Last year at Nambucca Heads High School was certainly a busy one and this year looks like it will be just the same. On February 24th and 25th Year 12 Art and Drama/Music students will be travelling to Sydney by overnight train to attend ArtExpress and Encore. ArtExpress is a display of selected pieces from the 2012 HSC at the NSW Art Gallery. Encore is a concert staged at the Sydney Opera House. This is also a selection of pieces from students who completed their HSC in 2012. This is a fantastic excursion for students currently completing their HSC as it gives an insight into what they can achieve. A Year 7 Breakfast will be held on 27th February. Following the breakfast Year 7 students will be setting off to Hat Head for a Peer Support Camp. This is a two night camp with the students having to set up their own tents. Should be fun! Year 8 and 9 Drama students will be attending the Junior Drama Camp on March 18th & 19th. The numbers for this camp are limited so first in will be able to attend. Over 2 days students will be involved in exciting workshops such as improvisation skills, movement and physical theatre, vocal training, theatresports and characterisation. As well as this, the students will participate in a mini “TheatreSports” competition. Year 9 Year Advisors are organising an excursion for Year 9 students to North Beach Caravan Park on March 25th – March 27th for students who attain Bronze Level. The cost will be $80.00. Once again this year we will be holding the Year 10 Careers Excursion to Sydney. This is a fantastic excursion for Year 10 students to have an opportunity to visit various universities, colleges, Naval Base and also attend the Rugby League “State of Origin” game at ANZ stadium. This is always a popular excursion and gives students an idea of the various choices they have to study in their senior years at NHHS. On March 5th a Game Training Roadshow is being held at the school. The cost is $20.00 for the first 30 students then $40.00 for each student after that. All participants will be given access to over $3500.00 worth of game development resources and each will receive a free starter kit. Again this year Mr Stephen Steward will be running the “Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme”. Students can begin their participation in Year 9. The students set objectives in the following areas - Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition to reach silver level then to reach gold level students organise to stay and work away from home doing a shared activity. This is a world-wide recognised certificate and can help you gain confidence in your own abilities. It is a wonderful scheme. Quite a lot coming up and this is just the beginning. Over the year there will be a number of excursions and other activities that will be available for your child to attend. While we realise that some of these excursions can cost quite a lot of money you are able to make regular payments towards these costs.
Dear Parents and Community

I would like to welcome all the Year 7 students and parents/carers to NHHS. It is great to see so many new faces. I would also like to welcome back all students and hope 2013 is productive and successful. Our annual swimming carnival was held on Wednesday 11th February and what a fantastic day. I was especially pleased to see so many students, parents and carers come along and enjoy the carnival. It is timely to remind parents of some basic rules and expectations at our school. To treat each other with respect and tolerance is the basis of much of what we follow in our school. If we can respect each other then we will go a long way towards creating an environment of learning in a cooperative and positive environment. Mobile phone use at school is not permitted. If parents want to get a message to their child they can do so via the front office. If students are travelling and need their mobile phone, bring it to school switched off and turn on at the end of the school day. Students using mobile phones at school will have them confiscated. Uniform is an agreed part of our school rules and the expectation is that students will be in uniform and dressed appropriately. Being respectful to all of the school community is a basic aim at this school - students need to focus on this when communicating with other students and staff. Please ring the school if you wish to discuss our discipline and welfare policies. As we had a number of staff members finishing at the end of last year, I would like to welcome Ms Lara Gulliver, Ms Wendy Boyes-Hunter, Ms Laura Newman-Dempster, Ms Kerry St Clair and Ms Paula Morrison to NHHS. These staff members will be at our school for this year. I hope they enjoy their time with us at NHHS.

