DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

NSW education minister Adrian Piccoli announced the biggest overhaul of the HSC in almost 20 years last week including curriculum changes and the introduction of a mandatory literacy and numeracy test.

This will have important implications for all students from 2018 and we as a school at Nimbin Central are just beginning to digest and study these changes to ensure we understand them thoroughly to allow us to initiate them smoothly and effectively. Please be assured that we will keep the school community informed as appropriate and in a timely fashion.

Also be assured that all students will be supported to meet the minimum literacy and numeracy requirements while ensuring other attributes necessary for success, like problem-solving, creativity and technical proficiencies are also nurtured and valued.

There are interesting times ahead but providing a quality education for ALL students remains our priority.

Cath Marshall

IMPORTANT DATES:

Tuesday 2nd August
Byron Bay Writers Primary
Lismore City Hall

Thursday 4th August
Byron Bay Writers Secondary
AIME Students SCU

Friday 5th August
Rocky Creek K/1 Excursion

Tuesday 9th August
AIME Assembly

Thursday 11th August
Primary Sports Carnival

Friday 12th August
Secondary Sports Carnival

Tuesday 16th August
Bundjalung Day

Friday 19th August
Science Spectacular

P&C Meeting on Tuesday 2nd August at 2.00 pm in the meeting room.

Photos: Mathsworld in the MPU
K - 6 News

Welcome back and I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable break.

Term 3 is a very busy one and kicked off with the shot putt and high jump events for the Terania Athletics Carnival. Tyson, Hamish, Aydan, Murayah and Lahanea represented the primary in these events at Blakebrook P.S. on Thursday 21st July 2016.

All students competed well with Lahanea coming first in the junior girl high jump and third in shot putt and Tyson achieved his personal best in high jump. Congratulations. These are wonderful opportunities for the students to experience competition against other schools and we are thankful to the parents for transporting them to the venue and to Mr Everingham for giving the students extra training and preparation hints.

Book Week Parade:
The Australian flag was flying and the poets were in fine form. Thank you for your support in assisting the students with their costumes and coming along for the parade and book week sales. I think story time with Granny Pig was very special indeed. It was a great day.

REMEMBER: Special Assembly
Our special assembly will be held on Friday 12th August 2016 commencing at 1.00pm. An invitation to parents of students receiving an award will be sent the week before. A number of students will be awarded the Principal’s Commendation Certificate. Also class K/1 will be presenting an item and we would love to see a great audience in attendance. Come along and congratulate our students for being such wonderful learners.

On the following page is a weekly outline of up and coming events and details will be provided later. Hold onto your hats. It’s a busy one and filling up fast!

Looking forward to a productive term.

Dian Plesko
Assistant Principal
UP AND COMING EVENTS FOR PRIMARY TERM 3

Week 3: Byron Bay Writers Festival - Tuesday 2nd August to be held at Lismore  
Kindergarten pre-School visit at Nimbin pre-School - Tuesday 2nd August leaving 9.30am  
Spelling Bee Comp for year 3/4 and 5/6 - Thursday 4th August in the hall starting 9.20am  
Nimbin Town Walk - Thursday afternoon for class K/1  
Rocky Creek Dam excursion - Friday 5th August for Class K/1

Week 4: Primary Athletics Carnival at school on the bottom oval. Green versus Gold houses.  
Thursday 11th August

Week 5: Science Week - all week.  
Bundjalung Day - Tuesday 16th August  
Science Day - Friday 19th August

Week 6: Lismore Performing Arts Rehearsal Day - Monday 22nd August - for classes 3 to 6  
Performance Night at Lismore Workers Club - Thursday 25th August

Week 7: Public Speaking Competition at Jiggi Primary School—Thursday 1st September  
Channon Teams Day - Friday 2nd September

Week 9: Unibound Excursion at Southern Cross University for Year 5—Tuesday 13th September

Week 10: Celebration Day - Circus Skills at Byron Bay - Thursday 22nd September

New – Homework Centre for Secondary Students

Nimbin Central School will be implementing a homework centre at lunchtime beginning Term 3,  
Week 4, 8th August 2016. The homework centre will operate during lunchtimes on Monday and  
Tuesday in the computer lab. Students who access the centre will benefit from extra support from  
teachers and reliable computers and printers.

Whether it’s getting some help preparing for an exam, keeping on top of homework, working on an  
assignment or just getting some extra assistance from a teacher to help understand a concept that  
has been taught in class, many students will benefit from the extra attention.

We would appreciate if parents and guardians would encourage their children to use this opportunity.

