PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

What a fabulous day Bundjalung Day was! Excellent performers and speakers, a wonderful representation of local Aboriginal people assisting our young people to understand culture and the significance of many of our local landmarks, excellent food and finished off with a highly successful parent/teacher evening. There are so many people to thank for making these days a spectacular success but what it comes down to is solid event leadership, a great team of helpers on the day and the goodwill and energy of the staff, students and our community. Congratulations all round.

Most of our Stage 6 students have completed their Senior Review Meetings and feedback letters were posted home today. I hope by now ALL parents of Stage 6 students have seen and read their academic reports as it became evident at the time of the meetings that many parents at that time had not seen their son/daughters report. As our young people grow older and more independent they legitimately forget to share these documents with their parents so please ask if you haven’t yet seen it!

School is as busy as usual with many events, excursions and performances taking place. It was with great pleasure I attended the Lismore Performing Arts Festival for the final time with a Primary group, and a spectacular effort it was. Our young people were talented, entertaining, skilful, respectful and beautifully behaved. They performed as a band with bass, keyboards, drums, ukuleles, singers and dancers and the crowd loved them. Two of our older students Keisha and Kiara represented our school in performing the Acknowledgement of Country to open the event, and performed two solo items which the crowd really enjoyed. They really did us proud!

A thought: “The object of Art is to give life shape” William Shakespeare

Mary-Jane Pell

IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday 29th August—Friday 2nd September
Year 9 Work Experience

Tuesday 30th August
HSC Drama Marking
Senior Information Night 5.30 pm

Wednesday 31st August
Dorroughby Excursion Y7/8/10

Friday 2nd September
Channon Teams Day

Tuesday 6th September—Thursday 8th September
Trial HSC Exams

Friday 9th September
Ms. Pell Farewell Assembly at 1.00 pm
Unibound Year 7 Excursion

Tuesday 13th September
Unibound Year 5 Excursion
Sports Gala Years 7-10

Friday 16th September
AIME students SCU

P&C Meeting Tuesday 30th August at 2.00 pm in Meeting Room
Fathers Day Stall!
This Thursday, 1st September at the Canteen. All gifts $5.
Please send $5 along on Thursday and help your kids celebrate their Dads.
FROM THE DEPUTY MARSHALL

It is with very mixed emotions that I received the news that our Principal, Mary-Jane Pell, was selected as the new Principal for Richmond River High School. While I am experiencing a great deal of sadness over losing a wonderful leader and mentor who I have greatly enjoyed working with for the past 8 years, it is also with gladness for Mary-Jane, as she embarks on her new, chosen role.

I have accepted the role of Relieving Principal from Week 9 Term 3 until the end of the school year. Mr Luke Woodward, an experienced executive teacher from Richmond River High, will be relieving in my role, Deputy Principal.

These decisions were made with the goal of making the transition as advantageous to Nimbin Central, its students and staff, as possible.

And with the wonderful team we have here at the school, I believe we can make this change smoothly.

I also believe that replacing a Principal of Mary-Jane’s calibre will be very difficult.

We are holding a formal farewell assembly on Friday September 9th from 1.00pm. Please attend if you are available to join us in saying a formal goodbye.

Cath Marshall

CAREERS NEWS

The UNI-BOUND Year 7 “Recipe for Success” program is being held on Friday 9th of September. Current Year 7 students will have the opportunity to learn important skills to help them successfully negotiate high school and eventually transition into university.

Students are encouraged to please return their participation forms to the front office ASAP.

Year 7 comments from last year…
“I loved everything, particularly evolution – it was sick”
“My favourite was ‘not I, Sir’ and the surfing game.”
“I liked ‘Mascot rally’ because everyone got a chance and it was fun.”
“The video (clips) were amazing”
“It was all fun and cooperative.”

In other career news; Year 12 students are reminded to lodge their QTAC and UAC applications as soon as possible to avoid additional charges and are also encouraged to see Mr Chaseling about Early Entry and Scholarship opportunities.

Mr Chaseling
Dear Parents and Carers

This term, your school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students 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 them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, *The Learning Bar*, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

This survey will help your school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

If you **do not want your child to take part** in the survey, please complete the form on the back of this newsletter and return it to your child’s school by **Friday 2nd September**.


Mary-Jane Pell  
Principal

Dr Jenny Donovan  
Executive Director  
Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation
K - 6 News

Bundjalung Day
Last Tuesday our school celebrated Bundjalung Day. Students participated in a fantastic day of activities designed to acknowledge and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year’s theme was *Songlines: The Living Narrative of our Nation* and our students were extremely fortunate to see performances from some amazing Indigenous talent including Sean Choolburra and Blak Boi.

