Principal’s Report

What a busy term! Most of our students and many staff have just about run out of puff after so many high energy, exciting learning experiences this term! This newsletter has lots of photos showing students and staff learning together in a variety of environments.

The efforts of our staff to accompany students on overnight excursions, organise discos, plan and deliver exciting classroom learning and engage everyone in the learning journey is beyond belief!

Thank you to everyone who supports our students to be safe, honest and respectful learners.

We hope to see everyone back at school next term, well rested after a safe holiday. Hopefully we can all shake off the coughs and colds in the sunshine during the holidays. School starts for Term 4 on Tuesday 7 October 2014.

Keeping in touch
Cheryl Banks
Principal

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER
17 Combined P&C Meeting at NHHS 5pm
19 Last Day of Term 3

OCTOBER
7 Students return for Term 4

Stage 1

Reward Day
Tomorrow Thursday 18th, Stage 1 will be competing in a “Minute to Win It” activity day. Students will compete in a variety of fun challenges to determine the Grand Champion. Students can come to school wearing Mufti suitable for physical activity.
Great Aussie Bush Camp 2014 was GREAT!

On Monday 8th September 2014, 58 students from Stage 2 hopped on the bus to get to the Tea Gardens. We sat with our friends. When we got there we went to our chosen cabins. We had burgers for lunch, they were awesome! After that we were put in activity groups. I was in Group 2.

The activity instructors name was Lauren. She helped and taught us how to put on harnesses and helmets. We did lots of activities like archery, high ropes, rock climbing, canoeing, fencing, giant swing, initiatives and some others. On the giant swing you climb to the 4th step on the ladder and get hooked up and then get pulled up by your team mates. When you get to the top you pull a small piece of red rope and drop!

The high ropes were a bit similar, you wore a blue harness and helmet. When it was my turn I climbed the stairs and was hooked up to a piece of rope. I did make it all the way around but honestly it did freak me out a bit. In high ropes there was also a flying fox that you get hooked onto. That was also very fun!

Rock climbing also used a harness and helmet. We worked in teams to keep each other up. I climbed 4m high. Rock climbing is very scary even though it was my second time.

There was a place called the Big Rock. That was where we were served our food. They served loads of different foods. My favourite was pancakes, salad and ham sandwiches, burgers, spaghetti bolognaise and ice cream for dessert.

On the first night we played a game called County Fair. We had 7 groups of people and was a running activity. When we finished our shift at the store we used our share of the money to enjoy other activities like sumo wrestling and the bakery.

At the end of each day we had a shower hour and toasted marshmallows. That was when some students started to get ‘campitious’ as Mrs Fenning would say. We had to get a stick pinkie finger thick and arm long. But it was worth it to get a lovely, gooey, toasted marshmallow!

In between each activity we got out a cup and had slushies! They were yum. At the end of it all we bought souvenirs. I had a really good time at camp. I cannot wait till next year so I can go to another camp!!

By Indie Sharp
Our TOM Team Hit Sydney for the State Finals

Our champion TOM team travelled to Sydney on the weekend to compete in the State Finals of the Tournament of Minds. The seven students competed against 9 other teams from all over the state to solve a challenge in the Applied Technology category. They were given a very difficult new challenge and only three hours in which to solve the problem, write a stage play outlining their solution, create props and costumes from a box of recyclable materials and memorise their newly written lines! Their stage play then had to be performed in front of hundreds of people in a University auditorium. This was a very challenging task but one they attacked with enthusiasm and creativity. They represented Nambucca Heads Public School with pride and are to be commended on their attitude and conduct. There were plenty of comments from teachers and judges alike about the team’s professional demeanour, wonderful manners, excellent teamwork and supportive comments to one another. The team performed admirably, despite half their number being struck down by the flu, but unfortunately missed out on the chance to travel to Melbourne to compete in the Asia Pacific Finals. Congratulations and well done to Hannah Donnelly, Taylor Adair, Tarryn Cook, Tihana Dell, Domyique Byrt, Aaliyah-Hodnett Daly and Benny Battiston.

As Team Facilitator I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to the parents who travelled to Sydney with the team - your support over the last 9 weeks of preparation was invaluable and we couldn’t have done it without you!

Here’s to State Finals again next year!
Tips for Holiday Learning Fun

Make the most of the holidays by having fun and learning too. The weather is so perfect at this time of year here are some ideas for getting out and about. The ideas are simple, easy ideas that will reinforce what your children have been learning in school. There are also ways to learn different skills and have some new experiences.

