PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

OK, Easter is done but we are still all at school and I have to say this has been a very bizarre week. I genuinely need someone to try to give me an answer to our current dilemma with our secondary students. Each year we massively subsidise our young people to go out into the world to experience something that may otherwise not be available to them, or bring something into the school in order to celebrate their school life, their term’s work, their effort and their behaviour. Each time we do these activities we get feedback from the students and use that information to plan the next activities.

Here is the dilemma – it is almost impossible at the moment to motivate many of our young people, especially secondary students, to actually get their notes, their $5 contribution to a $45 excursion and themselves out of bed to front up for the excursions. This term alone we have cancelled an Archibald excursion, a Brisbane Art Gallery excursion and a Textiles and Design excursion because students rather than attend the excursion, students perceive this as an opportunity to have a day at home. Previously we have had to cancel heavily subsidised camps, trips away and even in 2015 parts of the end of year ‘Worlds’ excursion because ‘aww I just didn't want to go’. The dilemma is such that I can no longer justify subsidising activities as we end up with considerable costs for cancelled events and bookings where deposits are non-refundable.

My door is open and I would love the phone lines to run hot from anyone who has some insight into the lack of motivation in our young people, at the moment they seem unable to move out of their own perception of what being a teenager is. My view of the dilemma at the moment of writing is that if it does not involve social media, a ‘major’ friends drama, some gaming mixed with lack of sleep, or over enthusiastic partying/socialising on the weekend then they are not particularly interested.

To the 50% or so of our secondary students and their families who support these activities, bring in notes and money on time and engage wholeheartedly in all that we have to offer I thank you, and I will make every effort to ensure that these opportunities remain available to you.

To those of you who don’t, I am not sure how we will proceed but I would dearly love some of these young people or their parents and carers to enlighten me. Very upsetting for the staff and teachers who work so hard to provide you with these opportunities, and very unfair to your classmates and peers who may miss out due to your lethargy!

During the school holidays your student’s Term 1 interim report will be posted to you. It is a great time in the next week or so to ensure that we have your current address and contact details. It would also be a good time to ring in with your email address if we don’t already have it as email can be a far more efficient method of communication for some.

A thought: . . . . . and I will try to remember this . . . .

“The road that is built in hope is more pleasant to the traveller than the road built in despair, even though they both lead to the same destination.”

— Marion Zimmer Bradley, The Fall of Atlantis

Mary-Jane Pell
FROM THE DEPUTY MARSHALL

The Inaugural Margaret McLaren Art Awards

It was with great anticipation that the students of Nimbin Central School attended a special assembly on Tuesday March 29th for the winners of the inaugural Margaret McLaren Art and Photographic Awards to be announced and the generous prize money distributed.

This new award, which is to be an annual event, to take place during the Autumn Arts Festival conducted by the Nimbin Artists Gallery is named after the founder of the Nimbin Artists Gallery, Margaret McLaren. Margaret’s vision and enthusiasm for the visual arts was pivotal in the establishment of the vibrant gallery and art community in Nimbin today and her support of emerging artists is recognised in these awards to young people.

There were 6 awards – for art by students aged 8-9 years, 10-11 years and 12-13 years in the Primary school and for Photographs by Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 students in the Secondary school. Each category has a first prize of $100 and second of $50.

These substantial awards will help support the winners to continue with their creative endeavours and further the enthusiasm around the arts in the school.

Congratulations to all our winners and don’t forget that all the entries and the Autumn Arts Exhibition can be viewed at the Nimbin School of Arts until Wednesday April 20th.

Winners of the Margaret McLaren Awards 2016

ART

Year 8-9

1st
Kiandra

2nd
Ruby

Year 10-11

1st
Jett

2nd
Thomas

Year 12-13

1st
Hamish

2nd
Kyah

PHOTOGRAPHY

Year 10

1st
Lakeisha

2nd
Jani

Year 11

1st
Michael

2nd
Melita

Year 12

1st
Kalina

2nd
Ziggy
Autumn Arts Festival
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Oh my goodness! Term One is nearly at an end and the expression, “time flies” certainly applies here.

Small Schools Performing Arts Choir
On Thursday 24th March seven students attended the Small Schools Performing Arts Choir rehearsal at Blakebrook Primary School. This was a wonderful opportunity for the students to experience the professional tutorage of Leonie Cox who is the music and choir co-ordinator for The Lismore Performing Arts. The students will be able to participate in a very large choir ensemble and perform at the festival on both nights. Congratulations on your enthusiasm and preparedness to learn more. Look forward to seeing you on stage.

