What an unbelievably outstanding production. Back to the 80’s—The Musical had the audience clapping, laughing and cheering from start to finish, and then leaving with the songs from the 80’s resonating in their heads for days. This has been a whole school production with staff and students building sets, printing, designing, sewing costumes and providing meals for the cast and crew. The students who were on the stage gave wonderful performances but the show could not have gone ahead without the hard working people behind the scenes. Students were responsible for the staging, lighting, sound, costumes, makeup and hair. The band played some amazing numbers. Of course, they were ably assisted by staff from the CA-PA department. Mr Matt Gilbert, Mr Brock Janssen, Ms Cathy McSkimming, Ms Sally Herdegen, Ms Danielle Bowen (Acting Head Teacher English) and Ms Amanda Midson have been there from the beginning and have provided the students with the knowledge and support that they have needed. It has been a long process and the result of the hard work was clear to see in every performance (fourteen all up, I don’t think even professional entertainers do that in ten days). A number of staff from various facilities have been assisting with a variety of jobs—from running homework centres to making sure everyone has been fed and where they should be. Congratulations to everyone that was involved in this fantastic production. It is yet another example of the talented students and staff here at Nambucca Heads High School and how well they interact with each other.
Dear Parents and Community

This week is Gonski Week across Australia. Gonski funding was designed to ensure that every Australian child, no matter what their background, can get a high quality education. The funding began in 2014, after the independent Gonski Review warned too many children were missing out on the education they needed due to a lack of resources. The review, headed by respected businessman, David Gonski, said Australia was under-investing in education and not delivering funding to where it was needed most. Under the Gonski plan, all schools are funded according to the individual needs of their students and what is required to educate them to a high level.

Some of the ways in which we have utilised our Gonski funding are:

- Employed additional staff such as teachers, school administration staff and support learning support officers to improve the learning outcomes of all students.
- Enhanced technology across the school to engage students in learning.
- Improved learning spaces such as the library.
- Implemented Quality Teaching Rounds into our school.
- Enabled us to provide a breakfast program at the school.
- Increased opportunities for our staff to access teacher professional development.
- Provided us with the opportunity to get guest speakers and presenters into the school for our students on a myriad of issues.

Gonski funding has most definitely changed the way in which we provide an education for your child. The Gonski Review stated that by investing in education and helping students overcome disadvantage they would be provided with most improved post-school options and opportunities. This is the case at NHHS.

I encourage all parents and community members to register your support for Gonski and to learn more about Gonski by visiting www.igiveagonski.com.au

Yearly examinations for Years 7 to 10 start today week (Friday 6th November). All students will have received a study sheet for each subject. Please encourage your child to spend some time studying over the next week in order to best prepare themselves 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:

The school musical. Teenagers get a pretty bad rap as Generation Y with their electronic gadgets and their supposed inability to concentrate on anything for a prolonged amount of time. The students in the musical, both front and back stage, have been working hard on this event since term four last year and deserve to be congratulated for their tenacity, effort and skill in presenting an amazing show. Well done to all involved.

Simon McKinney

Principal

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Whooping Cough Alert

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Whooping Cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.

- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

Year 7 Geography Excursion

On Tuesday 13th October Year 7 travelled to the Dorrigo Rainforest National Park for the day. Students in Year 7 are currently studying the ‘Rainforest’ in Geography and this was an excellent opportunity for them to see the different layers of the rainforest, the wildlife and the amazing ecosystem on our doorstep. Students spent an hour of their walk with a ranger from the National Parks and Wildlife service who shared an amazing amount of information about rainforests. They then spent time with their Geography teachers, Miss Louise Lockyer, Mrs Kristle McKinnon and Mrs Bev Fogarty exploring the rainforest. The afternoon was spent at ‘The Glade’ picnic area enjoying a BBQ lunch and watching a storm roll in over the mountains heading back down the mountain.

Often students are involved in activities outside of school and achieve outstanding results. If your child has any achievements we would like to acknowledge them in our newsletter. Please let us know what they have achieved and a photo. Also, we love hearing what past students have been up to. If your child has attended Nambucca Heads High School in the past please contact Annette Welsh on Annette.welsh@det.nsw.edu.au with the information and we can keep staff and students informed.
Uniforms are checked regularly at Nambucca Heads High School. ALL students are required to wear the correct uniform. If financial difficulties prevent the purchase of uniform requirements, contact the school, as support from the Student Assistance Scheme or the school clothing pool may be available. Students who are repeatedly out of uniform will be denied all privileges the school has to offer. Enclosed footwear is compulsory. Thongs and other such footwear will not be tolerated. The new uniform will be introduced for Year 7 and Year 11 students at the beginning of next year and will be available for purchase from the school uniform shop in late November. Other Year groups will have a three year change over period, but will be able to purchase the new uniform as soon as stock is available.

