PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Café Central followed hot on the heels by Wellbeing Day has meant an extremely busy and rewarding time for both students and staff. Add to that the fact that we are compiling and finalising Semester 1 student reports and it would be fair to say things have been a little chaotic.

The last few days I have been in Sydney attending the State Council of the Primary Principals Association, there are times in our careers where it is essential that we return some service to our profession, and I am currently in that place. I am President of the Lismore Primary Principal’s Council which means I offer leadership, support and advocacy to and for my colleague Principals, a role I am thoroughly enjoying with all its subsequent challenges, but a role I can only enjoy due to the strong support of staff and teachers here at Nimbin Central School. I would particularly like to acknowledge Deputy Principal Cath Marshall’s efforts when I am away from the school, she does an outstanding job of leading in my absence. The executive team, led by Deputy Marshall manage to cover all their own work as well as the parts of mine that cannot wait till I return. Nimbin Central School is privileged to benefit from such an efficient and cohesive leadership/teaching team.

This week also saw our Community Liaison Officer Anne Bowden and Assistant Principal Marc Everingham host a successful Nimbin Chamber of Commerce meeting here at the school. Anne is doing a fabulous job of helping us to take the school out into the community and bringing the community into the school, which can only strengthen and provide a richness to all we do.

Buckle up for some more wild weather, sounds like it will be a good weekend to bunker down with a couple of good books and enjoy the rain, perhaps a good opportunity to recharge the batteries for the final two weeks of Term 2.

Mary-Jane Pell
FROM THE DEPUTY MARSHALL

Regular school attendance is not only compulsory for all students under the age of 17 in Australia but regular school attendance maximises student access to equitable learning outcomes and ultimately, success at school.

Poor or irregular attendance also impacts on Centrelink requirements and can result in cessation of payments.

For these reasons, as well as to satisfy the school’s Duty of Care, student attendance is extremely important and its diligent monitoring and accurate recording is a priority at Nimbin Central.

In line with this we have recently introduced a new administrative system throughout the school, Sentral, of which attendance forms an important element. This new system also gives us immediate and more accurate attendance information, including partial absences.

Because of this, letters will now be sent home for all partial unexplained, absences (as well as whole day) including any time after 8.55am (for secondary students). Students who arrive late in the morning, even for only a few minutes and for whatever reason, are negatively impacting their learning time and that of their classmates when they arrive late into a classroom. Much of this lateness is due to students going up town before school and failing to return to school before the bell – in most cases an unnecessary reason to be late.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter by providing explanation for ALL absences ASAP. This can take the form of a written note or return of the sent letter or phone call to the school.

If you have any enquiries regarding this or any matter of attendance please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Let’s continue to work together to ensure that students are not missing so not missing out.

Cath Marshall

At the moment we have an abundance of lost property which we will need to take to St Vinnies at the beginning of the last week of term. If you would like to go through it for any of your child’s lost jumpers etc. see the front office.

Book Fair and Parade
Tuesday July 26th
Theme - Australia: Story Country
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Winter Solstice is upon us! That means we’re halfway through the year. Ouch!

Café Central
How talented are our children? Taking a simple Alley Cat and transforming it into a Coool Cat was clever. The performance was brilliant and our students were so professional and relaxed. Our thanks go to the dedicated efforts of Mazz Webb, Felicity Wooltorton and Toni Christensen who co-ordinated the item during our Friday afternoon CAPA (Performing Arts) program. Congratulations.

Archie Thompson Visit
A number of our students were able to see the former Socceroo’s player Archie Thompson at Coffee Camp on Monday 6th June. He is the striker for Melbourne Victory Soccer team and is accredited with holding the record for the most goals scored in A-League history. It was a great opportunity for the students to hear about how positive character building qualities and focusing on your goals can help you achieve in your life. They returned inspired and were so happy to have a photo with Archie.

