Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

CONGRATULATIONS NORTH HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOL!

The feedback and compliments for our fantastic students and staff just keep rolling in. I don’t think I have seen anyone as proud and as pleased as Mrs Regan was as she told me about the very special ANZAC ceremony that was held at school last Friday. This was then added to with the incredible roll-up of students for the march on Saturday. Thank you to everyone - staff, students and community, who helped our school mark this important occasion in Australian history.

School Plan
Creating our vision and planning for the next 3 years has been a very complex and thorough process. The strategic directions, our purpose, the processes we will need to engage in and the products and practices we will achieve have been published on our school website.

I will be discussing the plan with the P & C next Tuesday night at the meeting. It would be great if you could come along and join in. If next week’s meeting does not suit please let me know of some alternative times and I will happily make myself available.

P & C Fundraiser
With the Ironman race taking place on Sunday, our P & C have been given the opportunity to run the Family Fun Spot at North Haven. The organisers are providing our P & C with a jumping castle, giant slide, bungee run, fairy floss, popcorn, face painting and other stalls organised by the P & C. All monies raised will go to our P & C. I know they would welcome any assistance you can lend as well as participating in the fun on the day.

Band and Book Fees
Reminder invoices went home last week for outstanding band fees for Term 1 and band fees due for Term 2. To keep our fees as low as we can and do, we budget to cover our costs based on the expected income from tuition and hire fees. If you have any difficulties with paying the fees please contact me so we can make suitable arrangements and plans.

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Principal’s Message continued

We will also be sending out a reminder for outstanding book fees from last term. All students have their books and requisites. Also included on the invoice are the voluntary school fees.

Once again this has been a very productive and positive week, with many exciting events ahead; we hope to see as many of our families as can make it to our X-country Carnival on Thursday next week.

Kind regards,

Christine Wild
Principal

WALK-A-THON
Postponed

Unfortunately due to the inclement weather today it was decided to postpone the walk-a-thon.

The walk-a-thon will now be held next Tuesday, 5th May.

New permission notes have been handed out to students today showing the revised date and we ask that these be returned to school by Monday.

Skoolbag App

Our school now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our school community.

We are asking families to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name “North Haven Public School” in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.
**Mother’s Day Stall**

Our annual Mother’s Day stall will be held at school on **Friday, 8th May** in time for Mother’s Day on Sunday, 10th May. All children will have the opportunity to initially purchase ONE gift from the Mother’s Day stall. Additional gifts may be bought once all students have had an opportunity to select their gift.

Gifts are currently on display near the canteen for students to look at.

**All gifts cost $5.00**

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**School Cross Country**

The School Cross Country will be held on **Thursday, 7th May** for primary students and all Year 2 children who turn 8 this year. Students can walk the course if they do not want to run.

The track runs beside and through bush land around the school.

*Parents are advised to ensure their children apply insect repellant before arriving at school. Old clothes in house colours may be worn during the event, and school uniform can be brought to school to change into at the conclusion of the run.*

Year 2 to Year 4 complete 2 laps, Years 5 and 6 complete 3 laps. Remember to **SLIP SLOP & SLAP!** and hydrate with water before and after your event. House points will be given for the first ten place getters in each event.

*Permission notes should be returned to school by Wednesday, 6th May.*

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**SPORTS NEWS**

**PSSA North Coast Girls Football (soccer)**

Congratulations to the talented Chelsea Hall on her selection in the North Coast girls soccer team.

Chelsea was selected in this team following trials held in Grafton last Friday. Chelsea was a key member of the Lower North Coast team at these trials.

Chelsea and her North Coast teammates will now participate in the State Carnival to be held in Camden (Sydney) in June. All the best to Chelsea and her North Coast team!

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**VALUE OF THE WEEK**

**Honesty and Trustworthiness**
ANZAC DAY AT SCHOOL

“May the legend live on in our hearts for now and evermore” were the opening words to our ANZAC service at school last Friday. Students, staff, family members and representatives from Laurieton RSL joined together to remember the significance of ANZAC Day and acknowledge the 100 Year Anniversary of the landing at Gallipolli.

All present were moved by the respectful and capable manner in which the SRC members conducted the service. All students joined in singing songs which reflected the way we remember those who have served in war. Several students were involved in wreath laying and The Last Post and Reveille were played by senior band students, supported by band tutor Mr Glen Moore.