**JUNIOR UNIFORM – YEARS 7 – 10**
Blue Polo Shirt with sleeves and a collar. (Blue button-through Shirt with sleeves and collar is an acceptable alternative).
**Boys:** Navy blue shorts, long pants, tracksuit pants (no Logos)
**Girls:** Checked skirt or checked shorts, long navy pants, tracksuit pants available from the school uniform shop
Navy blue jumper (no Logos)

**Sport & PE**
White polo style shirt and navy blue shorts
Shoes – covered

**SENIOR UNIFORM – YEARS 11 – 12**
White polo style shirt with sleeves and collar or button through shirt with sleeves and collar
**Boys:** Navy blue shorts, long pants, tracksuit pants (no Logos)
**Girls:** Checked skirt or checked shorts available from the school uniform shop, long pants, tracksuit pants
Navy blue jumper (no logos) or Senior Jumper

**Sport & PE**
White polo style shirt and navy blue shorts
Shoes covered, lace up joggers

*Shorts and skirts should be half way down the thigh. Shirts should be buttoned from the chest down. Denim, singlet tops or tops with 'shoe string straps' or tights are NOT an acceptable part of the school uniform, in either the junior or senior years.*

**Attendance**

Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents/carers, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents/carers are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as a part of their duty of care, monitor part or whole day absences.

**Parents/Carers are responsible for:**
- Enrolling their children of compulsory school age in a government or registered non-government school or registering them with the Board of Studies NSW for home schooling.
- Explaining the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school.
- Ensuring that their children attend school regularly.
- Taking measures to resolve attendance issues involving their children.

**School Staff are responsible for:**
- Providing a caring teaching and learning environment which fosters students’ sense of wellbeing and belonging to the school community.
- Recognising and rewarding excellent and improved student attendance.
- Maintaining accurate records of student attendance.
- Implementing programs and practices to address attendance issues when they arise.
- Providing clear information to students and parents/carers regarding attendance requirements and the consequences of unsatisfactory attendance.

*If your child is absent from school, for any reason, notification must be received by the school within 7 days, otherwise the absence will remain “unjustified”. This could affect any Government payments.*
During Term 3 girls from Year 9 attended sessions each fortnight in a course called 'Rock and Water'. The girls have worked hard in many lessons to build strength and confidence in themselves. In doing so all participants were able to easily break a piece of timber in two with nothing but their strong minds, confidence and their bare fist! An absolutely awesome accomplishment of which they should be very proud of. Well done girls!

Kyiesha Cohen, Emma Paddle, Zoe Baxter, Brooke Elphick, Georgia

Macksville Park Fun and Fitness Official Opening
Skate demos, competitions and learn to skate Macksville Park Fun and Fitness Official Opening and Nambucca River Festival

Everyone’s invited to join in the fun when Macksville Park Fun and Fitness is officially opened with special skate demos and competitions at Macksville Skate Park on Saturday 28th November.

The event begins at 9.30am at the skate park, with pro skaters showing off their moves. Bring your own skateboard or scooter to have a go in the competitions or get a free lesson throughout the morning. The events are suitable for kids of all ages.

Nambucca Shire Council and the NSW government have funded the skate park and other works in Macksville Park, including lighting for the touch football fields, a community recreation room at the Macksville Memorial Aquatic Centre and fitness trails throughout the park. For more information closer to the day, see Council’s website at www.nambucca.nsw.gov.au

In the late morning, the Nambucca River Festival kicks off with events on the Nambucca River and on the foreshore. Music, food, and festivities will continue throughout the weekend. For more information on the Festival, go to www.nambuccariverfestival.com.au

GT Falcon Valla Weekend Show and Shine

Watch them cruise down the Pacific Highway from Valla Beach Tourist Park from 8am  Saturday 31st October 2015 Cars on display in the Nambucca Heads RSL car park from 9am – 12 pm

Our School Newsletter is available to be received via email. Our eNewsletter includes more photos and links. If you would like to be included on our email list please contact Annette Welsh at the school with your email address.