Science Spectacular
National Science Week was celebrated around the country last week and as part of those celebrations Nimbin Central School held our own Science Spectacular last Friday. It was an awesome opportunity for our students to get up close and personal with a range of Drones, Droids and Robots as well as experience some pretty amazing chemical reactions performed by our very own “Mad Scientists” – Anthony Neenan and Bill Zsigmond. The aim of the day was to showcase the close links between the strands of science in hope that some of our students will walk away with a spark that will be the beginning of a fascinating journey into the world of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).

Northern Rivers PSSA Zone Athletics Championships
Congratulations Felix Kraft, Lahanea Low, Djamahl Levy, Tyronne Collison-Laurie, and Murayah Kay who all participated in the Northern Rivers PSSA Zone Athletics Championships at Riverview Park last Friday the 19th of August. The weather was perfect and our students proudly represented Nimbin Central School in a field of very fierce competitors. Also a very big thank you to the parents and carers who transported and supported our students on the day.

Public Speaking Event
Students in Years 3 to 6 participated in Nimbin Central School’s Public Speaking Event on Tuesday of this week. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to speak confidently and convincingly in front of their peers about a topic of their choice. Once again our students’ enthusiasm, maturity and “have-a-go” attitude was overwhelming. Congratulations to Murayah Kay and Kyah Tapp (Stage 3), and Sara Prikulis and India Tapp (Stage 2) who will go on to participate in the Big Scrub Public Speaking Event at Jiggi Public School on Thursday, September 1st.

Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre Excursion
Yesterday students from Years 5 and 6 shared an excursion with a group of high school students to the Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre as part of the Eco Schools Project. They not only gained valuable knowledge about local bush tucker but were also able to create and taste a meal using bush tucker ingredients.

Lismore Performing Arts Festival
Last night a group of very talented students from Nimbin Central School showcased their artistic talents in the Lismore Performing Arts Festival at the Lismore Worker’s Club. It was an incredible performance that involved instruments, hip-hop dance and singing. Thank you to the parents and carers who supported the event and I’m sure you would all agree the level of professionalism and enthusiasm all of the performers showed was truly impressive.

Toni Christensen
Relieving Assistant Principal
and the Primary Team
Bundjalung Day is a time of celebration and was enjoyed by our entire school both primary and secondary. We participated in a wonderful variety of events and activities with our Indigenous leaders to show us through the day.

The Food Technology Department served a variety of gourmet bush tucker food for everyone to enjoy at lunchtime, and for many it was the first opportunity to taste some traditional Aboriginal food sources. Here is a list of some of the foods we prepared:

- Crocodile Meatballs with Quandong and Chilli Sauce
- Emu Chipolatas with Bush Tomato Relish
- Kanga Curry
- Outback Bean stew
- Emu Egg and Asparagus Omelette
- Roo Rissoles and Kanga Burgers

And all finished off with a Wattleseed, Lemon Myrtle and Macadamia Cookie—Yummy!

What a great day we had!

Felicity Wooltorton
Food Technology
BUNDJALUNG DAY
You are invited!

Nimbin Central School P&C Morning Tea
10am-12pm, Saturday 10th September,
Nimbin Central School COLA
(beside the canteen and playground).

Please come along to our morning tea to meet some current P&C members and have a chat about the school, and what we as parents and citizens can offer to make our school the best it can be. We would love to hear your ideas about how to spend the funds we have raised!

Our next meeting is Tuesday 30th August at 2pm in the meeting room.

SCIENCE SPECTACULAR

Great foaming test tubes ….. our inaugural Science Spectacular went off like liquid nitrogen poured into an esky full of balloons. Many thanks to our Science department for their chemical wonderland and computer game/robotics displays, as well as being enthusiastic members of our organisational team. Also, a big thank you to Guy, the guy from Rainbow Power who gave an inspiring speech and brought along his trailer of solar wizardry. The Dorrowby Sustainability trailer was also full of exciting gizmos and scientific innovations for students to use. The Dixons brought their latest creations: a plasma cutter and a bike that generated volts by student pedal power, very exciting. Primary students taught their schoolmates how to drive our robotic Beebots and Spheros (housed in spero-mobiles designed and built by Yrs 4/5/6). Mouse trap cars raced with varying degrees of success, sustainable house projects were on display and Yr 2/3/4 showed us their musical instrument designs using recycled materials. All in all this was an event to make Einstein’s hair curl. Thank-you one and all for this new, exciting event at Nimbin Central school.

