Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Grandparents Day
A resounding success with so many of our families celebrating the special role they play in our students’ lives. Our students performed a fantastic array of performances which enchanted and entertained our guests. The enormous contribution our talented and dedicated staff make to such occasions must be commended. THANK YOU to Phillipa and Trish, and their helpers, for another delicious and bountiful spread.

School Community Workshop
An invitation has been sent home with the new date. I hope you will be able to attend one of the workshops.

Whooping Cough
We have been asked to communicate some important information about Whooping Cough to our community. The information is provided in the newsletter.

History and Geography Syllabus Implementation
In 2016 the HSTI syllabus will be replaced by History K-10 and Geography K-10 syllabuses as they are implemented in primary schools.
We plan to implement both syllabuses and are currently undertaking extensive professional learning as we strengthen our knowledge and understanding of the concepts, processes and skills contained in the new syllabuses. These diagrams show the main features embedded in the subjects.
Principal’s Message continued

HISTORY  WHAT IS SIMILAR?

Students will continue to:
- study familiar topics, such as:
  - personal, family and community histories in Early Stage 1
  - local community history in Stage 1
  - British colonisation and Indigenous peoples in Stage 2
  - the development of Australian democracy in Stage 3.

WHAT IS DIFFERENT?
- Key inquiry questions provide a focus for each topic.
- A more specific focus on the sources of history and the question ‘How do we know?’
- A more specific integration of historical concepts such as ‘cause and effect’ and ‘change and continuity’.
- More emphasis on specific historical skills such as sequencing time, source analysis and historical perspectives.

GEOGRAPHY  WHAT IS SIMILAR?

Students will continue to:
- investigate environments and communities across local to global scales
- develop an understanding of being informed, responsible and active citizens
- undertake inquiry-based learning to explore and understand the world.

WHAT IS DIFFERENT?
- Key inquiry questions provide a focus for learning.
- An emphasis on contemporary geographical concepts such as place and sustainability.
- A more specific focus on geographical skills and tools, for example maps and spatial technologies.

There is more emphasis on the role of fieldwork in geographical inquiry.

Kind regards,

Christine Wild
Principal
SCHOOL NEWS

Safety Concern

We are concerned about the safety of students walking or bicycling over the North Haven Bridge during the road works and bridge construction, particularly where the pedestrian access lane ends.

A staff member witnessed several North Haven children walking into oncoming traffic, including trucks, on the edge of the road. Luckily a construction worker saw the students and escorted them in a safe manner.

Families might consider alternative travel arrangements for their children during the construction phase or speak to their children about safe traffic practices.

10 Day Special Swimming School

Year 2 students recently brought home information about the 10 day swimming scheme to be conducted from Monday, 23rd November to Friday, 4th December. Permission notes and $20 deposit needs to be returned to school by Friday, 6th November.

Children in Year 3 who cannot swim 25 metres competently and confidently are also invited to participate. Permission notes are available from the office.

PAYMENTS DUE NOW

- Kindergarten Excursion – notes & money due 30th October
- 10 Day Swimming Scheme – notes & deposit due Friday 6th November
- Year 6 Sydney trip – final payment is due on Friday 6th November
- Term 4 Band Fees – now overdue

UPCOMING EVENTS

2nd November Kindergarten Drop in Day
3rd November Band Information Night
5th November Crazy Hair Day (out of uniform)
6th November Kindergarten Excursion
10th November Community Workshop
11th November Remembrance Day ceremony
12th November Kindergarten Drop in Day

Good Reasons Why Your Child Should Study Music

- Children who study music from an early age can do better at a range of subjects.
- Children who play music learn that there are rewards from hard work, practice and discipline.
- Playing a musical instrument helps develop kids’ creative thinking and motor skills.
- Music helps kids become more active listeners, which is beneficial in a range of things from taking part in conversations to building more satisfying friendships.
- It can also enhance their health and wellbeing and increase their stamina.
- Children learn to embrace other cultures through their music.
- It develops teamwork and shared goals.
- The overall experience of listening to music is dramatically enhanced.
- Children can explore emotions through music, which may help them better understand who they are.
- It’s fun!

Adapted from www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au

OUT OF UNIFORM & CRAZY HAIR DAY
Thursday 5th November

Thursday, 5th November will be an out of uniform/crazy hair day to support Year 6 fundraising for their end of year gift for the school.

