

THE BULLETIN

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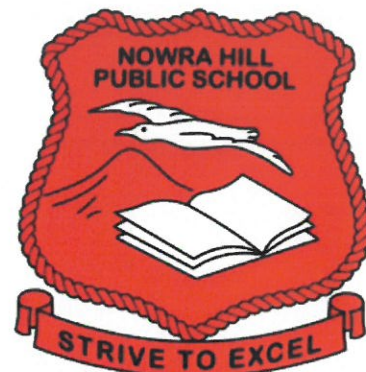
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Term 3, Week 8– 6th September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to week 8, just 15 days of term 3 left for 2016.

Unfortunately, the canteen will be closed tomorrow until further notice. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

This Thursday all Kinder and Year 1 students are heading into the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre to take part in the Erth's Dinosaur Zoo experience. Please make sure all notes and money are in asap. It looks like loads of fun!

Also on Thursday, the boys from years 3 and 4 are heading to the Basketball gala day, and the girls will attend on Friday.

As we are moving closer to the launch of our new management system, LMBR, we have decided to change the way money and notes are collected. All money and notes are to now be handed to the teacher when students go into class of a morning. Teachers have a secure bag that will then be collected from classrooms. We are hoping that this will free up the office area of a morning and allow our office staff to collect, collate and receipt monies in a more orderly fashion. Any money sent into school should come in an envelope/ziplock bag with your child's name, class and payment event clearly labelled.

NAPLAN results have been released, and year 3 students have received their letters. Year 5 students will receive their letters this week. Please remember that NAPLAN results are a snapshot of how your child performed in a test on a set day. Teachers are constantly assessing and

DATES TO REMEMBER

<i>Thursday</i>	<i>8th Sept</i>	<i>K/1 Excursion to Erth's Dinosaur Zoo</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>8th Sept</i>	<i>Basketball gala day (Yr 3 & 4 boys)</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>9th Sept</i>	<i>Basketball gala Day (Yr 3 & 4 girls)</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>12th Sept</i>	<i>P & C Meeting</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>16th Sept</i>	<i>AFL Clinic</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>23rd Sept</i>	<i>AFL Clinic Last Day of Term 3</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>10th October</i>	<i>First Day of Term 4</i>
<i>Mon-Fri</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Swimming Scheme</i>

evaluating where your child is at, and where they need to head to next in regards to the achievement of outcomes. If parents have any concerns, please contact me here at school.

Please note, students should not be arriving at school before 8:30 am, when teachers are on duty. If for some reason your child arrives here earlier, they are to sit quietly in the weather shed.

In staffing news, Mrs Rowe is going to take leave for 9 weeks next term and we have asked Mr Bagnall to step in and take 1/2 for that period. Mr B has been here for a number of casual days now and I am sure he is going to do a fantastic job!

Attached to this newsletter is our weekly Wellbeing Matters newsletter, please take some time to read through it as it outlines our new "In the Zone" behaviour management system.

I hope you enjoy your week!

Regards
Mr Gordon Parrish
Principal

REGIONAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Matthew Higham who represented the Shoalhaven District at the South Coast Regional Athletics Carnival in Canberra on Friday. Despite the cold and wet conditions Matthew was able to produce performances which qualified him to represent the South Coast at the State Athletics Carnival. Matthew came first in the 200m and second in the long jump and therefore will represent the South Coast in those events. He also came 5th in the high jump and 8th in the 100m. An absolutely fabulous result! Keep on 'striving to excel' Matthew.

SCHOOL SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY PROGRAM TERM 4

Parents and Carers please be aware that this is the last week to return the expression of interest slip for the School Swimming and Water Safety Program next term. This is for Year 2-6 students who are not proficient swimmers but we invite other interested children who would like to improve their strokes through practise in preparation for our end of year swimming carnival. We now have about 25 places left so please return your EOI on the back of the newsletter by Friday at the latest.

