To begin the middle part of their education and to help the students develop good study skills leading into their senior years Year 10 students attended a Study Camp from the 11th to the 13th of February. Students packed their tents and swags and headed to beautiful Hat Head, a favourite place of this group as they have visited here a number of times. Teachers from school were invited to come along for different sessions to conduct workshops for the students on the best practice for studying. Workshops were held on—Summarising, led by Mr Matt Gilbert, Perfect Paragraph, by Ms Danielle Bowen, Literacy in Maths, by Ms Laura Dempster-Newman and Time Management, by Ms Pat Nichols. Of course, you couldn’t go to the beach and not enjoy the environment. Lots of time was spent kayaking, surfing, swimming and generally mucking around in a collegial manner. Mr Stephen Steward was on hand to allow some students to use the kayaks in the surf, go surfing on boards and body boards. This time was also spent learning new skills like learning how the tide works and how to properly paddle kayaks. It was pleasing to see a number of students attend who would usually not participate in this type of excursion. It would be great to see more boys becoming involved when there is an excursion on. As a staff we intentionally avoided organising evening events as we felt the students have been on enough camps and are old enough to be able to peacefully occupy themselves. This thought was fully vindicated as the students all got along well and played games (at their own initiative). Overall, it was a most successful, productive and happy camp. Thankfully the weather was beautiful throughout the day however a down pour on Thursday night sent one group searching for a dry area as their tent wasn’t quite as waterproof as they thought. Ms Pat Nichols, one of the Year Advisors, was pleased to hear one comment from a student about the camp which was “that’s the best camp I’ve ever been on”. Hearing that kind of reaction from the students is very pleasing. We look forward to the Sydney Careers Excursion in May. Thank you to Ms Pat Nichols and Mr Matt Gilbert Year Advisors for organising the camp. Also thank you to Mr Stephen Steward, Mr Ken Smith and staff who conducted the workshops.

Great Time Had By All!
Dear Parents and Community

Thank you to all students for a great term at NHHS. As I constantly remind our student body your education is what you make of it. This term as I have observed our students in the classroom I have seen exceptional examples of quality teaching and consequently quality learning going on. As a school we have the teaching expertise and the facilities to help your child reach their educational goals. When these two facts are combined with a student who has the desire to learn and extend themselves, the result will be a successful and enjoyable education.

Year 12 finished their half yearly examinations this week. Well done Year 12 and remember these exams are a good indicator as to where you sit at this moment in regards to your HSC. Please remember that you still have two terms in which to solidify your subject understanding.

Year 7 students will receive an Interim Report in the mail that gives parents an idea as to how their child has settled into high school. Please contact the school early in Term 2 if you would like to discuss this report.

As your child begins their holidays please have a conversation with them about how they think they went at school in Term One. Ask them two questions:

1. What did you do well in Term One?
2. What is something you could improve on in Term Two?

I wish all in the NHHS community a safe and restful Easter break. School resumes for all students on Tuesday 21 April.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

The popularity of basketball in the school at the moment. The gym is a hive of activity at lunch each day as our resident basketball guru Gary Duke Lee organises and referees games between students from Year 7 to 12. It is great to go into the gym at lunch and see all students being active and having a great time in such a positive environment.

Simon McKinney
Principal

CALENDAR

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ART APPROPRIATION

After the success of the appropriation produced by last years Year 9 of Renoirs “Luncheon of the Boating Party” this year’s Year 11 Visual Arts class has produced three appropriations of paintings by Vermeer. The paintings they selected are “The Milkmaid”, “Woman with a Water Jug” and “The Milkmaid”. The students constructed and painted all the sets and accessories that were used in the appropriation. They were on display on Tuesday 31st March. A number of parents came along to enjoy the extremely hard work the students put into this project. Everyone was absolutely amazed at these works of art. Photos of the installations are on the back page of this newsletter. Congratulations to everyone involved.
At the end of February Jayde Hill competed in the NSW Open and U/23s Championships racing in the 5000m Race Walk. The event was held at Sydney Olympic Park in extremely hot and humid conditions. All the competitors struggled with the conditions and it was a miracle if you finished at all. Jayde came away with a credible 3rd placing. With a niggling injury and the Year 12 Half Yearly exams approaching Jayde decided to miss the Nationals Competition that was held at the same venue on the weekend of the 13th March to concentrate on her studies. The next competition for Jayde will be the National Road Walks to be held in Canberra in June.

