



# NEWSLETTER

## NORTH HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

*"THE FUTURE IS OURS"*

*VISION: North Haven Public School, in partnership with our community, promotes and provides a dynamic, future-focused learning environment fostering equity and excellence. Our school will deliver opportunities for every student to become a successful learner and a caring, confident, creative individual.*

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2.30 - 3.15 pm

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## Principal's Message

**Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,**

### **Open Day**

The day was filled with celebration of public education and highlighted our school's strengths, talents and close partnerships with our community. I know I speak for all when I say we could not have been prouder of our students. Thank you to our dedicated staff, who, led by Mrs Kathy Regan, delivered an inspiring and uplifting assembly. The presence of our special guests was the crowning glory.

### **3 Way Conferences**

Notes have gone home with students and we look forward to your replies if you would like to trial this communication format. Please return your preferred time slot as early as you can to avoid disappointment.

### **The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey**

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school. I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 17th August and 16th October.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey will be being home with students later

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## Principal's Message continued

in the term. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website on the previous page.

### **The *Partners in Learning* parent feedback survey**

Our school will also be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carers views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17th August and 16th October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

I will be at the North Coast Principal Conference, leaving at lunchtime on Wednesday. Mrs Regan, Mr Haste and Mr McGrath will share the principal duties and responsibilities.

Kind regards,

**Christine Wild**  
Principal

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Canteen Meal Deal** – \$4.00 Wednesday Winter Warmer will be held on Wednesday 12th April. Orders need to be returned by TOMORROW, Friday 7th August.

**CHAFFS DVD Orders** – Copies are available for \$20 by contacting JB Surf Videos, 3/10 William St, Port Macquarie. Phone 6584 3367 0409 456 546 or email [jbvideo@bigpond.com](mailto:jbvideo@bigpond.com)

**Spring Fair News** – unlimited ride wrist bands now available to purchase - \$15 pre-school child, \$25 per child or \$20 per child for families with 3 or more children at NHPS. This special rate is for siblings only and does not include extended family members such as cousins.

### North Haven Public School Student Absence Note

My child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ was absent from school

on the following dates \_\_\_\_\_

for the following reason \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Carer's Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

# Library News

## Book Fair

A huge thank you to the families who supported our Book Fair on Friday. What a wonderful success! Over \$4000 was taken on the day, of which the school receives a commission. I'm sure our students will enjoy the new books we will be able to buy.

Thank you for your support. Happy Reading!

Diane Eggins  
Teacher Librarian



# Sports News

## District Athletics Carnival

Seventeen athletes from NHPS were chosen to represent the Hastings/Camden Haven PSSA district at the Lower North Coast carnival.

Congratulations to our junior boys relay team – Jesse Bell, Jayden Hoffman, Tayte Gibson and Charlie Forster (2<sup>nd</sup>); our senior girls relay team – Alicia Holliday, Chelsea Hall, Sari McKenzie and Tekirra Kinnaird (3<sup>rd</sup>); and the senior boys relay – Riley Hoffman, George Forster, David Wilson and Jae Bell (3<sup>rd</sup>).

Also representing the district were –

Jayden Hoffman	1 <sup>st</sup>	10 yr 100m
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jnr boy discus
Emilee Franklin	1 <sup>st</sup>	8 yr 100m
Alicia Holliday	1 <sup>st</sup>	12 yr 100m & 200m
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Snr girl discus
Jae Bell	4 <sup>th</sup>	11 yr 200m
Bridie Pierce	4 <sup>th</sup>	9 yr 100m
Bryce Cook	3 <sup>rd</sup>	11 yr 800m
Harry Twomey	2 <sup>nd</sup>	11 yr high jump
Ryan Moloney	1 <sup>st</sup>	11 yr discus
	4 <sup>th</sup>	11 yr shot put
George Forster	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Snr boy discus

These athletes competed at the PSSA Lower North Coast carnival, held at Wauchope yesterday.

## Soccer Knockout Competition

Our girls and boys soccer teams were both fortunate enough to move onto the next round of the soccer knockout after beating Laurieton Public School in Round 2 late last term.

