Principal’s Message

Dear parents, carers and community members,

The term has taken off in a frenzy of activities and achievements and it is only Week 2.

Girl’s Touch Football
Commitment, high level of skills and sportsmanship and talent have seen the team, again victorious, against Ballina last Monday in Coffs Harbour. Well done girls you have made everyone very proud. Next stop will be Sydney, Monday 27th October, to compete in the state finals. A very big thank you to Mrs McCleary for, not only her expertise in coaching and managing the team, but also her dedication of time and effort in organising and accompanying the girls. Thank you to our families who also not only support the girls in their sporting endeavours but also support each other with offers of transport and supervision. Congratulations to all.

Year 5 Camp
I am sure the excitement and anticipation is building as Year 5 undertakes their final preparations for camp next week. Thank you to Mrs Menzies and Mr Donovan for your considerable time and effort in organising and accompanying the students.

Glasshouse
On Friday our senior band, choir and Hastings & Camden Haven Big Band will be performing a lunchtime concert at the Glasshouse. The concert begins at 12:30 pm. Parents and community are invited to attend and tickets can be purchased from the door for $5. Mrs Bruggemann and Mrs Fuller will be accompanying the students. I am very excited to be able to attend to see and hear the bands and choir for the first time.
SCHOOL NEWS

Infants Assembly – will be held on Thursday 23rd October at 2.20 pm in the hall. Class 1K will co-ordinate the assembly and present an item. All parents are welcome to attend.

Primary Assembly - will be held on Thursday 30th October at 2.20 pm in the hall. The Year 6 student councillors will co-ordinate the assembly and class 3/4M will present an item. All parents are welcome to attend.

P&C Meeting - The next meeting of the P&C will be on Tuesday, 21st October at 6.30 pm in the staffroom annexe. All parents are welcome to attend. Parents with any issues they wish to raise at the meeting are asked to please write down their agenda item and bring it to the office by tomorrow, Friday, 17th October. Due to time constraints the agenda will be strictly adhered to and any items brought up for discussion which are not on the agenda will be held over until the next meeting.

Family Energy Rebate – the Family Energy Rebate is one of a number of NSW Government energy assistance programs to help eligible households reduce the impact of electricity costs. Families in our school may be eligible for the 2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate of up to $150.

The holiday period is fast approaching and there is usually a lot to do between now and December. Applying for this year’s rebate soon could support family households budgeting for the holidays. It takes just two minutes to apply and once submitted the rebate application begins processing. Applying online can also be done from mobile, internet-enabled devices including smartphones and tablets.

To explain the rebate we have attached to the last page of this newsletter a flyer giving details. Parents might also like to access information through social media channels:

- Facebook – https://www.facebook.com/nswre
- Twitter – https://twitter.com/nswre

Principal’s Pratter continued …

The students put in many hours of practice and should be congratulated for their dedication to their musical and choral pursuits. Again the commitment of staff such as Mrs Bruggeman, Mrs Fuller, Mrs Skerritt and Mr Garven support the delivery of very exciting performance opportunities for our students.

I have had the opportunity to meet quite a few families over the past week. Please don’t hesitate to make contact if you have anything you would like to discuss or even if it is just a chance to meet.

Kind regards,

Christine Wild
Principal
Canteen Special Meal Deal
Tuesday, 28th October

$4.00

Special meal deal includes -
1 x Bacon & Egg Roll (please indicate on order form if you would like sauce)

Choice of - can soft drink, bottle of water or fruit juice poppa (indicate your choice on order form). Order forms on page 11 of this newsletter.

Orders must be pre ordered & paid for by Friday, 24th October

Selective High School

Applications for students seeking entry into selective high school in Year 7 in 2016 will be available online from 14th October to 17th November, 2014. Parents can register online at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement). Applications need to be in by 18th November. This registration is to apply to take the placement test on 12th March, 2015.

Examples of selective high schools include Sydney Technical High School, Hurlstone Agricultural High School, Westfield Sports High School, etc. and does not refer to local non-government high schools.
School Fundraiser
Family Portrait Day

The Family Portrait Day to be held at school on **Sunday, 26th October**.

Each participating family will receive a 10”x13” framed family portrait for **$15.00** (includes the frame and keyring, as shown on the brochure). The school receives the full $15.00, so this is a great fundraising opportunity and we require a minimum of 30 families to participate for the session to go ahead. Neighbours, friends & grandparents are also invited to invite.

