Principal’s Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Education Week
There is lots of information in this newsletter about the events we will be sharing in celebration of Education Week and the many fabulous activities, teaching and learning that goes on at North Haven PS on a daily basis. Please find a chance to join us for some if not all of the activities.

Newsletter Distribution
As you know we moved to providing electronic copies of our newsletters unless you request a hardcopy. Please contact the office if you wish to change your preferences either way. We can accommodate all requests.

Skoolbag App
The take up and download of this application has been great. Many families are using it to send absentee notes. As we become more familiar with its tools and capabilities I am sure it will become an invaluable communication device. Yesterday a school bus broke down and we were able to send an alert to families via Skoolbag to inform them of the delays. Instructions of how to download the app are in this newsletter.

Don’t forget our Fete organisation is steaming ahead and there is a board at the office for you to nominate where you can assist, both before and on the day.

I am looking forward to seeing many of our families next week during Education Week.

Kind regards,

Christine Wild
Principal
All parents are invited to attend our Education Week Open Day on Friday, 31st July.

The Department of Education theme for Education Week this year is ‘Celebrating Local Heroes’. As part of this theme we have invited an ex-student to be a guest at our assembly. We will be welcoming Ms Jane Goldsmith, NBN News reporter, back to her primary school, North Haven Public School.

During our assembly we will also acknowledge the wonderful efforts of our VITAL and Kids Hope volunteers. These volunteers from the community give their time each week to assist students in their learning (even though they don’t have any children of their own in the school).

The third part of our acknowledgement of local heroes will be the recognition of our own students as heroes because of their enthusiasm, compassion and commitment to doing their best.

We look forward to our families joining us for North Haven Public School’s Education Day celebrations.

9.30 am  
**BOOK FAIR**

Parents have an opportunity to purchase quality library material for students, and to donate books to the Library. If parents are unable to attend, students may still purchase books. Place money in an envelope marked with child’s name & class and they will be permitted to purchase books prior to the Book Fair.

*Where - School Library*

*Prices - Range from $2.00 - $20.00*

11.00 - 11.30 AM  
**MORNING TEA**

Parents may enjoy morning tea with their child. The canteen will be hosting morning tea. A variety of sweet and savoury treats, as well as tea, coffee, water & soft drinks will be available to purchase 0.50c to $2.00.

11.40 am – 12.40 pm  
**ASSEMBLY**

Performances from various school performing arts groups including band, choir and dance groups.

12.50 – 1.15 pm  
**OPEN CLASSROOMS**

Parents are invited to visit and look around classrooms (this is not a time for parent teacher interviews). The Book Fair will continue to be available in the library.

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Education Week Open Day continued

1.15 pm LUNCH

Parents are invited to have lunch with their child. Parents can order lunch from the canteen by placing an order in their child’s class lunch basket in the morning.

2.05 pm NORMAL CLASSES RESUME

COME AND CELEBRATE THE EXCELLENT WORK
OF ALL OF OUR STUDENTS –
YOUR CHILDREN

CHAFFS
(Camden Haven Arts Festival for Schools)

CHAFFS is an annual festival for public school students in the Camden Haven area, which showcases and celebrates creative and performing arts.

This year North Haven Public School will be participating with –

- Stage 2 & 3 Dance groups with Ms Dennis & Mrs Egan
- Choir with Mrs Bruggemann
- Community of Schools Band (senior band camp participants) with Mrs Skerritt

Dates for CHAFFS are –

Tuesday 28th July Rehearsal day (during school time)
Wednesday 29th July Night time performance – 7pm start

Venue – Camden Haven High School

Permission notes were sent home with participating students this week and should be returned to school by TOMORROW, Friday, 24th July.

Entry to the CHAFFS performance is by a gold coin donation – there are no allocated seats.
SCHOOL NEWS

English Competition – will be held on Tuesday, 28th July for students who have paid for this activity. Mrs Wild will supervise this activity.

Primary Assembly – will be held on Monday, 3rd August at 2.20 pm in the hall. The Year 6 student councillors will co-ordinate the assembly and class 6T will present an item. All parents are welcome to attend.

P&C Meeting – the next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 28th July at 6.30 pm in the staffroom. All parents, families and community members are most 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, 24th July. 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.

Lower North Coast Athletics - we have been advised that the date of the PSSA Lower North Coast athletics carnival has been changed from Friday 7th August to Wednesday 5th August. The carnival will still be held at Blackbutt Oval, Wauchope.

BAND CAMP 2015

Congratulations everyone on another very successful Band Camp! It was a fantastic example of the power of teamwork and inter-school co-operation. Both bands made exciting progress over the three days, as demonstrated by the quality performances at the celebratory concert on Friday afternoon. I was one very proud and happy band conductor at the end of it all!

Band Camp is the turning point in the year for the bands. I feel confident that both bands are now ready to take on the challenges that our busy performance schedule in semester two will bring.

The Community of Schools band, playing at CHAFFS next Wednesday night and rehearsing next Tuesday at Camden Haven High School, is the combined schools senior band from camp. Unfortunately, our senior band members who did not attend camp cannot play at this performance because they are not yet familiar with the music in a band context.

