On the 19th of October myself and four Year 11 students, Lucy Buczek, Indira Stone, Erin Wattison and Natalie Barlin, were involved in the “Future Chef Team Challenge” held at Bishop Druitt College, Coffs Harbour. With a theme of local produce our menu was—**Entrée**. A seafood tasting plate consisting of fresh Moreton Bay Bugs, fresh Nambucca River Oysters served natural with a lime and garlic chive mayonnaise, locally caught and smoked octopus, delicately pan fried shovel nose shark (caught at Nambucca Heads), fresh local medium King Prawns from Coffs Harbour, fresh Blue Swimmer Crab from Coffs Harbour and Tin Can Bay Scallops served with a lime butter (butter from Norco and limes grown locally). **Main** Roasted locally grown Pork Belly with Dorrigo Potato Galett and caramelised apple with asparagus. **Dessert** Bonoffee Pie highlighting the best of Coffs Coast Bananas and utilising fresh dairy product from Norco. As you can see from the photos below the food was presented beautifully and obviously tasted just as good as it looked as the team were voted best tasting food on the day by the guest customers. Unfortunately we missed out on the major award that was decided by a guest judge from Coffs Harbour. For me, the fact that the invited guests enjoyed the presentation and taste of our food was the most important aspect of the day, the fact that the people eating the food actually like the food. I would like to congratulate the girls on their fantastic work ethic, enthusiasm and cooperation on this activity. They worked wonderfully as a team and handled the pressure of cooking for café guests like professionals. The Jamie Oliver plates that were purchased with the donated stickers were used and I think they framed the food perfectly so a big thank you to all those who sent in the stickers. The platters and bowls will be a great addition to our Hospitality room.

Just finally, if you have paid your child’s TAS fees thank you very much, as it helps enormously in providing quality jobs and experiences for your students. If you haven’t yet had the opportunity the school now has eftpos facilities which makes it much more convenient for fees etc to be paid.

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**Mr Darren Williams**

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**Nambucca Heads High School** would like to congratulate the girls and also Mr Darren Williams for entering the competition. We are extremely lucky to have Mr Williams at our school as before training to be a teacher Mr Williams was a qualified Chef having worked at Doyle’s restaurant in Sydney along side Peter Doyle (both Junior and Senior), St George Leagues Club and also for Cathay Pacific. He brings a wealth of knowledge to the Hospitality faculty.
Dear Parents and Community

NHHS is a school where your child is offered many extra-curricular opportunities. This week has been a great example of what your child can experience if they are willing to become fully immersed in their school life. On Monday and Tuesday our Year 9 students started their Duke of Edinburgh award when they paddled from Bellwood to Scotts Head, camping for the night opposite Gumma Reserve. On Tuesday Ms Patu took our Year 11 student leaders to Coffs Harbour for the day for a student leadership conference. On Thursday Mrs Waters and Ms Lockyer held their Year 6 science transition Zombie Day, the SRC also got in on the act and for a small donation students were encouraged to dress as zombies with all money raised being donated to The Relay for Life. The Year 10 Japanese LOTE class also had a cooking experience on Thursday. On Friday we were lucky enough to have The Bard on the Beach Performance for students in Year 8 to 11. As I say to the students constantly, your education is what you choose to make it. NHHS will always give your child opportunities to learn and succeed both in and out of the classroom and this is one of the things that makes NHHS such a great school.

Thank you to all who have already completed our parent survey for the 2015-2017 School Plan. I have attached a hard copy of the survey if you would like to do it and get your child to drop it back into school by next Wednesday. We have also surveyed the teaching staff, non-teaching staff and students. I will share the results with you in future newsletters.

We are soon coming up to the favourite time of year for all students – the yearly examinations! Exams will be held in week 5 for students in years 8 and 10 and week 6 for students in years 7 and 9. By now all students will have received a study sheet from all of their class teachers so that they know what to study for their exams. Please encourage your child to revise for their exams.

As always please contact me at the school if you have any queries as to your child’s education.

Highlight of the fortnight

Congratulations to Erin Wattison of Year 11 who has received an Earthwatch Student Challenge Scholarship which will see Erin travel to Melbourne during the summer holidays to participate as research assistant on an Earthwatch Australia conservation project. The program gives students an opportunity to gain practical experience in environmental conservation and research techniques. Students work with scientists and discover science as a career, giving them the impetus to consider university studies and subsequent careers in science and environment. Well done Erin!