Some requirements of the offer are -

1. There must be a minimum of two generations in each portrait (children must be photographed with a parent)

2. No person may appear in more than one fundraising portrait. The exception to this rule is for separated or divorced parents

3. Three different poses will be taken of each family

If you are interested in participating, please return the note below, ensuring that you indicate your preferred time. We will confirm your appointment once we receive your reply. The $15.00 must be paid for **BEFORE the day** and no refunds will be given if families fail to keep their appointment.

Appointments are given on a first in basis, so get in early to secure your preferred time slot. Any family interested in participating in the Portrait Day is asked to please return the note below by **Friday, 24th October**.

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**Family Portrait Day**

Family Name : ____________________  Phone No : ____________________
Child’s Name : _____________________  Class : __________
Preferred Time Slot : ____________________
North Haven PS Girls North Coast Champions off to the 2014 NSW PSSA Touch Knockout Finals

North Haven Public School girls touch football team have reached the last eight schools (North Coast Champions) in the state and have now qualified for the NSWPSSA Touch Quarter Finals which will be played at St Marys on Monday 27th October 2014. Reaching the NSWPSSA Touch Quarter Finals is an achievement in itself with 691 schools entered in the 2014 boys and girls competitions this year.

North Haven’s team consists of Allie Wood, Callie Hearne, Kyra Evans, Britney Bell, Carlee Fletcher, Tekirra Kinnaird, Bronte Hart, Chelsea Beecroft, Alicia Holliday, Chelsea Hall, Madison Dawson, Jordan Bell and Sharnee Esson.

To get to this level the girls have defeated:
Laurieton 14-0 Kendall 10 -1 Wauchope 7-0
Port Macquarie 8-0 Bellingen 7-1

On Monday 13th October North Haven Public School girls travelled to Coffs Harbour to play Ballina PS in the final round of touch football to determine the North Coast Champion Team. Our North Haven girls played like champions and won a very close game 3-2. The scores were locked together at half time, 2 all. At full time the scores were still two tries to each team. The game went into a “drop-off” to determine the final result. North Haven secured an exciting victory with a try when the game was down to four girls on each team.

The girls have been diligent in all of their training sessions and the hard work has certainly paid off. The improvement individually and as a team has been so rewarding as a coach. Thanks girls!

A huge thank you to all the family and friends who have transported girls to and from games. It really is appreciated. Thank you Matt Kneipp, an ex North Haven student now a Camden Haven High School student, who travelled with us in our last few games to referee.

Congratulations to all, well done and let’s enjoy our time in Sydney.

Yours In Sport
Hayley McCleary 😊
PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS
Now Available

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to our school website to make it easier for parents to pay for school related items. This is a secure payment page hosted by Wespac and credit/debit card details are not passed onto the school. There are no passwords or PINs to remember.

What expenses can be paid online?

- Voluntary School Contributions
- Book Packs
- Excursions
- Sports
- Band Fees
- Sales to Students eg. Year 6 T-shirts, graduation folders
- Uniforms (ensure you send an order form to school with your child detailing your order and size requirements)

What can’t be paid online?

- Canteen orders
- P&C activities such as the Family Portrait Day, raffle tickets

When

This payment method is now available

How

Log into the school website at www.northhaven-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Click on “Make a Payment” and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or Mastercard. Payment via American Express, Diners Club, EFTPOS or PayPal cannot be used.

Important Information you need to make a payment

To ensure the payment is allocated to the correct child, please ensure you provide –

continued …..
• Child’s Name and class
• Child’s date of birth
• A description of what you are paying
• The amount that you are paying (if unsure please contact the school)

**Paying for Multiple Students**

When paying for more than one student, the “*Make Another Payment*” option should be selected on the Online Payment screen.

There is no option to add multiple students to a single payment as the details on the initial screen relate to one particular student only.

**I have made a payment in error, how can I cancel it?**

Contact the school and request that they cancel the transaction. This can be the same day that the transaction was processed or at a later date.

**Receipts**

Parents can choose to either print the receipt or email it to themselves. Details of the payments are passed 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 on 6559 9261.

