It was the culmination of thirteen years of school life. What better way to celebrate all the hard work and study than to “glam it up” with classmates for the Year 12 Graduation Formal. On Thursday 5th November Year 12 held their Formal night at the Nambucca Heads RSL club and reminisced on the past thirteen years with family and friends. The glitz and glamour was certainly evident as each girl arrived wearing some sensational gowns. The boys were also looking extremely stylish in their suits. Class awards were presented to students along with the annual special awards for academic and sporting excellence. Out going school captains, Jayde Hill and Connor Hoban, gave their final speeches as Nambucca Heads High School students recounting their school days and remembering them with much fondness and admiration for their teachers. They gave particular praise to Year Advisors, Tracy Patu and Colin Hocking, who helped them through their senior years. Mr Peter Morriss, father of one of our graduates Lachlan, asked if he could address the audience. He thanked the staff and students for the support he and Lachie were given when his wife passed away. He said that without that support he and Lachie certainly wouldn’t have made it to the end of Year 12. On a very special note, the bowtie Lachie wore to the formal was the one Mr Morriss wore when he was married. What a lovely way to have his mother with him, she would be very proud of both father and son. Special mention to Mercedes Peterkin who has had her major artwork nominated for ArtExpress and to Connor Hoban who has gained entry to ADFA. Fantastic results for hard work.
Dear Parents and Community

Our school uniform shop is up and running. We have had fitting and ordering afternoons for Year 7 and 11 students 2016. We will be offering a fitting and ordering afternoon for students who are in Years 8, 9 and 10 in 2016 and would like to purchase the new uniform as soon as we have received stock from our supplier. Unfortunately stock we thought would be here by now has been delayed and will hopefully be here by mid December. Please remember that there will be a three year change over between the current uniform and the new uniform.

The P&C are running the shop and new members are always welcome. The next P&C meeting will be November 25th in the school library starting at 5.30pm. I would like to publically acknowledge the work the P&C has done in getting our school uniform shop up and running.

Yearly examinations will finish for all students next Monday 16th November. Please remind your child that even though exams have finished class work will continue up until the last day. Students who have obtained gold or silver level placement are to be congratulated and encouraged to attend the Dreamworld excursion that will run on Friday December 4th.

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

Highlight of the fortnight:
The mature way students in Years 7 to 10 have sat their yearly examinations in the hall this week. Formal examination experience is imperative for a student to be a successful HSC student. Our formal examination period twice a year not only enables us to see the progress your child has made academically through-out the year it also provides each student with the experience of sitting and completing an exam in a formal environment. Well done to all students on your efforts.

Simon McKinney
Principal

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2016 School Leaders: Prefects Kirra Weimer and Ryan McKay, Vice Captains Morgan Robins and Chris Knights, Captains Natalya Byrt and James Weimer, Principal Mr Simon McKinney
On Monday 21st of September I arrived at Collaroy Beach, Sydney, after my first plane flight, for the YMCA Junior Parliament for 2015. One hundred and seven participants filed into the auditorium for introductions and ice breakers. After this I met the rest of my committee, we worked on a bill for multiculturalism. By the end of the day we had written a bill for a Syrian integration assistance program. On Tuesday we spent the day playing games and writing our speeches for Parliament. On Wednesday we arrived at the NSW Parliament in Sydney and were ushered in to the legislative council. This is the oldest legislative chamber in Australia. We then proceeded with debates for five committees bill's on various subjects, all of which were thoroughly enjoyable. We concluded the day back at camp playing games. Thursday was our final day at Parliament where we debated the remainder of the bills and this years Matter of Public Importance; that poor mental health for youth is the greatest threat to our generation. This was an intense session and one that had most of the chamber in tears. My committee’s bill was debated and passed by the chamber during the day. On Friday we said our farewells and there were a lot of tears. Junior Parliament was a thoroughly enjoyable experience and was a lot of fun. I would be honoured to have the chance to participate in the program again.

Kawana Crowe

The Residential School is an opportunity for Year 9 students to participate in an immersive university experience, involving full day on-campus activity programs and a supervised overnight stay in student accommodation. This enables interested Year 9 students to find out what it's really like at university. The two-day, one-night on-campus program of activities provides an opportunity to learn about different university courses, possible career paths and insights into what it's like living on campus and going to university. Residential Schools are usually held in November at Lismore and Coffs Harbour campuses. The UNI-BOUND Residential School program typically includes:

- Staying overnight in on-campus accommodation under the supervision of University Residential School Co-ordinators, student supervisors and accompanying teachers.
- Having the opportunity to hear from University students about their experience studying and living at University.
- Experiences that help students discover how University courses can open up a variety of career choices.