Simon McKinney
Principal

Erin Wattison—Earthwatch Student Challenge

Erin Wattison is a fantastic student who I’m sure we will hear a lot about in years to come. Earlier this year Erin was selected and attended the USB Women in Business workshop that was held at Sydney University and now, with the help of Dr Alan Merritt, Erin has won this scholarship with Earthwatch. Erin will travel to Melbourne to work with scientist Dr Rodney van der Ree on the project. Being accepted for this type of project will enable Erin to begin networking with other like minded people. She is extremely excited to be attending the student challenge. Needless to say her science teachers and the whole school community is very proud of her success and wish her well for her adventure.

Mr Merritt, who is a qualified History teacher and has books on the subject published, is employed at Nambucca Heads High School one day each week with the sole purpose of finding all different types of scholarships. Students can speak with Mr Merritt about what scholarships are available and he will guide the students with their applications. There are numerous scholarships available - whether it be academically, sporting or cultural. If your child has a particular interest there may be something available for them to aid in their studies. Mr Merritt is also focusing on projects for the school. Not only might your student gain an advantage from applying for a scholarship while attending school, it will give them skills that will help them when applying for jobs, university, etc. when they finish their schooling.
Nambucca Heads High School will be holding its Annual Presentation Day on Monday 15th December commencing at 10.00am. Come along and celebrate the successes of our students. Everyone welcome.

RUGBY—THE GAME THEY PLAY IN HEAVEN

On the 24th October, nine brave students travelled to Kanwal on the Central Coast to do battle in the only game that matters; Rugby. At 10:30am, Nambucca played its first rugby 7’s game against the strongest team in the competition, St Stanislaus College Bathurst. St Stanislaus College Bathurst is a private school with 710 boys. The main sport in this school is Rugby Union. The Nambucca boys fought well, however, the sheer size and speed of the Bathurst team got the better of us, leaving the final score at 29-7. The only try scored by Nambucca was a 60 metre solo try by our Captain James Weimer. An hour late, Nambucca was to face Brisbane Waters Secondary College. Nambucca, with only 2 reserves took the field and surprised the rugby college with 2 quick tries from Sam Grant and Oke Wikaira. Unfortunately, we couldn’t hold on, with the final score being 20 – 12 . With more troops I think we may have given this team a real scare. Our final game was at 12:30pm against Scone High School. This was a much more competitive game with both teams showing great rugby skills. The final score was Scone 19, Nambucca 14. This competition was a fantastic experience for our boys, and a very worthwhile excursion. I would like to thank Peter Lewis and Rod Cross for all their help and input. Thankyou to the 2014 Rugby Union team for their diligence in training and their positive behaviour on the excursion. These boys were a credit to the school and their families.

Matt Gilbert

Permission notes are now available for the Rewards Excursions that will be held on Friday December 5th. Gold and Silver recipients have the opportunity to travel to Dreamworld for the day while Bronze recipients will have a day at the cinema. If you’re not sure what level you are on please speak with your Year Adviser. There are only 55 seats available for Dreamworld so get your notes in.
Year 12
Year 12 will soon finish their exams with some lucky students already finished. Pupils are reminded to arrange their UAC preferences to correspond with their Early Entry applications. UNE Early Entries are the exception, as they are being processed directly by the University, so a pupil’s UAC preference does not need to include UNE for the early round offers. Once you have received and accepted an early round offer, remember to change your UAC preferences to match your main round offers in January. The Year 12 formal is on Thursday 6th November. It will be held at the Nambucca Heads RSL club.

Year 11
Year 11 students recently attended the Senior Schools Day at Southern Cross University, Coffs Harbour Campus. Pupils were able to see SCU’s facilities as well as hear about courses offered there at Lismore and the Gold Coast. In late November nine students will travel to Queensland to visit Universities in Brisbane and the Gold Coast. These include, Bond University, QLD University, Q U Technology, Griffith University and Southern Cross University. Pupils will stay at QLD University accommodation overnight as part of the excursion.

