During May I travelled to Hawaii for the World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education (WIPC:E). This conference is held every three years and focuses on bringing educators and community people together to highlight the issues, programs and innovations that are occurring in their own communities from all over the world. It truly was an international cross section representation and I was fortunate enough to listen to many indigenous presenters and also had close contact with the Hawaiian groups in a range of formats. I found speaking to groups informally was incredibly valuable and inspiring. The native American Indians and the Indigenous Japanese and Canadian stories were all part of those informal discussions. There were many spontaneous performances from cultural groups including children who had raised their own funds to travel to the conference with their families. The beauty of some of the cultural displays made me feel very proud of our own Aboriginal culture here in Australia. My presentation was scheduled for an early morning start and my focus was on our team’s activities here at Nambucca Heads High School over a number of years. Our school’s Junior Land Council is an innovative structure designed to engage school and community in meaningful activities which develop students culturally and academically. One of the strengths of this program is its inclusive structure, which gives all students the opportunity to be part of extension to the curriculum through structured activities. Community input is a key feature to this model. We would like to thank those who have supported our school in our endeavours to develop our youth here in our community. At a personal level I was proud to be involved in the conference and to represent our school and community and inform them of our Junior Land Council. We hope other schools and communities in our area and across our country can use some of our work to inspire and lead others in their school’s direction.

Mr Gary Cattanach

Nambucca Heads High School would like to congratulate Mr Cattanach on being asked to make a presentation at this prestigious event. His efforts in developing programs for our indigenous students are remarkable.
Dear Parents and Community

Last week I had the opportunity to attend the NSW Secondary Principal’s Council Annual Conference which was held this year in Bathurst. This conference gave me an opportunity to gather with 350 other high school principals from around New South Wales where we attended workshops and listened to keynote speakers talk about the concept of the 21st Century Learner.

The common thread throughout the conference, from all of the keynote speakers and workshop facilitators, was the fact that the biggest impact on a student’s educational outcomes are the positive and respectful relationships that student has with his or her teachers. As I drove home from Bathurst I reflected on how we do have these positive and respectful relationships at Nambucca Heads High School and this is what makes our school a great place to learn and work.

Last newsletter I spoke about the Enlighten Education workshop for all girls when they are in Stage 5. I am pleased to announce that we have just booked The Odyssey Program for our Stage 5 boys (plus our Year 11 boys this year) to attend the school on Friday 15th August.

The Odyssey Program visits secondary schools with a fun and engaging day of workshops jam-packed with information and activities guaranteed to have everyone thinking a little differently. We’re here to help Australian teenage boys become the best men they can be!

Our passionate aim is to challenge adolescent males to open up and discuss issues that affect them all. Please go to www.odysseyprogram.com.au if you want more information. I look forward to both of these groups coming into the school to work with our students.

Next week is the last week of what has been an exceptionally busy term. I look forward to seeing many of you at our Parent/Teacher Night on Thursday 26th June from 3.30pm to 6.00pm in the school gym where you can collect your child’s Semester One report and then meet with their teachers. Bookings can be made online at school interviews.com.au and quoting the code: RKBKB

I wish all students a relaxing and safe holiday. Students return Tuesday 15th July.

My highlight of the week: Congratulations to those students who attended the Zone Athletics Carnival as helpers. I have received positive feedback, from teachers from other schools in the zone, as to the way all of our students used their initiative and helped the teachers run the day. Well done to all involved.

Simon McKinney

CALENDAR

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The next meeting of the Nambucca Heads High School P&C will be held on Wednesday 25th June in the Library of the School commencing at 6.00pm. Part of the agenda will include a discussion on the current school uniform. Please come along and support your school.
The annual Year 8 Mathematics Day was held on Friday the 16th of May at the University of New England in Armidale. Riley Hayden, Zoe Baxter, Georgia Hoffman and Flynn Franklin-Baker represented Nambucca Heads High School, competing against sixty schools from as far as Port Macquarie and Walcha. The day consisted of five different activities that incorporated problem solving, individual and team work, and lots of fun. The Nambucca team showed persistence and insight when solving a range of questions varying in difficulty, and did the school proud. They managed to come in the second bracket of the 60 schools, which is a fantastic achievement. Overall, it was a very successful day, giving the four students the opportunity to learn more about mathematics and problem solving, while meeting students from a number of different schools. Although only four students attended this year we are hoping to send two teams next year so students in Year 7 we look forward to you nominating next year.  

Laura Dempster-Newman

Year 12 Maths Day

On Friday 13th June Year 12 students spent the day revising their maths problems with the Maths Staff. The day was spent quizzing the staff on various aspects of the curriculum. The intensive program was a great way for the students to get to the bottom of any problems they were having with any part of the Maths curriculum before the HSC in October. There was some much needed sustenance included for recess and lunch. The brain needs feeding and from what I saw it looked like the brain was being fed very well. Everyone agreed the day was a great success with students gaining some great help and advice with their particular problems.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday 26th June for students from Year 7 to Year 11. They will be held in the school gym at the front of the school from 3.30pm to 6.00pm. To book a time slot please go to: http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code “RKBKB”. If you do not have access to the internet please contact Annette Welsh at the school and appointments will be made on your behalf. Your child’s report will be issued to the parent/carer when you arrive for your interview.

