Year 12 Visual Arts, Music and Design and Technology students visited Sydney from March 23rd to 26th and were given the opportunity to view the ArtExpress exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW, DesignTech exhibition at the Powerhouse Museum and attend the evening HSC Encore Performance at the Sydney Opera House.

These exhibitions and performances highlighted the best of the 2013 Year 12 submissions for HSC Visual Arts, Music and Design and Technology and gave students an insight and understanding of the standards of HSC practical requirements for each subject area.

For some students this was their first visit to the Art Gallery of NSW and the Sydney Opera House and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Students were also able to view the Sydney Biennale Exhibition at the Museum of Contemporary Art and a visit to Cockatoo Island to view large scale site specific artworks. This exhibition focused on Post Modern interpretations of ‘visual art’ and incorporated video installations, sculptural pieces using unconventional materials and a train ride into the world of the ‘internet’. Students attended an informative seminar presented by fourth year university students.

In the evening students and staff dined at a great Thai restaurant in the Chinatown district and were able to see a fabulous view of the city lights from the top floor of the University of Technology residential building which some of them may one day attend.

Ms Bagordo and Mr Steward would like to thank the students who attended this excursion for their impeccable manners at all times, their demeanour on public transport, their punctuality and their vibrant enthusiasm for all activities. Their behaviour and cooperation and contributions to seminars were particularly noted by both gallery staff and seminar presenters.

All students arrived back at school with new ideas, thoughts and plans to implement these into their own HSC Practical Submissions for Visual Arts, Music and Design and Technology. Being able to visit galleries, museums and iconic buildings is great experience for students. Thank you to Ms Angela Bagordo and Mr Steve Steward for making the excursion possible.
Dear Parents and Community

This week I have submitted our Annual School Report for 2013. Public schools are by definition humble places and celebrating success is not seen as core business. NHHS teachers come to work day after day, year after year and provide the Nambucca Heads community with access to a wonderful education.

MY HIGHLIGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT:
This week I would like to acknowledge the work of the Nambucca Heads High School teaching and non-teaching staff in what they provide for our children.

Some of the highlights of 2013 were:

- Forty eight students completing their HSC.
- Eight Band 6’s in the HSC – this is a mark over 90% for a course.
- Forty four Band 5’s in the HSC – this is a mark over 80% for a course.
- Sixteen students gaining early entry to university at UNE, CSU or SCU.
- Other students gaining entry to university at UTS, UNSW, ANU and the Universities of Sydney, Wollongong and Newcastle.
- 3rd in the state Year 8 Premier’s debating Competition.
- The community work of our Junior Lands Council.
- An Arts and Cultural excursion to Europe.
- Participation in the AIME program at SCU.
- Jesse Brislane’s design being chosen for the 2014 NSW DEC Cultural Diversity calendar.
- NHHS hosting Showtime for The Valley 10 Community of Schools.
- 98.4% of our Year 7 students achieving at or above minimum national standards in Numeracy in NAPLAN.
- 97.1% of our Year 9 students achieving at or above minimum national standards in Writing in NAPLAN.
- A Year 9 and 10 State debating champion – Connor Hoban.
- Ten students were in the mass choir for the In Concert at Sydney Town Hall.
- Group and Individual winning drama performances at the Coffs Harbour District Eisteddfod.
- The Junior Theatresports team won the district championship.
- Savannah Peterkin and Jayde Hill going to The National Athletics Championships.
- The Duke of Edinburgh program.
- Craig Jarrett winning gold at NSW CHS Athletics.
- Four students participating in the School Based Apprenticeship program.

Nambucca Heads High School teachers provide the curriculum expertise in and out of the classroom. As can be seen from the list above your child will experience success if they take up the opportunities provided at Nambucca Heads High School.

Have a safe and happy Easter break.