The North Coast Swimming Carnival was held on Thursday 6th March in Lismore. Eleven students from NHHS travelled to the carnival coming away with some great results. James Weimer, Max Galo, Tanguy Clarke and Oke Wikaira 3rd 17 years boys 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay, Xanthe Ronan 2nd 15 year girl 100m Backstroke, Olivia Langley 3rd 15 year girls 100m Breaststroke and Annabelle McCullagh, Xanthe Ronan, Olivia Langley and Georgia Dent 2nd 16 Girls 4 x 50m Freestyle relay. Unfortunately, the boys were unable to compete in Sydney however, the girls made the trip to the Aquatic Centre at Homebush Park on Thursday 26th March. They had a great time competing at such a fantastic venue competing against students from much larger schools. Congratulations to everyone who travelled to Sydney, I believe everyone had a great time.

Over the last few weeks a number of boys and girls have been attending trials and selections for Touch Football and Rugby League representative teams. A large group of students in the 15 year age group attended selection trials at Bowraville for the Zone team. All had a great day with the girls making the finals only to be piped at the post. From these trials three students were selected and travelled to Coffs Harbour on Thursday 19th March. They were Beau Langford, Charlie Dent and Peka Wikaira-Pehiriri. Students in the Opens division travelled to Wauchope for their trials. Teams competing in the female side of the competition were extremely tough with our girls playing some very close games improving each time. The boys had an easy first game (a bye). The second game was a tougher encounter. A try to the opposition late in the game saw them lose the game and finish 2nd overall. Two boys have been selected in the Opens team, they are Sam Grant and Isaac Brennan.

Several of our boys attended selection trials at Macksville on the 9th March for the Lower North Coast side. Three boys were selected to attend trials for the North Coast team in Grafton on Thursday 19th March. They were James Weimer, Connor Hoban and Zane Elphick. Congratulations to Connor who has progressed to the North Coast side.

NHHS would like to congratulate all the students who have attended trials for the various sports so far this year. We would like to thank you for your cooperation, manners and sportsmanship while representing our school. Best of luck to all those going on to further trials.
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.

JUNIOR UNIFORM – YEARS 7 – 10
Aqua Polo Shirt with sleeves and a collar. (Sky Blue button-through or Polo Style Shirt with sleeves and collar is an acceptable alternative).
Navy blue shorts, long pants, tracksuit pants or skirts (no Logos)
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
Navy Blue shorts, long pants, tracksuit pants or skirts (no Logos)
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.

SCHOOL 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 you or your child receives.

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.
NETBALL TRIALS

Years 7 & 8

Three teams of boys and girls from Years 7 and 8 travelled to Kempsey to take on teams from Melville and Kempsey High Schools. We had two teams of girls and one team of boys. They played three games all up. Firstly our team known as the “white” team consisted of the more experienced and older girls, the “Blue” team was the younger, but extremely keen girls and the “Boys”. The white team had a great day winning all their games and will now move onto the next round. The blue team showed wonderful spirit playing each game with enthusiasm. With the experience they gained in the competition this year they will be very hard to contend with next year. This is the first year we have entered a boys team into the competition and they certainly gained a lot of respect from opposition players and umpires. The boys beat the Melville team with athleticism and enthusiasm. They were all over the court leaving the opposition gobsmacked. The umpire from Melville loved their enthusiasm and honesty with calls, and was happy to give the boys some helpful hints on the run. It was a great day out with each team supporting the other. Staff from opposition schools congratulated the boys on encouraging the girls—their comments were always positive and friendly. A big thank you to our whistle blowers for the day, Zoe Baxter, Molly Langley and Brooke-Lynn Capell, they did a great job all day. Congratulations to all the students for being well mannered and cooperative. They were a delight to take away.

Opens

The Open girls travelled to Kempsey on Tuesday 24th March. The first game was against Kempsey High. The girls were on their game from the word “go” displaying fine technique to easily defeat Kempsey High. Thank you to Georgia Dent who tried a new position as shooter to allow our shooters to have a well deserved rest. She did a magnificent job. Our defence was very strong which allowed for an easy defeat. The second game proved to be much more challenging against Wauchope. At the end of the first quarter we were down by six points. The girls were deflated and a bit defeated, but picked themselves up and took the court with a “never-say-die” attitude. They intercepted the first few centres and started playing beautiful netball displaying exceptional skills and team work, by the end of the first half the girls were ahead by one point. The third quarter the girls went from strength to strength, never giving up and supporting each other the whole time. By the end of the game they were ahead by eight goals. A magnificent effort and a lovely message on never giving up! I would like to congratulate all the girls for demonstrating exceptional skills and sportsmanship in every game, they were a delight to be associated with. We have now completed rounds one and two of the Lower North Coast knockout and have qualified for round 3 where, as friend and rivals, we play against Macksville High School. A special mention must go to Zoe Baxter and Pyper-Rae Wagstaff who were selected in the Lower North Coast Zone Team. Congratulations and good luck for future games.

Sarah Magill

A big thank you to Mr Mark Baxter of Baxphotography for supplying these fabulous photos of the girls.