All senior band members will be needed for our Education Week Assembly on Friday 31st July, so tomorrow’s rehearsal and tutorials are very important! If you are attending the District Athletics carnival, please practise hard on your own so you will be ready anyway!!! Juniors please note that it is only the senior band performing at CHAFFS, but you will be performing at the Education Week Assembly!

So much of what happens for our school band program happens behind the scenes. Hours and hours of planning and organisation, in fact. Events like Band Camp simply couldn’t happen without the dedication and commitment of many, many people. I feel incredibly privileged to have the collegial support of so many generous souls.

Thank you,

Liz Skerritt
Band Co-ordinator
WORDS ABOUT WELFARE

Child Protection

We have child protection as our school welfare focus for Term 3 and students will work in grade groupings on material suitable for their level of understanding. The material has been developed by the Department of Education and focuses on the idea that all children have a right to be safe. It is compulsory that child protection be taught in all schools.

The Kindergarten-Year 2 program will also include aspects of the DITTO program, which is part of the Bravehearts Association supporting student safety and wellbeing.

The three themes covered in the lessons are -

- Recognising Abuse
- Power in Relationships
- Protective Strategies

Children are taught that if they feel unsafe or threatened they should follow the plan of ‘NO, GO, TELL’.

Parents who would like more information about the program or an opportunity to view the material being used are invited to speak to Mrs Regan or class teachers.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Parade

This year Book Week will be held in week 7 (24-28 August). The theme for Book Week this year is ‘Books Light Up Our World’.

At North Haven Public School we will be celebrating Book Week with a Book Parade on Wednesday 26th August and students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character.

Further details will follow in coming weeks, but families might like to start planning their outfit. Here’s some suggestions – Harry Potter, Where’s Wally, Heidi, the Cat in the Hat. What can you come up with?

Diane Eggins - Teacher Librarian

THE SHARING COMMITTEE IS BACK ON!

This term Mrs Gerbasi and Mrs Manning will be running the Kids Matter Sharing Committee.

Students in years 3-6 will be able to volunteer themselves next week to be part of committee HI that monitors positive playground behaviour. Students they see demonstrating positive behaviour in the playground will go into a draw to receive a 50c canteen voucher which will be drawn during the morning assembly every Monday.

We are re-launching the committee to continue upholding “the values which are for North Haven Public School and for life”.

Diane Eggins - Teacher Librarian
SPRING FAIR
Sunday, 13th September

WHITE ELEPHANT & BOOK STALL

We still need lots of good quality, pre-loved “junk” for the White Elephant stall, as well as quality books (no clothes please). Donated items may be brought to the canteen.

LOLLY LOTTO

Lolly Lotto is one of the most popular stalls at our fete and we are seeking parent and student support to help make this stall a success.

We are asking each student to bring in a packet of lollies, which can be placed into their class lunch bag in the classroom, for storage at the canteen. A tally will be kept of the number of packets collected and each child in the winning class will receive a prize.

WHICH CLASS WILL COLLECT THE MOST LOLLIES??

We only need every child to bring in ONE item to make this stall a great success. Some suggestions could include jelly beans, jelly babies, jubes, caramels, jaffas, licorice, party mix, musk sticks, snakes, red raspberries, frogs, minties ...... the possibilities are ENDLESS!!!

Lucky Number Stall

Any donations of new items would be appreciated and will be used as prizes on the Lucky Number stall or in the raffle.
Congratulations to Bryce Cook for his success in cross country at school, district, North Coast and state levels.

In Bryce’s first appearance at state level, he came 43rd out of 90 competitors at State Cross Country – a great effort. Well done Bryce!

State Representatives –

Bryce Cook (cross country)
Alicia Holliday (girls touch football)

Primary Athletics
Winning House – Eucalypt
Captains – Nelson Gregory & Tekirra Kinnaird
Vice Captains – Molly Walters & David Wilson

Primary Athletics
Age Champions

Jnr Girl (tie)       Bridie Pierce
                  Emilee Franklin
Jnr Boy            Jayden Hoffman
11 yr boy          Jae Bell
11 yr girl         Sari McKenzie
Snr girl           Alicia Holliday
Snr boy            George Forster
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.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

KIDS CLUB – Fridays 4 to 6 pm from 24th July to 11th September. Held at North Haven Church (next door to NHPS). Ages – Kindergarten to Year 6. Bring your friends and meet new friends. Games, good, singing, bible time, craft. $3 covers cost of craft materials. For further information contact Wendy Job 6559 8976 or visit northhavenchurch.org.au. All supervisors are Working With Children checked and approved.

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: ______________________

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Student Late Note

To be used if parent/carer are unable to accompany children into the office if arriving at school late (after 9.05 am).
Children should bring this note to the office on arrival at school.

My child ______________________ of class _______ is late for school today ___/___/___ (insert date)
for the following reason ______________________________________________________
Parent’s/Carer’s Signature: __________________________