Year 10
WRALS Information.
Pupils have largely made their selections for their first week of WRALS (Credentials Week) with some activities being full. Parents please ensure your child makes their selections ASAP to help with organisation. PARENTS PLEASE support this initiative by ensuring your child’s attendance and participation. The program relies on the booking of resources, individuals and groups well in advance. These bookings are based on the forms pupils return indicating their choices. If your child has returned a note stating their choices it is assumed they will attend. See the list of activities offered below. Activities will only run where numbers meet requirements. Some activities have limited spaces, which will be allocated on 1) return of note and 2) money (where required by pay by date)

Week 7 Credentials Week – Choose activities for each day in week 7
Monday 17th November - Friday 21st November
Activities include: Responsible Service of Alcohol / Responsible Conduct of Gambling Courses, Barista Course, Construction Projects at Bellwood, Masterchef (Cooking Workshop), Volunteer Aged Care, Indigenous Art Project, Boat Licence Course, Work Health Safety Course, First Aid Course, Rural Fire Service Workshop

Week 8 Work Experience (compulsory)
Monday 24th November – Friday 28th November

Week 9 Work Experience (compulsory)
Monday 1st December – Friday 5th December

Week 10 Senior school & interview preparation - All pupils to attend
Monday 8th December All My Own Work / Resume preparation
Tuesday 9th December Police presentation / Mental Health, Sexual Health and Drug Use presentations
Wednesday 10th December Job Application / Interview Skills
Thursday 11th December Year 10 Interviews and Presentation Day for Certificates (until lunch)
Parents please support this very valuable program to maximise your child’s experience during Year 10.

Work Experience - Students are reminded that their Work Experience needs to be finalised. Any students who have not organised this need to see Mr Horan if you require assistance. The dates for Work Experience are: First week 24th – 28th November, Second week 1st – 5th December. Parents please encourage your child to participate in this valuable program and complete your paperwork ASAP.

Mr Horan - Careers Adviser
On Thursday 16th October students from the various primary schools came together to have a taste of what might lay ahead for them next year. After meeting the Year Advisors for Year 7 2015, Ms Ellie Dennis and Ms Kristle McKinnon, the younger students were separated into groups and given two “buddys” from Year 9 they then made their way around the school along the lines of a treasure hunt the students had to find certain objects, teachers, rooms, etc. This is a great way for the younger students to become familiar with the school. The students enjoyed a BBQ lunch which was cooked by our SRC students. The day was followed by a parent/guardian information evening that night. Another transition day was held on Thursday 30th October for the primary school students to participate in a Zombie Day. Once again the younger students were put into groups and led by the older students they made their way through information on “Zombie” diseases that was set out in a fun and easy way for the students to understand. The older students had spent time studying the diseases, known as “Zombie” diseases, with Ms Waters and Ms Lockyer who lead the day. By all accounts the students had a great time learning a bit about their “new” school before they begin the next part of their education.

STOP MOTION PHOTOGRAPHY

Our Year 10 Photography class have been studying stop motion photography. Recently Ms Holliday took us on an excursion to Bellwood to complete our individual projects inspired by Andy Golsworthy who is a British sculptor, photographer and environmentalist producing site-specific sculpture and land art situated in natural and urban settings. He lives and works in Scotland. We made temporary patterns in the sand out of matches, stones, leaves or flowers then set about photographing our designs. Once back in the classroom we manipulated the images from the excursion using programs such as imovie. Once we have the images completed we hope to do a presentation at assembly and have them uploaded to the school website. I thoroughly enjoyed this unit of work and thank Ms Holliday for taking us to Bellwood. Anna Daley

The next photography competition Ms Holliday has is a “Free Choice” or if you would like to work to a theme it will be Technology. Entries for the current competition need to be to Ms Holliday by the end of Week 6 (Friday 14th November). You can submit your entry by email, on a thumb drive or give Ms Holliday the photo. This is the final competition for the year. Photography competitions are held throughout the year with a point score system. At the end of the year major prizes are awarded.
Earlier this year our Hospitality students once again volunteered with the organisers of the VW Spectacular. This is a major event held in the Nambucca area biannually. The students help with the preparation of food, catering, serving and whatever cropped up at the last minute. Mrs Pell, who is one of the organisers of the event, was extremely grateful for the help from our students and sang their praises when she attended our assembly to present the students with certificates. Mrs Pell thanked the students for volunteering and could not have been happier with the way in which the students conducted themselves. They were a credit to themselves and the school.