



NEWSLETTER

NORTH HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

"THE FUTURE IS OURS"

23 February 2017
Term 1 Week 5
Issue No 4

Uniform Shop

Hours:

Tuesday mornings

8.45 – 9.15 am

Wednesday afternoons

2.30 – 3.15 pm

TERM DATES

Term 1 30 Jan – 7 Apr 2017
Term 2 26 Apr – 30 June 2017
Term 3 18 Jul – 22 Sep 2017
Term 4 9 Oct – 15 Dec 2017

STUDENT BANKING

Monday is the day for student school banking.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, carers and community members,

Family Conferences

Notes were sent home yesterday urging families who have not booked a time slot for their child's 3-way Family Conference in the coming fortnight to jump on-line and secure a spot. If you are having difficulties with this new process please don't hesitate to phone the school and we can do it for you over the phone.

Kindergarten students will have their Best Start assessment information to share and all other students will have their Personalised Learning Plans to discuss with you.

For the past 2 years we have had 100% participation in this important collaborative partnership and look forward to a similar response this year. In the note yesterday were the survey questions we would like you to consider and respond to when you come for your conference.

Classroom Helpers and Volunteers

New legislation requires us to have appropriate documentation in place for the very valued contribution our school community makes to the educational programs at North Haven Public School.

Teachers will send home the required document for you to complete. When you return it to the office we will be able to collect copies of your 100 points of identification and complete the process. It is very important that you sign in and out when you come for your volunteer session. Mrs Groves will make a name tag for each volunteer that can be collected and returned upon sign in and sign out. These measures are to ensure we are compliant with Working With Children

legislation and to support our Health & Safety procedures in the case of an emergency.

Thank you for your support with these new guidelines and for your continued support of our school and our students.

Heating of Food

Our canteen has generously offered this service in the past. There have been several logistic and health & safety issues which have prompted me to request that this no longer happens. As of next week the canteen will not be heating food brought in by students. If there are any ongoing issues with this decision please contact me to discuss them and I am sure we can find a suitable solution.

Air Conditioning

Our Year 3 & 4 rooms should have this work completed in the coming weeks. The P & C has made a commitment to have the remaining block (Year 1 & 2) done by the end of the year. They will achieve this through fundraising and our Voluntary Contributions. Your support with fundraising efforts and paying the contribution will ensure this goal is achieved.

Playground

Another goal of the P & C will be coming to fruition in the coming months. The refurbishment of the play equipment is close at hand. Through sheer hard work and determination we will be able to complete phase 1 with the installation of the sensory garden. There is some demolition work to be done and we will take on the task of landscaping. By doing this the funds saved can be put into the purchase of equipment. The local quarry has generously offered

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Principal's Message continued

large boulders to enhance the landscaping and secure the edging of the area. We will need some volunteer effort from our community to help with the demolition, transporting and placing the boulders and preparing the site for the installation of the equipment. If you are able to assist with any of these tasks can you please let me know and we will begin to coordinate what needs to be done.

Finally, as I have the opportunity to wander around the playground and in and out of classrooms, my observations and conversations with students, staff and families confirms why it is a joy to come to North Haven every day. It is important to take the time to reflect on all the positive, caring, hardworking, determined and fun situations that can be experienced day in and day out at our wonderful school.

Kind regards,

Christine Wild
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

CAMDEN HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL Year 5 & 6 Information Night

Parents/Carers of students in Years 5 & 6 are invited to attend an information night at Camden Haven High School on **Wednesday 1 March** 5.00 - 6.30 pm. A formal invitation from CHHS was sent home with students last week. This evening provides an opportunity to learn more about the school and its resources.

All families are welcome to attend and any questions regarding the evening should be made directly to Camden Haven High School on 6556 8100.

KINDER YELLOW DAY

Wednesday 1st March is Yellow Day for Kindergarten. Kindergarten students may come to school out of uniform, wearing yellow coloured clothing. If students do not have anything yellow to wear, they may still come out of uniform and bring a 'yellow' item to school.



FOLLOWING WEEK (8 March)
Green Day

YEAR 6 SHIRTS

A reminder to parents of students in Year 6 that design entries for the special Year 6 shirt is due by Friday 24 February. Payment for students wishing to order a shirt is due by TOMORROW Friday 24 February.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE

1 March	Kinder Yellow Day
6-17 March	Family Conferences
8 March	Kinder green day
13 March	Primary Assembly (4/5M) 2.05pm
15 March	K-2 Assembly (1/2D) 12.30 pm

BAND NEWS

Band is underway for 2017! Junior Band started last Friday with around 30 enthusiastic new members, and Senior Band is up and running with around 50 new members!