Mindfulness In Education.
The staff in primary have attended workshops in learning how to bring into the classroom mindfulness strategies whereby students learn to direct the attention to the breath or the body and accept calmness and create a precious pause and peace in the moment and into the day. It begins with body awareness and instructions to relax the body. Mindfulness doesn’t change what happens, it trains you to change how you experience what happens. Sessions are short during a number of times throughout the day with specific lessons targeting understanding of the brain responses and mindful awareness of the senses. If you have any questions about the program please ask the staff.

Cross Country
The Terania District Cross country will be held the first week in Term 3. Next week students will be practicing for the event and will need to wear appropriate footwear. Crocs, slippers and sandals are not suitable for running in grassed and paved areas.

Positive Behaviour for Learning
Our Positive Behaviour for Learning Celebration will be held Thursday 7th April and will be a movie and popcorn afternoon. Congratulations students on a wonderful term and enjoy the popcorn.

Enjoy the holiday break and hope students return refreshed for another great term in learning. Take care.

Dian Plesko
Assistant Principal

Photo: Our participants in the Small Schools Performing Arts Choir
CAREERS

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

- Working as an Au Pair in the USA
- Overseas Gapbreak Program. Overseas Gap Year Program for Year 12 students
- Bedford College application forms for students interested in Early Education and Management
- HSC and Careers Expo Sydney

Regards

Mark Chaseling

LIBRARY NEWS

Writing Safari Workshop with Tristan Bancks:
Wednesday 20/4/16, Byron Bay Community College

Shout your budding (ages 8-18) writers a day with famous local writer Tristan Bancks, in the second week of the school holidays. Details can be found on the Northern Rivers Writers’ Centre website or phone 1300368552. We will also offer excursions to the Byron Bay Writer’s Festival school days to students in the first week of August this year, so start saving!

Please search for our lost Library books so that we can all enjoy them.

Did you know that you can join the Richmond Tweed Regional Library for free downloads of music and ebooks; DVDs; study help; school holiday activities and of course a fabulous range of books and puzzles? Of course you did... membership is free. Happy reading for fun, information and the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

Mazz Webb
FROM THE COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

Assembly for Art Awards
There is no doubt about schools. Every day is full and every day is different. Tuesday was a whole school assembly for the Margaret McLauren Art Awards. How generous of the Arts Community of Nimbin to donate fabulous prizes for our kids in recognition of their art talents.

After the assembly I walked over to the Autumn Art Show to view their works and the works of the community. What a fantastic display. Our students must be so proud to have their works on display among such illustrious company. Some of their works were already sold. That is so very encouraging for their futures.

What a talented and diverse community we belong to.

This is a true partnership between school and community for the benefit of our students.

Let's Talk Money
We are always a little short of money aren't we. Kids always want that bit more money. Bills always come in a bit too quickly. Having raised 5 kids, I really know these things. Also we live in a time of government funding cuts so some things that were funded are no longer being funded.

However, our students have missed some very stimulating excursions due to lack of payments to attend. Some of our practical subjects depend on parental contributions to create interesting and challenging projects for students. By paying these contributions you are helping your child to get the best out of their daily school life. Feel free to discuss financial assistance with anyone in the office.

Canteen
Our canteen does a great job for our kids and it could do an even better job with more helpers each day. If you have some time available then drop in and chat to Simone in a quiet time for her. It is a clever way to stay in touch with your child's school, meet the other children, get to know the teachers and be of good help all at the same time. Give it a try.

School Holidays
Time to sleep in a bit. Take a break from school lunches. Maybe you can stop watching the clock. It is also an opportunity to go somewhere you have never been before like an art gallery, a museum, a library or an outing to the bush. They are all free and also full of great stuff. Time to give your kids some fantastic memories.

Enjoy your kids.

Anne Bowden
Special Assembly Inaugural Margaret McLaren Art Awards

NCS Newsletter
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Photography

The photography department so far this year has been booming along. We have had some exciting developments and great enthusiasm with all the students jumping in ready and eager to learn. The year 9 students have just started to learn how to use a camera and develop film so the students have been excited to get out and experiment with the use of the aperture and shutter speed to see what they can do with these things to create great photos.

Year 10 has just completed a unit of special effects where they explored new possibilities within photography and how to take their images to a new level. They looked at using Photoshop as well as darkroom techniques such as multiplicity and creating texture screens and using double negatives.

Within our stage 6 class we have a diverse range of students, some who have done photography for several years and some just starting out. They have so far explored some alternative processes, looking at the history of photography and processes such as salt printing and cyanotypes and coming up with some great results. Stage 6 are now exploring genres and will be looking at using a range of different photographic papers to gain a better understanding about the diverse range of mediums and forms of expression within photography, experimenting with warm tone and cool toned papers as well as fibre based paper.