Permission notes will go home next week, for those children who have returned an EOI, and that is when we would like notes returned with a payment of \$65 which includes pool entry and transport by bus for the 10 day program. The lessons are free. Permission notes and payment will have to be returned and finalised by the end of term.

YEAR 3/4 BASKETBALL GALA DAYS.

Parents please ensure that if your child is in Year 3 or 4 that their Basketball Gala Day note is returned by Wednesday (tomorrow) at the latest so I can send a transport note home with children on Wednesday afternoon. The gala day will give the children an opportunity to learn basketball skills as well as play games against teams from other schools. The children will need to wear their school sports uniform and bring their own recess, lunch and drinks. Year 3 & 4 boys will play on Thursday and Year 3 & 4 girls will play on Friday. The cost is \$3.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday and best wishes to Xavier Bendall, Natalie Barrett & Leigha Barrett who celebrate their birthday this week.

BAND FEES

Band Fees for Term 3 are now due. Cost is \$50.00 per term. All cheques are to be made payable to the "Nowra Town Band". As all payments go directly to the Nowra Town Band please put money or cheque in an envelope addressed to them. There is to be no POP payments made for band fees.

BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club orders are due to be returned to school by next Monday 12th September. If anyone is missing their book club order from last time please contact the school office as we have one with no name. Thank you.

MERIT AWARDS

Kinder – Cooper Shaw, Triston Reay, Xavier P

K/1 – Tiarn Schell, Riley Peters, Matilda Lunn

1/2– Scarlett Pridgeon, Reagan Boyne, Skye De Brett

2/3 – Lindsay Muller, Denzel Atkinson, Kayla Stain

4/5 – Georgia Green, Paige Kohler

5/6 – Immy Radburn, Mitchell Downey, Toby Adams

PRINCIPALS AWARD

Kinder – Isabell Parlato-Cordingley

K/1 – Lily Sproule

1/2 – Sean Van Hoven

2/3 – Khallen Clarke

4/5– Grace Fahey

5/6 – Kaitlyn Boyne

COMMUNITY NEWS

PCYC Shoalhaven will be hosting their 4th of 6 free family movie nights on the 30th September. September's movie is Lego Movie!

Time – doors open 5:30pm – movie starts 6:30pm

Location – 72 Park Road Nowra

Pre movie activities – including face painting, craft & Shoalhaven Superheros will be flying in to play games and have a best dressed comp!

Entry is FREE.

Face paint, coffee, popcorn, canteen items, sausage sizzle, etc. available to purchase on the night.

Bring along your blankets and pillows, put on your winter pjs or onesies and come along to a great family night.

Nowra Cricket Club Registrations:-

Junior & Senior players

Sunday 11th September – 9 am to 11am

West St Oval, Nowra

Enquiries – Shannon 0422 090 881 or David 0425 204 276

OR Register on www.playcricket.com put in 2541 or Nowra then select Nowra Cricket Club

In2 Cricket (Milo) – 4 to 9yrs

Starting 6/10/16

5pm to 6.30pm at Nowra Added Area

Cost \$75

Register on www.playcricket.com put in 2541 or Nowra then select Nowra Cricket Club

T20 Blast 8 -12 yrs

Starting 4/11/16 for 6 weeks

5.30pm to 7pm at Nowra Added Area after

Christmas will be at Berry Sporting Complex

Register on www.playcricket.com put in 2541 or Nowra then select Nowra Cricket Club

SCHOOL SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY PROGRAM TERM 4

I would like my child to participate in the SCHOOL SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY PROGRAM during Weeks 2 & 3 in Term 4.

Child's name:

Class:

Please indicate to the best of your knowledge your child's swimming ability:

Non-swimmer Weak swimmer

Average swimmer Proficient swimmer

(PLEASE CIRCLE ONE)

Parent signature:

Dated:

Wellbeing Matters

In the Zone!

We have been hard at work at “The Hill”, listening to parents, reading your survey responses, collating data, researching best practice, talking to students and having many, many hours of professional conversations.

