Thursday 6th November was the highlight of any student’s schooling life—The Year 12 Formal. The evening began with students arriving to have photos taken with their families and friends. The girls looking fantastic in their beautiful gowns, hair coiffured, make-up done and nails painted. The boys looking very dapper in their suits. Then into the Nambucca Heads RSL Club for an evening of celebration and fun. The MCs for the night were the school leaders for 2015, Jayde Hill, Connor Hoban, Mercedes Peterkin and Blake Ennis-Nickson. Mr Simon McKinney spoke about the achievements of the Year 12 students and what might lay ahead for them. Their Year Advisor, Ms Lyndee Thomas, spoke about the group as a whole and how although only being a small group they had left an indelible impression on the school. They were an extremely friendly outgoing group of students who initiated lunchtime activities that included the whole school. Next up was the presentation of academic and sporting awards. Two students in particular took centre stage, Renee Lindsell and Timothy Daley, were recurrent winners. Now that all the formalities have come to an end students can now relax and take a breath before deciding what’s next. It was a great night and a big thank you to Ms Thomas and Mr Declan Horan for organising the evening. I must also mention the amazing decorations that were made by some of the students. We wish them well on their next adventure and hope they make the most of the advantages that will come their way.
Dear Parents and Community

On Tuesday we held our Remembrance Day assembly where we as a school remembered and acknowledged those Australians who fought and died in war. Students were asked to think about all of the Australians who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in war. I spoke to the students about how lucky we are to live in Australia and this was shown last week at Gough Whitlam’s memorial service where six ex-Prime Ministers and our current Prime Minister from two sides of politics could all sit together in harmony whilst acknowledging the life of another Prime Minister. I pointed out to students that this situation would not be possible in many other countries and this situation was in part down to the men and women in our armed services who fought and died for us so that we can live in a peaceful democracy. I also read out some statistics from an article in the Sydney Morning Herald (SMH) from World War One (WW1) and asked the students to be thankful for everything that they have.

- 9 million combatants died in WW1.
- 7 million civilians died in WW1.
- Australia’s total deaths in WW1 exceed all other deaths in conflicts put together (from 1885 to 2014) — 61,516 dead in WW1 – 39,648 dead in World War Two and 1,623 dead in all other conflicts 1885 to October 2014.
- James Charles Martin from Tocumwal who died at Gallipoli aged 14 years and 9 months was our youngest soldier to die in WW1. This is the same age of a boy in Year 8 or 9.
- 4,467 soldiers and sailors aged between 14 and 19 died in WW1.
- The SMH calculated the total loss of Australian lives and the figure was a total loss of 2.5 million years of life.

This was a sombre occasion and all students are to be congratulated on the way they listened in respectful silence.

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

Highlight of the fortnight:

To see all students in Years 7 to 10 over the last two weeks attempting their yearly examinations in a mature and conscientious manner whether they were in the gym or classroom. We see all of our students as HSC candidates and this is why it is very important for all students to practice sitting formal examinations so that when they start their Year 12 courses they are exam ready. Well done to all.

Simon McKinney
Principal

NAMBUCCA HEADS HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL CANTEEN LICENCE

Tenders are called for the licence of the school canteen for the school year commencing 2015 and for a term of approximately 3 years. Annual school enrolments will be approximately 370. General enquiries and requests for a Tender Information Package should be referred to Dianne Ryan on 6568 6777. Tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Confidential—School Canteen Tender" and sent to The Principal, Nambucca Heads High School, PO Box 111, Nambucca Heads 2448. Tenders close at 3pm on 28th November 2014. A tender visit and briefing session is planned to be held in the near future. All applicants must make themselves familiar with Clause 2 of the tender offer.

CALENDAR

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Nov 17—Dec 12</td>
<td>WRALS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>November 18th—19th</td>
<td>North Coast Cricket Lismore</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>November 19th—21st</td>
<td>Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh expedition</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nov 24th—Dec 5th</td>
<td>Year 10 Work Experience</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>November 27th—28th</td>
<td>Queensland University visit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December 5th</td>
<td>Rewards Excursions</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December 15th</td>
<td>Presentation Day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December 15th—17th</td>
<td>End of Year Camp</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
DUKE OF EDINBURGH—WARRELL CREEK EXPEDITION

From the 27th to the 28th of October Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh explorers made their way along the beautiful Nambucca River, students either travelled in individual kayaks or in a Canadian canoe with a partner.

