

The Bulletin

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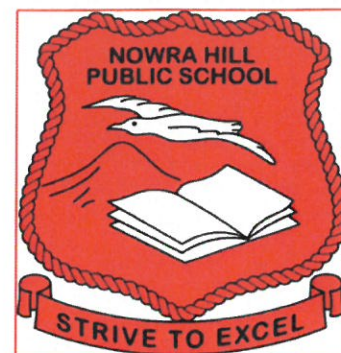
Dear Parents/Carers,

In response to a few recent enquiries we have had about SRE and our ability to offer **SEE (Special Education in Ethics)**, I have once again attached the NSW Department of Education's Fact Sheet about SRE and SEE. If you would like to see SEE offered at NHPS, I must advise you to contact Primary Ethics directly. Please see their website www.primaryethics.com.au

Recently our school received an increase in our **staffing entitlement** and as a result Mrs White will now be released from class on Thursday and Fridays, while Miss Classon takes Year 6. I will continue to take all classes for Library. We welcome Miss Classon, who has already shown herself to be fantastic addition to our school.

We acknowledge the disruption to the Year 6 group and we will work with them closely during the transition. It will be good preparation for high school where they will need to adapt to new teachers, often with no notice.

Mrs White will be spending Thursday and Fridays coordinating and preparing our school for upcoming **Validation and Registration** processes. Validation is an internal review of our school by the Department of Education. Registration is an external process where staff from the Board of Studies come into our school to review and audit the policies, procedures and teaching and learning that is in place at Nowra Hill. It is a huge undertaking!



Weekly Events

Mondays

Library

Tuesdays

School Banking

Wednesdays

Canteen

Thursdays

Scripture

Fridays

Sports Uniform

9am – Assembly

2:15pm – Uniform Shop

Upcoming Events

March 31

NHPS Cross Country

SRC BBQ

April 5

Easter Activity Day

Easter Hat Parade

Easter Raffle

School Disco

April 7

Last Day of Term 2

April 26

Students return for Term 3

ANZAC service at NHPS

April 28

FISST Cross Country

May 4

School Photos



Next week, our final week for Term 1, will give us the chance to celebrate Easter with all our students. Miss Reminis has been busy organising our **Easter "Doing Things Together Day,"** which will include an Easter Hat Parade, the P&C Easter Raffle Draw and Easter activities in peer groups. We are sure it will be a fantastic day as always.

We are also looking forward to our school **Cross Country Carnival** this Friday, straight after Assembly (weather permitting). This is always a great event, and we would love to see parents stay and watch our students participate. The Small Schools Cross Country Carnival will be held early next term.

Early next term, MSP Photography will visit for our annual **school photos**. The notes will go home on the first day back next term, with money being returned on the day of the photographs.

Kind Regards,

Mr Gordon Parrish
Principal

More Important News

DISTRICT TRIALS

Lois Fleming and Charlize Watson attended the District Netball Trials on Wednesday of Week 8. Both girls had four games which meant they were on the shortlist but unfortunately were not selected into the final team of 10. Well done girls for representing your school.

STATE TENNIS

Recently, Oscar Goley competed in the Regional Tennis Competition at Bomaderry. He won all six games in two pools and will now be representing our region at the State Competition in Newcastle next term. A big congratulations to Oscar, we are very proud of you!

STATE SWIMMING

All the best to Matthew Higham who will be representing Nowra Hill, the Small Schools, Shoalhaven District and South Coast Region at the State Swimming Championships in Sydney on the 5th & 6th of April. We are sure he would like to repeat his successes of last year. As always Matthew, congratulations in consistently 'striving to excel' in all your sporting activities.

Merit Awards

KR – Lily DeBrett, Riley Hopper, Noah Moreau, Connor VanAmelsvoord

K/1R – Cohen Brown, Lacey Cassidy-Green, Khloe Little

1/2R – Cooper Fahey, Michael Gibney

2/3B – Riley Gough, Olivia Oke, Eva O'Sullivan

3/4V – Scarlett Pridgeon, Jack Woods

4/5B – Declan Auld, Camani Collis, Austyn Cornelius, Patrick Davies

6W – Imogen Radburn, Jack Lunn, Harrison M

Library – Nicholas Iloski

Principal's Awards

KR – Kayleigh McCall

K/1R – Hunter Auld

1/2R – Aryanna Hayes

2/3B – Faith Myers McGuire

3/4V – Lauren Whitfield

4/5B – Brooke Pearson

6WP – Charlize Watson

YEAR 3/4 AFL GALA DAY

Last Wednesday the weather cleared long enough for 32 of our Year 3 & 4 students to attend the AFL Gala Day at West St Oval playing against other local schools. It was really pleasing to see the great participation of our students and the positive comments from other people regarding the children's behaviour. Some stand out performances came from Aimee Lamb, Denzel Atkinson, Jai Coates, Leigha Barrett and Seth Francis.

Many thanks to all the parents who transported their child, or extra children, and assisted with supervision. It was a very warm day but the children rose to the occasion and played very well to show a great development of skills throughout the day.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Our school Cross Country Carnival is on this Friday, 31st March. We still haven't managed to get out for training due to the wet grounds. Our carnival will be on if the grounds are dry enough and it will commence straight after assembly at 10am. Please keep an eye out for any announcements on the Skoolbag app for any changes to these arrangements. Parents are more than welcome to come and spectate & cheer.