Seniors, don't forget to bring a new, empty folder for your first lot of 2017 music .

Families, please keep sending in the signed instrument loan notes, if you have not already done so. Invoices regarding first term band fees will be arriving shortly.

As you can imagine, there is a lot to do to prepare for a new year of band. With 80 or so members in the program, there are a lot of instruments that have to be purchased, cleaned, repaired and allocated. Lots of music needs to be selected and copied. Notes have to be handed out and brought back. Timetables, rooms and routines have to be negotiated. The list goes on..!

Once again, we are looking forward to a terrific year of music-making, teamwork and fun, and I am forever grateful to the wonderful school community of NHPS for supporting and believing in this outstanding program.

Liz Skerritt
Band Co-ordinator

TRIPLE P PARENTING PROGRAM

Group Triple P is a Positive Parenting Program to give support and help make parenting easier by giving parents tips and strategies to manage children's behaviour and prevent the kinds of problems that can make family life stressful.

Group Triple P will encourage the behaviour you like, help you deal with problem behaviour, become more confident as a parent, be realistic about parenting and take care of yourself.

Included in this newsletter is a flyer outlining the Triple P Program.

Fiona Harvey
School Counsellor
Registered Psychologist

Small changes,
big differences.



Group Triple P Positive Parenting Program (2-12 Years)



Group Triple P ~ 2017

Weekly session Time: 10am to 12:30

Tuesday	14 March
Tuesday	21 March
Tuesday	28 March
Tuesday	04 April



Venue: Port Macquarie

BOOKINGS AND INFORMATION CONTACT:

Donna Stephens at the **Family Support Network**

St Joseph's Family Services **PH: 6583 4242**

Bookings essential – please register as numbers are limited.



SPORTS NEWS

PSSA DISTRICT SWIMMING RESULTS

North Haven Public School was placed third overall at last weeks District Swimming Carnival held at Wauchope. Tacking Point was placed 1st, Hastings 2nd, NHPS 3rd, Wauchope 4th and Port Macquarie Primary 5th.

WOW! What a great effort swim team!!

As mentioned last week, Vanna Limeburner was crowned Senior Girl Champion and Bailey Whitton 11yr boys Champion.

Our winners and place getters were:

Bailey Whitton	1 st Open 100m Freestyle
	1 st 11yrs 50m Freestyle
	1 st 11yrs 50m Breaststroke
	1 st 11yrs 50m Butterfly
	1 st 11yrs 50m Backstroke
	2 nd Open 100m Freestyle
	1 st Snr Medley
	1 st Snr Relay
Vanna Limeburner	1 st Snr 50m Freestyle
	1 st Snr 50m Backstroke
	2 nd Snr 50m Butterfly
	3 rd Snr Medley
Zak Houston	4 th 10yrs 50m Freestyle
Kiara Newman	4 th 10yrs 50m Freestyle
	3 rd Jnr 50m Breaststroke
	1 st Jnr 50m Backstroke
Zane Holliday	3 rd Snr 50m Freestyle
	1 st Snr Boys Relay
Emilee Franklin	1 st Jnr 50m Breaststroke

Brodhie Newman 3rd 11yrs 50m Breaststroke

Drew Kunnell 1st Snr Boys Relay

Jayden Hoffman 1st Snr Boys Relay

Great swimming North Haven!! Even better teamwork and sportsmanship!! We are so proud of you all!! These 9 swimmers swam at Wednesdays Lower North Coast Carnival in Kempsey.

Geoff Tyrrell and Sonya Bell
Swimming Managers

PSSA LOWER NORTH COAST GIRLS CRICKET

Year 6 student, Sophie Cheers, has been selected to represent the Lower North Coast at the upcoming North Coast selection trials in Coffs Harbour next Monday.

Sophie impressed the selectors last Monday, displaying great batting and fielding skills to earn selection in the Lower North Coast team!

Good luck in Coffs harbour next Monday Sophie! Maybe one day we will see Sophie on TV playing for one of the women's Big Bash teams!



THE PINEAPPLE HAS BEEN FOUND!!

Families, ask your child about the mysterious disappearing pineapple! It was found in the playground and is now on display at the office.



CANTEEN NEWS

HOT DOG MEAL DEAL

The canteen is holding Hot Dog Meal Deal on **Wednesday 1 March**. The meal deal includes a hotdog and a snow cone for \$5.00. Order forms should be returned to the canteen by Monday 27 February.

Australia Wide Competitions

Interested students in **Years 3 to 6** are invited to take part in the various 2017 Australia Wide Schools Competitions which will be held at school in terms 2 & 3. The competition organisers have also extended **English, Mathematics and Science** for interested **Year 2** students.