Peter Vernon
Principal

DEPUTY’S REPORT

I would like to thank the entire school community for the warm wishes and congratulations I have received on my appointment as Deputy Principal. I have been a classroom teacher and head teacher at NHHS for a very long time and while I will miss teaching in the classroom immensely, I am excited by the challenges and the opportunities that my new role will present. I will especially miss practical food tech lessons and my wonderful HSC students. Our Year 7 had a great start and we thank everyone for making that extra effort to ensure that our newest group of students had everything they needed to start their high school education. Parents please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any information. The best way to do this is to contact either myself or the Year Advisors Melissa Waters or Jarrod Greenwood. Finally, I would like to remind students and parents that attendance is crucial as it is the foundation for success at school. Students can fall behind if they do not attend school on a regular basis. Punctuality is also important as lateness to school creates classroom disruption and most importantly disruption to the learning of our students. We expect all students to attend school unless they are unwell. Students must also bring a note to be signed by the Deputy if they need to apply for early leave.

Jo Marshall
Deputy Principal

CONTACT DETAILS

Have your contact details changed recently? If so, please advise the school of your new details as a matter of urgency. It is extremely important that we have your correct details in case of an emergency. If you are unsure as to whether we have your updated information, we would ask that you contact us to be sure. You can do this by either telephoning the school or emailing the details to: nambuccahd-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

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Please contact: Helen Mower, School Based Apprenticeship & Traineeship support at the school on Fridays. For more information about this Program or for details about the above positions email: helen.mower@det.nsw.edu.au

### YEAR 7 2013

A big welcome to all the “Year 7” students enrolled at Nambucca Heads High School for 2013. It is great to see so many new students. We hope you enjoy your time with us at Nambucca Heads High School. After an extremely successful camp last year Year 7 will once again be attending a Peer Support camp on 27th, 28th of February and 1st March. They will be camping at Hat Head Camping Ground. The students will have to erect their tents (or sleep under the stars), cook, clean up and have fun. Five Year 10 Peer Support Leaders will also be attending the camp to help the younger students. Some of the activities they will be involved in will be surfing, bush walking, fishing and kayaking/canoeing. Hopefully the weather gods will be kind.

### BASKETBALL

Basketball is one of the many sport choices students have at Nambucca Heads High School. Recently we had a visit from the coach and players from the Bellinger Valley Braves. Coach Jay Harold-Jones, and players, Damien Perkins and Ervin Herron, all from America, are currently in Australia and playing in the local competition. They made a visit to NHHS last week, 6th February, to run through a skills session with the students. It is hoped that if numbers at basketball remain high these players will be a regular feature during sport time.

Our newsletter is available via email. If you would like to receive it this way please contact Annette Welsh at the school.
AFTER SCHOOL LITERACY

This program is an initiative which is exclusive to our school and is aimed at improving literacy and students' grades across the whole curriculum, as reading and comprehension apply to all subject areas. Studies are being undertaken in areas of spelling and grammar, comprehension, evaluation of material for assignments, analysing work, and creative writing skills. This improvement of literary skills should reflect in higher band readings and better grades across the board, and anecdotal evidence from the students who have been involved in this program in previous years backs these findings up; currently our evaluations are extremely positive. Classes have commenced this week, but if your child is interested in attending please encourage them to speak with Ms Margie Mercer or Mr Alan Merritt. Afternoon-tea is provided for the students. The classes are held in the Library at NHHS on Tuesday afternoons commencing at 3.30pm and running until 4.30pm.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The photography classes at NHHS are holding a photography competition which is open to the whole school. The first brief is called “Through a Pet's Eye's”. This can be interpreted in any way and you can use any techniques. Entries should focus on what and how pets see their worlds. Prizes have not been finalised at this stage, but there should be some cash prizes at the end of each term for the best images. Images should be given to Mrs Holliday, printed out or on thumb drive, by the end of February.

QUICKSMART 2013

Ms Lyndee Thomas will again be organising the Quicksmart Program for Year 8 students during 2013. The program focuses on basic mathematics content with instruction that is planned to meet individual students' learning needs. The program provides students with opportunities to self-monitor and to receive and generate immediate, informative feedback. Participants in the Quicksmart instruction and assessment program learn to develop effective strategy use and participate in focused practice activities. If your child is selected to participate in the program more information will be sent home in the near future. Former students of the program have commented on their improvement in not only maths classes but in everyday activities.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as a part of their duty of care, monitor part or whole day absences.

