

The Bulletin

Nowra Hill Public School

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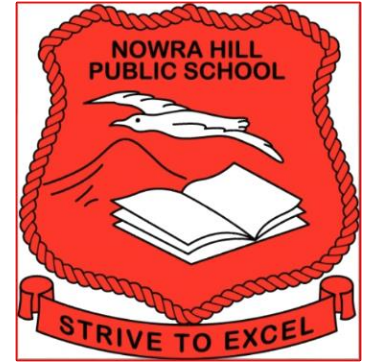
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Weekly Events

Mondays

Library

Tuesdays

School Banking

Wednesdays

Canteen

Gymnastics – Term 2 only

Thursdays

Scripture

Fridays

Sports Uniform

9am – Assembly

2:15pm – Uniform Shop

Upcoming Events

Thursday June 1st

Scienza Viva – Mini Beasts

Friday June 2nd

Regional Cross Country

Wednesday June 7th

Eisteddfod Verse Speaking
Year 3/4

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the past weeks and continuing in Terms 2 and 3, our teachers will be taking part in a number of professional learning opportunities. Both Miss Reminis and Miss Rigney are regularly attending L3 training; last week Mrs White and I attended Kidsmatter training; this week Mr Bagnall and Mrs Rowe attended training that focussed on the implementation of practices that support learning in literacy in classrooms; and next week Miss Reminis, Mrs White and myself will attend a course that looks at evaluative practices that support and enhance learning across the school. It is very pleasing to see our teachers challenging themselves to improve and change the way they do things, thus ensuring that the very best teaching and learning practices are being implemented at Nowra Hill.

When I walk around our school and talk to our kids and parents I, at times, come across individuals who are experiencing difficulties socially. This is part of the reason why we decided to implement the Friendly Schools Plus program last year, to explicitly teach social and emotional learning. To develop a positive and supportive learning culture it is important that as a school community, we have a joint understanding of what bullying is.

Bullying is an **ongoing** misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying of any form, or for any reason, can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders, and is in no way accepted at our school.

Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are unfortunate but are not defined as bullying. Our school will always address these issues individually and with rigour.

I think it is important for us all to understand that behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:

- mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

These conflicts will always be investigated, addressed and resolved in a restorative way here at Nowra Hill Public School. Please have a read of the "Bullying No Way" fact sheet attached to this newsletter.

On a positive note, we have implemented many ways to celebrate positive behaviour. This week will see those children who have achieved 5 green weeks attending a rewards afternoon. Last term we had many students achieve their Bronze Award for positive behaviour and a consistent approach to their learning. This term we still have many students on track to achieve their Silver Award.

Last Friday, our Year 6 students attended the GRIP Leadership conference at Wollongong Uni. It was very pleasing to watch how they engaged with children from other schools and really got into the day. I am sure each and every one of them walked away from the day with enhanced leadership skills that will help them throughout the course of Year 6 and on into Year 7!

Today saw the specialist teachers from the YWCA join our classes to deliver specialist content from their Y-PEP Child Protection Education Program. This program will continue for the next 3 weeks and if there are any issues that arise from these sessions, please contact me here at school. Ms Mel Bolton, our school counsellor, is at school on Thursdays if we need to follow up on concerns.

Attached to this newsletter are order forms for Pie and Popper day, which will continue every Friday for the remainder of the year. This Friday there is a special treat, with students able to order Scones, Jam and Cream for morning tea at a cost of \$1.00. Just include the order in your Pie and Popper order.

A final note for this week, please make sure you have checked out the SRC Cadbury Fundraiser promotion on the NHPS App. All monies raised go to supporting the Years 4, 5 and 6 camp to Berry Sport and Rec. As an incentive to get involved, every box you sell will get you a ticket in the draw to win a 4.5 kg block of Toblerone!

Have a great week!

Regards

Mr Gordon Parrish
Principal



More Important News

PSSA DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Last Thursday we had 35 of our primary students compete against all the other local schools in the PSSA District Cross Country Carnival. It was a great day with many fantastic personal achievements. Some of the more noteworthy performances were Lily Sproule 7th; Leigha Barrett 8th; Natalie Barrett 10th; Imogen Radburn 13th; Nicholas Iloski 5th; Geena Viney 3rd and Matthew Higham. A big congratulations to Geena, Nicholas and Matthew who now represent the Shoalhaven District at the South Coast Regional Carnival on Friday 2nd June (Week 6).

I am very happy to report that NHPS team result was very strong as the school came third in the percentage score- and yes we actually outscored Kangaroo Valley. Well done team and all the best to our Regional representatives.

A very big thank you to all the parents who transported their children and those who also transported others to make sure that everyone could compete. Your support for your children and the school is very much appreciated.

SOUTH COAST PSSA CRICKET TRIALS

Good luck to Mitchell Downey and Matthew Higham who will be representing NHPS and the Southern Illawarra Zone at the South Coast Cricket trials in Fairy Meadow on Monday 29th June. All the best boys!

YEAR 3/4 SHOALHAVEN EISTEDDFOD-VERSE SPEAKING

On Wednesday 7th June, (Week 7) Class 3/4 V will be going to the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre to perform in the Verse Speaking section between 9am-1pm. I am not sure at exactly what time we will perform but the children will bring along their recess and lunch in case we perform nearer to 1pm.

The children have been practising since early last term and should be more than ready by the Week 7 performance. Permission notes go home today with the newsletter. Please return ASAP. There is no cost to the children and transport will be by private vehicle. Please indicate whether you can transport your child and others.

SHOALHAVEN EISTEDDFOD

Unfortunately, I have had to withdraw our small group of recorder players from the Shoalhaven Eisteddfod as I didn't feel we were prepared enough. The group of children (Alyson Kettlewell, Kristina Esposito, Brooke Pearson and Charlie Manwaring) were very keen and dedicated but last term's weather didn't allow us to practise enough. Thank you to those children for volunteering their lunch times to practise for the few sessions we were able to.

BAND FEES

Merit Awards

KR – Noah Moreau, Dean Schlick-Blake, Riley Hopper

K/1R – Hunter Auld, Khloe Little, Miley Winchester

1/2R – Chelsea Lee, Allira Douglas, Isabell Parlato-Cordingley

2/3B – Jackson Davis, Heidi Lovell, Chantelle Hupp

3/4V – Tinesha Kirby, Laif Fleming

4/5B – Georgia Green, Grace Fahey

6W – Hunter Woods, Lois Fleming

Library – Will Pedersen

Principal's Awards

KR – Makensie Burney

K/1R – Cohen Brown

1/2R – Noah Sheehan

2/3B – Kayla Thormann

3/4V – Aim Coulson-Knight

4/5B – Ryan Boyne

6WP – Holly Barrett

A reminder that Band Fees of \$50.00 for Term 2 are now due. All cheques are to be made payable to "Nowra Town Band". Please hand all money into the front office. Please note we do not accept online payments for band.