We are now ready to start implementing the beginning stages of our new behaviour management system, ***In the Zone!***

We are very excited about ***In the Zone!*** As we have already been having some very powerful conversations with children that show us that this will be a positive move for us all at NHPS.

In the Zone! combines the well-known and very successful visual traffic light system for behaviour management, with evidence-based, socially just, restorative practices. We will begin by focussing on the classroom learning behaviours.

In the Zone! allows students and teachers to readily identify the type of behaviour a student is exhibiting at any moment in time. Green behaviours are our positive, on task, learning behaviours; orange behaviours are when we are starting to get off task and need reminding to stay on track; and red behaviours are when students have clearly broken the class expectations.

To celebrate those students who continually display green behaviours in the classroom, we are implementing our new Green Cards. Every Thursday afternoon, each teacher will stamp the Green Card of every student who has stayed in the green zone most of the time during the week. This means that if a student has displayed red behaviours 3 times during the week, they will NOT receive their green week.

We will be celebrating those students who do receive their green week at each assembly on Friday mornings. We are also in the process of collaborating with students on the type of rewards we can offer for those students who receive multiple green weeks. We will have more news about this as it develops!

In combination with this very clear and very visual traffic light system, we will be using the 5R process, which is an explicit framework of practices based on Restorative Justice Philosophy that builds and strengthens relationships and social connections, promoting accountability and responsibility and to repair harm when relationships break down through wrongdoing, mistakes and misunderstanding.

The 5Rs are:

1. **Reminder** – this is a verbal reminder to follow classroom expectations. Students are still in the GREEN zone.
2. **Redirection** – this is a verbal direction to move from one behaviour, to the task at hand. Students are still in the GREEN zone.
3. **Relocation** – this is when a student is asked to sit by themselves to complete their learning task. Students move to the ORANGE zone.
4. **Reflection** – this is when a student is moved to the RED zone. They are asked to sit in the time out area in their classroom and complete a Think Sheet. The Think Sheet uses restorative practices to ask the student to consider their behaviour, why they made the choices they made, who they hurt, and what they could do next time.

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5. **Re-entry OR Referral** – if a student reflects on their behaviour and completes a Think Sheet (verbally/written) they will **re-enter** the learning space in the GREEN zone.
- If a student continues to show red behaviours whilst in the time out area and/or immediately returns to red behaviours upon re-entry, they will be **referred** to an Executive member of staff. They will then spend time in the AP's classroom, completing work and completing another Think Sheet that will be sent home to parents. This may also result in further time out in the AP classroom during recess or lunch.
 - Repeated referrals will result in serious behaviour letters being sent home, and then case conferences with the Principal, AP, parents/carers and student to develop individual behaviour contracts. The next step is to consider suspension in line with the Department of Education policy.

The 5R process is about asking students to take responsibility for their actions. We will be asking them to consider what choice they made, what effect their actions had on themselves and others, and what alternative choices they could have made.

In the Zone! is also about recognising and celebrating those students who continually stay in the green zone and always uphold their classroom expectations and our school values.

One of the most powerful aspects of a whole school approach such as this, is the development of a common language and a shared understanding across the school. So please start talking to your child about their green behaviours, and let's share this journey together!

Our Promise to Each Other

At last week's assembly, and in classrooms this week, we are talking to our students about our new Promise to Each Other. We are asking everyone, students, teachers and parents, to consider these words and the power of making this promise to each other as a community.

We will be saying this promise at assembly each week, and it has been displayed in classrooms this week. We also hope to have it displayed in other areas of the school, along with our school values.

Our Promise to Each Other

We **respect** and care about each other and our school, we share what we have, listen carefully, help each other **learn**, work hard, have fun and be **safe** together.

We understand that everyone makes mistakes, we stand up for ourselves and others, and when someone asks us to stop, we stop.

We take **responsibility** for whatever we do, or fail to do, and we support each other so that we can make things right.

***This is who we are,
even when no one is watching.***