# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to the new term and I trust that the school holidays went well for everyone. It is wonderful to see the students and teachers return and everyone looking recharged and ready for the new term.

# Mother's Day Stall Friday \$5

Mother's Day is a very special time for all mothers and their families and a time of special thanks and celebration. I hope all mothers have a wonderful day this Sunday.

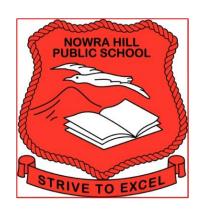
A reminder to all students to bring your money this Friday for the P&C Mother's Day stall. All gifts are \$5 and it is a great annual opportunity for students to gain responsibility and ownership as they select and pay for a special gift for their mum.

#### **ANZAC Day**

Last Friday our school performed its annual ANZAC Ceremony on a day where the sun finally appeared and we could hold it outside, under the COLA as planned.

From all accounts from our guests, parents and staff it was a really great ceremony, and our school did the ANZAC tradition proud on this day.

I would like to thank our entire Nowra Hill Community for the excellent respectful ANZAC Ceremony held last Friday and for bringing pride to our school and the ANZACS, we will remember them.



# **Weekly Events**

Library – Wednesdays

Assembly Dates– Every 2nd Friday 2.15pm

 $May - 13^{th}$  and  $27^{th}$ 

June – 10<sup>th</sup> and 24th

# **Upcoming Events**

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May

P & C Meeting 6.30pm – Zoom Meeting

Friday, 6th May

NHPS Cross Country

Mother's Day Stall

Tuesday 10th – Fri 20th May

NAPLAN - Yrs 3 and 5

Wednesday, 18th May

District Cross Country

Monday, 30th May

Musica Viva



# P&C Meeting tonight 6:30 pm by Zoom

Tonight, presents a great opportunity to catch up with the P&C and lend your support to our wonderful P&C organisation who are active in their support to the school. Please join us from the comfort of your own home from 6:30 pm tonight.

If needed here are join in details and the link to copy and paste to your browser.

Meeting ID: 756 8262 4460

Passcode: cNt02g

https://us04web.zoom.us/i/75682624460?pwd=FcVleoP5jaKTmSbHMFfOCUCsa\_dtL4.1

#### **Tomorrows Industrial Action**

Members of the NSW Teachers Federation at Nowra Hill Public School will be taking industrial action tomorrow, Wednesday 4 May 2022 in the form of a 24-hour strike. The school will be affected with collapsed classes and programs on the day due to the reduced supervision of students from teachers taking this action.

Students will be involved in educational activities, and students will not be completing their normal classroom lessons and content on this day.

Please contact the school on 4421 5671 for any inquiries for tomorrow.

#### **Changes to Friday Assemblies**

Changes have been made to our weekly assemblies and we now move to fortnightly regular assemblies. This will allow us more learning time and flexibility.

Our regular assemblies will be our odd weeks this term, these will be:

Assemblies now are: Weeks 3, 5, 7 and 9. Which is May 13 & 27, June 10 & 24.

Please update your diaries for our regular assemblies.

#### NAPLAN Weeks 3 and 4

Our Year 3 and 5 students will be conducting their NAPLAN assessments from next week (week 3) and be concluding these tests during week 4.

To support students' wellbeing, we keep students in their usual rhythm leading up to and during these assessment times. We acknowledge the tests are upcoming but do not amplify or overly stress NAPLAN.

## **COVID Updates**

Departmental changes to close contact isolation requirements follow:

From the beginning of Term 2, students and staff who are identified as close contacts will be able to attend school at the principal's discretion with the following risk mitigations in place:

- Parents/carers and staff must notify the school if they or their child is a close contact and intends to attend school or work
- Students and staff should conduct a daily rapid antigen test (RAT) and receive a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 subsequent school days
- Staff and high school students identified as close contacts must wear a mask in all indoor settings when at school
- Primary school students identified as close contacts are recommended to wear a mask in all indoor settings when at school
- Close contacts are not allowed to enter SSPs, support classes, assisted transport or attend overnight excursions for 7 days from identification as a contact.

