

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

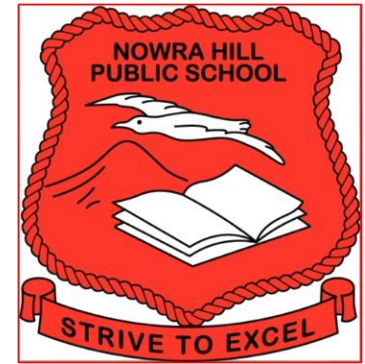
We don't often have Easter break separate from school holidays, so it was good to have an extra long weekend. I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter and spent some time with family enjoying egg hunts and special breakfasts. We only have 2 weeks to go until holidays and still have lots of things happening before we break.

Thank you to all the families who attended our Easter Hat Parade last Thursday. It was wonderful to see lots of grandparents in attendance. Thank you to everyone who donated towards our Easter Raffle and a huge thankyou to our amazing P&C for putting the prizes together for the day. Your support is always appreciated.

This week we are holding our parent teacher interviews. Bookings were made via the Sentral App. Teachers are looking forward to speaking with you about your child's progress so far this year.

Thank you to our P&C and the Nowra Fruit Market for organising a special fruit break treat to coincide with fruit and veg week. Children always enjoy fresh fruit and your effort and support for our students was wonderful.

As many of you would of heard Mrs Rossouw has had a change in personal circumstances and will be reducing her number of teaching days. For consistency of the class Mrs Coyle will now be teaching 3/4R and Mrs Rossouw will come back next term working with 2/3, 4/5 and our extension class each Thursday. Mrs Wilson will continue to work with students with Tournament of Minds.



Weekly Events

Library –Monday and Friday

Scripture – Thursday

Upcoming Events

Thursday, 4th April

Small Schools Cross Country

Monday, 8th April

Netball sessions

Friday, 12th April

ANZAC Day Assembly -
10.30 am

School Assembly – 2.30pm

Item 2/3R

Tues 7, 14, 21st May

Stage 3 – Interrelate

Thursday 23rd May

District Cross Country

Tuesday, 11th June

Small Schools Athletics
Carnival

The small schools cross country will be held this Thursday. At this point there are still many children in years 3–6 who have not brought in their permission/payment note. Please be aware that it is a normal school day and those students who are not attending or haven't brought back a note or payment are expected to remain at school and work will be provided. If the carnival is postponed due to poor weather parents will be informed via the Sentral App and all students are expected to be at school on Thursday. Thank you for your assistance.

Opportunity Class applications are open from April 4 – May 20 2024. Classes are for Year 5 students in 2025. For more information please see the attached flyer.

Our last netball skills development will be next Monday. Students are asked to wear sports uniform on that day.

Our school's ANZAC assembly will be held next Friday at 10:30am. Please see information further on in the newsletter. Parents are welcome to attend.

Jo West

Principal

OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

Permission to Switch Off

When home and school, work in genuine partnership, our students' learning outcomes increase significantly. We know that our parents and carers play a crucial role in helping our students become motivated learners and that communication between our school and our community is critical for us to partner together. The New South Wales Department of Education is working with the New South Wales Teacher's Federation to enact the new Expectations for Digital Communications policy across the state.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Education and Early Learning Prue Car said: *"The digital technologies that were key to our success during lockdowns and continue to provide amazing learning opportunities have made it hard for teachers to establish boundaries."*

To give our teachers the opportunity to recharge, spend time with their families, and bring their best creative selves to work, we are setting clear expectations for when and how they will respond to communication outside school operating hours. This means teachers will not reply to non-emergency messages or emails outside of school operating hours.

For non-emergencies, please use the school's email address (nowrahill-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) in the first instance or phone our office on 44215671. Alternatively, you can send a message to your child's teacher via Sentral. For longer discussions or complex matters, we ask parents and carers to make an appointment to speak to teachers or executive staff directly between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Our staff will respond within 2 school days for email enquiries under normal circumstances.

For emergencies, contact us via phone on 4421 5671. Emergencies include serious student health, safety and wellbeing issues.

Our staff will always stay in touch because open communication is what's best for your child and their education. We don't want you to stop communicating with your teachers – we still want to hear from you if you have any questions or need to discuss a matter about your child. We know it's often easier to send emails or messages after work. We will make sure we read and respond in school operating hours.

Our dedicated teachers want to help our students achieve their best – we're on the same team.

Thank you for treating our staff with kindness and respect.

SCHOOL ANZAC ASSEMBLY

We will be having our ANZAC Day Assembly on Friday, 12th April at 10.30am. **All** parents, guardians and family members are invited to attend. May we please request that Defence personnel wear uniform. There will be morning tea following assembly for all students that have an adult present.

ANZAC DAY MARCH

As we do every year, Nowra Hill Public School will be participating in the ANZAC Day march on Thursday 25th April. The march will take place on Junction Street and will conclude at the Memorial gates of the showground.

All Nowra Hill students and families are invited to participate (this is not just for Defence families). Mrs Martin will meet you on the corner of Junction Street and Osborne Street outside Dr Moss's at 10.10am. Look out for the Nowra Hill School banner. We look forward to seeing you representing your school. Students will need to wear their summer uniform and have a hat please.

P & C RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of the P & C Easter Raffles:

Major Prizes – Adrian Fife, Merchant Family, Bodhi B, Phil Smith, Matilda U

Minor Prizes – Ryan W, Alexis H, Georgia T, Allora H, Charlie T, Savannah M, Brody F, Rose K, Abiha Z, Jaxon M, Matilda U, Callum B, Kye, B, Mana L, Mackenzie G, Chase B, Amelia K, Abigail B, Lottie O, Lewis W.