On the first day we paddled 10km down Warrell Creek. We arrived at Gumma base camp in the afternoon. We set up our tents, and then trekked through the wilderness to the beach on the other side of the island, known locally as South Beach. On the journey fire ants defended their territory with vigour. Some people received as many as ten bites in the 450m walk. Some adventurers were itching from their knees to their toes. Then on the way back adventurers stopped abruptly freezing in fear sighting the tail of a snake. Mr Steward bravely entered the snakes’ territory, exclaiming it was only a shed snake skin.

After all the paddling and walking we were starving. We fired up our trangias heating our prepared food (saving the best bits for a midnight snack). At around 6.00am we were woken by a bizarre noise echoing throughout the camp, in peoples weary state they thought it was a yeti. The noise crept closer footsteps crunching the debris and then the zip of the tent started to undo, a head appeared. It was only the team leader Stewie, saying “Ahh, I got ya!” He thought he was so funny (not).

We had our excuse for breakfast, and then organised the boats. Shortly after we started packing up the tents. We then left the camp without a trace of anyone having been there. We paddled another 10km against the tide and the strong southerly winds, finally arriving at the Scotts Head weir around 11.30am. We thoroughly enjoyed our expedition and look forward to another adventure in the near future.

Acknowledgments: Mr Steward, Miss Lockyer, Mrs Nowland as the assisting teachers. Thank you to Ms Lynda Saul, Mr Henstock and Ms Marika Dent for giving us lifts.

By Rhiannon Patfield and Jemima Mckinney

LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Each year students from Nambucca Heads High School in Years 11 and 12 are invited to enter the Lions Youth of the Year Quest and apply for $500 scholarships to assist in their studies. This is a prestigious competition. Judging is based on the following criteria:

- Leadership; sporting, cultural and community interests
- Personality
- General knowledge of Australia and current Australian affairs
- Academic achievements during the past two years
- Public speaking

Participation in the quest has resulted in students gaining valuable practice in interview situations, gaining confidence in public speaking and receiving positive feedback and rewards for their interest and involvement. Nambucca Heads Lions Club will organise a short talk to the students about the quest and will encourage suitable students from the club’s local areas to participate. The competition will commence in February 2015.

Application forms are available from Mr Simon McKinney or Ms Jo Marshall

LIONS’ SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Students from the Nambucca Heads area are invited to apply for a one year $500 scholarship for EACH of Years 11 or 12 in 2015. Applications will be called for and interviews held to select the students best suited for each scholarship. The range of criteria is wide and students of all abilities are invited to apply. For more information please contact Lions Club of Nambucca Heads—Peter O’Neill on 6568 7790.

More information about the Youth of the Year or the scholarships is available at www.lionsclub.org.au/yoty
Last week 20 Year 8 and Year 7 Science students, Mrs Nowland and Mr Smith were lucky enough to be involved in a program called Science in the Bush. No, we didn’t go out into a paddock to do an experiment, we travelled to the University of New England in Armidale to be immersed in a day of fun filled science activities. Science in the Bush is part of a nation-wide program that encourages students to explore career options in Science.

We left Nambucca at 6.30am sharing a bus with 25 Macksville High students. It was very quiet on the way up. This may have been because we were still half asleep or we were concerned about being out-numbered by Macksville. When we arrived at the University we met with the other 300 students from around the region and our UNE tour guides.

Out of the 20 possible activities we participated in the Chemistry Show, the Human Body, Neuroscience and Soil sessions. Although, the Chemistry session was the most spectacular because of the colourful reactions and explosions, we learnt there are a wide variety of career and research options in Science.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA SISTER SCHOOLS SCHEME

The school SRC recently had a visit from Mark Shepard to talk about setting up a “Sister School” with a school in Papua New Guinea. The idea of the scheme is that you would send items to school and they would be packaged up and sent on to children who desperately need them. We would also encourage families to send in any goods they no longer need that may be of use. These goods could include clothing, school uniforms, books, school resources (pens, pencils, exercise books, stationary etc) hand and agricultural tools, sporting goods and sports uniforms, reading glasses, basic medicines and first aid, musical instruments - but are not limited to these. If you have a quantity of these goods you may wish to compile a ‘family’ box, destined specifically for a family in one of the villages. You could also include a ‘letter’ and photos to personalise the exchange and the PNG Sister School Scheme would endeavour to obtain a similar reply of gratitude, thus establishing a relationship between families that could evolve. Alternatively you could send in what you have and the students can compile a Class or Year box along similar lines. If you require further information, or would like us to provide a suitable box and contents label, please call Mark on 0434 799970 or visit their facebook page https://www.facebook.com/PNGSisterSchools. If you have any items to include in a box please send them into the front office where there will be a box to place them in.