Sarah Magill
WHERE ARE THEY NOW—THYS BYRT

Former student Thys Byrt recently graduated with a Diploma of Education from University of New England. Thys finished school at Nambucca Heads High School in 2010. Over the past four years Thys has been completing his degree on and off campus. He is currently working at Harrington Public School as the Learning Support teacher focusing on reading and writing. “My aim is to continue working in education eventually becoming Principal”. Thank you to the staff at Nambucca Heads High School for the help and guidance I received while I was a pupil there. I was given every opportunity to achieve in all aspects of my education. I was offered the opportunity to attend fantastic excursions (even to America) to enhance my learning.

Nambucca Heads High School would like to congratulate Thys on gaining his degree in education and wish him all the best for his future.

LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Connor Hoban, school captain at Nambucca Heads High School, competed in the “Lions Youth of the Year” contest. The contest is an annual event with NHHS students generally acquitting themselves admirably. There are three disciplines within the competition—1. An interview, 2. A prepared speech and 3. an impromptu speech. Over the years we have had a number of students reaching state level. This year Connor Hoban won at zone level, regional level going through to district level. Connor’s prepared speech was on the influence of social media on bullying and the rise of the anti-bullying movement. At district level his first impromptu question was “What person in history would you like to meet and why”. Connor’s response took everyone aback when he replied, Jesus Christ. Even his Mother gave a little shriek. However, he gave some fantastic reasons for his choice. The next question was “Give some strategies on solving the problems in the aviation area after the recent air crash in France”. Once again Connor gave some great suggestions speaking for the entire two minutes. Unfortunately, Connor came up against a young girl from Inverell who (according to Peter O’Neill from the Nambucca Heads Lions was an amazing speaker) just managed to knock him out. Peter said Connor did himself, his family and the club proud. Youth of the Year provides tremendous benefits for youth by providing them with opportunities to develop self confidence, public speaking, interview experience, opportunities to travel and worthwhile additions to their CVs. It is well worth considering entering. Congratulations Connor on your efforts this year.

NAMBUCCA HEADS HIGH SCHOOL P&C

The P & C held there AGM for 2015 on Wednesday 25th February. The committee for 2015 is:
President: Jodi Crow
Vice President: Sandra Goodby
Vice President: Annette Bush
Secretary: Alison Daley
Treasurer: Annette Welsh

Congratulations and thank you to these P & C members for your input and support during the coming year. In the P & C’s General Meeting, discussion continued concerning the change of uniform. A local dressmaker, who is supporting the P & C with the change of uniform process, came to our meeting to share with members patterns and ideas that we had requested her to source. As soon as prototypes are made, the P & C will be having discussions with the SRC.
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 the 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.

During lunchtime on Mondays students are able to access the Library and play the computer game Mindcraft. Mindcraft is a game about breaking and placing blocks. At first, people build structures to protect against nocturnal monsters, but as the game grows players work together to create wonderful, imaginative things. It can also be about adventuring with friends or watching the sun rise over a blocky ocean. Brave players battle terrible things in The Nether, which is more scary than pretty. You can also visit a land of mushrooms. Students are able to see other players screens and compete against each other. It is good fun and becoming very popular. Thank you to Mr Shrubb and Year 12 Computer students for installing the program and making sure everything is working correctly.

Students during a Mindcraft session

Anzac Day March

School Students Invited to March—School aged children, particularly those who are descendants of WWI service personnel, are invited to march on behalf of those being honoured on this special day. These marchers will be given a commemorative pack to mark their participation and all will wear a badge bearing the name of the person for whom they are marching. Note: Family medals are worn on the right hand side of the chest. Register at: anzac2015@yahoo.com.au
In your email please provide the student’s name, contact email and phone number. Those wanting to have a child march with a particular soldier’s name tag should contact the Frank Partridge VC Military Museum on any Friday between now and the 14th April 2015. Phone (02) 6564 7056.

Westpac Rescue Helicopter

The Westpac Rescue Helicopter is holding a fundraising climb titled “Climb 4 the Chopper”. The idea is to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. The expedition is set for 20th September—4th October this year and participants must be over 16 years of age. For more information please contact Russ on 0411 303 660 or email russ@helirescue.com.au

Basketball

A basketball competition will be held in Bowraville on Thursday 16th April. Registration will commence at 9.30am and competition will continue until 4.30pm. Lunch and afternoon tea will be provided free of charge. If you have a team organised please try to wear the same T Shirts. For more information please phone 6568 2555
Congratulations to Year 11 Visual Art, Ms Lyndee Thomas, Ms Angela Bagordo and Year 11 Food Tech (for providing lunch). This was an extraordinary Art Exhibition.

The Milk Maid
Natalya Byrt

The Lace Maker
Morgan Robbins

Girl by a Window
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