Details of each competition are detailed below. Parents are asked to please take note of the closing dates as **no late entries can be accepted.**

Parents may pay for as many of the competitions as their child wishes to enter. These competitions provide an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation.

All students receive a certificate and an individual results letter indicating which questions they answered correctly, as well as the average mark for their state. The documents are suitable for inclusion in a portfolio. The results letter is also useful for highlighting student strengths and weaknesses.

Please complete the permission note attached, indicating which competition your child is entering and return to school by the closing date.



North Haven Public School Australia Wide Schools Competitions

I give permission for my child to enter the following competition/s : (please tick)

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Computer being held on Tues 23 May | \$ 9.00 | Closing – 24.3.17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Science being held on Tues 30 May | \$ 9.00 | Closing – 24.3.17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Writing being held on 12-16 June | \$18.00 | Closing – 5.5.17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Spelling being held on Wed 14 June | \$12.00 | Closing – 5.5.17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | English being held on Tues 1 August | \$ 9.00 | Closing – 9.6.17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Maths being held on Tues 15 August | \$ 9.00 | Closing – 9.6.17 |

Child's Name : _____ Class : _____

I enclose \$ _____ in payment of the above.

Parent/Carer Signature : _____ Date : _____

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: _____



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THE
FAMILY
BBQ**



Non-Teaching Staff School Introduction Training Days

The Department of Education is seeking people who are interested in commencing work within public schools in your area.

The School Administrative and Support (SAS) Staff Reference Group welcome any people looking to start work in school administration to enrol in our Non-Teaching Staff School Introduction training programs.

The aim of this training is to provide participants with an overview of school administrative roles. Participation in this Introduction day is **not** a guarantee of employment with the Department of Education. Following this introduction day, it will be up to individuals to contact schools and follow up possible employment. Participants would then also need to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) clearance (at their own cost) through Service NSW and apply for a Department of Education employee number through a local public school. Many schools have a policy of not employing current parents or associates within their own school.

It would be desirable if participants had a sound knowledge of the Microsoft Office suite.

The training days will be held in the following locations:

Lismore Turf Club – Monday 27 March 2017
South Tweed Sports Club – Tuesday 28 March 2017
Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club – Tuesday 28 March 2017
Coffs Racing Club – Wednesday 29 March 2017
The Westport Club, Port Macquarie – Thursday 30 March 2017
Kempsey Macleay RSL Club – Friday 31 March 2017

To secure a place in this course, you will need to register online by **17 March 2017** using the link below, clicking on the 'community members' tab and following the instructions. They will show you how to obtain a username and password, search for a course using the course code **NR13249** and enrolling in the venue you wish to attend. You will also need to complete the form attached to this online registration and pay a fee of \$20 by cheque or money order made out to Department of Education posted to the address on the form. Morning tea and lunch will be provided on the day.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/mypl>

Further information can be provided by contacting the SAS Staff Reference Group (SRG) Coffs Harbour on (02)66235911 or by email at SRGCoffsHarbour@det.nsw.edu.au

World renowned Autism guru



Dr Tony Attwood to present in Taree on

Friday 3 March 2017

Club Taree, 121 Wingham Road, Taree 2430

Free of charge

RSVP is essential, RSVP before Wednesday 1 March

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About Tony

Tony is a clinical psychologist who has specialised in autism spectrum disorders since he qualified as a clinical psychologist in England in 1975. He currently works in his own private practice and is also adjunct professor at Griffith University, Queensland, and senior consultant at the Minds and Hearts clinic in Brisbane. His book *Asperger's Syndrome – A Guide for Parents and Professionals* has sold over 350,000 copies and has been translated into over 25 languages.

Resources by Tony Attwood will be available for purchase on the day.

Morning Session

Time: 9.00am-11.30am

I think (or know) my child has Autism What now? What if I also think I have Autism (adult)?

Topics include:

- Diagnostic criteria for Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Features common and unique to boys and girls
- Advice on how to obtain a diagnosis and seek support for intervention

Who should attend this information session?

- Open to all members of the public
- Parents, friends and family members of children who you think may have autism
- Adults who think they may have autism

Afternoon Session

Time: 1.00pm-4.00pm

What we as clinicians and professionals need to know about Autism

Topics include:

- Symptoms and features to recognise when referring or making a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Assessment tools
- How to identify children (and adults) who 'fly under the radar'
- Treatment options

Who should attend this information session?

- Clinicians who work in a diagnostic or treatment capacity
- GPs, Allied health professionals
- Pediatricians and Child psychiatrists
- Teachers
- Other referring practitioners