- Gold coin donation
- NO HAIRSPRAY OR COLOURED SPRAYS TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL.

Missed your copy of the newsletter or a permission note?
Find them at - www.northhaven-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
or google ‘North Haven Public School’ and click on the newsletter tab.

The newsletter is also available on our SKOOLBAG app.
Primary Play Day

In Week Two, the Senior Drama group performed their original piece of drama ‘Romeo and Juliette’ at the Glasshouse. They performed alongside groups of other local public schools in Primary play day.

Throughout the year, students have worked hard to develop skills for voice projection, characterisation, improvisation and working with others.

Thanks to the school for providing this fantastic opportunity and thanks to the participating students whose behaviour and creativity on the day was outstanding!

Mrs Menzies
Drama Co-ordinator.

Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.
ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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VALUE OF THE WEEK
Freedom

Aussies of the Month

Congratulations to the Aussies of the Month for October –

Primary - Max Eggert
Infants - Isaac Luke

A Message from School Administration Manager

The schools end of financial year is fast approaching.

The school accounting processes for 2015 will be finalised on
Monday 30 November.

Any outstanding Band Fees, excursion or camp
payments need to be finalised by Friday 27 November.

Voluntary Contributions that parents may wish to pay need
to also be sent in by Friday 27 November.

Thanks for your assistance in this matter

Mrs Phillipa Groves

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 : _____________________
A big thank you to all our students, staff and families who were part of North Haven’s annual Creative Kaleidoscope Showcase and our special Grandparents Week concert.

Such a wonderful opportunity for our talented children to shine bright in so many different ways! An outstanding team effort - we are very proud of you!
Meeting 20th October 2015
Opened 6.30 pm
Present P Hearne, K Regan, M McGrath, P Haste, C Wild, T Long, P Vanderver, L Spilsbury, C Dale, T Toogood, C Williams
Apologies C Shoesmith, K Daniels

Previous minutes passed, seconded

Business arising
Playground equipment
Assessment meeting held with Pauline, Chris, Warren Blissit (Dept Ed Asset Management) regarding playground equipment. He will put information into the system to access suppliers who are approved by Dept. P&C minimum budget $50,000 with additional funding from grant applications hoped to be added to this.
Initial work will be refurbishment of existing equipment and removal of old shade framework. Dept recommendation is to have fixed shade not sail type cover. This is very expensive and may need to be long term project.
Professionals involved in the replacement and decision making will confer together and have decisions made on items for inclusion by end of next month.

Correspondence
- Playground catalogue, synthetic grass catalogue
- P&C magazine
- Assorted fundraising catalogues

Treasurer’s report - Karen
- To be advised as Karen unable to attend

Canteen report - Trish
- Current balance $7,923.02
- Catering for many school functions at the moment, going well
- Cleaning day on last Thursday of term
- Consideration about painting inside

Uniform shop
- Issue with suppliers at the moment regarding consistency in density of colour and irregularity in size
- Pauline to contact supplier by phone and seek resolution to shirt problem
- Large stock of scorts which are not selling – investigate sending these to needy area that are able to use them
- Tania to investigate other options and get samples of alternatives to scorts
- Order less stock at a time

Fund raising reports
- Fete $33,664 taken on the day – official net profit to be advised by treasurer
- Fathers’ Day stall huge success – sold out of all items – thank you to all people who helped with this – profit to be advised by treasurer
- Halloween disco – this Saturday 24th October – at LUSC – bit different to previous years – will be a neon Halloween disco - neon face painting will be available at disco
- Last fund raising for the year will be Christmas hampers – donations come into classes, hampers made up, draw on Presentation Day

Principal’s report
- Community workshop on 21st Century skills, date to be changed from that in newsletter, new date to be advertised this week in newsletter

General business
- Presentation from L Spilsbury from the Teachers’ Federation information dinner regarding Gonski Funding
- Chris Wild explained how schools are funded and what aspects are considered to determine the entitlement for each school

Meeting closed 8.05 pm

Minutes K Regan

Next Meeting – date changed from 17th Nov to 1st December
**P&C Federation Forum**

**Date**  
Saturday 7 November

**Time**  
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm (registration from 1.30 pm)

**Venue**  
Chatham High School  
Davis St, Taree

**Topics**
1. New programs & initiatives - Department of Education
2. Grants, scholarships & donations – local member of Parliament
3. Ask questions, gather information & meet staff from P&C Federation

This is a free event for P&C members, parents and community members.