While mention was made last week of the garden formed around our flag pole we now have another thank you to make. Mr Matthew Bath (father of Marli and Ivy) has created a sandstone memorial engraved with “Lest We Forget” which now sits beneath the flag pole. Thank you Mr Bath for such a thoughtful contribution to our school. During the week students made paper poppies which they placed around the garden to form a stunning display for the day.
ANZAC DAY MARCH

On Saturday North Haven School was represented by over eighty students at the Laurieton March. This was by far the biggest number we have ever had marching behind our school flag. Thank you to families who were able to join us on the day, together with those who watched from the sidelines.

A highlight of the ceremony was the singing of “The Last ANZAC” by NHPS primary students under the direction of Mrs Bruggemann.

A wreath was laid by school captains Keira Alchin and Tim O’Brien. We would like to thank Lyn from Lyn’s Bloom Room at Lake Cathie for creating the beautiful wreath for us in our school colours of maroon and blue.

SCHOOL NEWS

P&C Meeting – the next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 5th May 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 Friday, 1st May. 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.

Primary Assembly – the next primary assembly will be held on Monday, 11th May at 2.20 pm in the school hall. The Year 6 student councilors will co-ordinate the assembly and class 3S will present an item. All parents, carers and community members are welcome to attend.

Infants Assembly – the next infants assembly will be held on Wednesday, 13th May at 2.20 pm in the school hall. Class KF will co-ordinate the assembly and present an item. All parents, carers and community members are welcome to attend.
NAPLAN Testing

NAPLAN Testing will be held for students in Years 3 & 5 on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May. Students need to ensure they have lead pencils, a pencil sharpener and an eraser.

Opportunity Class (OC) Placement

Information was sent home this week with Year 4 students regarding Opportunity Class placement in 2016.

Parents seeking opportunity class (OC) placement for Year 5 entry in 2016 are required to submit an application by 15th May 2015.

The local OC class is at Port Macquarie Public School and involves the successful student attending that school for Year 5 & 6. Applications can be made at www.schools.nsw.edu.au for OC placements.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Thursday, 21st May.

Information regarding school photos was sent home today.

- **Exact money** needs to be put into the envelope as the school **DOES NOT OPEN** envelopes to check money - these are handed intact to the photographers.
- Cheques should be made payable to **MSP Photographers and NOT the school**
- EFTPOS is **not available** for school photos.
- Online payments can be made by following the instructions on the photo envelope. **DO NOT** make an online payment on the school website.

**FAMILY PORTRAITS** - Parents who wish to have their children photographed together in a family portrait can request a separate prepay envelope. Please return the attached note if you would like a family photograph envelope.

Family Portrait Pack

I would like to have my children photographed together by the school photographers. Please supply a FAMILY PORTRAIT PACK envelope to be returned with my child.

Family Name : ___________________ Eldest child’s class : ____

Parent’s Signature : ___________________
BAND NEWS

We had cracking first rehearsals last Friday for both bands! The children came prepared (with instruments and music), and were enthusiastic and attentive in both band time and tutorials. I am confident that they will be able to maintain this level of commitment throughout the term, especially if they continue to receive such generous support from home. This is the term where we really try and consolidate our skills, in preparation for band camp and our performance duties in terms 3 & 4.

A few things you need to be aware of...

• After much consideration, we have decided to trial running **senior band at 9am on Friday**, instead of 8am. We acknowledge that it can be challenging at the end of the week to get kids going in the morning, especially as the cooler weather sets in. However, this change may mean that the children will have to become more responsible for organising themselves to come to school ready for band. I would ask that parents be actively supportive here, perhaps by encouraging the children to leave their instruments and music in an obvious spot near the door on Thursday night! **This new arrangement will begin on Friday 8th May.**

• Sadly, our wonderful tutor Mrs Irving is leaving us. Mrs Irving has given us over ten years of expert tuition, and she feels that the time is right for her to dedicate more time to her other commitments. We heartily thank her for all she has done for the NHPS band program. We will miss her greatly.

• But fear not! We are very close to securing the services of another highly regarded music tutor to replace her. Details will follow very shortly. Mr Moore and Mr Harries are as committed as ever, and together, we will continue to provide an outstanding musical opportunity for our students.

Please keep encouraging the children to practise several times a week. Weekly band rehearsals and tutorials are always far more enjoyable, positive and productive when the children have put in the work in preparation!

Liz Skerritt
Band Co-ordinator
### Student of the Week

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### 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/Carer’s Signature : ______________________________ Date : _______________________

#### Student Late Note

*To be used if parent/carers are unable to accompany children into the office if arriving at school late (after 9.05 am).*

My child ____________________________ of class _______ is late for school today ______/_____/____ (insert date) for the following reason ____________________________________________________________________

Parent’s/Carer’s Signature: ______________________________