



NEWSLETTER

NORTH HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

"THE FUTURE IS OURS"

4 August 2016
Term 3 Week 3
Issue No 24

Uniform Shop

Hours:

Tuesday mornings

8.45 – 9.15 am

Wednesday afternoons

2.30 – 3.15 pm

TERM DATES

Term 3 19 Jul – 23 Sep 2016

Term 4 10 Oct – 16 Dec 2016

2017

Term 1 30 Jan – 7 April 2017

STUDENT BANKING

Monday is the day for student school banking.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear parents, carers and community members,

The weather will not dampen our spirits nor enthusiasm and we hope it won't deter you from coming along and helping us to celebrate Education Week at North Haven Public School. See you tomorrow.

School Uniform

I have had some great conversations over the last few weeks with parents, staff, students and other schools. Thank you to those families who continue to consistently adhere to our school uniform code.

I spoke with students at last week's assembly and highlighted the reasons why we have a uniform, the positive impact it has on us as a proud public school and how our community views us. I must say the students responded very positively by the next day with 100% of students wearing school uniform jackets and jumpers.

We discussed our school code stipulating black school shoes as the preferred footwear. This seems to be an aspect of our uniform which is lacking in consistency and having the biggest impact on our uniform appearance. Your co-operation and support in improving this would be appreciated by all.

We also pointed out that some of our uniform code concerns safety. This includes necklaces, bracelets etc. that can become tangled and caught in physical activities and play. Of course this also relates to the wearing of hats.

In the cooler months it is not such an issue but our sun safe code requires all students to wear hats when out in the open.

Development and decision on school uniform is a role carried out through the P & C in consultation with their school community. Last year the P & C Uniform Committee comprehensively researched sun safe hats and included the bucket hat as the preferred school hat. The baseball styled cap is to be discontinued. Again the preference is for all students to wear the school hat and again we ask families to support this. All kindergarten students are given a school hat as a gift from the P & C when they commence school.

We are in the process of forming a working party to review and evaluate all of our Student Welfare policies and I would like to call for volunteers from our school community to be part of this working party. Please contact me if you can be part of this very important review process by completing the return slip on the next page of the newsletter.

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.

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Principal's Message continued

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.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year. 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 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **19 August**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

The *Partners in Learning* parent feedback survey

This Term, our school will 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/carer 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 take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

Last year we only had 19 responses from nearly 200 families. We hope that we can increase that number this year. We will make ipads available during Family Conferences in Week 7 so families can complete the survey after their conference.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Kind regards,

Christine Wild
Principal



North Haven Public School Student Welfare Working Party

I am interested in participating in the student welfare working party.

Parent/Carer Name _____

Contact phone number _____

Child's Name _____

Class _____

You're Invited

Education Week

TOMORROW

All families are invited to attend our Education Week Open Day TOMORROW Friday, 5 August.

The Department of Education theme for Education Week this year is *"Shared Stories, better learning, stronger communities."*

9.30 am **BOOK FAIR**

Families have an opportunity to purchase quality library material for students, and to donate books to the Library. If parents are **unable** to attend, students may still purchase books. Place money in an envelope marked with **child's name & class** and they will be permitted to purchase books prior to the Book Fair.

Where - School Library

Prices - Range from \$2.00 - \$20.00

11.00 - 11.30 AM **MORNING TEA**

Parents may enjoy morning tea with their child. The canteen will be hosting morning tea. A variety of sweet and savoury treats, as well as tea, coffee, water & soft drinks will be available to purchase.

*Any donations of a cake, slice, biscuits etc.
would be gratefully received*

11.40 am – 12.40 pm **ASSEMBLY**

Performances from various school performing arts groups including band, choir and dance groups.

12.50 – 1.15 pm **OPEN CLASSROOMS**

Families are invited to visit and look around classrooms. The Book Fair will continue to be available in the library.

1.15 pm **LUNCH**

Families are invited to have lunch with their child. Families can order lunch from the canteen by placing an order in their child's class lunch basket in the morning.

2.05 pm **NORMAL CLASSES RESUME**

**COME AND CELEBRATE
THE EXCELLENT WORK
OF ALL OF OUR STUDENTS**

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER

All students are required to wear normal school uniform tomorrow for Open Day.

**Education Week 2016
Sharing Our Stories
Better Learning – stronger communities**

ROAD & PARKING SAFETY

We are asking families to please take care when driving and parking in and around the school, particularly in inclement weather. Safety for everyone is of paramount concern.

