On Thursday 26th February six students along with Ms Angela Bagordo and Mr Stephen Steward travelled to Sydney on the overnight train to attend ArtExpress at the Art Gallery of NSW and DesignTECH at the Powerhouse museum. ArtExpress is a showcase of the most outstanding 2014 HSC bodies of work. It is a wonderful learning resource of visual art for art students. The students were amazed at the level of work students can achieve. After this display the afternoon was spent at the Museum of Contemporary Art with a guided tour of the permanent collection focusing on Part A of the HSC Visual Arts examination. After what was a very long and busy day the group had dinner at Central Park which is a new eco building in the UTS central CBD district. Central Park is a massive investment in green power and houses its own on-site tri-generation plant. This energy source will supply electricity, heating and cooling using ingenious green transformers’ powered by natural gas. The group stayed overnight at the YHA at Railway Square which is situated at Central Station making getting from place to place very convenient. On Friday 27th, the group viewed the newly opened UTS Dr Chau Chak Wing Building designed by world renowned architect Frank Gehry. This is the first building in Australia designed by Frank Gehry, one of the world’s most influential architects. It is a key element of the $1 billion redevelopment of the University of Technology, Sydney Campus and will provide teaching, learning, research and office space for UTS Business School. Next up was a visit to the Powerhouse Museum to visit the DesignTECH exhibition which is a display of outstanding major design projects from HSC Design and Technology students, 2014. Students had the opportunity to see how these talented young designers have explored the design process through a range of over twenty design solutions on display from sustainable fashion to systems solutions from a diverse range of products. It was then back to Central Park for lunch before heading for the train ride home. And of course, if you’re making a trip to Sydney you have to make the most of what is on offer, the students (and staff) enjoyed some beautiful chocolate at Max Brenner’s and also playing with the giant Chess Set in Hyde Park (to an audience). This excursion is a fantastic opportunity for students studying Art, Textiles, Design and Technology to get a first-hand look at what they could achieve with their HSC projects. Thank you to Ms Bagordo and Mr Steward for making the excursion possible.
Dear Parents and Community

We are putting the final touches to our school plan. This document will drive NHHS from 2015 to 2017. We started the process back in October last year when all stakeholders in the school community were surveyed as to their perceptions of the school and opinions of future directions for the school. These survey results were then further investigated by all staff at a School Development Day held at the school in November. From this we came up with three strategic directions for the school. Our three strategic directions are:

“Whatever It Takes” for student success.

Capacity Building of whole school staff.

School community engagement and participation.

I spoke to our P&C about the plan last Wednesday. Our school plan will be on our school website early in Term 2. Thank you to all in the school community who gave input into our plan and I look forward to working with you over the next three years as we continue to build on the great work that already happens at NHHS.

Can I please remind parents of our mobile phone policy. Mobile phones should not be seen at school. As per our policy if your child has their phone out at school and a teacher confiscates it they will not get the phone back until 3.15pm. I would also like to remind parents that students bring mobile phones to school at their own risk and that this means that NHHS accepts no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged phones. It makes it very hard for staff to deliver lessons when students are answering texts that have been sent by their parents when the student is in class. If you need to send your child a message through the day can I ask that you do it by ringing the school number where our office staff will take your message and relay it immediately to your child.

Last Thursday we had just under 100 Year 6 students from Nambucca Heads Public School and St Patrick’s Primary School Macksville who came over for the day as part of their Year 6 to 7 2016 transition. A special thankyou to Mr Gilbert, Ms Lockyer and Mrs Waters for organising a terrific day.

As always please contact me at the school if you have any questions in regards to your child’s education at NHHS.

My highlight of the fortnight:

The SRC assembly on Tuesday. Congratulations to all of our new SRC representatives for 2015 and thank you to all parents who took the time to join us and present the 2015 SRC badges to their children.

