How fast has this year gone? Much faster than Year 12 students anticipated I think. After nearly thirteen years at school they will soon have to contemplate what they will do next. For most of the past thirteen years they have gotten up in the morning, put their uniform on (mostly), packed their lunch (or had mum do it) and headed to school. Now the fun begins. The students finished their school life at NHHS with a “Farewell to Year 12 Social” on Tuesday night. It was a jungle theme for the night and the secret theme for Year 12 was a Toga Party. On Wednesday 17th September the traditional Year 12 Breakfast and Final Assembly was held with their family and friends attending. It was a wonderful way to say “Goodbye and Good Luck” to these great students. The Year 12 students made the most of their last few days at school with a different dress-up theme each day. Some of the days were—pyjamas, occupations, beach, jersey day and with the recent survey on the school uniform they gave their ideas on what a new uniform might look like. There were some interesting ideas! It has been a pleasure having these students at NHHS. While only being a small group they certainly have their own personality and will leave the school with some wonderful memories. The whole school community would like to wish them the very best of success with their upcoming exams and we know a bright and wonderful future lays ahead for them. Congratulations Year 12 and don’t forget there is still a few weeks to get some last minute study in.
I’ve had a lot of fun during my thirteen years, but I must say I’m going to miss it………NOT the work of course. I’ve formed some good relations with my teachers and I’m sure I’ll miss my peers; but the wide world awaits!  

Lewis

Six years of high school and now it’s over, what can I say. I’m going to miss the friends that I made with my peers and the bond with the teachers. It is honestly a pleasure to have had the privilege to have attended NHHS.  

Baylie

What a way to finish. Thank you to all who helped with our final breakfast and assembly. I had a great time. In fact, I have enjoyed the last 6 years at NHHS. Thank you to all the great staff who have helped me out.  

Abbee-Kate

I’m actually looking forward to what comes next. I have enjoyed my time at NHHS and appreciate everything that has been done for me. I had a great time as school captain and wish the next school leaders all the best.  

Timothy

It’s been a blast. Good luck to everyone.  

Liam

My time at Nambucca Heads High School has been fantastic. I was given so many opportunities with excursions and extra lessons. Thank you to all my teachers, especially for the extra help getting my artwork finished.  

Renee

Nambucca Heads High School is a fantastic school. I enjoyed representing the school in swimming and athletics. I have made life long friends and wish everyone good luck.  

Madeline

I’ve had a great time, especially the last week. Big thank you to Mr Hazelwood.  

Julian

I’m very excited about the future and am looking forward to our farewell (and uni). Thank you to all my teachers over the past six years. You have given me the help and guidance to get to this point.  

Sarah

I’ve loved coming to Nambucca Heads High School. I’ve made some great friends with my peers as well as staff. Thank you to everyone who has helped me out. Good luck Year 12 2014.  

Shelly

Three boys from our Year 12 group will this year gain their Gold Award from the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. Brent Russo, Lewis Gooch and Timothy Daley have worked extremely hard, gained some great life skills and have completed all the facets to the scheme and will receive their awards later this year. Mr Steward would like to congratulate the boys on their accomplishment and has thoroughly enjoyed every expedition and event he has been involved in with them.
Dear Parents and Community

On Wednesday we farewelled another Year 12 HSC cohort from NHHS. One of the most fulfilling parts of being a high school teacher is meeting a student in Year 7 and watching that student develop into a successful, confident and capable Year 12 student. There are times when things don’t go as planned and mistakes are made but that is all part of growing up and becoming a responsible young adult.

Congratulations Year 12, 2014 of Nambucca Heads High School, you have done yourselves and your parents proud. Well done parents of Year 12, 2014 of Nambucca Heads High School, you have put up with the moods and behaviours of teenagers that are sometimes a little trying and you have supported your child through to the HSC.

Each time a school says goodbye and good luck it is an opportunity for everyone involved in the school community to celebrate their success in providing another group of local children with thirteen years of public education from Kindergarten to Year 12. A public school, primary and secondary, is a reflection of the society in which it is found and the Nambucca Heads community should be very proud of the 2014 Year 12 of Nambucca Heads High School. Good luck Year 12 2014 and please do some study during your STUVAC.