Both teams were then up against Tacking Point PS in Round 3. Unfortunately the boys went down 6-0 with a fight! The girls were lucky with Chelsea Hall scoring a goal early in the first half. We then went on to keep out the other team from scoring a goal and our backs fought hard finishing on top with a 1-0 victory.

Last week we played Round 4 against Wauchope PS. We fought very hard to keep Wauchope away from the goals but they proved too good, beating us 5-0. Player of the match went to our goalkeeper captain Molly Walters. She saved at least 8 more possible goals from Wauchope!

All girls put 100% effort into the game and displayed brilliant sportsmanship while having fun on the field!



# EDUCATION WEEK

## Open Day

We certainly enjoyed a wonderful day last Friday as the school community came together to celebrate Education Week within the theme of Celebrating Local Heroes.

Our students once again showed their enthusiasm and best efforts in the roles of audience and performers during the assembly, and as learners when back in the classroom with families visiting. Teachers and students spend many hours preparing for group performances and the product of this work was evident in the wonderful presentations from the choir with Mrs Bruggemann, Junior and Senior bands with Mrs Skerritt, Year 2 and Year 6 dance with Ms Dennis and Year 4 dance with Mrs Egan.



The Book Fair was another resounding success thanks to the efforts of Mrs Eggins. Many students were proud owners of new reading material after their visit to the library.

Our guest speaker Ms Jane Goldsmith, ex NHPS student and current NBN news reporter, spoke of her experiences at NHPS and recalled some of the things that had influenced her choice of career. She referred to our school motto *"The Future is Ours"* and encouraged everyone to pursue their dreams. Jane's enthusiasm and inspiring words certainly left an impression on the students.

Other guests who joined our assembly were the volunteers who work within the VITAL and Kids Hope programs supporting learning skills and wellbeing for individual students.





## Open Day continued

Certificates were presented to Mr Warwick Levy, Mrs Robin Richardson, Mr Ian Richardson, Mrs Lola Milson, Mrs Jenny Tinsley, Mrs Annette Jeffery and Mrs Neroli Baker-Hunt. (Absent from this group on the day, but still acknowledged for their efforts were Mr Steve Schouten, Mrs Roxanne Fagan, Mrs Sue Miles and Mrs Elaine Bani-Ardalan).



In response to our acknowledgement Mrs Richardson spoke on behalf of all the volunteers from the VITAL and Kids Hope programs when she sent this message:

"We felt very honoured to be asked to join the school community for the Friday assembly as you celebrated 'local heroes' in Education Week.

We think of the school as a local hero in itself, always working in the best interests of each child, finding ways for each individual to be the best he/she can be. The openness of the staff to be in partnership with parents, tutors, students and volunteer mentors, is exemplary in a school community. We feel privileged to be able to be a part of the North Haven School community. A big thank you!"

Well done again NHPS – the future truly is ours with such a wonderful school community of students, staff, families and volunteers.

Mrs Regan

# NORTH HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C

## ASSOCIATION MINUTES

**Meeting** 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015  
**Opened** 6.30 pm

**Present** P Hearne, K Regan, M McGrath, P Haste, C Wild, K Daniels, T Long, L Spilsbury, C Haynes, P Vanderveer, F Dixon  
Guests for Fete meeting : C Bird, G Tisdell

**Apologies** T Toogood , C Dale,

*Previous minutes passed Trish, seconded Phillipa*

### Introduction

### Business arising

- Replacement of soft fall under playground equipment completed, mulch given at cost by Aust Native Landscapes. Thanks to Camden Haven Landscapes who referred P&C to this company.