Suitable goods for donation to PNG communities

We need to remember that many of these communities lead simple, self sufficient, healthy and happy lives so we don’t want to introduce items that could jeopardise this. Our rule of thumb is to only provide items that they already use and have identified as being useful. Here is a guideline but it is not limited to this:

School Uniforms - ideally complete sets and quantity of same so as to equip small school of say 20 or so kids. However shirts only will suffice. Sports Uniforms - same as above to equip entire team. Shirts only will suffice. Simple shoes, trainers, sandals, thongs, footy boots. Clothing to suit warm climate conditions for male / female infant to adult. Reasonable quality. Nothing too unusual. No heavy or cold weather clothing. Light weight waterproof clothing. Books to educate pre school to junior high school ages beginner to 14. Learn to read books etc. Other useful resource books.

School resources. Paper, exercise books, pens, pencils, coloured pencils, crayons, chalk, rulers, rubbers, geometry tools etc. Sporting goods such as balls, boots, bats etc, Diving gear such as masks, snorkels, fins, light weight short wetsuits etc, Reading glasses, Fishing gear, line, hooks, sinkers, Hand tools, saws, pliers, spanners, knives, axes, spades, rakes, hoes, First Aid material, bandages, antibiotic creams, antiseptic, BASIC first aid books, Simple toys (no batteries) Crafting materials.

Some things to note as NOT suitable either because they have limited lifespan, are plastic or will end up in the ocean eg Textas,

Nambucca Heads High School will be holding it’s annual Presentation Day on Monday 15th December, 2014. Academic, Sporting and Cultural awards will be presented. The Presentation will comment at 10.00am. Everyone is welcome to come along and congratulate the students on a year of hard work and fantastic results.
The Year 10 Japanese class were completely extraordinarily amazing at their end of year Japanese Cook Up. We had everything from Sushi to Okonomiyaki, from Chicken Teriyaki to Miso Soup, all prepared, cooked eaten and cleaned up in the typical Japanese tradition—PERFECTLY! After we had eaten our beautiful food we dressed in traditional Japanese kimonos, ninja outfits and even some sumo wrestlers. It was a lovely day with students enjoying every aspect of the Japanese culture.

Jamie Green preparing some of the food

Year 10 students in traditional and not so traditional dress

Once again this year we will be holding an attendance camp during the last week of school (15th—17th December). To qualify to attend you must be on at least a bronze level, have two purple slips and have 95% attendance or 100% of absences explained. The camp will be held at North Beach Caravan Park and will cost $40.00. This will cover all meals and camping costs. You will leave at the end of Presentation but you must come to school in school uniform. You will be able to change before leaving for the camp and we will have an area for you to leave any bags etc. This camp is purely for fun. There are no worksheets to do and no assignments to do later. If you’re not sure whether you qualify please see your Year Advisor.

INDENT CONCERT

Nambucca Youth Services Centre is excited to announce that the famous Indent Tour will be heading to Nambucca Heads on Friday, 21st November. Taking place between 6.00-10.00pm at the Nambucca Entertainment Centre the event will be a strictly all ages, drug and alcohol free concert. ARIA-charting Byron Bay hardcore 5-piece In Hearts Wake will be headlining the night, together with local supports Taktix, Heartless, Red Zebrah.

The Indent Tour is ran annually throughout regional NSW, and is the only tour of it’s kind in Australia. Peak all ages network Indent will be working directly with Nambucca Youth Services to fund, stage and promote the event, which acts as a skills development opportunity for youth at the centre, as they learn how to run the event to an industry standard.

The night will also feature a food kiosk, a chill out zone, plus an information stall providing information on the services offered by NYSC. Tickets are on sale now for just $10+BF from http://www-indent.oztix.com.au or Coastal Curves Surf & Nambucca Heads Youth Centre. Head to http://www-indent.net.au for more information on the Indent Tour.

The Indent Tour is a project of MusicNSW, funded by ArtsNSW and supported by APRA/AMCOS.