#### Unwell at school

Any student or staff member who is unwell and/or displays symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to go home and stay there until they can complete a RAT or PCR test.

If symptoms continue, they should stay at home and take another RAT in 24 hours or have a PCR test.

If the second RAT or initial PCR test result is negative, the student or staff member can return to school.

In NSW, positive COVID-19 cases are provided a Medical Clearance Notice after 7 days and allowed to leave self-isolation as long as they do not have COVID-19 symptoms.

#### What happens if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19?

Under the close contact rules, schools are no longer included in contact tracing. Our school will inform the school community of a positive case and advise families of the current public health advice, including monitoring for symptoms.

Have a great week everyone

Jason Wilkins Relieving Principal

# MORE IMPORTANT NEWS

#### **ZONE RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS**

Well done to both Torr and Matua who represented their school, and District, at the Zone Rugby Trials late last term. Unfortunately, with the high calibre of competition they were not chosen for the Zone team.

## **DISTRICT AND ZONE NETBALL TRIALS**

Last Friday Aryanna and Lily represented Nowra Hill PS at the District Netball Trials. Both girls gave their best against some very tall and talented players. Lily made it through to the Zone trials but unfortunately was unable to progress any further.

#### **SMALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY**

The Small Schools Cross Country Carnival scheduled for tomorrow at Willandra has been cancelled for this year. We will use results from our school carnival, to be run this week, to send the fastest three children from each age group onto the District Cross Country Carnival which will be run on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May (Week 4). Transport for the District Cross Country will be by private transport.

Students that have paid the \$9.00 will have a credit on their school account.

#### NHPS CROSS COUNTRY

Our school cross country will be held this Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> May. The carnival will commence at 1.45pm and finish around home time. The senior children will be running first and we will finish with the 5/6 and 7 year old children. Parents/carers are more than welcome to come and cheer and spectate.

#### YEAR 5 & 6 MOVING INTO THE TEEN YEARS PROGRAM

Yesterday all the Year 5 & 6 students participated in the 'Moving into the Teen Years Program' which was delivered by an educator from the Interrelate organisation. Parents & carers please take some time to talk to your children about the program to see how they felt about it and to question them on what was interesting and new to them. It was very pleasing to hear the educator comment on how well behaved the Nowra Hill students were throughout the day. The aim of the program is to impart as much factual knowledge on very important health and personal development topics. You may also want to share some time with your child going through the booklet 100+ Questions Kids Have About Puberty which the children have received.

#### **KINDERGARTEN 2023**

If you have a child who will be starting Kindergarten in 2023, could you please apply to enrol your child online. Online enrolment can be located on the school website nowrahill-p.schools.nsw.edu.au under the enrolment tab. If you are outside our catchment area you will have to apply for an out of area enrolment.

#### **ANZAC DAY 2022**

Last Monday we had a lovely turn out despite the rain. Our students represented Nowra Hill admirably and respectfully. The school captains Torr and Evie did an excellent job laying the school wreath.



#### STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2022

Envelopes from Stewart House have gone home with students. If you would like the chance to win a \$4000.00 gift voucher, please place a \$2 inside the envelope and return it to the office. All envelopes are to be returned to school by Wednesday, 18th May 2022.



Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to Josie L who celebrates her birthday this week.

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to Nellie, Havana, Marley-Jade, Archie and Zali who celebrate their birthday last week.

Happy birthday to the following students who celebrated their birthday in the holidays: Kayleb, Matilda, Torr and Aryanna

# P & C News

The Mother's Day stall will be held on Friday morning. All gifts will be \$5.00 each. If you wish to purchase a gift, please have children bring money in on the day.

The canteen will be reopening next Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May. Place orders through the myschool connect app.

The next P & C meeting is to be held tonight, 6th May at 6.30pm via zoom.