PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

It is with very mixed emotions that I deliver this news. Last week I underwent a Merit Selection process interview as I had applied for the position of Principal, the Rivers Secondary College, Richmond River Campus. Last Tuesday I was informed that I was successful. I will take up the permanent position of Principal at Richmond River in Term 4 2016. My last day at Nimbin is still being negotiated but it looks like it will be Friday September 9th.

I have loved my eight years as Principal here at Nimbin Central School and have learned an enormous amount. The time has flown and it is actually quite hard to believe that this is my eighth year. The decision to move schools never comes easily and this was no exception. After eight years I feel that I have given what I can to the school in terms of my set of leadership skills, education and leadership philosophy, different experiences, the building of student and staff capacity and school growth and improvement. I also believe that after eight years I have learned most of what I can from managing our very special staff, student cohort, community and site. The decision comes because having entered the last decade of my career a year or so ago, I feel I have time to serve one more school to the best of my ability. Essentially, I have one more school in me.

Ms Marshall will be the relieving Principal for the remainder of this year and I have absolute confidence in Cath’s leadership abilities and I know the entire school community will embrace and support her in this role. We have put out an expression of interest among the four local school networks for the position of Deputy Principal for the remainder of the year and will begin the process of selecting a suitable candidate with the right skillset to serve our unique community in the next few weeks.

I have grown to love this school and it’s feisty, irreverent and unique community and at the moment I am perfectly balanced between the sadness of leaving Nimbin Central and the excitement that any new adventure brings.

A thought:
“When one door is closed, don’t you know, another door has opened.” Bob Marley

Mary-Jane Pell

IMPORTANT DATES:

Tuesday 16th August
Bundjalung Day
Parent/Teacher Interviews
3.30 pm—6.30 pm

Friday 19th August
Science Spectacular

Monday 22nd August
Lismore Performing Arts Festival Rehearsal

Thursday 25th August
Years 5/6/9 Excursion to Dorroughby
Lismore Performing Arts Performance

Friday 26th August
AIME students at SCU

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FROM THE DEPUTY MARSHALL
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.

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.


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. 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.


Cath Marshall
K - 6 News

Terania Athletics Carnival
Thank you so much to the parents and carers who were able to come along and support and cheer our students on in the carnival. As usual our students were wonderful in their behaviour and displayed good sportsmanship. Congratulations to Mikayla for winning the Juvenile Girl Champion and Murayah for coming second in the Senior Girl Champion categories. Added congratulations to Felix Kraft, Tyrone, Djamahl, Tyson and Lahanea who have qualified to compete in the next round, which is the Northern Rivers Zone PSSA Athletics at Riverview Park. We wish them the best of luck.

Spelling Bee
The Primary Spelling Bee was held in the school hall last Wednesday and the sense of support and students “having a go” was overwhelming. It’s not easy to present yourself in front of an audience and be challenged and our students were impressive in the way that they handled themselves. Our winning spellers go on to compete in the Premier’s Spelling Bee challenge at Fingal Head Public School on Thursday 15th September. They are Ceejay, Kalila, Thomas and Oliver. Congratulations and your efforts were unBEElievable!

Dorroughby Field Day Excursion
Years 5 and 6 will be going on an excursion to Dorroughby Field Centre which is a part of the Eco Schools Project. The students will learn about bush tucker and it’s use as a native vegetation for weed control. Notes will be out shortly.

Public Speaking Event
On Tuesday 23rd August students in Years 3-6 will be participating in a public speaking debate in the school hall and two students from Years 3/4 and Years 5/6 will be selected to participate in the Big Scrub Public Speaking Event at Jiggi Primary School on September 1st. This is a locally organised programme involving students from the small schools around the Terania District. Copies of the topics and the assessment criteria will be sent home and if you would like to discuss it with your child and assist them with their speech that would be great. Students will also be learning about and crafting their speeches during class lessons.

Dian Plesko
Assistant Principal
K-6 News (cont.)

Unfortunately due to the very wet conditions of the grounds the School Athletics Carnival has been postponed to a later date, hopefully towards the end of this term.

Toni Christensen will be in the chair of Assistant Principal from Thursday 18\textsuperscript{th} August until Wednesday 7\textsuperscript{th} September '16 as I will be on long service leave. I am grateful for her support and know that she will be excellent in the role.