Simon McKinney
Principal

As has been spoken about in previous newsletters and announcements at school Nambucca Heads High School “Recognises Good Learners”. Students who were recognised as good learners were given green slips by their teachers to go into a draw to win movie tickets. At assembly on Tuesday 1st April our first winners were announced. They were Deklan Cutmore, Crystal Crossingham, Shania Eastwood-Stankowski and Zoe Baxter. There were more winners when Mr McKinney announced that he was conducting a draw for students who had paid their school contributions in full. Each student received the use of a locker for the year FREE. Congratulations and thank you to Elly Gooch, Aedon Hudson, Ben Murray-Vaughan, Katie Woodland and Indira Stone.

NHHS will be participating in the ANZAC Day March on April 25th. It would be great to see as many as possible attending and marching as a school group. We will be congregating outside the Guardian News office at 8.30am. Please be in school uniform. Everyone attending will be given a purple slip.
Dear Parents and Community

The first term for 2014 has just about finished and I would like to compliment most students on their attendance, uniform and commitment to their studies. It has, I think, been a very successful term (and I look forward to this behaviour the rest of the year). I would like to stress to parents/guardians the importance of keeping your contact details up to date. In an emergency we need to be able to contact you. If you have moved house recently or changed your phone number please contact the front office and advise us of your new details.

On Friday 25th April our school will be involved in the ANZAC Day march. We will be gathering at the top of Bowra Street, Nambucca Heads at approximately 8.30am. We would like as many students as possible to attend the march and show your appreciation for the men and women of our Armed Forces.

Finally, just to let you know, the last day of Term 1 will be Friday 11th April. I expect all students to be in attendance until then. First day of Term 2 will be Tuesday 29th April. Have a great holiday.

Jo Marshall
Deputy Principal

CALENDAR

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OCEAN SWIM

On Sunday 30th March, I got up at 6:30am. Or, more accurately, dragged myself out of bed. The reason why I got up at 6:30 on a Sunday was because I’d entered the Beachside Radiology Coffs Ocean Swim, as part of my Overcoming Adversity topic in English. The race itself consisted of a 600m swim around the Coffs Harbour Jetty. It was going to be easy; I mean the Jetty's not that long, right? At 7.00am I went and picked up my fellow competitors, Hannah Bartlett and Kiara Taylor, and we drove up to Coffs Harbour. When we got there we realised the jetty was a whole lot longer than what we remembered. We signed in and got our number written on the side of our arms and legs, in permanent marker, which I could not get off.

When we got to the starting line, we realised not everyone was doing this race for fun and that some of them were quite serious. This is when the nerves started to kick in. As the commentator announced “30 seconds to the beginning of the race, 30 seconds”, my nerves shot up even more. I swear those were the longest thirty seconds of my life.

We realised we'd made the drastic mistake of standing at the front of the group when we were trampled on by all of the serious competitors. For the first 10m or so, I got hit, kicked and swam over the top of by other racers. But after a while everyone settled down and I was able to actually swim, not drown. The swim itself went quicker than I thought it would, and I enjoyed it, even thought I was freezing and shaking when I got out. It was even worth getting up at 6:30 on a Sunday. I’d highly recommend participating in this race next year, it was a fantastic experience. I would like to point out that when we began this experience there were six of us, three boys and three girls. From the photo you can see who “womaned up” and competed on the day.

Jemima McKinney

Hannah, Kiara, Jemima

Mr Michael Major who organised the girls to take part and also competed in the 2 km swim
Ms Kerry St Clair in the Support Unit is looking for donations of Duplo or Lego. If you have any lying around that is cluttering up your cupboards please send it into the school for the students to use.

LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR 2014

Every year Nambucca Heads High School has a number of students compete in the Lions Youth of the Year public speaking competition. This year three students entered the Nambucca Heads chapter, Sarah Orman, Connor Hoban and Jordan Barber with Timothy Daley competing in the Valla Lions chapter of the competition. The entrants deliver a prepared speech on a topic of their choosing. They are then given a topic and have to deliver a two minute impromptu speech. Sarah was named the overall winner on the night with Connor taking out the Public Speaking award. Tim’s speech on the Excessive Consumption of Alcohol by Young Australians impressed the judges enough for him to win the Valla Lions competition. Sarah then went on to contest at Regional level against school mate Timothy Daley. Once again Sarah was named the overall winner with Timothy taking out the Public Speaking Award. Sarah then travelled to Port Macquarie on Saturday 29th March to contest the Zone final. After a lengthy deliberation a young boy from Wee Waa was eventually named the winner on the night. Sarah was congratulated by the judges and was told it was one of the closest contests they had had to adjudicate on. NHHHS is extremely proud of all our students that contest these competitions. They are all very capable young people with big futures ahead of them.

DISPLAY SIGN

I’m sure most people are aware of the new Display Sign that we have erected on Mann Street, Nambucca Heads. It has been quite a while in the making and we would like to thank a number of people. The idea of the sign came from the P&C Committee of 2011. Since then there were many discussions on size, colour, placement etc. Finally, all decisions were made and the sign was purchased. The final part was to have the sign erected. Thankfully Mr Simon Dent of Topgun Scaffolding, took charge, conversed with Nambucca Shire Council and placed the sign in exactly the right place. We must also thank Ms Susan Jenvey, Mr Kerry Daley, Ms Alison Daley and Ms Lyn Gooch. One former teacher Mr Neil Gerard deserves a thank you as well as he was very involved with the placement and funds for purchasing the sign. The feedback we have received so far has been extremely favourable with comments such as “it is easy to read” and “it is in a great place”. It is fantastic to be able to display the wonderful results of our students for the whole community to see.

DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Drama classes are actively rehearsing for the Coffs Harbour District Eisteddfod in May – Week 4, Term 2. Year 9 are devising their playbuilt piece which they will enter into the Eisteddfod. They are also entered into Improvisation sections of the Eisteddfod and a few brave students will step out with a monologue. We then hope to tour their performances to the feeder primary schools to support Year 6 students as they transition to high school. Year 10 are approaching their study of Drama a bit differently this year. They have now been cast and are rehearsing for a Year 10 production of “Living with Lady Macbeth.” Look out for this production to go on the stage at the end of Term 3. They will enter scenes in the Eisteddfod and also enter in the monologue section. A long way to go until Term 3 but a few excitements along the way to keep us all inspired, like making a short film for a state school competition entitled, “Our Town.” We plan to work on this with the Year 10 Music class composing the music. Year 11 Drama are working hard on their Eisteddfod group devised pieces as well as their individual performances. Hopefully this group’s “Journey to Russia” will continue to evolve to be another winning humorous performance. This group also hopes to be actors in a short film for First Aid students later in the year. Year 12 is presently in exams but their HSC Individual and Group Performances will also head to the Coffs Harbour stage. The individual characters are gradually developing. Junior Eisteddfod pieces will be performed in the Performance Space at school in Week 7 of next term. Hopefully we will see you there.

Don’t forget the Photography competition for March. The brief is “Close-Ups”. Ms Holliday has the new macro lens that you can borrow to take your photo.
SRC NEWS

Presidents of Council are chairpersons of the S.R.C. They organise and run every daily meeting and co-ordinate all activities such as socials and fund-raisers. They represent the Captains and Vice-Captains in Year 12 when they are busy doing exams. When Year 12 leave at the end of the year they take over all responsibilities. Jayde and Dylan have commenced their year in office organising an energetic and enthusiastic team. They successfully ran their first school assembly this week. As the Presidents we would like to congratulate Dylan and Jayde, along with a great committee, who have done a fantastic job organising the Pink Day fundraiser that was held on Friday 4th April in support of Breast Cancer research and next week's social