### Correspondence

- Invite to President or rep to attend Teachers' Federation dinner 13<sup>th</sup> August regarding Gonski funding – Linda Spilsbury to represent NHPS P&C
- Grant options – Charles Sturt University music funding – already applied
- ANZ seeds of renewal grant, must involve community aspects, Karen will look into as to whether it suits NHPS

### Treasurer's report - Karen - full report provided

- Reinvested term deposit, currently \$26,184.18
- A lot paid out in uniforms recently
- Current cheque account \$2,090.45

### Canteen report - Trish

- Current balance \$6,277.20
- Canteen doing well – have managed big catering days so far this term – SDD, athletics carnivals and Education Day (this week)
- Let's Go Green - healthy eating campaign which will promote Fruit and Veg in the canteen along with a possible classroom component

### Fund raising reports

- Fathers' Day stall – items ordered
- Fete (details discussed later in a separate fete meeting)
- Looking for as many to assist with the fete as possible – contact the school if any donations, assistance or items (eg cakes) can be offered for towards the fete

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## P&C Minutes continued .....

### Principal's report

- Thank you to P&C for covering cost of soft fall mulch
- After school care (OSCH) funding advertised – detailed process involved, would require identification of actual need and location of provider – decision not to pursue this any further.
- Trial second family conference to be held in Term 3 – three way conversation so parent, teacher and student involved
- Clubs NSW successful in grant – this money towards a piano in the hall
- Thank you to canteen for the amazing morning tea and luncheon provided to 112 on the SDD – many messages of thanks from participants

### Uniform shop

- Going well, a great effort by the ladies organising uniform shop

### General business

- None at the moment

Meeting closed 7.15 pm

Minutes K Regan

## Aussies of the Month

Congratulations to the primary Aussies of the Month for August –

Max Maruszak  
Charlotte Murdoch



## Student of the Week

KB	Miley Hearne
KF	Nathan Gardner
1D	Matilda Thoms
1M	Dallas Rogers
2H	Hayley
2M	Adam Drewitt

## Sharing Awards

Alaric Waters	Lana Witcombe
Marlie Bell	Hayden Byrnes
Logan Bes	Raina Anderson

## Class Merit Awards

KB	Liam Bes	Tiata Corowa
KF	Lekeisha Sargent	Larnie Barnes
1D	Olive Hardman	Gibson Dalton
1M	Jackson Hughes	Ellie James
2H	Zak Houston	Ella Ferris
2M	Makayla Bambling	Shayleigh Evans

## Playground Citizenship Awards

Marni Lahey	Montana Yates
Jae Bell	Mason Hanington
Seamus Roy	Riley Hoffman

UNIFORM PURCHASES				
DESCRIPTION	PRICE	QTY	SIZE	TOTAL
Polo Shirt with school logo	\$20.00			
Sports Shirt – sports day only <b>** NEW **</b>	\$30.00			
Unisex shorts – microfibre	\$14.00			
Sports shorts – sports day only	\$14.00			
Girls gabardine skort	\$12.00			
Fleecy zip jacket with school logo	\$20.00			
Fleecy track pants	\$15.00			
Unisex gabardine trousers	\$15.00			
School cap - maroon & blue. One size fits all.	\$10.00			
School bucket hat – maroon XS, S,M <b>** NEW **</b>	\$10.00			
Library bag	\$ 3.00			
<b>All clothing available in sizes 4-16</b>		<b>TOTAL \$</b>		
<div> <div>Child’s Name :</div> <div>Class :</div> <div>Date :</div> </div>				
<div> <div> <div>North Haven Public School</div> <div>PAYMENT ADVICE CREDIT CARD</div> </div> <div> <div>NUMBER AS SHOWN ON CARD:    _____</div> <div>EXPIRY DATE :    ...../.....      3 DIGIT SECURITY NUMBER (on rear of card)    ___</div> <div>NAME AS SHOWN ON CARD    .....</div> <div> <div>VISA      MASTERCARD    (Please circle)</div> <div>AMOUNT OF PAYMENT \$ .....</div> </div> <div>CARD HOLDER SIGNATURE :    .....</div> <div> <div>CHILD’S NAME :    .....</div> <div>CLASS :    .....</div> </div> </div> </div>				

## North Haven Public School Student Late Note

***To be used if parent/carers are unable to accompany children into the office if arriving at school late (after 9.05 am).***  
***Children should bring this note to the office on arrival at school.***

My child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ is late for school today \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (insert date)

for the following reason \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Carer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_