In the Coffs Harbour program participants learn about science in psychology; tour the National Marine Science Centre; program robots using information technology; participate in an interactive Careers session; test their tourism trivia in the tourism and hospitality quiz; and participate in a topical law workshop. In 2015 a greater variety of health science sessions was offered at Coffs Harbour including anatomy, chemistry, and midwifery. Students also get to experience a campus tour and recreational activities.

(from the SCU website)

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.
Year 11

Year 11 students are reminded to pay their excursion cost for the Queensland University excursion. Students will travel to Queensland to visit Universities in Brisbane and the Gold Coast on the 3rd and 4th of December. Universities included are, Bond University, QLD University, Q U Technology, Griffith University and Southern Cross University. Pupils will stay at QLD University accommodation overnight as part of the excursion.

Year 10

WRALS Information
Work Related And Life Skills (WRALS) program starts 16th of November

PARENTS PLEASE support this initiative by ensuring your child’s attendance and participation. The program relies on the booking of Resources, Individuals and Groups well in advance. These bookings are based on the forms pupils return indicating their choices. If your child has returned a note stating their choices it is assumed they will attend.

See the list of activities offered below. Activities will only run where numbers meet requirements. Some activities have limited spaces, which will be allocated on 1. return of note and 2. money (where required by pay by date)

Week 7 Credentials Week – Choose activities for each day in week 7
Monday 16th November - Friday 20th November

Activities include; Responsible Service of Alcohol / Responsible Conduct of Gambling Courses, Barista Course, Construction Projects at Bellwood, Masterchef (Cooking Workshop), Volunteer Aged Care, Indigenous Art Project, Boat Licence Course, First Aid Course, Rural Fire Service Workshop, Textile Workshop

Week 8 Work Experience (compulsory)
Monday 23rd November – Friday 27th November

Week 9 Work Experience (compulsory)
Monday 30th November – Friday 4th December

Week 10 Senior school & interview preparation - All pupils to attend
Monday 7th December All My Own Work / Resume preparation
Tuesday 8th December Police presentation / Mental Health, Sexual Health and Drug Use presentations
Wednesday 9th December Job Application / Interview Skills
Thursday 10th December Year 10 Interviews & Presentation Day for Certificates (until lunch)

Parents please support this very valuable program to maximise your child’s experience during Year 10.

Work Experience - Students are reminded that their Work Experience needs to be finalised. Any students who has not organised this need’s to see Mr Horan if you require assistance. The dates for Work Experience are; First week (23rd – 27th November), Second week (30th November – 4th December). Parents please encourage your child to participate in this valuable program and complete your paperwork ASAP.

Mr Horan - Careers Adviser

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.
Year 9 HSIE Excursion to Trial Bay Gaol

Year 9 students studying HSIE have been given a permission note inviting them to an excursion to Trial Bay Gaol in South West Rocks. The excursion will take place on Tuesday 1st December. Permission notes and the $10 cost needs to be paid to the front office before Friday 20th November. If your child has not received a note please see Mr Elsley in the HSIE staffroom.

Physical Culture

Physi is coming to the Nambucca Valley in 2016. Classes will be held on Wednesdays at the Nambucca Community and Arts Centre. Physi fuses dance styles such as Jazz, Ballet, Contemporary and Yoga. It is also a team based sport that’s social and fun. Choreography changes annually and is performed to modern music. Physi is a sport for life with classes being offered to girls from 3 years of age to grandmothers. So mark your diary with classes due to start February next year. For further information please phone Joanne Logan on 0422647214

Lions Peace Poster Contest

Valla Lions Club invited Year 7 students from Nambucca Heads High School to participate in their annual “Peace Poster” competition. The theme for this year’s competition is “Share Peace”. Students were asked to design and complete a poster using any type of medium. The students are encouraged to visually depict the theme in their artwork and write a sentence explaining what “Share Peace” means to them. Posters are evaluated on three criteria—originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme. Terryn Hopper’s entry has been selected from Nambucca Heads High School as the entry from Valla Lions and will go on to the next level of judging. Congratulations Terryn and good luck.

School and Community Notices

DREAMWORLD GOLD EXCURSION

DREAMWORLD Excursion be early as there are limited seats and the bus fills very quickly for this excursion. Permission notes are now available from the front office for Students who have achieved GOLD level. Check with Your Year Advisor to see if you qualify. If you are on Gold Level the cost is $80 and for Silver Level it will be $100.

GOLD students have 2 weeks to secure a seat on the bus before SILVER students. Get your notes and payment in. Silver level students will have the opportunity to secure their seat after November 20th, 2015

DON’T MISS OUT ON A FUN FILLED DAY!!!!

Tuesday Afternoons
3.15-4.15
Girls Fitness class

Thursday Afternoons
3.15-4.15
Boys Fitness class

Classes will be held in the gym at NHHS
Bring Towel, water bottle and wear comfortable shoes and clothing.
Mercedes Peterkin's artwork that has been nominated for ArtExpress