Principal’s Pratter

Dear Parents and Citizens of the Community of North Haven Public School

Our touch football girls are powering on and meet Bellingen Public School early next term. They are working well as a team and Mrs McCleary has nothing but praise for them as they continue to gel as a unit. Thanks for the high level of parental support for this team and their competition to come.

We’re all looking forward to our big Jump Off day as part of our fitness and fundraising support in Jump Rope 4 Heart. This is one of our main charity fundraising events on our calendar and we hope to raise in excess of $3000.00 to help support research and possible successful treatments for heart conditions. Mr Gornall and Ms Dennis are providing great leadership of this project.

Another charity activity our students have been involved with for eight years is our annual Uniting Church concert at Port Macquarie. Our choir and three bands will perform a concert on Tuesday 16th - next week starting at 10.30am. Please consider attending to support our children in their endeavour to provide great entertainment whilst learning about giving of themselves and their time for charity.
Principal’s Pratter continued ….

Congratulations to Allie Wood who has been confirmed as 12 year Girls Champion at the recent North Coast Athletics Carnival held in Lismore … such a great competitor.

Staff undergo continual training as part of their weekly routine. One area of weekly training is in Workplace Health and Safety. Each week a different topic relating to WHS is researched and discussed with particular reference to student, staff and parent safety within and around the school. Examples include: incident reporting, chemical safety, evacuation procedures, safe operating procedures, bushfire preparation etc. I thank staff for their commitment to this important process.

Many of our stage 2 and 3 students have had the opportunity to try cricket out as part of Milo Cricket programs both in Port Macquarie and Laurieton. Mr Tyrrell, Mr Gornall, Mr Roberts, Mr Hayward, Mrs McNiff, Mrs Clark and Mrs Regan have contributed significantly to the organisation of these cricket days.

I have to congratulate Mr Nathan Roberts and Mr Brendan Reed for being highly successful internship teachers on 3/4M and 2M for the entire term. They have thoroughly enjoyed their final teaching practicum before becoming fully trained and ready for teaching positions as of next term. We hope to see them at North Haven during term 4 in an official capacity.

Cheers,

Jock Garven
Relieving Principal

COMING SOON
Parent Online Payments (POP)

Commencing the beginning of term 4 parents will be able to access and make online payments through our school website. Parents will be able to pay for excursions, uniforms, band fees, sporting fees, book packs etc.

A ‘Make a Payment’ link will appear on the website from today, however the link will not be active until next term. There will be no passwords or PINs to remember and the payment process follows the format of many other online payments that you may use.

More detailed information and instructions will be provided next term.
Mr Garven’s Farewell

Next week Mr Garven will conclude his time as Relieving Principal at NHPS and officially move into his role as Principal of Lake Cathie Public School. While he will be busy establishing the new school we also still see him around NHPS as he continues work with the band in fourth term.

As a school – staff, students and community – we have all developed the greatest respect for Mr Garven as an educator, an administrator and most importantly as a compassionate and caring person who always has the time to stop and listen.

Our congratulations and best wishes to Mr Garven as he moves into his new role.

During fourth term we will have a school community afternoon to acknowledge the changes that are happening within our school. Details of this will be provided during next term.

Kathy Regan and Murray McGrath
Assistant Principals

Jump Rope for Heart
TOMORROW
Friday 12th September

On Friday, 12th September, students from our school will be participating in the JUMP OFF, which is the end of what has been a very successful fitness program this term. The amount of enthusiastic skippers each recess and lunch time is evidence of the programme’s success.

Jump Rope for Heart is a national fitness education and fundraising programme designed to improve students’ cardiovascular health and to promote a lifelong healthy lifestyle.

Our Jump Off will be held in two sessions -

**Primary** 10.05 am – 11.05 am  **Infants** 11.40 am – 12.40 pm

Each JUMP OFF will include tabloid activities where classes rotate after spending approximately 8 minutes at each activity. Children need to wear sensible shoes, hats and bring a water bottle.

If the weather is inclement there will be four sessions, held in the hall and the undercover area –

Stage 3 (Yrs 5&6) 9.20 am – 10.00 am  Stage 2 (Yrs 3&4) 10.20 am – 11.00 am
Stage 1 (Yrs 1&2) 11.35 am – 12.15 pm  Early Stage 1 (K) 12.30 pm – 1.10 pm

Sponsorship forms and money raised should be brought to school on Jump Off Day or as soon as possible after the JUMP OFF. Thank you to those students who have already brought in their sponsorship money.
SCHOOL NEWS

Cowarra Day – unfortunately for the second time Year 6 were “rained out” for their excursion to Cowarra Day. We will plan a date for Term 4 to visit the dam and families will be notified of the details beforehand.

Uniting Church Performance – will be held on Tuesday, 16th September. Band and choir members need to return their permission notes and $5 bus fare to school by Friday 12th September.