We also say farewell to a long term staff member this week. Our Head Teacher Mathematics, Mr Stewart Ison has retired after having taught in public schools since 1977. Mr Ison has taught in the snowy mountains at Cooma, on the Murray River at Coomealla High School, on the south coast at Narooma, out in the north-west at Narrabri and finally at Nambucca Heads. Thank you Mr Ison for your service to public education and NHHS wishes you a happy retirement.

I wish all students a relaxing and safe holiday. Students return Tuesday 7th October.

MY HIGHLIGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT:

The Year 12 Farewell Breakfast and Final Assembly held on Wednesday morning. What a great way to acknowledge the end of school for our 2014 cohort; an enjoyable breakfast with students, parents and teachers socialising in the TAS quad and then down to the hall to acknowledge and celebrate the school life of our current Year 12s. Thank you to all involved.

Simon McKinney
Principal

Commencing in Term 4 NHHS will have EFTPOS facilities available for the payment of school fees, excursions and other school events. There will be no “Cash Out” available.

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DEBATING

Our Year 8 Debating team had their final round in their zone last week, fortunately, or unfortunately, they defeated our Year 7 team. This means the Year 8 team are the winners in their zone. This is a great result for the team. Our Year 7 team has also put in a great effort to defeat other Year 8 teams along the way. Hopefully this team can stay together and expect some great results next year. The Year 8’s next debate will be against Norfolk Island. Unfortunately this will be by video link and doesn’t mean a trip to Norfolk Island early in Term 4. We wish them good luck on their winning way.

The Nambucca Heads High School “Archibald” entries are on display in the foyer of the administration block. Come in and vote for your favourite. Winners will be announced early in Term 4.
Year 12

Year 12 should now have done their UAC applications and have finalised their Early Entry applications by submitting them to Mr Horan. Any student who is applying for EAS (Educational Access Scheme) please see Mr Horan ASAP to provide a supportive statement where needed. The principal needs to verify by signing off on provided documents. Pupils need to ensure their UAC preferences match any Early Entry scheme they are pursuing (STAR scheme Southern Cross University OR the SRS scheme).

Keep checking your school based email account for information regarding post school options, including job vacancies, apprenticeship availability etc. Students have been emailed lately information regarding how to access their HSC results and ATAR’s after their exam results have been released.

Finally good luck in your exams and the future

Year 11

Pupils will in Term 4 start their HSC studies. This may be a time for considering their study program. This may involve possibly dropping subjects and making decisions regarding their ATAR compliance. Please ring the Careers Adviser – 65686777 - if you have any concerns or questions.

Year 10

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.

Also pupils will receive information about the WRALS (Work Related And Life Skills) program early in Term 4. They will then select the activities they will participate in. Some activities in week 1 will cost money while other no cost activities will also be offered. Parents please support these activities by ensuring your child returns their selections promptly. This will greatly assist planning.

Mr Horan - Careers Adviser

CHS Athletics

From the 1st to the 5th September eleven students - Shantahla Jarrett Marks, Charlotte Williams, Oke Wikaira, Sam Grant, Jayde Hill, Mercedes Peterkin, Savannah Peterkin, Isaac Brennan, Georgia Dent, Olivia Langley and Ethan Hocking travelled to Homebush, Sydney to compete in the Combined High Schools Athletics Carnival. Competing in horrendous conditions the students were extremely pleased with their results. Charlotte Williams ran a personal best in the 800m. Two students won gold medals, Jayde Hill in the 17years 5000m Race Walk and Savannah Peterkin in the 16 years long jump. Savannah also won bronze in the 100 and 200m sprint. Savannah's jump of 5.78m in the Long Jump was the longest jump of the whole carnival, in any age group. The girls were very happy considering the weather. Jayde, Savannah and Mercedes now have four weeks until they compete at NSW All Schools at Sydney Olympic Park to try and again make the NSW All Schools team to compete at the Australian All Schools Carnival to be held in Adelaide in December.
Mr Aaron Parker decided to run a challenge to find NHHS’s Greatest Athlete. Students were asked to nominate to compete in the competition and were then put into groups according to age and gender. There were six challenges the participants had to complete in as shown in the table below:

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A number of students were involved in the competition and it was great to see them having a go. I think some surprised themselves at what they were able to achieve. The winners of each section will be announced at assembly early next term. Winners will receive a gift voucher from Sports First, Nambucca Heads and we thank them for their contribution to the prizes. Mr Parker would also like to thank Duke Lee, Baylie Silvia, Ms Alison Nowland, Ms Amanda Midson and Ms Pat Nichols for helping run the challenge.