Take care

Dian Plesko
Assistant Principal
K/1 EXCURSION ROCKY CREEK DAM

Last Friday the K/1 class went on an excursion to Rocky Creek Dam. Happily, every class member was able to attend and we had a really nice day. The teacher from the Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre, Tamlyn, was very knowledgeable and taught us a lot about native plants and how the people of the Bundjalung Nation used them in their everyday life. We went for a rainforest walk along the beautiful Platypus Walk, and played games that taught us how we could help native animals thrive. The children were very well behaved, attentive and represented our school and town beautifully. Thank you very much Sally McKenzie, and our two parent helpers, Shizuka and Jessie, for all your help.

Mrs Brito

Photos left:
K/1 went for a walk up to Cullen Street on Thursday afternoon. We were comparing natural and man-made environments.
AIME ASSEMBLY

This Hoodie Day, we reflect on how far we’ve come. The 2016 hoodie takes us back to our retro days, reminding us of the path we’ve travelled together, and the work that lies ahead.

On Tuesday 9th August we held our special hoodie assembly. The AIME program celebrates Indigenous success and as part of this initiative Nimbin Central has purchased the hoodie package in support of Indigenous recognition and success.

We were very fortunate to have Robbie Miller, Brisbane AIME coordinator and triple J’s Indigenous performer of the year 2015 come to present our hoodies to our Indigenous students and staff. Robbie also performed two of his own songs.

Robbie was well received by students and staff instilling pride and a sense of belonging by sharing his own story.

Next Tuesday 16th August is our Bundjalung day and again we celebrate Indigenous culture, song and food. The hoodies will be worn with pride on this day.

Gaill Hart
FROM THE COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

Every Day Counts
By sending your children to school each day you are giving them every chance to succeed. A day here or there may not seem like much but over time it adds up to a lot.

If your child misses 3 weeks of school a year in primary school then they will have missed half a year by the end of year 6.

Regular school attendance will mean that your child gets a better chance at life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day:

- they learn better
- they make friends
- they are happier
- they have a brighter future

Casual days off may seem like a good idea at the time but it is of no service to our kids.

Remember that every day counts.

Anne Bowden

Friday August 19th
9.15-10.15 The Science Show
For whole school and interested parents
The Sustainability Trailer and Rainbow Power trailers plus Science displays in the hall will be running for Secondary classes p3-6
1.45-3.10 Primary school K-6
'Hands on Science' activity rotation

Liquid Nitrogen ice-cream, Elephant toothpaste making, droids, drones, robots and Sustainability interactive activities are just some of the fun on offer at Nimbin Central School’s Science Spectacular on Friday August 19th.

Our National Science Week celebrations will encourage students’ scientific thinking for real-life applications. This school-wide STEM initiative invites students to engage with Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths through hands-on activities.

"The biggest growth of new jobs worldwide includes coding, robotics and data analysis/management so our students need to build these skills from Kindergarten onwards" says Principal Mary-Jane Pell.
P&C NEWS

Hello everyone! Some exciting things to report from the P&C meeting last week:

From next year, we will have a broad-brimmed hat as an optional part of our uniform. The P&C will gift all kindergarten students with a school hat upon enrolment. The hats will be available to purchase from the school for all other students later this year.

We are currently working out the final details of the cotton uniforms with our supplier and hope to have them available in Term 4. Keep your eyes out for how to place your order in the coming weeks.

The canteen has been making changes over the past months to move towards healthier food options. Some food items have been removed from the menu or restricted to certain days. The canteen staff are working to supply healthy specials throughout the week and are working on a new menu which should be out later in the year. In order to provide a variety of healthy meals, the canteen needs energy and assistance from parents. Even a day a month in the canteen would be extremely helpful, so drop in and see Simone at the canteen to let her know how and when you can lend a hand.

We meet at 2pm on Tuesday in week 3 and 7 of every term. Our next meeting will be Tuesday 30th August, all are welcome, hope to see you there!