- Outdoor games such as Freeze Tag, hopscotch, Frisbee and Simon Says. These are simple and fun ways for children to interact. They can also teach cooperation, listening skills and counting.

- Libraries are great places to visit and not only have books but lots of other interesting resources. Read for fun in the holidays – find some magazines or books that interest your children.

- There are a number of museums in the area. Why not arrange a day out and have fun learning while appreciating our past history.

- Family trips such as camping and visiting other towns can be educational too. Visit local historical sites, take a nature walk or discover local events. Ask your children to look up travel information and research places of interest. They could arrange a day out with places of interest.

- If you’re taking a car trip, play games like I Spy or finding license plates from out-of-state cars. This will keep everyone entertained and make learning fun.

- Have your child keep a holiday diary. They don’t have to use it everyday, just when they think they have something important to write. It is a great way for children to record their experiences and remember the things they have done over the holiday while practicing their writing skills. For younger children, have them draw pictures of holiday activities they are enjoying to create a picture diary.

- The holidays are a great time to take a stroll. A walk can provide a chance to explore your part of the world together. Find out what’s happening in your neighbourhood.

- If you’re going for a splash in the pool or setting up a plastic pool in the yard, take along some measuring cups or other household items that can be used to measure weight or volume. In the sandpit or on the beach, encourage children to write their names, do multiplication or draw pictures.

- If you have a garden get children involved in planting. Look up what should be planted at this time of year and create a vegetable of flower garden of planter box.

- Creating clothing art can be fun for all ages. T-shirts and fabric paint and markers can be found at discount stores and painting can be done with brushes, bits of sponge, rubber stamps, feathers, or marbles. Make your own shapes by cutting a potato in half and carving a design into it. (Plastic knives are safest) Try writing numbers or words creatively, or create a design around a child’s name.

- Don’t let your sidewalk be wasted. With a box of sidewalk chalk, you can create hours of fun. Draw pictures, write words, play Tic Tac Toe. You can also use water to write words and learn science by watching them evaporate. Or trace the shadow of a stick with chalk and watch how the shadow moves during the day.

- And don’t forget to have a rest and recharge your batteries ready for Term 4.

Happy holidays from Mrs Makinson.
Students from our school have just returned from an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $30 per student under the parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards the costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. (Please note the school has already deducted this amount from the initial cost of the excursion.)
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 upcoming 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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Where's Seemore Competition

Answer: 13

….and the Winners are:
  2 x Stage 1 winners
  Jacob Monaghan and
  Wilson Baade

No Competition this week.

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

Have you bought your School Hat yet?

$10

Ununga Nippers – 2014/2015 Season

Ununga Junior Surf Lifesaving Club will kick off the 2014/2015 season with a registration morning on Saturday 6 September, from 10am until noon at the surf club at Angourie Head.

Nippers is a junior program that introduces children aged 5 to 13 to surf lifesaving. Nippers is a great way for children to make friends, be active and enjoy the beach in a safe environment.

Sunday, September 14: second registration day and pool proficiency (U8/U14 only), Coffs Harbour Aquatic Centre, Park Beach Road, Coffs Harbour 10.00am – 12.00pm.

If you have any queries regarding Ununga Nippers, please contact Megan Parnaby on 0412 109 537 or visit our website: www.unungajuniors.com.au for further information.

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Community Announcements

Become A Volunteer Host Family

Crash Your Home With A WEP Exchange Student

World Education Program (WEP) is seeking Australian families to experience another culture within their own homes by becoming volunteer host families. Choose a student from India, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands or South America and you can immerse into the life of another culture without having to leave the comfort of your home. Our exchange students are just as excited about making their own culture and life experiences as they are about becoming a member of an Australian family.

Arriving in January

India (27) from tidy. tells us that she is incredibly fond of animals, and that if she had her own way, she would have her house into a kind of oasis in the tropics. She’s a very fun-loving, energetic young woman who loves to meet new people and to join in activities. She will be looking for a host family who are willing to have her in their home and who are willing to get to know her.

France (17) from Côte-d’Azur. She enjoys drawing, painting and sculpting. She also enjoys playing sports. She is looking forward to sharing her feeling about the culture and the culture around her. She would love to find a host family who are willing to have her in their home.

Facts and terms:

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family, including student profiles.

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