Science Week is no trivial matter, however, students and staff alike became enthusiastic in answering daily science trivia. Questions ranged from the size of a blue whale’s heart to what is altophobia? And the good thing about the trivia was if students or staff didn’t know the answer they researched and found out the answer. Lunchtime activities were also approached with gusto. Students were thrilled with the opportunity to dissect brains (not a human one), build exploding bridges (similar to the bridge over the River Kwai) and build and then determine which pea shooter was the most effective for firing marshmallows—at the Principal. The hands on learning is a great, fun way for the students to learn. A big thank you to the Science staff who organise the week.
TAS MAJOR WORKS

Julian Snedden with his N7 costume
I'm not sure why he wouldn't model it

Timothy Daley and his ideas for his mother's garden
She's looking forward to the final result!

Bailey Silvia will be the Belle of the Ball in this number
Throughout the year the Year 10 Drama class have been working on a play “Living with Lady Macbeth.” On Thursday the 11th September we performed two shows, one for the public and one for junior school. On Friday the 12th we also performed one last show for the junior school (Year 9). Before going on stage there were many nerves in the room, some good and some bad. We walked out, chanting the famous lines of the original Macbeth, “When shall we three meet again...?” Tension was flooded throughout the space as we walked on with our black capes with the cauldron smoking and after that the nerves died down. Throughout the year everyone has worked hard as a cast to prepare the acting and also everything back stage. Students in the class have worked on costumes, staging, set design, lighting, audio and promotion. As a class we have all learnt so many new skills and have seen the dedication required to put on a final performance. However, in the end it is all worth it. You feel proud of what you as a class have put together. We have received lots of positive feedback and also some constructive criticism. Students from Year 9 said, “I like the idea of the costumes, matching as a school uniform. They were easy to pick up on. The lighting was a good choice too; it was dark and suited the theme well.” We all agreed to incorporate a theme and moral to our story so that the dark scenes and jokes would have a lighter, deeper meaning behind them. We decided that the idea behind our performance would be that ‘you can do anything if you set your mind to it,’ to teach kids to be as ambitious as the main character, Lily, and to never doubt what they can accomplish. Cast from the play said that, “we all thought that we couldn’t pull it together, however the best feeling was when it all worked out and got lots of nice comments from teachers, parents, school friends and members of the public”. Everyone did an amazing job, special thanks to Mrs McSkimming for believing in us even when we didn’t and to Alison Daley for making our black capes. It was a great experience.

Submitted by Sharlotte Hoffman and Sarese Paull

Death by Shark attack—one of the scenes of Living with Lady Macbeth
**Camp Creative**

Nambucca Valley Arts Council are offering scholarships to Camp Creative in Bellingen in January 2015. For more information please ring Jenni on 0438686049. Applications must be received by 1st October.

**Bike Week**

Gather at the Nambucca Plaza Shopping Centre car park, Pacific Highway, Nambucca Heads on **Sunday 21st September**.

9.00am Local Bicycle User Group members will provide free bike checks and pump up tyres if needed. Lions Club will be selling food and drink.

9.30am Parade for best decorated bike or helmet, with prizes awarded.

10.00am Official opening by Mayor Rhonda Hoban and start of cycle to Kingsworth Estate (6km return) Guided bike rides of longer distance for both road bikes and mountain bikes will be conducted by trained ride leaders if any participants are interested.

11.00am VIEW Club and other walkers take to the track (6km return)

*All cyclists must wear a correctly fitted helmet. For more information go to: [www.nambucca.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nambucca.nsw.gov.au)*