Phil Shaw
BOOK PARADE
LIBRARY NEWS

Our Australian Stories Book Parade was a hoot, and a howl and an oink and wriggle.... So many bush animals, including Granny Pig who led the book quiz and helped to judge the poetry recitation. Congratulations to our best reciters: Ceejay, Tyson and Aydan as well as Tyson again for the Didj-limbo and all the students who made creative, funny costumes to brighten our day. The Book Fair continues until Wednesday of next week at 3.30. Already we have sold enough to ensure that our school wins $300 worth of books in commission, so thank you all so much for your support.

Mazz Webb

CAREERS NEWS

Information on the following areas are available from your Careers Adviser:

Early Entry Schemes
Griffith University has recently announced a new early entry scheme for Year 12 students applying for this University. Nimbin Central School has applied to be part of this scheme.

Information is currently available on the University of New England (Armidale) Early Entry Program and Scholarship.

Southern Cross University Star Scheme (Early Entry Scheme) is currently available for application. Any student interested in UNE, Griffith or Southern Cross University schemes should see Mr Chaseling ASAP.

Creative Arts Day
Southern Cross University will be running a Creative Arts Day on Thursday 25th August. The day will consist of four interactive workshops. Any Year 10 student with interests in media, music, visual arts or creative arts should contact Mr Chaseling ASAP.

Regards

Mr Chaseling

P&C NEWS

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a great holiday.

Cotton Uniforms – The school has approved the cotton uniform as an alternative, following our survey last term.

However the school will not be stocking the cotton uniform on site. Parents will be able to order the cotton uniform directly from Blessed Earth at any time throughout the year, beginning later this term. The P&C will also be arranging a bulk order to meet current demand and reduce postage costs for parents. Further details of how to order will be coming home soon, or you may contact me at ncspandc@gmail.com to arrange your cotton uniforms.

The next P&C meeting will be next Tuesday, August 2nd at 2pm in the meeting room. Currently on the agenda are the car park, fundraising, and a water filter for the bubblers. New agenda items always welcome. We hope to see you there!

Elowyn
SCIENCE FACULTY

It is always very busy in the Science faculty as Mr Neenan, Mr Zsigmond and myself explore the wonderful world of Science. All students, Years 7 to 10 are enjoying building their Scientific skills and enjoying lots of laboratory practical tasks. The students are starting to see the links between what they learn in the junior high school years and their application in the senior (HSC) courses. Years 9 and 10 have recently been offered the challenge to create their own Scientific Investigation, where they identify the aim, materials required, procedures and conclusions. Special note must be given to the senior Chemistry and Biology students who are working extremely hard to complete the course content, consolidate knowledge and finish all assessment tasks in their chosen field of study in preparation for the completion of the Higher School Certificate (HSC) and associated formal examinations.

Science investigates the nature of our world; it looks at how things work, why things happen and the impacts of events. Students are encouraged to embrace all concepts covered in Science as each piece of information gathered contributes toward a “big picture” understanding and may just be useful in their future life and career.

Subject selections for Year 9/10 (Stage 5) and 2017 Seniors (Stage 6) are approaching. Students are strongly urged to consider the Sciences as an area of study. We offer elective Agriculture in Stage 5 and a variety of Science in Stage 6 depending on student demand and availability. The Stage 6 Science courses for 2017 may include Chemistry, Biology, Agriculture, Senior Science, Earth and Environmental Science and Physics. In addition to elective subjects and HSC courses, students may also choose to involve themselves in the Bush Regeneration Project and the Robotics club.

If there are any queries about Secondary Science at Nimbin Central School, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Science faculty.

Kellie Cockburn
Head Teacher, Secondary Studies

Science Spectacular is coming August 19! Join us for the crazy Liquid Nitrogen show and a range of exhibits and activities that celebrate the wonders of Science in its many forms and applications.
FROM THE COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

Winter is for Reading
Winter is a magical time of a warm blanket, hot soup and a good book. What a wonderful gift we are given when we can curl up with our kids and share a story.

How long is it since you visited our school library?

When I visit our school library the first thing to greet me is Mazz's ever-present welcome smile. After that I am constantly delighted at the number and variety of books on offer for our kids and for me too.

There are picture books that take us into another world, novels that we can't put down till they are finished and informational books that teach us about things we knew nothing about.

It is also Book Week in the library, where there is a wide variety of books for sale from as low as one dollar. What better gift can we give our kids than the love of reading. Reading is the basis of so much of our learning and our ability to function in modern life.

So go grab a book. Borrow one or buy one, shut the rest of the world out for a short time and enjoy the magic of winter.