Special Assembly
Our fourth special assembly will be held on Friday 1st July 2016, the last day of term, 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 by Ms Marshall. Also class 2/3 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.

Holidays are coming up so enjoy the time with your loved ones. Take care.

Regards

Dian Plesko
Assistant Principal

P&C NEWS

The P&C would like to thank everyone who donated their time and delicious cakes for Cafe Central. We raised just over $500 from desserts and drinks - fantastic effort! Particular thanks to Jess and Christine for their organisational magic.

Cheers,

Elowyn
P&C Secretary
**MUSIC NEWS**

**Café Central**
Thanks to everyone involved in our sixth fabulous music and food-fest. It is exciting to see the quality of music getting better each year (those teachers must have been practicing!).

**Year 7 Band**
Wednesday lunchtimes for those who sing, play instruments or would like to.  

*Mazz Webb*

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**Lismore Lantern Parade**
This magical event will be held on Saturday 25th June 2016. We are planning to have a school group in the parade. Following is some organisational information which will help you to decide whether it’s possible for you to join us.

**Meeting Point:** Victoria Road, next to the skate park, and the parade will travel though town to Oaks Oval

**Arrival Time:** 4.45 -5pm at the latest for a 5.30 departure

**What to Wear:** NATURAL FIBERS ONLY.... NO SYNTHETICS.... NO FLOATY BITS  
Comfortable walking shoes, back pack with “stuff”

**Wristbands:**
The Finale is a ticketed event, which means everyone who wants to see the finale will need to either have a wristband to sit on the grass or have bought a ticket to sit in the outer-stands or grandstand.

- Anyone who has made a lantern will receive 2 wristbands, one for the lantern carrier and 1 for a parent /supervisor.
- Wristbands will also be allocated to extra adults offering to be a safety marshal or carry a feature lantern/push a PA pram, play in a band - at no charge.
- Extra wristbands for adults over 15yrs who are walking in the parade, can be purchased from the LightnUp Office (81 Orion Street) for a discounted price of $5.
- Tickets for the grandstand and outer-stand seating can be purchased on-line or from the Lismore Visitor Information Centre 1300878387.

**What to bring:**
- After walking around the Oval the parade participants will be directed to take their seats on the Northern side of the Oval (parade entry side)
- EVERYONE MUST SIT ON THE GRASS to watch the performance, so everyone can see. So bring rugs or tarps to SIT ON, or CAMP CHAIRS placed at the rear of the grassed area, and WARM CLOTHES will be essential, and food, snacks, water etc back packs are handy here.
- Hot food WILL be available for sale in the Oval, supporting local charities and community groups

**If you wish to participate in the parade with the school please let us know by phone or return note so that we can organize wrist bands for you.**

Hope to see you there!

*Dian Plesko*
Assistant Principal
FROM THE OFFICE

Making Online Payments

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $Make a payment$.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions and excursions. There is also a category called ‘Other’ this is to cover items not covered in the previous headings, ‘Other’ can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice or items such as hire of school facilities and MPU Hire.

When you access the $Make a payment$ you must enter:

- The students name, date of birth and Class

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Requests can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are processed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

How?

Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $Make a payment$.

Log onto School site at:
www.nimbin-c.schools.nsw.edu.au

Click on “Make a Payment” and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.
Mathematics Faculty

2016 has certainly been a busy year for the Mathematics faculty, with three Stage 6 Mathematics classes and all the Stage 5 and Stage 4 classes busily learning new mathematical concepts.

Maths is an interesting learning area as the understanding and application of knowledge comes easily to some, and not so easily to others. If a key skill or piece of information is missed, it can be very difficult for students to achieve when a concept is revisited later on. For this reason, it is important that all students catch up on work missed due to absence from class, revise regularly and practice key skills whenever possible. Students are also reminded of the importance of maintaining consistent learning records in the form of exercise books and bringing all materials to each lesson, including calculators (Casio-fx series recommended, available from the school).

