Welcome to Week 9 of Term 4. There are 13 more student days left for the year!

Congratulations to our band boys, Rohan, Thomas, William and Trav on their efforts at the Nambucca River Festival! The boys and their families made time on Sunday to attend the festival and perform as The FPVC PS Rock Band. Despite a few mixing issues, the boys did a great job and sounded wonderful. They are to be commended on their dedication and determination. All practice is done in their own time and they have certainly reaped the rewards for all of their hard work. They will be performing at our Family Fun Night and Presentation Day so everyone will have the opportunity to hear them in action! Thank you also to their parents for their support on Sunday. Very much appreciated!

A special welcome to all of our Nambucca Heads High School work experience students. We have 6 students involved in the program this year and it is exciting to think that they may one day be back here teaching as professionals.

A big thank you to our dedicated Scripture teachers for all of their efforts this year. Their generosity with their time is very much appreciated. A reminder for all of our parents and carers that attendance at Scripture is at your discretion. Should you wish for your child to attend these sessions you will need to complete a permission form early next year. Those students not involved attend fully supervised non-scripture sessions.

The organisation for Presentation Day is well under way. It will be held in the School Hall on December the 10th at 9:30am. We will be recognising the outstanding achievements of many of our students through special awards and class awards. Not everyone can receive an award on this day and it is important that we take this opportunity to recognise excellence. Be sure to talk to your children about the importance of striving to achieve their best regardless of the presentation of an award. We will be doing the same at school.

We will also be announcing our official school leaders on this day for 2015. It is important that parents and carers discuss this process with their children who are going into Year 6. Election to the position of Captain or Prefect is a great honour. Students are elected by their peers and staff. All voters, staff and students (K-6), vote for one boy and one girl leader. Votes are tallied by myself and Anne Phillips behind closed doors. Captains and Prefects will be elected based on the results of these votes. In the event of a tie, all teaching and SLSO staff will be given a second vote to help choose between the tied students. Any parents or carers who have questions or concerns in regards to this process are encouraged to contact me at their convenience.

Diary

Thurs 4th Dec
Year 6 Orientation Day at NHHS

Stage 1 Excursion to the movies

Fri 5th December
Family Fun Night
5:30pm
All are welcome to come and watch our talented students perform!
We will also be celebrating our school’s 25th anniversary!

Wed 10th Dec
Presentation Day
9:30am
Help us to recognise our students’ achievements!

Tues 16th Dec
Year 6 Farewell

Wed 17th Dec
Last Day of Term 4!

It is with great pleasure we invite you to acknowledge student excellence through our Annual Presentation Day being held on Wednesday 10 December at 9.30am in the school hall.

Please join us as we celebrate the achievements of our students during 2014.
Caught Being Good

Sebastian Smith 4/3M - Playing nicely, Will Urquhart MC - Helping Denise, Shaela Little SU2 - Helping Denise, Tate Ferguson 2/1C - Helping Mrs Beauchamp with the frog!


Congratulations

The Souths Dental Care planned for this Wednesday has now been postponed until next year.

Election as an official school leader comes with many expectations, as does entrance into Year 6. All of our senior students are expected to set the highest standard in behaviour, work ethic and school engagement. There will be many opportunities for ALL year 6 students to participate in leadership activities throughout 2015.

Helicopter Day was a great success on Friday with lots of kids dressed in yellow and red. The Westpac Rescue Helicopter is a wonderful resource for our community and I am glad that we had the opportunity to support this initiative. Thank you especially to Miss Wesley for all of her behind the scenes organisation. We will be sure to let you know how much money was raised.

I will be working from home on Tuesday as we get to the pointy end of the report writing process. It takes me about 2 hours to read a set of reports and add my comment so it should be a very busy day indeed. I am very much looking forward to reading how each and every student in our school has progressed throughout 2014.