- ❖ Please use the crossing. Many families are not using this safe practice when dropping off their children
- ❖ Please DO NOT park in the bus area, which is clearly defined
- ❖ Be very mindful of children walking and riding bikes
- ❖ Please follow the speed restrictions

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

The next primary assembly will be held on Monday, 8 August at 2.20 pm in the hall. The Year 6 student councillors will co-ordinate the assembly and class 5D will present an item. All families and friends are welcome to attend.

K-2 ASSEMBLY

The next K-2 assembly will be held on Wednesday, 10 August at 2.20 pm in the hall. Class K/1H will co-ordinate the assembly and present an item. All families and friends are welcome to attend.

CANTEEN MEAL DEAL

Fishy Feast

The canteen will be holding a Fishy Feast meal deal on Wednesday 10 August.

All students have been provided with an order form to bring home. Additional order forms are available from the office.

Meal deals need to be pre-ordered and paid for by Monday 8 August. **CASH ONLY PLEASE.**

P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9 August at 6.30 pm in the staffroom. All parents, families and community members are most welcome to attend.

Any person with issues they wish to raise at the meeting are asked to please write down their agenda item and bring it to the office by Friday, 5 August. Due to time constraints the agenda will be strictly adhered to and any items brought up for discussion which are not on the agenda will be held over until the next meeting.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Due to the inclement weather on Wednesday the Hastings/Camden Haven district athletics carnival has been re-scheduled to next Wednesday 10 August at Blackbutt Oval, Wauchope.



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: _____

North Haven Public School Student Absence Note

My child _____ of class _____

was absent from school on the following date/s _____

for the following reason _____

Parent/Carer Signature : _____

Date: _____

BAND NOTES



BAND CAMP REPORT

Band camp has come and gone, and I couldn't be happier!

The intensity of the tuition and rehearsal program and camp ensures that all students improve in leaps and bounds. We just need to keep our momentum going now by committing wholeheartedly to personal practice at home, and tutorial and rehearsal attendance at school.

We are now in the performance phase of the year, so each week we will be aiming to lift our game just that little bit. It's very exciting!

Band camp is a mammoth logistical exercise, as I'm sure you can appreciate. Co-ordinating the needs of 110 students from 6 different schools from Years 3 to 12, and around 15 paid and volunteer adults is no mean feat. And that's not to mention the seemingly endless "to-do" list that precedes any event on this scale. Of course, however, we did get it all done (mostly due to the wonderful Mrs Bruggemann), and Band Camp 2016 was the happy result!

The unofficial motto for camp became "*Learn Something New*", and some of the most special moments came when children realised that they had overcome an anxiety, made a new friend, solved a problem for themselves, learnt a new note or two, or survived eating a vegetable.

I feel incredibly lucky to be working with such a dedicated and talented team of local music educators, and to be teaching at a school which deeply values and supports music education.

Important band dates

Friday 5th August

Open Day Assembly rehearsals (normal times) and performances (both bands)

Friday 12th August

Normal rehearsal times, senior band will be rehearsing for CHAFFS with friends from camp (CoS band)

Tuesday 16th August

Senior band CHAFFS rehearsal (CoS band) at Camden Haven High School

Wednesday 17th August:

Senior band (CoS band) performance at CHAFFS (evening)

It is vitally important that everyone attends these rehearsals and performances. Band is a team effort, and as we know, non-attendance affects everybody. Please see me as soon as possible (with a very good reason) if you know you won't be able to make it to either Open Day or CHAFFS.

Liz Skerritt

Band Co-ordinator

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SCHOOL

Fri 5 August	EDUCATION WEEK Open Day 11.40-12.40 Assembly 9.30-2.05 Book Fair 12.50-1.15 Open classrooms
Mon 8 August	Primary Assembly – 5D
Wed 10 August	K-2 Assembly – K/1H Fishy Feast Meal Deal at the canteen District Athletics Carnival Wauchope
Tues 16 August	Australia Wide Maths Competition CHAFFS Rehearsal
Wed 17 August	CHAFFS evening performance
Fri 19 August	Lower North Coast Athletics Wauchope



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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to make fruit & veg lunch box-friendly.

Make tucking in to fruit and veg easy for little hands at recess and lunch time. Try these simple ideas:

Mandarin:

Peel, keeping the rind intact and place loosely around the fruit and wrap or pop in a container.



Apple:

Cut slices of apple, then place back around the core. Use a rubber band or wrap to secure (this will help prevent pieces browning too).