NAPLAN 2014

Students in Years 7 and 9 will sit for the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) test in May each year. The assessments are an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learned in class. Students in Years 7 and 9 will have five tests including two tests in numeracy – a calculator allowed test and a non-calculator test. The NAPLAN test results and the student reports are released in September. The results provide information about student achievement that can be used to inform teaching and learning programs. NAPLAN tests provide point-in-time information regarding student progress in literacy and numeracy and are intended to complement the wide range of formal and informal assessments that are already conducted in schools. NAPLAN test results are not intended to be used in isolation from other school-based assessment programs. The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has responsibility for the central management of the NAPLAN. From the beginning of 2013, the Board of Studies NSW became the NSW Test Administration Authority (TAA) and is responsible for the administration of the NAPLAN tests in all NSW schools. Specific information, including details about the tests, student participation, special provisions and reporting can be found on the NAPLAN website.

NAPLAN student report

The NAPLAN student report will show your child’s results in the key areas of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report will also show the national average, the range of results for the middle 60% of students nationally and your school's average for each test. That means you will be able to compare the performance of your child against other students in the same year of schooling. The additional student report will list all the questions in each test, along with a brief description of each question. This report will show you which questions your child answered correctly. A common assessment scale is used on each NAPLAN report so that you can track your child's progress through the years. It is recommended that you make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss your child's results and how to interpret the NAPLAN reports. For more information and links to the acara website please go to the following website: http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/naplan/info-for-parents.html

CAREERS NEWS

Year 12

Year 12 is just completing their Half Yearly exams this week and next week it is important that they attend to get exam feedback from their teachers. Also they should spend some time these holidays exploring Post –School options. These TWO websites will give them information regarding University Courses, TAFE courses as well as Apprenticeship / traineeships. www.nhhscareers.com www.jobjump.com.au/
Pupils will complete Early Entry and University Admission Centre (UAC) Applications in Term 3. More information will be given out regarding this starting Term 3. Prior to this research about Courses and Universities is crucial. The websites above are good starting points.

Year 11

Next week Year 11 will be interviewed by the Careers Adviser about planning for the rest of school and beyond. Any parents who would like a particular time to also attend these interviews please contact the school and advise of a time that is suitable for you.

Year 10

All students in Year 10 are being asked to organise their work experience for term 4 now. Pupils need to submit their paperwork for the first week (24th – 28th November) by the end of this Term. Paperwork for the second week (1st – 5th December) is due the end of Term 2. Work experience is a very important part of a student’s time at school. They may decide to pursue a career seriously or even get offered part-time or full-time employment. Parents please support this program by ensuring that your child is actively organising their experience as soon as possible.

Also those students who are attending the Sydney Careers Excursion are reminded to keep up their regular payments towards the cost of the excursion as outlined in information sent home earlier. Students recently made their selections for the various activities for the week. They will also receive their raffle tickets to help bring down costs this week.

Mr Horan - Careers Adviser
**School A-Z Website**
This is a great website that the school recommends to parents if they are looking for some additional ways to help their child with homework and study. [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study)

**Youth Week 2014**
Do you ride a skateboard, BMX or scooter...? On Thursday 17 April from 12 – 4 pm, Big Air School will be at Nambucca Heads Skate Park with demos, workshops and competition with prizes – also DJ Dropbear will be supplying the beats. The event is FREE for all young people. Helmets must be worn by all participants......there will be some spare helmets at the event if you don’t own one and a waiver has to be signed by parents if you are under 18 years of age. For further information please contact Vicki Fernance on 6568 0254.

**School Holiday Activity – Amazing Race**
Do you like solving clues, doing puzzles, etc....?? Then get a team of four together (or join one on the day) and participate in the Amazing Race on Wednesday 23 April 2014. The winning team will receive a $50.00 surf shop voucher each and the runner up team will receive a $30.00 surf shop voucher each. The Amazing Race will take you to Bellingen where you will solve your first clues and then back to Nambucca Plaza. Activity is FREE but participants should bring some lunch or money to buy some. Bookings are essential for this activity. To book in and for further information (eg, times) please contact Vicki Fernance on 6568 0254.