Our class placements are progressing nicely. Staff is considering peers, siblings, teacher strengths, past teachers and student learning needs. We are going to continue with our smaller class initiative so as to ensure your child receives completely individualised instruction within the classroom environment. Please be sure to give me a ring or pop in should you have any questions or concerns regarding next year.

Finally, the passing of Phil Hughes has had an impact on people right around Australia and the world. The fact that he was a local Macksville boy has brought the effects of this tragedy even closer to home. Our sincere condolences as a school go out to his family and friends and our thoughts will be with them throughout this very difficult time. Some of our staff knew Phil personally and I am sure that as a school community we will hold them in our thoughts throughout the coming days as well.

Have a great week.
Todd.

2015 Fete

Plans for the 2015 Fete are coming along nicely. We are now organising a raffle to be drawn on the day. So we calling out to all families! If you own a business, or know somebody who does, that could make a donation for the raffle please let us know. Your business will be promoted for any donations.

Also, please keep the flow of donation for the white elephant stall flowing. Remember, all proceeds go to our wonderful school.

Thank you from the P&C Association. Contact Jeni 0437504498 or Kath 0487406937 for more information.

Library News

Student borrowing has finished for the year. It would be appreciated if ALL LIBRARY BOOKS could be returned to the Library this week. A $5.00 payment is requested for any lost books. Any problems, please let me know. The Library will remain open before school and at lunchtimes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

With thanks, Mrs Coulter.

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Helicopter Day

Thank you to all who donated to the Westpac Helicopter Service!
As we all know reading is an essential skill, and for children in particular it is a foundation for learning and engagement in the school years and for life.

The Nambucca Shire Libraries have a large range of resources for children and young adults, including fiction and non-fiction books, magazines, audiobooks and DVDs.

With school holidays fast approaching, Macksville and Nambucca Libraries will once again be hosting the Summer Reading Club, and this year the theme is Adventure! Children will be encouraged to explore fiction with storylines involving exciting journeys, fast-paced plots, heroes and villains. Participation is free, and there are some terrific prizes to be won. Summer Reading Club runs from 9th December 2014 to 23rd January 2015 and entry forms are available at the libraries. For more information, contact the Libraries on 65686906 or 65681422.

2/1H Water Fun Day for being Class of the Week!
**NAMBUCCA AND MACKSVILLE VACATION CARE PROGRAM**

**– DECEMBER 2014 & JANUARY 2015**

(Bookings or more information phone 65681474 or email vaccare@bigpond.com)

*******NAMBUCCA CENTRE ONLY*******

**Thursday 18/12/14**

YIPPEE!! It’s holiday time

**Free Play Day**

**Friday 19/12/14**

- Tattoos, Face Paint & Nail Polish
- Making Pet Rocks

**Monday 22/12/14**

**CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES**

- Make a Snow Globe
  - Cost: $3.00

**Tuesday 23/12/14**

**CHRISTMAS COOKING**

more snow globes available

**Wednesday 24/12/14**

**XMAS EVE**

Christmas activities & Free Play

Only one more sleep!!

**Thursday 18 & Friday 19 December** are pupil-free days for NSW Government Schools. From 18 until 24 December we will open at the Nambucca Centre (Frank Partridge VC Primary School) ONLY. Macksville Centre will operate from Monday 5 January 2015. All children who are registered with Macksville Vacation Care are very welcome to attend the Nambucca centre prior to 5/1/15. To assist Macksville children to settle into a new environment, staff from Macksville centre will be working at our Nambucca Centre during that time.

**Tuesday 27 January** is also a pupil-free day for NSW Government Schools - care will be available at Nambucca ONLY.

**ELECTRONIC MEDIA:** As a precaution to possible privacy issues arising through photos or videos posted on social media sites, staff and management have made the decision that iPods, mobile phones and DSs are not to be brought to Vacation Care. Monitoring the children, confiscation of these devices, and strict rules regarding the use of mobile phones have been decided to be effective to stop the children from accessing inappropriate content. No iPods, mobile phones or DSs are allowed. We have our own iPads which have been loaded with age-appropriate games for the children to access within monitored timeframes. We provide and encourage children to use these devices with appropriate games.

