I’m delighted to be writing a principal’s report for the first time as the principal of Nimbin Central School. I was told about three months ago that I’d been appointed to Nimbin and I was extremely pleased at the time and what I’ve learnt about the school since has only built of this initial reaction. The staff and students have given me a very warm welcome and I’ve found them to be friendly and open. One of the staff members told me I was in paradise and who am I to dispute this assertion?

I’m now in my thirty second year working for the Department of Education. This is my second school as a principal, having spent the past four years at Bonalbo Central School in the upper Clarence Valley. Before that I was at Trundle Central (86-88), Gorokan High School (89-99), Guyra Central (99-2004), Warren Central (05-09), Tweed River High School (10-12) and Bonalbo. I’ve loved every minute of my career as a teacher with the Department of Education and I have a deep and abiding commitment to Public Education and to the children at our schools.

I’m a trained English/History/ Drama teacher and the one thing I miss due to being a principal is working with students in the subjects I love. The students I’ve met in my short time at Nimbin have been articulate, friendly and quite precocious. I’m currently assessing the needs of our school to see what needs support and where we can build on the great initiatives implemented by Ms Pell. I’m very aware of the fact that I’ve got some very big shoes to fill and I feel lucky to follow someone who did so much outstanding work with the school and its community. In this she was obviously ably assisted by Mrs Marshall and a great team of staff and I know that this will stand me in good stead over the coming years as I work at Nimbin Central.

2017 looks to be shaping up to be a great year and I’m really looking forward to getting to know the school and its community better. I would encourage any parent or member of the community to ring and ask to speak to me or make an appointment to come in to discuss any concerns you might have or suggestions you might like to make. I would encourage any member of the community to become actively engaged with the school either as a volunteer or as a member of the P&C.

Trevor Hodges
FROM THE DEPUTY MARSHALL

A big welcome back to all our Nimbin Central School community – students, parents, caregivers, teachers and staff. I hope you all had as good a break as I did and have returned with recharged batteries for what will no doubt be another busy year.

A special welcome to all our new students – Kindergarten, Year 7 and scattered throughout the school. I’m looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know you. There are lots of happy and excited faces which make me feel the same away about being back at school.

We have a few new programs starting this year. There is the Early Action for Success Program in Kinder, Year 1 and 2 facilitated by our new Instructional Leader Justine Coyle who will be in the school on Wednesdays and Thursday – please make her welcome. We are also beginning our Intensive Numeracy Program in Secondary with Josh Howard and a Secondary Girl’s Group with Elise Callaghan.

Lots going on as usual.

I’m now back in my old office if you need to find me or just to say hello.

Stay cool and let’s make 2017 a great year at Nimbin Central.

Cath Marshall

Photo: Justine Coyle—Early Action for Success Program

Meet the Teachers and our New Principal

Here is a fabulous opportunity to meet your child’s teachers and our new Principal, Trevor Hodges.

On Tuesday 28th February from 4pm we will have a relaxed, social afternoon where you can enjoy an informal chat over a sausage sizzle.

Put the date in your diary now and look forward to further details to come.

See you then,

Anne Bowden
Community Liaison Officer

FROM THE OFFICE

Our school has moved to a new communication system called Sentral. We are able to send an SMS communication directly to your mobile and group emails with attachments to circulate permission notes and newsletters. We would appreciate it if parents could provide us with their current mobile numbers and email addresses so that we can update our records and make the most of this new system.

Also a reminder that it is important that the school is informed of any changes in student’s contact details as soon as they occur.

NIMBIN CENTRAL SCHOOL YEARBOOK 2016
AVAILABLE AT FRONT OFFICE
$37.00
Welcome back to what is already gearing up to be another fantastic year at Nimbin Central School. We hope everybody survived the heat and had a great summer holiday.

As you are all probably aware 2017 has seen a change of leadership at Nimbin Central School with the appointment of Trevor Hodges as Principal. On behalf of the Primary staff and students we would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr Hodges and hope he enjoys his time at Nimbin Central as much as we do. Also starting at Nimbin Central this week were our thirteen new Kindergarten students. They have settled in confidently with the help and guidance of their new buddies and are beginning to enjoy the many aspects of school culture.

Other changes in the Primary School include the appointment of Ms Justine Cole who will be using her specialist skills to help guide the 3L literacy program with Ms Pierce and Ms Plesko. We also welcome Ms Val Scarabellotti who will be teaching the Kindergarten class on Fridays. Mr Everingham is also returning to the Primary and will be teaching 5/6.