Elowyn
P&C Secretary

CAREERS

Information on the following areas is available from Mr Chaseling:

- SCU parent information evening, Wednesday 31st August. Free event for parents of Year 12 students intending to apply for Southern Cross University. During the night parents will gain helpful insights into the journey from High School to University.
- The Hotel School Sydney is holding an Open Day on Saturday 10th September 2016. The event is for students interested in Hotel Management and Tourism.
- A reminder to Year 12 that UAC applications are now open. Applications close on the 30th September. Application booklets and information can be obtained from Mr Chaseling.
- QTAC applications close on the 29th September. The cost is $37.00. See Mr Chaseling for booklets.
- 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.
- Griffith, UNE and SCU Early Entry Schemes are open for applications.

Regards
Mr Chaseling

LIBRARY NEWS

The Premiers Reading Challenge ends next Friday. We already have eight students who have achieved it and some who still need to update their reading records for the Library so that they can receive their certificate. Well done to all our keen readers. The Book Fair has generated over thirty new books for our Library so thanks again for your support and encourage your students to borrow some of them for you to read together and share.

Mazz Webb
HSC Tips and Advice Nights
at Lismore Library

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Come along and get tips and advice from local teachers who have HSC marking experience. Get your questions answered!

Refreshments provided. Bookings essential.

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- Cheese/tomato/ham/chicken/salami ........................................ $2.50
- Cheese & cucumber or cheese & tomato ................................. $3.00
- Salad ................................................................................... $3.50
- Egg & lettuce ...................................................................... $3.20
- Chicken, lettuce & mayo/ham/cheese & tomato ....................... $3.50
- Ham/chicken/salami & cheese & salad ................................... $4.00

*Sandwiches are made on wholemeal/brown bread. Many more sandwich variations are available.*

#### HOT MEAT
- Chilli Chicken Tenders ......................................................... $1.80
- Chicken Chippies ................................................................. $4.50
  (4 for $1.50)
- Sausage rolls ........................................................................ $3.50
- Potato Top Pies ................................................................... $4.60
- Crumbed Fish Pieces ........................................................... $3.50
- Party pies or Party sausage rolls ......................................... $1.00
- Byron Gourmet Pies ......................................................... $4.60
- Thai Chicken, Chick Morray, Satay Chicken,  
  Chicken pesto, Steam, Pepper Steak, Bolognese,  
  Steak Bacon & Cheese, Mexi Beef
- Noodles Cups ....................................................................... $2.50

#### HOT VEGETARIAN
- Spinach & ricotta rolls ......................................................... $4.00
- Veggie Patties ........................................................................ $2.00
- Noodle cups .......................................................................... $2.50
- Byron Gourmet Pies ......................................................... $4.60
- Curry Veg, Spinach Pesto, Mexi Veg, Gado Gado
- Cauliflower Broccoli Pie .................................................... $5.00

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#### FRUIT
- Depending on season & availability
- Mandarin, Apples, pears, oranges, bananas
  *from $1.00*

#### DRINKS
- Cup of milk ...........................................................................$1.50
- Large plain ...........................................................................$1.50
- Small flavoured ................................................................. $1.00
- Med flavoured .................................................................... $1.50
- Ige flavoured ..................................................................... $2.00
- Up n Go/Express, choc/van flavoured ................................. $2.60
- Juice—Poppers .................................................................. $1.50
  *250ml*
- Water ................................................................................ $1.50
  *600ml*
- Wild brand juices, asted flavours ....................................... $2.50
- Small crazy lemon juice .................................................... $1.60
- Juice Cups .......................................................................... $1.00

#### FROZEN FOODS/SWEETS/MISC
- Packet of Chips ................................................................... $1.10
- Frozen Yoghurts .................................................................. $2.20
- Paddlepops.......................................................................... $1.60
- Sip/juicys 95% juice ......................................................... $0.60
  *and Ice Mony*

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#### TO PLACE A LUNCH ORDER:
- Write your order on a paper bag along with:
  Name, Class, & which meal break.
- Enclose payment. Hand to friendly canteen staff.
- Menus and paper bags are available from the canteen

*To assist the canteen staff in providing you with your food, please be sure to order all hot foods required at 2nd/3rd breaks.*

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*HELPERS ALWAYS NEEDED!!!!! Phone Simone on 66891 355 or drop in at the canteen*