FIIST (SMALL SCHOOLS) CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

The Small Schools Cross Country Carnival is scheduled for Friday, 28th April (Term 2 Week 1). We are currently awaiting the finalising of costs for this carnival as the children will be travelling by bus to Willandra Cross Country course at West Cambewarra. The carnival is for all students turning 8-13 years of age this year. The permission note will be coming home in the next few days. Please try and finalise money and permission note before the end of term (next week) as the first week back next term is a very short week.

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS

Tickets were sent home last week with students today for the Easter Raffle at school. Tickets are \$1.00 each. All sold and unsold tickets are to be returned to school by Tuesday, 4th April.

EASTER RAFFLE

We are still after donations of easter eggs, baskets, ribbons or cellophane. Please hand all donations into the front office by Friday, 31st March. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, 5th April. Thank you to those families that have already donated to this great raffle.

SCHOOL FEES

It would be appreciated if parents could pay for the school fees as soon as possible. If there is a problem with payment please contact the school office.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday and best wishes to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week.

Grace Fahey

Rhory Jones-Newing



Easter Doing Things Together Day

Wednesday 5th April

10:15am – Easter Hat Parade followed by P&C Easter Raffle Draw

11:30am – 2:55pm Easter activities in peer groups

5:30pm – School Disco



The Redbacks are Back!

Mrs White and the Year 6 class have started meeting as a whole Student Representative Council. We have read through the NSW Department of Education guidelines for SRC's and are very happy to announce that the Redbacks will now be taking on a much more representative role at NHPS.

Mr Parrish and Mrs White are excited to have a more formal arena for listening to student ideas and involving students in the decision making process at NHPS. The students are excited to have a more formal arena to be heard. Two SRC representatives have been elected to be the point of contact for each class across the school so we can involve everyone from K-6.

As part of this leadership experience, Mrs White is planning to take the whole class to the GRIP Leadership Conference in Wollongong. This will be an amazing experience for the students and will help build their resilience and independence, as well as their thinking skills.

But..... we need help to buy the tickets!

So, the SRC Redbacks will be holding a **fundraising sausage sizzle this Friday** to help us purchase the GRIP Leadership tickets.

Please clearly write your child's order on a paper bag and hand in Friday morning before school. **Sausage sandwich is \$2 and a Popper is \$1.**



Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics

Special Religious Education (SRE) is education in the beliefs and practices of an approved religious persuasion. Special Education in Ethics (SEE) is a program in ethical decision making, action and reflection within a secular framework, based on a branch of philosophy.

Background

[Section 32 of the Education Act 1990](#) states that 'in every government school, time is to be allowed for the religious education of children of any religious persuasion. The religious education to be given to children of any religious persuasion is to be given by a member of the clergy or other religious teacher of that persuasion authorised by the religious body to which the member of the clergy or other religious teacher belongs.'

[Section 33A of the Education Act 1990](#) specifies that if the parent/caregiver of a child objects to their child receiving SRE, that child is entitled to receive SEE, at the parent/caregiver's request, provided it is reasonably practicable for SEE to be made available at the school the child attends.

Principal Responsibilities

Principals must allow time for SRE/SEE where representatives of approved providers are available. On average, not less than 30 minutes and not more than one hour per week should be allocated. The lesson period should be consistent with the age and attention span of the students.

Parents/caregivers have the right to general information about how SRE and SEE will be organised each year and which organisations will deliver it. Parents/caregivers should also be informed of the alternative meaningful activities for those who have withdrawn. This general information should be provided to the school community in a number of ways, for example, via the school website, during parent meetings, in school newsletters and at enrolment.

Principals should use the information provided in the enrolment form to set up classes. If a religious persuasion is written on the enrolment form and available at the school, then the student will be placed in that SRE program.

If 'no religion' is written, or where there is no nominated persuasion or the persuasion is unavailable, then the principal is to send a letter containing general information about how SRE, SEE and alternative meaningful activities are organised, as well as a [SRE participation letter](#) to parents/caregivers. The SRE participation letter outlines the options available for SRE including the option to withdraw.

Parents/caregivers may at any time notify the school in writing that they wish to withdraw their child from SRE.

Parents/caregivers are to then be advised of specific information about options, including SEE if established in the school. If SEE is not established and a parent/caregiver requests it, the principal is to provide the name and contact details for [Primary Ethics](#).

Principals will support SRE/SEE by ensuring that no academic instruction or formal school activities occur during the time set aside for SRE/SEE. Students not attending SRE or SEE should be in a separate space from these classes and be provided with alternative meaningful activities such as reading, private study or completing homework.

SRE/SEE Providers Responsibilities

SRE/SEE is delivered by providers that have the approval of the Minister for Education for that purpose. A list of [approved providers](#) and [sample letters](#) are available on the website.

Providers must publish age-appropriate curriculum on their website. Only persons authorised by approved providers teach SRE/SEE. SRE providers must ensure that all personnel have had a Working with Children Check (WWCC).

SEE providers must ensure that all personnel have signed a [Working with Children Check Declaration](#) or have had a WWCC until their phase in of 31 March 2018.

For more information contact

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