Does everybody feel like the clock has sped up the last week or so?? It certainly does to me, with life becoming very busy - I guess they call it the silly season for good reason!

Last Tuesday we hosted a very successful Community Breakfast, where members of our community including business owners, school volunteers and staff enjoyed not only a delicious breakfast spread but the opportunity to talk together and share ideas and the events of the year. I look forward to seeing this important, informal means of connecting with our community continuing in the future.

Our new Principal Trevor Hodges also visited on Tuesday, spending the time meeting staff and students, talking to secondary at assembly and meeting our P&C. He told me he had a great day and is looking forward to working with us all next year.

Bahzooley last Thursday was another brilliant evening. All the student performances were outstanding and it was so wonderful to see students from Kindergarten right up to our graduated Year 12’s up on stage entertaining another packed and appreciative audience. The food was wonderful – as usual – and the staff band ended the evening in its customary up beat fashion to the accompaniment of the students out of their seats and dancing.

A reminder that we have upcoming Celebration Days, Formal end of year assemblies as well as the Year 6 Graduation Dinner.

Yes … the silly season is upon us!

Cath Marshall

Correction:
In the last edition of this newsletter it was stated in Marc Everingham’s article about the Coffs camp that the Leap of Faith was 2 metres high. This was a typographical error, the actual height was 12 metres which makes more sense and justifies the screaming.
Bahzooley “What a Night!”
How great are our students! Being on stage, under lights, juggling microphones and dealing with some stage struck nerves is not an easy feat. Performing encourages the students to develop greater self-confidence and watching the Primary band organise themselves, remain focussed and bring it all together brilliantly with their great performance of “Under the Sea” is an example of how their confidence has come a long way. Many thanks to Ms Webb, Ms Wooltorton and Ms Christensen for their great work and tenacity in helping the students develop their musical talents.

Intensive Swimming
Another event which demonstrates how wonderful our students are. The Intensive Swimming Scheme requires the children to challenge themselves in many ways. To organise themselves, turn up for the day and swim to the best of their ability requires determination and focus. Our students did this very well and the Sport and Recreation Instructors were very impressed with their respectful behaviour and brilliant work attitude. Several more students were able to join the kilometre club and many more improved in their skills. The scheme is called intensive because it requires the children to stretch themselves further in a short period of time, which they certainly did. Thank you for your support in helping them meet this challenge.

Scripture Christmas
On Monday 5th December Minister Jim will give a slide show presentation about the message of Christmas incorporating singing and storytelling. The students enjoy the activity. If you do not wish your child to attend please contact the office.

Celebration Day “Murwillumbah Pool.”
On Friday 9th Dec is the positive behaviour, end of year Celebration Day. Invitations have been issued and money needs to be paid by Wednesday 7th Dec. Students may buy from the canteen, and a copy of the café menu will be handed out in Week 9.

End of Year Assembly
Our final assembly for the year is on Tuesday 13th Dec commencing at 9:40am in the school hall. Certificates, medallions and trophies will be awarded to the students, congratulating them for their wonderful work throughout the year. We invite family members and friends to attend. Your child would love to see you there.

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K-6 NEWS (CONT)

Class Parties
Class parties are held on Thursday 15th Dec starting after first break. The focus is on healthy food and if possible could your child bring a plate to contribute to the celebration.

Last day for students is on Friday 16th Dec. The year has gone so fast for everyone. The primary Staff would like to thank you for your wonderful support throughout the year and wish you, your family and friends a most wonderful Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday.

Cheers.

Dian Plesko
BIG FISH/LONG DISTANCE

I had the pleasure of attending the intensive swimming scheme with the K-6 students for a week.

I worked with the more competent swimmers on safety, stroke development and stamina. As in the past there were always some keen swimmers who wanted to check their eligibility to join the “Kilometre Club”. This is for the elite swimmers who wish to challenge themselves by swimming a kilometre, non-stop.

Yep, that’s twenty laps of an Olympic Pool and there was lots of success.

Congratulations to the newest members Slade, Sunny, Jett, Giselle, Elijah, Zahn, DJ, Sara, Murayah and special mention to Jemma and Layla.

What a fantastic effort.

Marc Everingham

LOCAL LIBRARY NEWS
RICHMOND TWEED REGIONAL LIBRARY

Summer Reading Club 2016
HEROES AND VILLIANS

Reading is an essential skill for every child. It is the vital foundation of a child’s learning and engagement in their school years and for life.

The Summer Reading Club encourages children and young people to discover great authors and illustrators of picture books, junior and young adult fiction and non-fiction.

Summer Reading Club activities will run from Thursday, 1 December 2016 until Tuesday, 31 January 2017. Registration is FREE!

Everyone who joins the Summer Reading Club will receive a free Summer Reading Club activity pack to get them started, as well as the opportunity to win the major prize of an iPad Mini. All you have to do is read 10 books or listen maybe even download an eBook or an eAudiobook for ten hours to enter.