Anne Bowden

WALLER’S BUS COMPANY

NIMBIN TO LISMORE AFTERNOON RUN
CHANGE TO REGULAR BUS TRAVEL ON WALLER’S BUSES

We wish to advise parents that we require a note/letter advising who the student is, where they will disembark the bus, a contact phone number and the $4.50 fare. If any of these details are not complied with the student will not be taken from school. In the past we have had situations arise that there is no parent to meet the student and we are unable to contact the school as it is closed.

Your assistance with this matter will be appreciated.

Graeme Waller
**FREE Parenting by Connection**

This is a free six-week program that gives parents the tools they need to strengthen their relationships with their children. It will assist parents to:

- meet other parents
- learn ways to help manage emotions such as anger/frustration
- strengthen relationships with their children, creating a longer-lasting bond
- gain new ideas on managing their children's tricky behaviour
- increase play and fun activities with their children
- reduce stress from parenting

**Fridays - 10:00am – 1:00pm**
August 12th – September 16th

**Venue:** Interrelate
5 Market st
Lismore

Bookings Essential – Phone Belinda Keech
02 6623 2750
0475 817 383
Belinda.keeche@interrelate.org.au

**FREE Circle of Security Parenting**

Parents of young children (0-7 years) are invited to join our free six-week program that will help you:

- learn how to recognise your child's needs and better understand their behaviour
- be supported as a parent and gain ideas on how to make parenting easier
- begin to understand your own reactions to your children

The program increases awareness of children's needs and develops an understanding of how our responses can meet those needs.

**Tuesdays – 10.00 – 1.00pm**
August 23rd – September 27th

**Venue:** Interrelate
Market Street, Lismore

Bookings Essential – Phone 6623 2750
or 0475 817 383
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**FREE PARENTING PROGRAM IN NIMBIN!**

**BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS**

* POSTPONED DATES: NOW AUG 11-SEP 15 *

‘Bringing Up Great Kids’ promotes and supports respectful, caring and nurturing relationships between parents and their children. Over 6 sessions, parents are encouraged to become more reflective and mindful in their parenting approach, helping to strengthen family relationships.

**When:** Thursdays Aug 11 to Sep 15
**Time:** 10am - 12:30pm
**Venue:** Nimbin Playgroup building
**Cost:** FREE

Facilitator: Nimbin Playgroup coordinator
Rachel will run this program

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The nation breathed a collective sigh of relief today as the Combined Union of Teenagers (CUT) sought reconciliation over what can only be described as a breathtaking log of claims. Describing management as distrustful of claims made last week that 'Everybody else is allowed to go', and 'No, you don't need to telephone her parents', the CUT went on strike.

'So what?' was the bemused reply from the Head of the Order of Parents Everywhere (HOPE). 'We haven't seen much action on the shop floor in recent weeks, so the strike won't touch the sides let alone the surface.'

Claims and counter-claims relating to one side not understanding the other, and charges of hypocrisy and betrayal, have been made.

Mediation by a member of the Collective of Older Children, who said, 'Well, they never let me do it', failed to move the matter towards resolution. The dispute is expected to last until the middle of the century. We can only hope they grow up fast.

TEENAGERS SPEAK OUT ON CHORES

In breakthrough research, it has been revealed that most teenagers think young people should be involved in helping out around the house. Taking care of yourself and your possessions is seen as promoting responsibility.

Girls are more likely than boys to see household jobs and chores as a way of contributing to the welfare of the family. Even more shocking are findings that most adolescents don't favour payment for individual jobs, preferring a more generalized payment or pocket money. However, they do think that 'big jobs' should receive a special payment. Before you think you've got it too easy, it is important to note that while 82% expect to have to do some chores around the house, 57% expect you to nag them about it.

As a rough guide, self-care tasks such as making their bed, putting away toys, and basic cleaning of their rooms can begin around six or seven years of age. Family-care tasks such as doing the dishes and sweeping should begin later, after age eight. Of course, if children express interest in helping out, it's always best to include them as long as the task(s) can be done safely.

You Just Can't Buy Good Help These Days

Mr Spinelli of Campbelltown noticed that it was costing him four hours of nagging and $20 to get the car washed. It would have been cheaper to use professional cleaners. 'After this discovery, I decided I could either have week-long debates with my son or I could decide our relationship was more important', he said.

COOK-A-THON

Mrs Violet Perchanski of Surrey Hills has given up. Her kids are bored with her cooking. 'At first I was offended', she said, 'and then I figured out that I cook 1095 meals a year. I wouldn't eat 1095 meals in a row from even the best restaurant in town. So now they all take turns choosing what we eat, and cooking it.'

Join a forum to discuss these issues on www.andrewfuller.com.au