Mazz Webb

BUNDJALUNG DAY

Nimbin Central School had a wonderful celebration on Tuesday 16th August. This year’s theme was Songlines which was woven into workshops throughout the day. Gilbert Laurie performed a welcome to country with Lewis Walker. The day was filled with amazing performers, Sean Choolburra and Blak Boi, as well as Indigenous workshops and food. Norm Sheehan from Southern Cross University conducted a powerful workshop on making strong connections with people, place and history. His Connected Art workshop was interesting and well received by students. A storytelling and language workshop was informative, immersing students in local culture. The fig tree near the art room was a dividing place for men and women many years ago. Solid Mob from Ballina ran a wonderful obstacle course revolving around anti smoking for Years 4 to 8 and handed out awards to enthusiastic groups.

Primary focused on making a wonderful mobile that will hang in the library, a Dreamtime story and dance workshop and wallaby spearing skills.

Gaill Hart
FROM THE COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

Many ways to support your child
World wide studies all demonstrate that when parents support their children's education, children are happier and do better at school. This research comes to us through the Family-School and Community Partnerships Bureau.

How can you demonstrate to your children that you believe in their future through their education?

You can talk positively to them at home about their learning. You are not being asked to be teachers only to be encouraging. If kids are having problems at school then seek opportunities to work with teachers and your kids to work through those challenges.

Come to the school as often as you can when you are invited to touch base and see for yourself the great things that happen on a daily basis.

Get to know the strengths of your child's teachers so you can be constructive when you talk to your kids.

Respond in a timely manner for requests for help e.g. filling out surveys.

Support your child to complete any homework that they may have. Don't do it for them; rather encourage them to do it themselves or else ask for help.

Canteen Support
Our intrepid canteen workers continue to work to provide the best possible lunches for your children. Additional volunteers make a huge difference to what can be achieved. Recent publicity has given Simone one extra volunteer who does not have children at the school. We are most grateful for her generosity. I am appealing to parents to give serious consideration to volunteering some time to the canteen. Why?

♦ You can learn new skills
♦ You can see your child at school in a day to day atmosphere
♦ You can get to know the school staff
♦ You can make new friends
♦ You can have real input into the menu planning
♦ You can demonstrate to your child that you believe in their education enough to be there in the school
♦ You can have fun

Please drop in and have a chat with Simone about how and when you can help her.

P&C
What is P&C? It is a group of parents and community people working together for the good of all the students of Nimbin School. This is the forum for parents to have their say and contribute to the good in our school. Everyone wants the very best for the students of our school, your kids. You can help out by:

♦ Attending meetings when possible to contribute your thoughts
♦ Make a cake or a food item when requested to support fundraising efforts
♦ Tell members that you appreciate their efforts
♦ Talk positively in the community about your P&C that is working for the benefit of your child
♦ Lend a hand when asked

The next meeting of your P&C is next Tuesday 30th August at 2pm in the meeting room. Please put it in your diary to come along and learn how you can make a difference. Whatever you do will make a difference to your child. Together we can make a seriously good difference.

Till next time,

Anne Bowden
SCIENCE SPECTACULAR DAY
NIMBIN CENTRAL SCHOOL

“Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible”

Web Address: www.nimbin-c.schools.nsw.edu.au
Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey non-consent form

If you do not want your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to your school by **Friday 2nd September**.

I DO NOT give consent for my child/children to participate in the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey.

Name of student/s .................................................................

Roll class/es ...........................................................................

Name of parent/carer .............................................................

Signature of parent/carer ........................................................

Date .................................

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Post School Support Programs

ON Q-Human Resources is a not for profit organization that specializes in employment for people with disabilities. Founded in 1986, we are committed to social inclusion and building supportive communities. We do this by working with you, your family/carers and your community to realize your potential.

Using a person centered planning approach, we experience and committed team of staff supports you and those you care about to plan your goals and shape ongoing support to achieve them.

We are embedded in our local communities and have well established links with educators, providers, employers and community organizations. Together we collaborate to help you make choices about your goals, increase your independence, build up your confidence and participate as active members of the community.

We are hosting some information sessions which will be held on the following dates at the following locations:

**Tuesday 12th September 2016**

**SOUTH TWEEDE HEADS**

ON Q-Human Resources

Unit 1, 10-12 Tearney Place

Time: 5.30pm - 6.30pm

**Thursday 15th September 2016**

**BALLINA**

ON Q-Human Resources

Shop 1, 37-41 Chevy Street

Time: 5.30pm - 6.30pm

**Tuesday 20th September 2016**

**LIMESTONE**

ON Q-Human Resources

Suite 1, 219-232 Madores Street

Time: 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Please feel free to come along, meet the ON Q team and gather some information about the post school supports that are available. For catering purposes, we request you RSVP by Wednesday 7th September. Please RSVP by email schools@onqform.com.au or freecall 1800 701 561.

We look forward to meeting you and being of assistance to you at this time.

Jade Freeman, Post School Support Manager

ON Q-Human Resources

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