We are looking forward to all the students producing some beautiful images revealing a range of different view points hat we can enter into various competitions and shows through out the year.

Piaf Rengger-Thorpe

Photo by Tarquin Watt, Year 11 – Texture screen
19th March 2016

ANZAC Day March

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Nimbin Central School will be involved in the upcoming ANZAC day march in Nimbin on Monday 25th April 2016 (the Monday before school returns for Term2). We invite and encourage all students to represent the school during this community event. Teachers will be assembling students at the hospital at 10:15am on the day, to begin the march at 10:45am. Students actively participating in this activity will be required to wear full school uniform, sun protection and a drink. Our school group will also lead the national anthem during the ceremony. This community service will be rewarded through the school’s PBL system.

*Please see the reverse of this page for the words to our national anthem.

Signed

Mr Brad Clarke  Ms Mary-Jane Pell
SRC Coordinator Principal
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free;
We’ve golden soil and wealth for toil;
   Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature’s gifts
   Of beauty rich and rare;
In history’s page, let every stage
   Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
   Advance Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We’ll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this Commonwealth of ours
   Renowned of all the lands;
For those who’ve come across the seas
We’ve boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
   To Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
   Advance Australia Fair.
School Holidays in the Lismore Area Libraries

Monday 11 April
Lismore Library
Baby Bounce
1 - 2 yrs (toddlers on the move)
10.00am - 10.30 am
Baby Bounce
0 - 1 years (babies in arms)
1.00am - 1.30 am
Sock Puppets (5 years+)
2.00pm - 3.00pm

Tuesday 12 April
Lismore Library
Big Bug Day (5 years+)
10.00am - 11.00am
Goonellabah Library
Storytime (children 2 - 6 years old)
10.30am - 11.30am
Jigdraws - Make a jigsaw!
(5 years+)
2.00pm - 2.30pm

Wednesday 13 April
Lismore Library
Storytime (children 2 - 6 years old)
10.30am - 11.30am
Jigdraws - Make a jigsaw!
(5 years+)
2.00pm - 2.30pm

Thursday 14 April
Lismore Library
Storytime (children 2 - 6 years old)
10.30am - 11.30am
Lantern Decorating (3 years+)
1.30pm - 2.30pm
Teen Night: Library Bag Decorating
(12-18 years)
5.00pm - 6.30pm

Friday 15 April
Lismore Library
LEGO® Afternoon
* no bookings required
1.15pm - 4.45pm
Goonellabah Library
Baby Bounce
1 - 2 yrs (toddlers on the move)
10.00am - 10.30 am
Baby Bounce
0 - 1 years (babies in arms)
1.00am - 1.30 am

Monday 18 April
Lismore Library
Baby Bounce
1 - 2 yrs (toddlers on the move)
10.00am - 10.30 am
Baby Bounce
0 - 1 years (babies in arms)
1.00am - 1.30 am
Collages (3 years+)
2.00pm - 2.30pm

Tuesday 19 April
Lismore Library
Sand Art (5 years+)
10.30am - 11.00am
Goonellabah Library
Storytime (children 2 - 6 years old)
10.30am - 11.30am
Make a Tambourine (5 years+)
2.00pm - 2.30pm

Wednesday 20 April
Lismore Library
Storytime (children 2 - 6 years old)
10.30am - 11.30am
Nature Mobiles (5 years+)
2.00pm - 2.30pm

Thursday 21 April
Lismore Library
Storytime with Maree from The Kangaroo Club
(children 2-6 years old)
10.30am - 11.30am
Mobile Library (Nimbin)
Make a Pinwheel (3 years+)
* no bookings required
11.00am

Friday 22 April
Lismore Library
LEGO® Afternoon
* no bookings required
1.15pm - 4.45pm
Goonellabah Library
Baby Bounce
1 - 2 yrs (toddlers on the move)
10.00am - 10.30 am
Baby Bounce
0 - 1 years (babies in arms)
1.00am - 1.30 am

Richmond Tweed Regional Library

Nimbin Trailer Hire
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Johnny Mc Recycling
Ph: 6689 7322 Mob: 042 99 44 571

NIMBIN CENTRAL SCHOOL
Web Address: www.nimbin-c.schools.nsw.edu.au
## Nimbin Holiday Club
### Autumn Program

**for 5 - 12 year olds.**

For bookings phone 66891692, text Kylie on 0487576281 or visit Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre

This program is brought to you by Nimbin Neighbourhood & Information Centre and funded by NSW DEC

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