Avocado:

Mix mashed avocado with a drizzle of lemon. Pop in a container to serve with crispbread, Cruskits or corn thins.

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

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ASSEMBLY AWARDS



	STUDENT OF THE WEEK	VALUES AWARDS	WORK OF THE WEEK	GOOD SPORTS AWARDS	CLASS MERIT AWARDS
KB	Akayla Bevan	Willow Hanington	-	-	Caysie Blackman Taya Carney
K/1H	Austin Abbott	Molly Walker	-	-	Evie Dent Maria
1M	Neave	Tiata Corowa	-	-	Liam Bes Meadow McAnulty
1/2D	Jai Sawyer	Nate Muller	-	-	Billy Hutchison Matilda Ray
2F	Luka Pensini	Jackson Hughes	-	-	Sophie Hill Matilda Thoms
3M	Kaleb Luland Lisa	Lukas Miller Shyla Piper	Lara Fletcher Joshua Walker	Joshua Walker Logan Bes Shayleigh Evans	-
3/4S	Amy Harrison Douglas Anthony Dimitrovski	Ella Ferris Cleo Bell	Jaiah Ives Melissa Innes	Amy Harrison-Douglas	-
4E	Cohen Model Breanah Langdon Dawes	Toby Verdon Kye Tomlin	Lochlan Frith Kiara	-	-
4/5B	Ellyse Haldane Jess	Emilee Franklin Payton Cook	Bodhi Sawyer Max Eggert	-	-
5D	Chelsea Stimson Cooper	Noah Traves Vanna Limeburner	-	Sophie Cheers Jayden Hoffman Liam Somers	-
5/6M	Bayly Blackman Matilda Sargent	Tomas Bambling Bonnie Hughes	Jaz Yonon Phoebe Bell	Charlotte Holt Jonah Garven Ella Mahoney	-
6T	Makayla Taylor Zoe Ferris	Nick McLaren Ritchie Jaime Watson	-	-	-

FISHY FEAST MEAL DEAL

\$5.00

Wednesday 10 August

2 pieces hoki fish (in batter)
10 potato gems
Drink



Orders must be pre-ordered and paid for by Monday 8 August.

CASH ONLY PLEASE

Name:		Class:	
Drink (please tick one)	Water	Poppa	Soft Drink

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SECONDARY COLLEGE

PORT MACQUARIE CAMPUS



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INVITE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO ATTEND



sky stories



STAR-GAZING AND INDIGENOUS CULTURE COMMUNITY EVENT

- ♦ *View the sky, including Mercury and Saturn, using our state-of-the-art telescopes. If you have one of your own, bring that too!*
- ♦ *Learn about indigenous sky stories.*
- ♦ *BBQ dinner provided (gold coin donation welcomed).*
- ♦ *Lucky door prizes.*



Download "Sky Map" from your app store to enhance your sky viewing experience.



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Please contact your local high school to RSVP (for catering purposes) and to enquire about shuttle buses running to and from the venue.



SANCROX RESERVE | FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST | 5PM-8PM



Invitation to Sky Stories

Future Moves **Sky Stories** Project is an initiative of Charles Sturt University working with local public schools. In the Hastings Valley, Hastings Secondary College (HSC) - Port Macquarie and Westport Campuses as well as Wauchope High School are involved. Sky Stories is a project that uses astronomy to engage students in Science, Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). An integral element of the project is acknowledging the links between students, family, community and their sky stories. This enables new ways of learning, teaching and community engagement around Science.

Sky Stories looks at Astronomy with a blended Indigenous and Western perspective. It aims to integrate Science and Technology learning with practical activities and cultural understanding. Our intention is to deepen understanding of the night sky, our Solar System and how we use the sky now and in the past to navigate and as a calendar. This is an opportunity to create quality links between public schools, our local Indigenous people and the broader community.

As such, our three schools invite you to a community event on **Friday 21st August** this year.

It will be held at **Sancroix Reserve at Wauchope 5 – 8pm**. All the community is invited to bring along their own telescopes and binoculars, as well as their mobile phones, iPads and tablets, or make use of our telescopes, to explore the night sky. Join us for a BBQ, some story-telling and star gazing.

Experts will be on hand to answer your astronomy questions, help you with your technology and explore the Indigenous use of the sky.

Please contact us at your nearest public high school for further details and remember to put our community Sky Stories night in your diary.

Sky Stories Night: Friday 21st August, Sancroix Reserve at Wauchope 5 – 8pm.

Yours in Science Education in the Hastings,

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Tahlia Stewart Wauchope High School

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