please let us know. A simple note to the teacher or a call to the office can help us to ensure everybody gets safely home in the afternoon. If somebody other than the people listed on our records is picking your child up, please ensure that we have written permission for this.

Online payments are almost here, please watch the App for the launch date and instructions on how to use the system!

Please don't forget the P&C meeting and AGM tonight at 6.30pm, come along and help support the P&C to support our kids.

TELL THEM FROM ME STUDENT FEEDBACK SURVEY

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes.

DATES TO REMEMBER

<i>Tue</i>	<i>8th Mar</i>	<i>P & C AGM – 6.30pm</i>
<i>Thurs</i>	<i>10th Mar</i>	<i>3/4 – Auskick Gala Day</i>
<i>Mon</i>	<i>14th Mar</i>	<i>ANZAC Story</i>
<i>Mon</i>	<i>21st Mar</i>	<i>School Photos</i>
<i>Tue</i>	<i>22nd Mar</i>	<i>Harmony Day</i>
<i>Thurs</i>	<i>24th Mar</i>	<i>Easter Service at Albatross</i>
<i>Fri</i>	<i>25th Mar</i>	<i>Good Friday</i>
<i>Mon</i>	<i>28th Mar</i>	<i>Easter Monday</i>
<i>Fri</i>	<i>1st Apr</i>	<i>NHPS Cross Country</i>
<i>Wed</i>	<i>6th Apr</i>	<i>K-2 AFL Skills Day</i>
<i>Wed</i> <i>Thur</i> <i>Fri</i>	<i>6th, 7th, 8th Apr</i>	<i>Years 4-6 Camp to Killalea</i>
<i>Fri</i>	<i>8th Apr</i>	<i>Last Day of Term 1</i>

The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

If you do not want your child to participate, please complete the form on our App!

Regards
Gordon Parrish, Principal

REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Good luck to Matthew Higham, Imogen Radburn and Denzel Atkinson, who are today representing Nowra Hill Public School, the Small Schools and Shoalhaven District at the South Coast Swimming Carnival in Dapto. Congratulations to Matthew who is one of 3 children in the Shoalhaven to have qualified for the 200 Individual Medley at the Regional Carnival. A very full program for Matthew indeed! A full report will be available next week.

2017 HIGH SCHOOL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST APPLICATIONS

The Information Guide and Expression of Interest Forms for Parents and Carers are going home with the Year 6 students today. We kindly ask you to fill out the form and return it to the front office.

YEAR 3/4 AUSKICK GALA DAY

Year 3/4 children received their permission notes for the Gala Day last Friday. The children will be in mixed teams of 9 boys and girls and the focus is on learning skills and playing games against other schools, using modified rules. This is a great opportunity for the children to learn AFL skills and have some fun on the way.

If you are able to transport extra children please indicate so on the permission note. Please have notes in no later than this Wednesday (tomorrow) so a transport note can be sent home with children.

A reminder to parents that they do not need to stay with children if they do not wish, as Mr McCann and Mr Vucic will be supervising the children. We do ask that parents return by 1.30pm to transport children back to school. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day, 21 March, celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. It is a day for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common.

The central message for Harmony Day is that 'everyone belongs', reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians. The theme for Harmony Day 2016 is "our diversity is our strength".

At Nowra Hill Public School, we will celebrate Harmony Day this year on the **22nd March**. We ask that children wear something with the colour orange. We will spend the afternoon sessions participating in a range of games that originate in another country or culture.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – 21st March 2016

School photos will be taken by the Master School Photographers on Monday, 21st March. Order forms are going home with this newsletter. Each child has an individual pre-paid envelope. If you would like a family photograph, please pick up an envelope from the office. Please put the **CORRECT** money in the envelope, as no change can be given from the office. The photographer collects the money and envelope on the day the photos are taken.

Please bring money and envelope to school on the 21st March and hand it to the photographer on the day.

DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY TO SCHOOL BEFORE THIS DATE.

SCHOOL COMPOSTING

We have formally started composting at school, with Year 4/5 spending the last few weeks learning about composting and educating the school. We will be using our recycled compost in our garden, where our pumpkins have begun to flower.

YEARS 4,5,6 SCHOOL CAMP – FULL COST

The full cost of the 4,5,6 Camp to Killalea is \$100.00 (this includes the \$20.00 deposit).

FITNESS

We started whole school skipping last week and already we can see greater confidence in the Kindergartens performing this skill. It has also created renewed interest in skipping as a play time activity, with many children using long ropes and individual ropes.