**Fees:**

- Fees owing over $10.00 need to be paid before a booking can be accepted. Families may be required to pay upfront if there have been issues with accounts previously.
- Fees owing under $10.00 are to be paid on the first morning of care.
- Fees are to be paid daily unless an agreement has been made between parent and coordinator for an invoice to be issued at the conclusion of holidays.
- Excursion & activity costs must be paid on or before the day.
- Non-attendance on excursion days will attract a $10.00 per child fee if we have not received at least 24 hrs notice. Please remember we must close both centres at 6pm promptly. Late fees of $10.00 per 15 mins will apply. Contact Gail or Natalie on 65681474.

**FEE INCREASE:** Due to increasing costs we have had to increase daily fees to $45/day. This is not taking into consideration Child Care Benefits and Child Care Rebate which will reduce the cost to as little as $5.84 per child per day. After School Care fees will rise to $19.00 per afternoon in 2015.

**Clothing:**

- Please ensure your children are prepared for the hotter weather - no thongs; no strappy singlets; a water bottle; a hat and sunscreen.
- The centre also supplies sunscreen.
- Children will be directed to play in the shade between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm as much as possible.

**EXCURSIONS:**

- **16/1/15** - Children from Macksville centre will be transported by bus to the Nambucca Centre for these activities – new inflatables are arriving early January so we not sure which items will be available but guaranteed to be fun for the kids!
- **20/1/15** - Children from both centres will be transported by bus to & from this venue. No thongs, no strappy singlets. Water bottle, a hot and sunny day!

**CHILD CARING:** As Frank Partridge VC Primary School is located in a high fire risk area, Nambucca families will be sent a letter regarding bushfire arrangements.

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**Several Policies & Procedures of the Nambucca Valley Children’s Group Inc. (our management group) have been recently updated. Anyone wishing to engage in a variety of physical and creative activities to promote their health and wellbeing.**
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| Wednesday 7/1| SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS  
TARGET GAMES  
balls, bean bags, hoops |                                                                     |                                   |
| Thursday 8/1| Excursion – Nambucca Cinema                                           | $17.50 (includes bus, movie, popcorn)                               |                                   |
| Friday 9/1 | Messy play day                                                        | Wear old clothes or swimmers & bring a towel                       |                                   |
| Monday 12/1| Wet & Wild Water Play                                                 | $10.00                                                              |                                   |
| Tuesday 13/1| MUSIC & SONGS with SUZIE  
Making Road Signs for Wheels Day                                      |                                                                     |                                   |
| Wednesday 14/1| Trent Munro’s Surf Education Program  
Excursion to Bellwood Park (info flyers at centre) | $15.00 (swim program, bus & lunch – hot chips & bread, juice or flavoured milk) |                                   |
| Thursday 15/1| 'WHEELS DAY'  
Rides, obstacle course, learn road safety, decorate your wheels.  
Don't forget your helmet |                                                                     |                                   |
| Friday 16/1| Bungee Run & other inflatable fun from Laser 'n' Lights                |                                                                     |                                   |
| Monday 19/1| Cupcake Decorating Competition                                        |                                                                     |                                   |
| Tuesday 20/1| Excursion to Macksville Memorial Aquatic Centre                       | $7.00 See Newsletter                                               |                                   |
| Wednesday 21/1| NATURE DAY  
Craft, treasure hunt, bugs, mud pies, frog in a pond jellies   |                                                                     |                                   |
| Thursday 22/1| Excursion to Toormina: Gymnastics, jumping castle, playground, rock climbing | $17.00 (includes bus, gym, jumping castle, playground)              |                                   |
| Friday 23/1| Australia Day Festivities                                              | Gumboot & thong throwing, damper, races & competitions              |                                   |

**Nambucca Valley After School Care**

Enrolment is necessary before children attend.

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