The current enrolment numbers indicate that there will be four classes from K-6 this year. The classes have been structured as follows:

K — Ms Pierce/Ms Scarabellotti/Sally
Year 1 & 2 — Ms Plesko
Year 3 & 4 — Ms Christenson
Year 5 & 6 — Mr Everingham

There will however be movement between classes for Literacy and Numeracy in order to better meet the specific learning needs of all students. If you have any questions please come and speak to Ms Plesko or Mr Everingham.

On a completely different note, The Terania District Swimming Carnival is scheduled for Friday Week 3, that is the 10th of February. Students who wish to attend and compete in events will be issued notes this week. Please sign and return with payment to the front office ASAP as there is only a brief period of time to do so. Also starting next week is the Primary Sport. Years 4/5/6 will be going swimming at Nimbin Pool and the notes for this will also be going home this week. The infant classes will be participating in sport at school.

Well that’s about it for this week. So until the next issue stay healthy and happy, and look forward to what 2017 may bring.

Cheers

Marc Everingham
Assistant Principal
NIMBIN CENTRAL SCHOOL

“Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible”

SECONDARY FINAL ASSEMBLY 2016
LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY OPENING HOURS:

**Primary students:** Mornings 8.30am Mon, Thurs, Fri; every 2nd break except Thurs; 1st break only as advised (due to use by Secondary classes)

**Secondary students:** Mornings 8.30am Mon, Thurs, Fri; no 1st break; every 2nd break except Friday

Senior study assistance is available in their spare periods (1st two Mondays and last 2 Fridays)

**Ebook borrowing** will be available on personal devices by downloading the free app **eplatform by Wheelers**. I have to finalise lists of students and staff yet so the 2 week borrowing of ebooks will start by the end of this week hopefully. See Library staff for help if you are not sure how to do it.

**Book club** catalogues are available for free in the Library for students to purchase inexpensive books, kits and other fun stuff, with payment online or at the office. Our school earns points with each purchase so that we can order hundreds of dollars-worth of books for FREE!

**RETURN THOSE DARNED VARMITS……** we have nearly 300 books overdue so check your shelves, under the bed and lounge chairs cos we need them back. If you have lost a book we can let you know the replacement cost but we need to improve the ‘bring them back’ cos we are brilliant at the ‘borrowing books’. We will be emailing overdue reminders to staff and students so please check them.

Premier’s Reading Challenge NSW begins March 6th-August 28th

Happy reading Bibliophiles until the next thrilling instalment of ‘reading: how to free your mind, travel for free and earn more money in a future life’

*Mazz Webb*
FROM THE COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

The Power of Yet

Welcome back to our new school year with all its promises and challenges. Life would not be life without the opportunities it gives us to grow, often called challenges.

When your child says "I can't do it" or "I don't know how" by adding the very small word Yet we are leaving the door open for him or her to learn and grow. And after all, that is what we are here for, to help our children to grow into their place in life.

So teach them to say "I can't do it yet!" or "I don't know how to yet!"

Notice how much your child learns in 2017 and share their excitement of mastering life's challenges.

By using the word Yet at hurdles, you can make a difference to their attitude.

Enjoy your kids as they grow up so quickly.

Anne Bowden

P&C News

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Shizuka Oki and I have taken the position of P&C President. I love Nimbin Central school and want to help and support our teachers and students as much as possible. We meet twice a term, dates will be in newsletters. All welcome.

Also I would like to welcome our new Principal, Trevor Hodges and look forward to working with him to benefit the school community.

Shizuka Oki

CAREERS NEWS

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

- A Retail School Based Traineeship position is currently advertised for City Beach Lismore. The Traineeship would involve completion of a relevant TAFE course and part time employment. Can any interested students in Years 10 or 11 please see Mr Chaseling ASAP.

- Any student in Year 12 interested in studying Medicine at University please see Mr Chaseling ASAP for information on UMAT tests. These are tests associated with studying Medicine at University.

Mr Chaseling
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:

• Mental health and wellbeing
• General health
• Youth worker support
• Connections to education, employment, alcohol, and other drug services

headspace has GPs, youth workers and counsellors available for appointments.

Address: 2A Carrington Street Lismore NSW 2480
Opening Hours: Monday to Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm
Phone: 02 6625 0200
Fax: 02 6625 0259
Email: enquiries@headspace-lismore.org.au

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Sizes 6-16 $23.10
Secondary Polo School Shirt
Sizes 10-18 $22.00
Senior Secondary Polo School Shirt
Sizes 10-18 $22.00

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100% COTTON - $11.00

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Come and have a browse and see for yourself!
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(opp. 20,000 cows) Phone: 6622-8352

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Nimbin Trailer Hire
Phone Shane 0458 491 428

Johnny Mc Recycling

• Any Old Cars
• Caravans
• Any Old Metals
• Batteries

Ph: 6689 7322 Mob: 042 99 44 571
Information for parents, guardians and students

Our school has partnered with Transport for NSW to use the new online process for you to submit school travel applications.