Simon McKinney
Principal

CALENDAR

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P&C REPORT

On Wednesday 25th February, the P & C met for the first time for 2015. Numbers were few, but this did not hinder us with discussion of our main objective for 2015. This objective concerns changes that the P & C members and SRC would like to make to the NHHS School Uniform, changes that we believe will add to our students’ pride in their School. Last year a school uniform survey was offered to all the School Community and the results have helped direct our discussions. At this last meeting, members considered samples of fabrics and discussed skirt and short designs for female students. When prototypes are made of the proposed designs, P & C members will be meeting with SRC students to hear their input. If you are parent/caregiver of a NHHS student who would like to give your views or assist in the decision making process, you are most welcome to join us at our P & C meetings which are held on the forth Wednesday of each month in the school library. Students are welcome to talk to their SRC representatives to offer their views also. We appreciate that this task will come with many challenges but with everyone’s help this objective is achievable. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th March which will be our annual general meeting.
Our Head Teacher TAS, Mr Darren Williams, is organising a tour to Vietnam to celebrate the 50 year anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in September school holidays 2016. The tour will include visits to Hanoi, Halong Bay, Saigon, Mekong Vung Tau and Cu Chi. It is an eleven day tour and the cost is $2890. Most meals are also included in this cost. Parents as well as students are welcome to attend. If you are interested please contact Mr Williams at the school.

BANGARRA DANCE

On Tuesday 24th February Nambucca Heads High School students travelled to Camden Haven High School to attend the Bangarra Dance Workshop. The Bangarra Dancers explained to the students how essential it is to warm up and stretch before any physical activities. The students were put into groups where they learnt contemporary Indigenous dance. Two students, Suzannah Greenup-Gray and Luwarna Cohan were singled out on the day and may well be asked to attend another workshop. Bangarra Dance Theatre is Australia’s leading Indigenous performing arts company and is recognised nationally and internationally for distinctive theatre productions that combine the spirituality of traditional culture with contemporary forms of storytelling through dance. Bangarra was founded in 1989 by dancer and choreographer, Carole Johnson. Since 1991, Bangarra has been led by Artistic Director and Choreographer Stephen Page. This is a fantastic workshop for the students to attend and they had a thoroughly enjoyable day. Thank you to Ms Edrica Jarrett and Mr Rod Cross for taking the students.

OPPORTUNITIES IN RADIO LAND

Looking for a career in media or just interested in broadcasting for fun, maybe you love technology? 2NVR 105.9fm, Nambucca Valley Radio, is excited to be hosting a Regional Community Radio Conference on 20th and 22nd of March, 2015. The benefits flowing to conference participants are:

- Shared ideas (for radio content, fund-raising and community connections)
- Expert advice (legal, technical, grants)
- Connections to fellow stations
- Inspiration to make even better radio
- Fun with like-minded people
- Training opportunities and career pathways from Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS) and Community Media Training Organisation (CMTO)

The conference will feature presentations and training from experts across the sector and opportunities to see radio in action. The conference will kick off, with live entertainment from local band didJital at the 2NVR Tewinga Studios on Friday evening. Workshops will be held on Saturday at Valla Beach Resort Conference Room and a brunch and Tewinga studio tours on Sunday to round off the weekend.

Anyone, of any age, with an interest in or seeking a career in radio, is welcome to attend this fun event; head to www.2nvr.org.au to register. Contact Ceri Wrobel on 0458 772 096 for more information and student discounts.

Nambucca Heads High School P&C will be holding it’s Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 27th March, 2015 in the School Library commencing at 5.00pm. All positions will be declared vacant with nominations called for. An ordinary meeting will then be held with discussions involving a new uniform and a report from Mr McKinney. Please come along and support your child’s school.
On Wednesday 25th February parents/carers, students and staff gathered in the TAS quadrangle for a meet and greet over a delicious breakfast. It was an early start for Head Teacher TAS Mr Darren Williams and his capable offsiders Indira Stone and Natalie Barlin to prepare a beautifully cooked and presented breakfast for all attendees. The breakfast is organised each year as an opportunity for parents/carers to meet the staff at Nambucca Heads High School and to ask any questions that may have cropped up since their child has started Year 7. Mr Simon McKinney welcomed and thanked everyone who attended and explained that the staff are always available to meet with parents/carers and discuss any problems that may arise.

