Assessing Learning
Our Year 3 and 5 students have approached the NAPLAN tasks with a calm integrity to demonstrate their current learning and understanding in literacy and numeracy. They understand that this assessment is one way of determining where they sit on the learning continuum and what they need to learn next.

Other classroom tasks also contribute to the picture we have of our students as learners. This information will be presented to parents in the Student Reports going home in Week 9 of this term for all students.

Eat It To Beat It
Don’t miss out on the opportunity to get some great recipes and ideas at the Cancer Council Eat it to Beat It! Forum on Thursday 22 May 2014 at 1.30pm in our School Hall. Please register on the flyer included in this Newsletter so that you can also sample some great snacks to help our children beat obesity, and other health issues which can be decreased with a healthy approach to food.

Reforms to P&C Federation
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

On Time Everyday
It is very important for students to be on time for school. Arriving late in the classroom is upsetting and embarrassing for your children. The bell rings at 8.55am for morning assembly which is when all the messages are given for the day. Starting without all the information is difficult if you are late to school. Help your child to be on time everyday!

New Hats
Our new school hats have arrived and are on sale for $10 from the office. We hope to see everyone wearing the new hat by the end of term.
Get Reading!

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is on again and it’s time to GET READING! Stage 1 students will be reading the books with their class teachers and Years 3-6 can read the books themselves and login online to record their progress. If you are in Year 3 this year this is your 4th year of the challenge and you will earn a GOLD certificate for your efforts.

Newsletter entries are now being taken: Choose a favourite book from the reading list and write a paragraph giving reasons for your choice. Drop your writing in to Miss Hollister in the next 2 weeks and your writing might appear in the newsletter. Happy reading!

Stage 1 Stars of the Week Friday 9 May 2014


School Awards
Denzell Greenup-Stokes, Taj Bateman, Eliza Graham

Bronze Awards

ATTENTION!

Payments

Work Books
Payments are overdue. Reminder Invoices have been sent home today. The P&C have subsidised these workbooks to keep the cost affordable for families. We would appreciate your payment ASAP.

School Contributions
Reminder Invoices have been sent home today. Don’t forget, you will receive one complimentary 2014 Year Book per family for your contribution.

Year 3-4
GABC Excursion
8th - 10th September
This excursion can be paid in instalments anytime.

Year 5-6
Canberra Excursion
7th - 12th September
Payments can be made anytime for this excursion. If you make weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments you will have it paid off in no time.

Online Payments
Don’t forget you can make online payments for excursions and other school activities. Just log onto the school website at www.nambuccahd-p.schools.nsw.edu.au. Select Make a Payment. When you get to payment options, just select the appropriate dissection.

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Stage 1 News

Stage 1 are set for a wonderfully busy and adventurous term.

We shared morning tea
We were thrilled to enjoy the company of so many mums, nans and little brothers and sisters for our Mother's Day Morning Tea at school last Thursday.

The weather stayed clear and there were lots of happy people enjoying the special occasion. Children never tire of seeing their parents and family members at school.

There were so many smiling faces and lots of cuddles! Look out for photos in our school newsletter.

..... and had our own X-Country.
Stage 1 students can run and run and run - they love it. We had our own challenging cross country run at school up and down hills and around equipment. Each age group had a race and then all students went around once again because children love to run and run and run. Phew! Finally, everyone seemed puffed and needed a drink. Well done everyone.

... and we bought Mum a present.
Children were very excited and considered in their purchases for their mother’s presents too. Thank you P&C ladies.

Then we ran the weekly assembly...
Miss Hollister’s Year 1 class ran our school assembly last Friday and they were amazing. Great leaders and speakers of the future. Every class member had an important role to play. Thanks.

We are leaning our local language....
We are saltwater people - we live by the sea. Nambucca Heads Public School children have begun Gumbaynggirr cultural awareness and language lessons. Clayton Donovan started lessons last Thursday. He may have needed a little lie down and a cup of tea at the end of the day as the students
were keen asking so many questions and joined in conversations about families and family heritage. He visited many classrooms and we are sure he will build a good rapport with N.H.P.S. students. We look forward to having him in our classrooms. He mentioned teaching about traditional foods and all the children got hungry!

The Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBL) focus for this week as we embark on moving PBL values into the classroom is about listening. We have met Louise the octopus - a friend of Seemore’s and we have been learning listening tips from Cookie Monster’s martial arts teacher (see The Biscotti Kid on youtube) about how to listen with our whole body. Eyes watch. Ears listen. Voice quiet. Body calm.

Next Wednesday is the annual Simultaneous Book Reading event. Each year stage 1 children enjoy activities around the book that is being shared nationally. (Check the local town library for a similar event on the same day. Could be great for littlies at home/preschool.) Our Stage 1 children choose any teacher and enjoy listening to the story as they read it. We have some stage and classroom activities too. Too Many Elephants in this House by Ursula Dubosarky is the chosen book this year.

We are learning to listen.

...and helping student teachers.

There are three 4th Year university students working in Stage 1 classrooms at the moment and they are going very well and will be set to teach after their time with us.

Some of us are getting special help.

Some children have been having speech assessments and lessons and some seeing our visiting Occupational Therapist. Our school has wonderful services available for all students.

What a great place to be.

Stay tuned for more Stage 1 activities and more whole school events this term.

Mrs Kathie McKinney
Nambucca Heads
FIRE STATION OPEN DAY
Saturday
17 May 2014
10.00am to 2.00pm

Children and their parents are invited to watch fire safety demonstrations, hop aboard our station’s fire truck, hold a fire hose and get an information bag while chatting with firefighters about what they do.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children and their parents to meet their local firefighters and learn about fire safety in the home.

Winter is just around the corner and it’s the worst time of the year for house fires, so this is a great opportunity to learn as much as you can about home fire safety.

COME AND JOIN US THIS SATURDAY

Where’s Seemore Competition

Answer: 8

…..and the Winners are:
Yrs K-2
Requia Campbell
Yrs 3-6
Amanda Goodby

Competition will run each week so get your entry in!

Nambucca Exhaust & Brake
For all your Mechanical Repairs Services & Pink Slips
See Jim or Wayne
Nambucca Industrial Estate, Monro St, Nambucca Heads

We have started our pop up dinners!
If you would like to know the dates, location and menu for our up coming pop ups simply visit our website and join our Food and Wine Club.
You will receive a newsletter via email with all the details.

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**SPORT**

**School Cross Country**

The school Cross Country will be this Friday 16th May. All children who are at school and in Stages 2 and 3 will be expected to participate. Children do not have to run the whole course they may walk parts and jog the rest. The course will require children running outside the school grounds. The children will not be crossing any roads. There will be supervision around the course to ensure safety. If your child is unable to participate a note is required.

**Bowraville Cross Country**

The Bowraville Cross Country was held last Friday 9th May. See results in the Newsletter. Congratulations to Jaxx Eadie who was last year’s most improved. All children who finished in the top 10 at Bowraville will be allowed to run at the Mid North Coast Carnival.

**Bowra Cross Country Results**

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**Improved on last year**


**The same as last year**

- Connor Ford 33, 33, Domynique Byrt 33, 33, Ella Williams 2, 2, Lily Noonan 19, 19

**Improved over 3 Carnivals**


**Improved over 4 Carnivals**

- Pippi Rogers Palmer 62, 41, 35, 29, Connor Ford 77, 60, 33, 33

**Most Improved**


Ready Set GO!

*(more photos next week)*