SRC NEWS

After holding a successful Onesie day last year raising funds for the RSPCA the SRC have decided to hold another one this year. On Tuesday 24th June students are encouraged to get the Onsie out of the wardrobe and wear it to school for a gold coin donation. All funds raised will go to the RSPCA. The SRC will be holding a BBQ and cake stall on this day as well. On the same day the SRC have organised for a representative from the Guide Dogs Association to come to the school and speak to the students about this wonderful organisation. There will be two sessions, Years 7, 8 and 9 and then Years 10 and 11. Also please remember to send in your old mobile phones and old printer cartridges for recycling.
Regional Cross Country
The Regional Cross Country Carnival was held in Kempsey on Friday 6th June. A large contingent of athletes from NHHS travelled to Kempsey to take on the course. Six students have now qualified to travel to Eastern Creek in Sydney on Friday 18th July to compete in the State carnival. They are: Madeline McCullagh, Timothy Daley, Jayde Hill, Olivia Langley, Molly Langley and Charlotte Williams. Congratulations and well done on your efforts.

Zone Athletics
The Zone Athletics Carnival was held on Friday 13th June at Biffin Oval. Hosted by NHHS we had forty six students from NHHS compete in the carnival with another twenty volunteering to help at the carnival. With the help of staff from various schools in the zone the carnival ran fairly smoothly, (the ambulance only had to make two visits on the day). Mr Hocking was extremely happy with the results from our students with a large number of students, including relays, now qualifying to contest the Regional Carnival to be held in Coffs Harbour on the 1st August. Best of luck to all competitors.

NAMBUCCA HEADS HIGH SCHOOL AGE CHAMPIONS 2014

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Amanda Cheers
Olivia Langley, Jayde Hill, Kyiesha Cohen, Beau Langford, Molly Langley, Blake Ryan, James Weimer, Timothy Daley
Sam Grant and Jacob Phelps
Olivia Langley
Charlotte Williams
The School's debating teams are off and running in this year’s various divisions of the Premiers Debating Competitions. Two teams entered the Senior Competition - a Year 11 team of Jayde Hill, Connor Hoban, Hosannah Launt and Lachlan Morriss as well as a team of girls from Years 12 and 10 - Jordan Barbour, Sarah Orman, Maddison Ahearn, Anna Daley and Natalya Byrt.

Both teams ended up with two wins in the round robin phase, the Year 11’s defeating the other Nambucca team and a Woolgoolga side while the girls team defeated CHEC and a second Woolgoolga team.

In the end the Zone winner could have been any of the five teams in the Zone but the Year 11 team from Woolgoolga continued on to the finals.

The School also has two teams in the Year 9 & 10 Competition who have both had their first debates.

The Year 10 team, consisting of Haydn Shannon, Anna Daley, Sharlotte Hoffman and Natalya Byrt, they had a good win over the Year 10 team from Coffs Harbour High while the Year 9 team of Hannah Bartlett, Kiara Taylor, Olivia Langley and debutante Jemima McKinney defeated the Year 10 team from Macksville.

The Year 9 win was a particularly strong one as their opponents have been debating together for four years and were Zone winners last year.

The Year 7 and 8 teams have begun preparations for their first round which will see both teams travel to Orara High early next term.

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**YEAR 12 HOSPITALITY**

As part of their HSC course Year 12 students have to create a menu, prepare the food to a restaurant quality, design a table setting and serve the food to invited guests. On Friday 13th June the students donned their aprons and hit the kitchen at the school, which are of a world class standard. As the morning wore on the aromas wafting from the TAS area were amazing. On the menu for the lucky guests was - braised lamb shanks served with vegetables, chicken breast with bacon served with pancetta, onion, garlic and baby spinach, crumbed chicken stuffed with cheese and ham and sticky chicken legs served with rice, and that was only the main course. Then there was dessert. All in all it was a very successful luncheon with all the guests extremely satisfied as they left.

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**Winners of the Year 10 Careers Excursion Raffle were:** Mr Barry Hussell who selected a $1000.00 voucher at Trisley’s Betta Electrical and Mr Matthew Colb who received a $200.00 voucher at Coastal Curves. Nambucca Heads High School would like to thank all participating businesses for the support of this raffle.
The Belvoir Street Theatre workshops came to Nambucca Heads High School again this year! Michael Pigott, who is a regular workshop provider for Sydney drama students, delivered the workshops. Nambucca Heads High School is one of only a small number of high schools out of the Sydney metropolitan area to offer this type of workshops. It was such a privilege to have him come to us! There were two workshops organised for the day, the first between 10.00am and 1.00pm and the second after school that afternoon. Both the workshops woke us up and made us think of some great stuff for our group performances. The basis of the workshops was to look in a different way at focus, contrast, time and space. Through playing with objects, working with awesome students from different years and taking a new look at the space, some very interesting performances were devised. It was a very physical workshop and Michael kept us all moving! Anybody walking into the performance space would really start to wonder about us – you would have to do one of these workshops yourself to understand how good it is for us to play!

Ms Cathy MCSkimming

Courtney Fuller and Lacey Brookes

Blake Ennis-Nickson

Kyle Pallister and Riley Hayden

DRAMA DEPARTMENT