The Mathematics Secondary Pathway (shown below) has changed in recent years, creating a greater emphasis on progressive skill development and HSC Course destinations. In light of this, the Mathematics staff is currently working together to develop updated and exciting teaching and learning strategies for current and future students of Nimbin Central School.

Kind regards,

Kellie Cockburn and the Mathematics Teaching Team
Southern Cross University Chemistry Day 9.9.16

Seven of our HSC Chemistry students travelled to the Lismore Campus of Southern Cross University to participate in the Chemistry Day last Thursday. The students were able to enjoy the University life; using fully equipped Scientific Laboratories and multi-million dollar research machinery, accessing knowledge from University Lecturers and Professors, eating lunch at the Student Hub and exploring the campus and facilities. Our team of students were excellent representatives for Nimbin Central School, learning alongside Year 12 students from a number of other schools and impressing University staff with their efficiency and cleanliness in the laboratories.

Thank you to all of the attending students for an absolutely wonderful day!

Kellie Cockburn
FROM THE COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

What a busy place our school is!

Café Central last week, this week was the huge Wellbeing Day, a Brisbane Excursion, and next week it is work experience.

The freight train that is Nimbin Central School rattles on.

I am constantly amazed at the work that goes into giving our students the most valuable experiences they can have at school.

Teaching, you would have to love it to do it. We have a fabulous staff here at Nimbin and let’s never take them for granted.

It is not long now till the holidays and I know many teachers will take the time to gather their energy to go into term three.

It is time now for parents and carers to plan a few special but inexpensive treats for the holidays so you can enjoy that special time with your children. You may like to go bush, visit a museum or art gallery, invite friends over to visit, borrow some books from the library.

Life is full of fun and free activities.

Enjoy as many as possible.

Anne Bowden
Severe Weather Event and Emergency Flood Procedure

It is our Companies Policy to always err on the side of caution. We have warnings from the Bureau of Meteorology along with our local SES and Councils. We take advice from them as to the safety of running our buses during any particular event.

We do not mean to put anyone out; we simply do what we can to perhaps prevent any mishap that may occur. We will not drive through closed roads. So it is clear what happens in the event of flooding or severe weather I have outlined below exactly what we do.

- If the call comes in to say a flood is predicted and will prevent travel along a particular route, that route will be cancelled until the road officially reopens and we are advised it is safe to use. Notification will be aired on ZZZ, ABC & 2LM between 6.30 am & 9 am. We also put updates on our facebook page and our website www.wallersbus.com.
- If the call comes in after the children are at school, the buses will only pickup at the schools at the normal time after school, or, if the roads are impassable the children will be left in the care of the schools until picked up by the parents. The buses will not pickup early.

We urge parents to understand we are looking out for the safety of your children in making the above procedures. We feel the children will be safer to remain at school if there are risks rather than being stuck on the bus out on the road.

Parents are reminded that their duty of care is to check that the roads are open and the buses are working as normal.

If you have any questions regarding the above please call us on the below numbers, we are happy to help.

Regards

Graeme Waller
Managing Director
# Central Rox Cafe

## Nimbin Central School Canteen

### Sandwiches
- Vegemite/Jam/Nutella: $2.00
- 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 Chips: 3 for $1.20
- Sausage rolls: $3.50
- Potato Top Pies: $4.50
- Crumbed Fish Pieces: from $3.50
- Party pies or Party sausage rolls: $1.00
- Byron Gourmet Pies: all one price: $4.60
- Thai Chicken, Chicke Mornay, Satay Chicken, Chicken pesto, Steak, Pepper Steak, Bolognese, Steak Bacon & Cheese, Mexi Beef: $2.50

### Hot Vegetarian
- Spinach & ricotta rolls: $4.00
- Hash Browns and Vego spring rolls: $1.00
- Vegie 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

**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.

**Help is always needed!!!** Phone Simone on 66891 355 or drop in at the canteen.