Parents are responsible for:
- Enrolling their children of compulsory school age in a government or registered non-government school or registering them with the Board of Studies NSW for home schooling.
- Explaining the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school.
- Ensuring that their children attend school regularly.
- Taking measures to resolve attendance issues involving their children.

School Staff are responsible for:
- Providing a caring teaching and learning environment which fosters students' sense of wellbeing and belonging to the school community.
- Recognising and rewarding excellent and improved student attendance.
- Maintaining accurate records of student attendance.
- Implementing programs and practices to address attendance issues when they arise.
- Providing clear information to students and parents regarding attendance requirements and the consequences of unsatisfactory attendance.

If your child is absent from school, for any reason, notification must be received by the school within 7 days, otherwise the absence will remain “unjustified”. This could affect any Government payments you or your child receives.
SCHOOL UNIFORM

Uniforms are checked regularly at Nambucca Heads High School. ALL students are required to wear the correct uniform. If financial difficulties prevent the purchase of uniform requirements, contact the school, as support from the Student Assistance Scheme or the school clothing pool may be available. Students who are repeatedly out of uniform will be denied all privileges the school has to offer. Enclosed footwear is compulsory. Thongs and other such footwear will not be tolerated.

JUNIOR UNIFORM – YEARS 7 – 10
Aqua Polo Shirt with sleeves and a collar. (Sky Blue button-through or Polo Style Shirt with sleeves and collar is an acceptable alternative).
Navy blue shorts, long pants, tracksuit pants or skirts (no Logos)
Navy blue jumper (no Logos)

Sport & PE
White polo style shirt and navy blue shorts
Shoes – covered

SENIOR UNIFORM – YEARS 11 – 12
White polo style shirt with sleeves and collar or button through shirt with sleeves and collar
Navy Blue shorts, long pants, tracksuit pants or skirts (no Logos)
Navy Blue jumper (no logos) or Senior Jumper

Sport & PE
White polo style shirt and navy blue shorts
Shoes covered, lace up joggers

Shorts and skirts should be half way down the thigh. Shirts should be buttoned from the chest down. Denim, singlet tops or tops with ‘shoe string straps’ are NOT an acceptable part of the school uniform, in either the junior or senior years.

COMMUNITY & SPORTING NOTICES

Shop at IGA
By registering and shopping at any of Ritchies IGA Supermarkets you will be helping Nambucca Heads High School raise much needed funds. Each time you shop at Ritchies IGA and swipe your registration card .5% of the money you spend will be automatically donated back to the school. This is a wonderful initiative by IGA and we have already received funds deposited directly to our school bank account. Applications are available from Annette Welsh at Nambucca Heads High School. Please read the application pamphlet for all conditions.

Beaches Netball Club
Will be holding a registration day on March 2nd inside the Nambucca Plaza from 9.00am – 12.00 noon. Age groups will be 6-17 years. Coaches are also needed. More information phone Jodi – 0402031414.

Myna Birds

Macksville Soccer
Macksville Soccer Club is holding its registration days for the 2013 season on Saturday, 9th, 16th & 23rd February at the North Macksville Playing Fields from 9.00am to 12.00pm. We welcome new players of all ages so please come and join us for what promises to be a very exciting year! All registrations are now taken online through www.myfootballclub.com.au. If you need assistance registering online, please see us on one of the registration days where we can assist you.

Australia’s Got Talent
If anyone is interested in applying for this popular talent show you will find all the necessary information at the following site: http://www.artsmidnorthcoast.org/event/australias-got-talent-auditions/

Rivers Netball Registration
Saturday 23rd February 9.00am – 11.00am at the Marion Woods Netball Courts, Macksville. The AGM will be held on Monday 18th February at 6.30pm at the Caltex Macksville. Please come along and help keep this club running.
A full report on the swimming carnival will be in the next newsletter