This means we will be able to process your applications online, making it easier and faster for parents, guardians and students to apply for school travel.

Applications for school travel in 2017 are now open, including for travel to Mascot and Green Square station and for private ferries. Parents, guardians and students are encouraged to apply as soon as they are able via:

Applications for 2017 school travel are now open via www.transportnsw.info/school-students

A new application is required when:
- applying for a School Opal card or travel pass for the first time,
- enrolling in Kindergarten, or
- requesting an additional entitlement as a result of a shared parental responsibility situation.

You will need to do an update application if the student has a current school travel pass and:
- is progressing from Year 2 to Year 3,
- is progressing from Year 6 to Year 7, or
- changes address, or
- changes school or campus.

Already have a School Opal card or travel pass?

- When you’ve updated, and you are eligible for free school travel next year, Transport for NSW will send you an email confirmation once your application has been processed. For travel in rural or regional NSW, we’ll also inform your nominated transport operator(s).
- If you already have a School Opal card that does not need updating, or you’ve successfully re-applied, the Opal card will automatically be updated for travel next year. Do not throw it out as you’ll be able to use it when the school year starts in 2017.
- If you currently have a printed travel pass provided by your transport operator, a new pass will be ready at the beginning of the new school year.
# Central Rox Café

**Nimbin Central School Canteen**

**Price List**  
**Term 1 2017**

## 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 ... $3.50  
- Chicken, lettuce & mayo/ham, cheese & tomato ... $4.00  
- 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/S&V Tenders ... $2.00  
- Chicken Chippees ... Mon/Wed/Fri only, $3 for $1.50  
- Sausage rolls ... $3.50  
- Potato Top Pies ... $4.60  
- Crumbed Fish Pieces ... from $3.50  
- Party pies or Party sausage rolls ... $1.00  
- Byron Gourmet Pies ... all one price ... $4.80  
- Thai Chicken, Chick Marilyn, Satay Chicken, Chicken pesto, Steak, Pepper Steak, Bolognese, Steak Bacon & Cheese, Mexi Beef  
- Noodles Cups ... $2.50  

## Hot Vegetarian
- Spinach & ricotta rolls ... or 1/2 ... $2.00 ... $4.00  
- Veggie Patties ... $2.00  
- Noodle cups ... $2.50  
- Byron Gourmet Pies ... $4.80  
- Curry Veg, Spinach Pesto, Mexi Veg, Gado Gado  
- Cauliflower Broccoli Pie  
- Gluten Free Pies/Spelt Vegan ... $5.20

- **PLEASE INCLUDE 20c EXTRA FOR SAUCE**  
- **PIES AND NOODLES MUST BE ORDERED IF YOU WANT THEM AT 2ND/3RD BREAK**  
- IF YOUR CHILD BRINGS FOOD FROM HOME TO BE COOKED/REHEATED, THIS WILL COST THEM 50c

### **Tuesday Special**
- Pesto Pasta ... $4.50

### **Wednesday Special**
- Sushi Day

### **Friday Special**
- Fish Burger ... $5.50

## Fruit
- Depending on season & availability  
- Mandarins, Apples, pears, oranges, bananas ... from $1.00

## Drinks
- Cup of milk ... small plain 80 ... large plain ... $1.50  
- ... small flavoured ... $1.00  
- ... med flavoured ... $1.50  
- ... Ice flavoured ... $2.00 (HS only)

- Up n Go/Express, choc/van flavour ... $2.60 (HS only)
- Juice—Poppers ... 250ml ... $1.50  
- Water ... 600ml ... $1.50  
- 750ml ... $2.00  
- 1 litre ... $2.50  
- Quench mineral water drinks ... $2.50  
- Wild brand juices, asstd flavours ... $2.50  
- Small crazy lemon juice ... $1.60  
- Juice Cups ... $1.00

## Frozen Foods/Sweets/Misc
- Packet of Chips ... $1.10  
- Frozen Yoghurts, or Spice ... $2.20  
- Paddlepops ... $1.50  
- Sip/juicys 95% juice, and Ice Mony ... $0.60  
- Choc Moosies ... $1.20  
- Frozen Juice Cup ... $1.00  
- Frosty Fruit ... $2.00

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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**