Kindergarten Excursion – will be held on Tuesday 16th September. Permission notes and $2 bus fare should be returned to school by Friday 12th September.

Clean Up The School Day - our term 3 clean up will be held next Friday, 19th September for primary students. Students in years 3-6 may bring rubber, disposable or gardening gloves for this activity if they wish.

There should not be too much rubbish to collect if all students remember to take pride in our great school and continue to use the garbage bins for their rubbish.

We believe this approach supports a clean and tidy environment for the whole year.

Family Fortnight

Family Fortnight was part of our KidsMatter initiative to support both the nurturing of happy, balanced kids and bringing families into the school. It has been a great success with many family members taking the opportunity to join in class activities. Each day there have been excited students being assisted by mums, dads, grandparents and other family members with activities involving such things as cooking, reading, maths, games, PE, art, craft and computers.

Thank you to all those who were able to come over the two weeks. Our final activity tomorrow will involve Jump Rope for Heart.

If you enjoyed coming along to school and feel you would like to help out more often talk with the class teacher – we welcome the extra support and the students love to have family members in the room. If you missed joining us over the two weeks alternatives can still be arranged with class teachers.
SPORTS NEWS

Girls Touch Football

Our girls touch football team defeated Port Macquarie Public School on Monday 8-0, which was a fantastic result. The team has gelled and I couldn’t be happier with our training and skill development. I am looking forward to our future games and to see how far we can go.

H.McCleary
Touch Co-ordinator

Rugby

North Haven’s sporting attributes were on show last Friday evening when three Year six boys competed for different sides in the Port Macquarie Junior Rugby Union grand finals. Mikha Everingham, Brad Smith & Jackson Fletcher played with great skill and in true rugby spirit, in the highly competitive match which was eventually won by the T.P Blues over the Aggies A’s. Well done boys.
Stage 2
British Colonisation Day

Next WEDNESDAY 17th September, Stage 2 will be celebrating the end of term with a special day at school. Students will be invited to dress in period costume for the day. Parents are asked not to go to any expense to provide costumes. Some ideas are:

**BOYS:** jeans, striped or checked shirt, chambray shirt, braces or rope for belt, felt or straw hat or cap, vests, convict attire …

**GIRLS:** longish dress, petticoats, striped socks or stockings, shawl, bonnet or sun hat, pinafore/smock/apron over dress …

These are suggestions only. We do not expect special outfits to be purchased or expenses incurred.

Please note - closed in shoes must be worn.

The plan for the day is as follows –

**Morning Session**
Trivia Game in the hall with prizes to be won.

**Middle Session**
Students rotate around four activities:
Mapping
Drama
Movie Making
Indigenous Games

**Afternoon Session**
Movie in the hall with popcorn.

Lunch will be picnic style, children to bring a picnic lunch. Parents and friends are more than welcome to come and join in on the day.

There will be no cost involved in the day and we will not be leaving the school grounds.

Mrs McCleary, Mr Gornall, Mr Murtagh, Mr Roberts
Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to the infants
Aussie of the Month for
September –

Lacodah Woodward

Good Sports Awards

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Community Notices

Bravehearts - as September is Child Protection month, Bravehearts is holding "White Balloon Day" in the Camden Haven on Sunday, 28th September. This will be in the form of a Family Fun Day and picnic which is to be held on the outdoor area of the LUSC. To help promote this, today students K-3 received a colouring-in competition (prize provided by local businesses and presented on the day by Leslie Williams). Colouring-in entries need to be returned to school by next Wednesday, 17th September. Any queries please contact the events coordinator Dale Symons 0402 006287 or email bravehearts.chc@bigpond.com.

Laurieton Swimming Club – 2014/15 season starts on Monday 13th October. Information and registration from 5 pm, swimming starts 6 pm. Yearly registration of $65 for swimmers, $20 for non-swimming supporters. New members can come and trial a free night before registering. Free sausage sizzle on Monday 13th October. For more information contact Ann Pilkie 6584 8246, Michelle Kirkwood 425 226144 or Gayl Ellis 0422 407736.
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 : __________________________

Sinfonia MNC
Presents
CONCERT FOR KIDS

ENCOURAGING AND TEACHING THE CHILDREN
OF OUR MANY COMMUNITIES

Since 2012 Sinfonia, the symphony orchestra of the Mid North Coast has been performing special concerts for children and families at a subsidised ticket price of $10 per family. This year it is being held at Laurieton United Services Club.

The orchestra will perform a selection of music from Harry Potter, Pirates of the Caribbean, Lord of the Dance plus much more.

This is a unique opportunity to be introduced to and learn about the instruments of a real orchestra while being entertained in a relaxed atmosphere.

Come along and bring the children, bring the grandchildren and also find your inner child sharing a wonderful, fun and interactive afternoon of music.

8pm Sunday 12 October 2014
at Laurieton United Service Club
Tickets - $10 family ( 2 Adults 2 Children) available at the club