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**What’s Due Now??**

Jump Rope for Heart – final day TOMORROW, Friday 17th October

Term 3 band fees - OVERDUE

Term 4 band fees – due Friday 24th October

Year 5 Camp – Final payment OVERDUE

Year 6 Sydney – FINAL PAYMENT due Friday, 14th November
Normal band during Year 5 Camp (next week) & Year 6 Sydney trip (week 7)

Although Year 5 is away next week at camp, band will still be held on Tuesday, 21st October for students in Years 3, 4 and 6. The same will happen when Year 6 are in Sydney on Tuesday, 24th November.

JUNIOR BAND 2015
Expressions of Interest & Parent Information Night

Expressions of interest are being taken for students who will be in primary in 2015 to join the Junior Band. Copies of the application form will be available at the parent information night or from the office from Tuesday, 28th October for interested students.

Students who already own an instrument or have access to an instrument are encouraged to apply, as this will aid the selection process. Anyone with their own instrument MUST speak to Mrs Skerritt or Mr Garven, please.

Remember, there is a financial commitment involved in the band program. It is significantly lower than all Port schools and much less than private music lessons. Private music lessons are very good for those interested in pursuing their music beyond school.

Trials for interested students will take place later in the term when Mrs Skerritt and Mr Garven will assess each student’s suitability for their preferred instrument.

All parents interested in their child joining the band program will be required to attend an information night in the hall on Monday, 27th October at 7pm.

Applications will close on Friday, 14th November.
Creative Arts GALA Night  
Tuesday, 9th December

- An evening of music and dance provided by students in the two bands, choir, solo dancers, singers and instrumentalists
- 7 pm start

Presentation Day  
Friday, 12th December

- Both bands and the choir will be involved on this day -

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Instrument Cleaning Day  
Monday 15th December

- Return all school instruments for annual servicing and cleaning.
- Year 3, 4 & 5 will have their instruments returned on Monday 15th or Tuesday 16th December.

Carols at Bonny Hills  
Sunday 14th December

- Senior band & choir
- Times to be confirmed
- More details will be provided later in the term
Australia Wide Competitions

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the various Australia Wide competitions this year. We had some excellent results, as follows –

**Spelling**
Daniel O’Brien  Credit  
Emily Hollis  Credit

**English**
Cordy Gamblin  Distinction  
Jonah Garven  Merit
Daniel O’Brien  Merit  
Tim O’Brien  Merit

**Maths**
Eden Rogers  Credit  
Cordy Gamblin  Merit
Jonah Garven  Credit  
Daniel O’Brien  Distinction
Tim O’Brien  Credit  
Ashley Ritter  Credit

**Computer**
Jonah Garven  Credit  
Daniel O’Brien  Credit
Tim O’Brien  Credit  
Ashley Ritter  Credit

**Science**
Jae Bell  Credit  
Jonah Garven  Credit
Daniel O’Brien  Credit  
Tim O’Brien  Credit

**Writing**
Joshua Haldane  Merit  
Jonah Garven  Credit
Ebony Nicholas  Credit

North Haven Public School
Student Absence Note

My child ____________________________ of class _______ was absent from school on the following dates ____________________________________________

for the following reason ____________________________________________

Parent’s Signature : ______________________ Date : ______________
**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**IronKids** – Saturday, 18th October commencing 9 am for students aged 7-13. Swim, bike, run and become an IronKids champion. Each finisher receives a medal and t-shirt. Entry is available online [www.ironmanportmacquarie.com](http://www.ironmanportmacquarie.com). Race day registration is available from 8.45 am at Laurieton United Servicemens Club.

**Kids Club** – Friday afternoons 4-6pm commencing 17th October at North Haven Baptist Church (next door to school). $3 per week. Info from Wendy 6559 8076 or Will 0412 847 026

**Spring Fair** - at Anglican Church Lakewood on Saturday, 18th October 7.30 am – 1 pm. Childrens activities, op-shop fashion parade, cakes, plants, toys, huge garage sale. Fashion parade 10.30 am, Music Time presentation 11.00 am.

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**Meal Deal Order Form**

**PLEASE COMPLETE**
**ONE ORDER FORM PER CHILD**

Child’s Name : _______________________________ Class : ________

- No sauce  
- BBQ sauce  
- Tomato sauce

- Soft drink  
- Water  
- Poppa

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WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- A $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- A $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY

- ONLINE – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

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EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au