Next week we will take a break from skipping to start training for our school cross country on Friday, 1st April (Week 10). This carnival will be held at school and parents are welcome to spectate and cheer. After the cross country season is over we will return to skipping to further practise and improve skills and aerobic fitness.

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS

Easter Raffle tickets are attached to the newsletter. Tickets are \$1.00 each and are to be returned to school by Tuesday, 22nd March. The raffle will be drawn at school on Wednesday, 23rd March.

The school P&C are still looking for donations again for this year's Easter Raffle. Donations of chocolate Easter eggs, baskets, ribbons or cellophane are to be handed into the front office.

DISTRICT TRIALS

All the best to Darci Edwards who will be trialling for the District Girls Netball team on Thursday at Park Rd Netball Courts. This Friday, Brodie Byrne will be trialling for the District Open Boys Rugby League team. All the best to both of these students and remember to 'strive to excel'.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday and best wishes to Tahlia Stain, Paige Kohler and Jai Coates, who celebrate their birthday this week.

ANZAC STORY - \$5.00 per student

On the 14th March, Geoffrey Graham from Dinkum Oz Entertainment, will be performing the "Voices of War: An ANZAC Story". Please sign and return the permission slip on the bottom of the bulletin together with your money as soon as possible, if you have not already done so.

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to all the canteen volunteers. We have enough mums to run the canteen on Wednesdays. Toasted buttered Hot Cross Buns are available to order for recess at \$1.00 each, for the next 3 Wednesdays leading up to Easter.

We are also seeing some beautifully decorated lunch bags, which is fantastic. We will be awarding "best decorated bag of the day" with a FREE canteen item. Winner will be notified on the day.

We are attaching an order form for the canteen. Please complete and attach to your lunch order bag or place it in a clip lock bag and pay an extra 10c for a lunch bag.

YEAR 4/5 COOKING

Thank you to all parents and students who supported Year 4/5's Pancake Tuesday stall last week. Mrs Holmes and Class 4/5 students worked hard to cook over 100 pancakes. The profits raised will go towards baking scones over the next two weeks.

More information will be available in next week's newsletter.

WORKBOOK FEES

Students are now using their work books in the classroom. It would be appreciated if parents could pay for the workbooks as soon as possible. Parents are more than welcome to pay the workbooks off by instalments. If there is a problem with payment please see Mrs Noelene Jones in the office. General contributions are voluntary.

Mrs White – Kindergarten	\$34.00
Miss Reminis – Kinder/Yr 1	\$34.00
Mrs Rowe – Class 1/2	\$49.00
Mrs Bellamy – Class 2/3	\$60.00
Mr Vucic – Class 4/5	\$40.00
Mr Parrish – Class 5/6	\$40.00

UNSW ICAS COMPETITIONS

Money for **ALL competitions MUST** be paid by Friday, 18th March.

Please fill out the slip on the bottom of the bulletin, together with your money and return it to the front office.

MERIT AWARDS

The following students will be receiving merit awards at this Friday's assembly:

Kinder – Triston Reay, Max Hughes, Chelsea Lee,
K/1 – Charlie Salway, Riley Peters and John Lamb
1/2 – Rachel Viney, Taylah Gill
2/3 – Denzel Atkinson, Khallen C, Summer King
4/5 – Tyson Douglas, Georgia Green
5/6 - Kaitlin Boyne, Adam Viney, Brodie Byrne

PRINCIPALS AWARD

Kinder - Madeline Oke
K/1 – Evie Starkey
1/2 – Taj Westall
2/3 – Rylan Nichols
4/5 – Luca Winchester
5/6 - Litia Schell



NOWRA HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL ANZAC STORY – COST \$5.00 per student

I give permission for my child/ren _____ in class
_____ to attend the ANZAC Story at school.

I enclose \$_____.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____



NOWRA HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS YRS 3-6

I would like my child to sit for the following competitions (pls circle)

DIGITAL TECH- \$4.00 MATHS - \$4.00
WRITING - \$17.00 SPELLING - \$11.00
ENGLISH - \$4.00 SCIENCE - \$4.00

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

I have enclosed: \$ _____

Signed: _____



NOWRA HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL SCHOOL CAMP – KILLALEA DEPOSIT

I would like my child _____ in class _____ to attend the school camp to Killalea on 6th, 7th and 8th April 2016.

I enclose \$_____.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____



NOWRA HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL WORKBOOK FEES 2016

Children's Names: _____

Classes: _____

Please find enclosed \$_____

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