CARLY ROBINS, ISABELLA RONAN, MEGAN RONAN, JACQUELINE ROBINS

Bradley Stone, Terryn Hopper, Blayde Hopper and family

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Students from St Patricks and NHPS in the gym, making plastic and making elephant poo

YEAR 7 BREAKFAST

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It’s on again—Nambucca Heads High School will be presenting the musical “Back to the Eighties” in term 4. Auditions have been held and rehearsals are underway. Everyone is very excited and working hard. Keep your eye on this space for more details.
THE LEMON CAR

On Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th of February students from Years 10, 11 and 12 were given the opportunity to attend a seminar titled “The Lemon Car” which is a fun, interactive and informative awareness program which travels around to high schools in New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland educating young drivers about the importance of vehicle safety and maintenance. The aim of the Lemon Car program is to help young drivers save money and possibly their lives by helping them make better decisions when it comes to buying and maintaining their first car. As the name suggests, The Lemon Car is a used car which would be typically purchased as a first car. It is full of defects and illegal modification which means it cannot be registered. Students are given a 40-60 minute lesson on vehicle road worthiness eg: car-lights, blinkers, brakes, tyres, chassis (damaged or not), seat belts, laws regarding fines and demerit points, especially for red and green P platers in relation to motor vehicles: blue lights, use of horns, condition of car parts: tyres, window tinting, number plate visibility and burn outs. The students were then given sheets on which they had to chart faults and fittings of the car. There was also information on what issues would prevent the registration of a vehicle and how to avoid insurance being voided. This workshop was a great learning experience for all students.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA

On Friday 27th February a large number of students volunteered to help “Clean Up Australia”. With the official day being Sunday 1st March the Friday before was nominated as the clean up day for schools participating. Three groups of students headed out after lunch. Year 7 with Ms Ellie Dennis collected rubbish around the school grounds, Ms Bev Fogarty had Year 10 and 11 students and they made their way along the bush track to Bellwood and Ms Alison Nowland took a group of Year 8 and 10 students to Valla Beach. In the past 25 years, Australians have devoted more than 27.2 million hours towards the environment through Clean Up Australia Day and collected over 288,650 tonnes of rubbish. The appeal of Clean Up the World (an estimated 40 million people from 130 countries annually take part) has demonstrated that this simple Australian idea has universal appeal and the health of the environment is of concern to people and communities worldwide. Clean Up the World demonstrates that people across the planet are willing to do something themselves to help protect and care for their environment. Students and staff who participated in the clean up were presented with certificates at assembly.

RED CROSS CALLING

Each year students from Nambucca Heads High School volunteer to participate in the Red Shield Appeal. We have had many students involved and have won the interschool shield competition on a number of occasions. This year Red Cross is celebrating 100 years and so are trying to get as many people as possible to be involved. The appeal will be held in March. Ms Lesley Smith is the co-ordinator of the appeal and will contact the parents/carers and students of everyone who volunteers with further details. The students are provided with a driver and lunch. They meet at the Red Cross Tea House, Bowra Street, Nambucca Heads and door knock for approximately three hours over two weekends. If you would like to volunteer there is a list on the notice board outside Ms Marshall’s office.

Looking for a part-time job? A reliable delivery person is required to deliver the Mid Coast Observer and the Hibiscus Happynings. For further information please phone 6568 8603 or 0422 502 798
Year 10 Textiles: Shanice Munsie, Tasha O'Sullivan, Samantha Davidson, Georgia Dent, Annabelle McCullagh, Kyiah Wilson, Corey Bailey, Courtney Fuller, Dwayne Williams, Kiara Scruse, Rachel Chalmers