Principal’s Report

Good Luck TOM Team
This Sunday, 24th August, a Proud Tradition of NHPS will be perpetuated at the Regional Finals of the Tournament of Minds (TOM). Once again students have been working extremely hard as a team to present a performance in the Applied Technology section of TOM. Students have worked at school and on the weekends for the past six weeks to develop their performance. The performance utilises a range of computer technologies and the students have produced an amazingly creative and innovative performance. Team members are – Hannah Donnelly, Taylor Adair, Tihana Dell, Domyinque Byrt, Tarryn Cook, Aaliyah Hodnett-Daly and Benny Battiston (absent from photo).

Kate Battiston is the TOM facilitator once again this year. Kate has spent hours at school and on the weekend supporting the team. Thanks very much Kate on behalf of our whole school community. Having had the experience of facilitating TOM in the past, I know the dedication and hard work the responsibility involves! WELL DONE AND GOOD LUCK to our TOM TEAM.

Book Fair & Parade next week!
Staff and students are busy coming up with costumes for our annual Book Week parade through the town centre next Tuesday 26th August. This is such a pleasant annual event, involving our whole school community. We will have our morning Assembly, then parade around the school hall. Students and teachers will then walk along Ridge Street and up Bowra Street at approximately 9.45am until approximately 10.30am.

The school Library will be open from 9am for purchasing books. If you are bringing your children to school next Tuesday, have a peek at the lovely selection of books Mr Pascoe has for sale.

We look forward seeing lots of parents, grandparents and friends of NHPS next Tuesday. Mrs Banks has organised a Mastermind Quiz for Thursday 28th August, to

Calendar of Events

AUGUST
20 P&C Meeting
26 Book Fair & Book Character Parade
28 Crazy Hair Day
29 NC Athletics

SEPTEMBER
2 Performance “Ghana Beat My Drum”
7-12 Canberra Excursion
8-10 GABC Excursion

GET READY FOR BOOK CHARACTER PARADE
TUESDAY 26TH AUGUST
Principal’s Report cont….

coincide with Book Week. Students will be organised in groups comprising K to Year 6 and answer questions relating to their Key Learning Areas and general knowledge, based on the Trivia Quiz. This should be a lot of fun for all staff and students!

Our SRC has also organised a Crazy Hair day for Thursday 28th August. Book Week is shaping up very well at NHPS!

Time to Spell
Stages 2 and 3 teachers are busy preparing students for our annual Spelling Bee. By the conclusion of next week we will know the four finalists from Stages 2 and 3. The finalists will be sent home with the words to practice in preparation for the finals in Week 8 this term.

A big thanks to Mrs White for organising this school event.

Mrs Banks is away this week, so I have had the privilege of stepping in for her.

Jenny Joske
Relieving Principal

Helping your child with writing

You do not have to be an expert. Help your child with those areas of writing with which you feel confident. Share your writing experiences with your child. As you do so, talk about why you are writing something and who you expect to read it. Make writing experiences at home purposeful and interesting for yourself and your child. It is important your child knows about who they are writing for and why they are writing, as this determines the tone and form that a piece of writing takes. For example, a note from a parent to a child reminding him or her to do a job on arriving home will have quite a different form and tone from a letter to an aunt inviting her to join a family celebration.

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Thanking You
Drawing to Learn

Most children like to draw. Drawing is one of the first things that small children do. Did you know that drawing is important to children’s understanding of the world? It helps them organize their thinking and satisfies a need for personal response to the world.

The next time you read to your child, think about asking your child to draw a picture about the story you have read. It would be even better if you drew a picture, too, and then you and your child could talk about your drawings.

When children draw a picture about a story, they have to think about all of the important parts of a story, then choose the part that seems most interesting. While this may sound simple, it is the essence of reading comprehension - the ability to look at all of the information and pick out the important parts.

When children draw and write about a story or an experience, they learn even more. So, please keep reading and drawing!

How can I encourage my child to write?

- Read your child’s writing or have him or her read the writing to you, and make positive comments, for example, “I really like the way you’ve described this.”
- Praise your child for having a go at writing words that are new and explain how to spell harder words.
- Talk to your child about why an author or film maker might create a book, play or film in a particular way. What ideas or opinions are presented?
- What is the author’s purpose?
- Read and talk about the writing that your child brings home from school.
- Praise your child for using neat and legible handwriting.
- In order to develop spelling and vocabulary, play word games such as I Spy, Scrabble, Boggle, Scattergories and crosswords.

My dream house is on the moon. My house has a machine on the roof. The machine sprays lots of water out of it. I have a purple pool.

By Charlie Anliot
Students of the Week Friday 15th August 2014


Students of the Week
Poppi Rogers-Palmer, Aziah Steele, Lily Kelsey, Taj Reynolds, Holly Lugnan, Levi Steele, Ryan Atkins, Landon Brown, Lior Daly

School Award
Zoe Aspiotis, Calvin Coote

Assistant Principal
Lily Kelsey, Nick Davison, Kyron Auld, Jimerra Breckenridge, Lochie Heighington, Ryan Faulds

Where’s Seemore Competition
Answer: 12
…..and the Winners are:
Yrs K-2
Allan Glozier
Yrs 3-6
Taylor Adair
Competition will run each week so get your entry in!

$2 Canteen Voucher will be given out at Friday’s Assembly following result in Newsletter.

Don’t forget to pick up a new School Hat
$10

CANTINEE
ROSTER
Thursday 21st
Brad Wilson
Friday 22nd
?????
Wednesday 27th
Helen

CANTEEN
ROSTER
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Students of the Week
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School Awards
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1H & 1-2M & Year 1 Rockets Excursion

On Tuesday 1H, 1-2M and the Year 1 Rockets walked to Woolworths to find out how food is transported and packaged. We identified fruits and vegetables, tried some fresh deli food and watched meat get minced. We helped wrap the meat, walked through the freezer and tasted some watermelon. 1H especially liked operating the cardboard crusher. Thank you to the generous Woolworths staff!

Ms Hollister

Yesterday our class went on an excursion to learn about food. First we walked to Woolworths. We had a tour of the fresh produce section, the deli, the seafood and meat sections. We watched mince being made and went in the coolrooms and the freezer. It was very cold at -20. After Woolworths we walked to Davis’ Seafood. Chris invited us into the shop. It was a bit smelly but we got used to it. He showed us the different types of fish he had caught. Some of us tried oysters and fish sausages. Chris showed us a fish trap, a crab trap and fishing net. We looked at the mornings catch of Blackfish and got to touch them. Billie showed us her singing fish. It was funny and sang ‘Don't Worry Be Happy’ and ‘Take Me to the River’. Next we walked to Bellwood Park to have our lunch and play. We had to walk really quickly back to school because it was sprinkling. It was an exciting and enjoyable day. We learnt a lot about where our food comes from and is prepared for us to buy.

Written by 1/2M Zebra Writing Group
**Mid North Coast Athletics Carnival**

The Mid North Coast Athletics Carnival was held last Friday. Children who finished in the top three have qualified for the North Coast Athletics Carnival to be held in Lismore on Friday 29th August.

Congratulations to:
- Cheyenne Baker - 1st 9yrs 100 m
- Indy Naylor - 2nd 12yrs Long Jump
- Bella Ronan - 2nd 800 m
- Liam Jones - 3rd Junior Discus
- Marli Bateman - 3rd Junior 800m

Thank you helpers!

A big thank you to parents who gave up their time to transport students to the event. A special thank you to all my great helpers who did an amazing job and made me very proud.


Mrs Fenning