Visit your local library and register NOW!
WILL YOUR CHILD START KINDERGARTEN IN 2017?

Information afternoon for parents and carers:
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DIAMONDBACK PUSHBIKE FOUND AT THE SCHOOL. CONTACT THE OFFICE.

BAHZOOLEY

A huge THANK YOU to all who helped to make it a great night last Thursday.

It takes a big team of staff and volunteers and all help is greatly appreciated.

Thanks also to all the performers and the parents and caregivers who supported them by bringing the students and being there for them. It was fantastic to see so many there in the vocal groups and the result was beautiful to hear.

Val

CAREERS NEWS

Information on the following areas is available from your Careers Advisor:

- CAS Hawker Scholarship is a privately funded scholarship of up to $60 000 over three years available to undergraduate students in Australia.
- School Based Traineeship ANZ Bank Mullimbimby. Students will need to complete a Cert II in Business Services. Closing date December 3rd.

Mr Chaseling

LIBRARY NEWS

Overdue Library Notices will now be emailed to staff and students.

Mazz Webb

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Community Liaison Officer

School a to z.

http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au is a website for parents and carers that gives us lots of information about what to expect from school and how we can support our kids at school.

Give yourself some time to browse the site.

I particularly learn lots from the Wellbeing tab. It gives helpful information on behaviour, development, fitness, food and health.

The food section has a wide range of suggestions for lunch box food that is simple and cheap. As we steer away from the sometimes empty calories of packaged food we could turn to these ideas for inspiration.

Under the fitness tab is lots of ideas for getting kids active and keeping them active for their health's sake.

As you know development of our young people is always a matter of catch-up for parents. Just as we get used to one stage they move onto the next. School a to z has some great information on development and having kids school-ready.

Under the Technology tab is very useful information on Cyber-bullying and Cyber-safety. You may like to browse that information.

Information on this website is current, practical and totally intune with what is being taught in our classrooms now.

Have a browse.

Anne Bowden
“Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible”
Nimbin Wins Five Rounds at Lego Mindstorms Robotics Competition

The Nimbin Central School Robotics Team contested the Northern Rivers regional competition at Southern Cross University last Friday. About 17 teams were present on the day for the final round of the RoboSumo Cup. Observing the robots of their competitors and the competition rules, the ever-resourceful Nimbin team evolved our existing robot “Bob” into “Scrappers” (pictured), who weighs in at 0.001g below the legal maximum weight.

In RoboSumo, the competitor’s robots have to push the other outside of the circular ring using the robots physical aspects and programming.

Re-asserting their first-place position from last competition, the Nimbin team won five rounds before facing off against Alstonville in the final. Unfortunately, Alstonville’s robot was a veritable giant compared to Scrappers, and in a show of pure force, eventually pushed our entry off the edge of the ring.

So, until this time next year, Nimbin Central School has the honour of being second in the Lego Mindstorms Robotics Competition, Northern Rivers Region. A big thanks to our teammates, teachers, parents and everyone that supported us this year.

Declan and Connor

From the Mathematics Department…

Secondary students at Nimbin Central School are now settling into their new classes and extending their learning in Mathematics. However, it has become evident that a number of students still do not bring their calculators to class or do not own one and this can impact on student efficiency in completing their allocated tasks.

A calculator is not only used in Mathematics, but in Science, Geography and other courses as well. The recommended Board-approved calculator should last your child through secondary school and beyond and is available for purchase at the school administrative office for a very reasonable price.

The recommended, Board-approved scientific calculator is the Casio fx-82AU (pictured). The use of calculator functions on mobile phones and devices is prohibited by the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES).

It would be wonderful if all students could have access to their own scientific calculator (Casio fx-82AU) by the commencement of the 2017 school year.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you.
Jump Shake Dance is back in 2017

The 2017 program for students from 4 years old to adult in the fun, fitness and finesse of modern dance aims to assist in co-ordination, cardio health and lifelong enjoyment of physical activity and artistic pursuit.

With plans to offer after school sessions in Nimbin, JSD is seeking expressions of interest from former and newly interested dancers to commence classes in February 2017 fitting in with the school terms and working towards performance at the end of year concert extravaganza – an exciting community dance event. Contact Roisin at jumpshakedance@outlook.com or call 0457370396 to receive enrolment and session updates and details.

JSD is looking forward to creating, inspiring and entertaining children and adults alike through the magic of dance.

Sport and Recreation’s
Swim and Survive lessons

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent should forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs provide wonderful results, and are great fun as well. Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are $70 for school-aged children and $50 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).
headspace - Lismore

headspace helps young people aged between 12 and 25 going through a tough time. In the Northern Rivers Region of NSW, headspace provides a range of services for:

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