MEDIEVAL TRANSITION DAY

There were knights in shining armour, damsels in distress and a feast fit for a king. This was how the Year 6 to Year 7 transition day played out at Nambucca Heads High School on Friday 19th June. To start the day the students and staff were entertained by Celtic Thunder. Ray Ellington and Collin Phillips, from Celtic Thunder, are professional performers and educators who share a passion for medieval, Celtic and renaissance history, and share their interest in an informative and entertaining way that allowed students to get in touch with this period of history and experience first hand the culture and lifestyle of this fascinating and often frightening time. The show began with a fight between the Welsh and the Scots (play acting of course). Then they went through the dress of the day showing what a peasant girl and boy might wear and what the aristocrats would have worn. It was then out to the oval for a display of long bow shooting. All the students were amazed at how far the arrows could fly and the quick reaction of Ray to deflect arrows when fired at him—the arrows were blunt and he was in full armour. After recess it was back into the gym for a display of weapons. Celtic Thunder has some $20,000 worth of weapons that the students were able to hold. They were fascinated by the number of weapons and the variety. It was such an informative and interesting show that kept students and staff enthralled. It was then lunchtime and everyone enjoyed a Medieval Feast prepared by our very capable Year 11 and 12 Hospitality students, Ms Christian and Ms Rossini. After lunch the students were put into groups and went around a succession of modified games from Medieval times. Each game was lead by a Year 9 Peer Support student. They involved: Charades, chess, checkers, boules, hop scotch, build a castle and catapult, shinty, skittles, ring-a-ring-a-rosie and jousting.

Congratulations to all the students who got into the swing of things and dressed in their best Medieval outfits. They looked fantastic and made the day a lot of fun. It was great to see so many students from all other years involved in making the day a great success. A big thank you to Ms Dennis who organised the whole day with help from Ms Nowland and Ms Lockyer and of course, thank you to our fabulous Hospitality students for a beautiful meal.
Dear Parents and Community

Last Friday we held our second transition day event for our Year 7 students of 2016. The day was based around a medieval theme and this enabled the organising teachers to incorporate the current classwork of our Year 8 history classes. Our Year 11 and 12 hospitality classes prepared and cooked a magnificent feast for over 150 students and our Year 9 Peer Support students got to spend the day with the Year 6 students who they will be mentoring next year.

Thank you to Ms Dennis, Ms Lockyer and Mrs Nowland for the organisation of the day and also to Ms Christian and Ms Rossini for the medieval feast they prepared. This event is just another example of the great opportunities that NHHS offers all of it’s students. As I constantly remind all students, your education is what you make of it. You can come to school and watch your school years go by and not participate or you can take all of the opportunities that come your way and become an active member of your school community. Congratulations to the students in Years 8, 9, 11 and 12 who made this day such a great success.

Our parent teacher night will be held on Thursday 16th July in the school gymnasium from 3.30 to 6.00pm. Appointments with each teacher will be able to be made online. These nights offer you the opportunity to have a genuine conversation about how your child is progressing in their subjects with all of their teachers. Afternoon tea will be provided for parents/carers. We will distribute your child’s report on the Tuesday or Wednesday of the first week in Term 3.

The instructions on how to book online are in this week’s newsletter. You will need to know the names of your child’s classes, eg: 9 English Macbeth, and the teacher’s name, eg Ms Ellie Dennis. To make your bookings online please go to: https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/ and enter the code: XBL4U

Once you have completed your bookings your interview timetable will be emailed to you. Please check your spam or junk email folders if it doesn’t arrive in your inbox. **If you do not have internet access at home please call the school and we will make your bookings over the phone.**

Highlight of the semester:

The behaviour and attitude of our students at school or when representing the school in the community. We have many visitors in our school and the one comment that regularly comes up is how quiet the school is as we walk around the school. NHHS students are in class and they are engaged with their learning. Another comment regularly heard by staff when on excursions out of the school is how well behaved NHHS students are. This is something that all stakeholders of NHHS should be proud of; students, teachers and parents.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 16th July.

Simon McKinney
Principal

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**YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS**

If you live in public housing, Aboriginal housing or community housing and you will be in Year 11 or 12 in 2016 you may be eligible for a Youth Scholarship of up to $1500 from the Family & Community Services (NSW Government). If you think you qualify or would like more information please see Mr McKinney at school, telephone 1300 468 746 or go to: [http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/search_results?q=youth%20scholarships%202016](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/search_results?q=youth%20scholarships%202016). Applications close 31st July, 2015

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**RESEARCH IN THE SCHOOL**

Nambucca Heads High School is participating in the Quality Teaching Rounds research project run by Professor Jenny Gore and her colleagues at the University of Newcastle. Students of teachers participating in this study will be completing a survey during class time. If you do not want the data to be given to the researchers, please return a withdrawal form to the school. Withdrawal forms are available from the administration office of the school. If you would like more information please speak with Ms Kerry Dedman at the school.

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G’DAY USA TOUR

The G’day USA tour is organised by EWT Educational World Travel. It is a twenty day tour to America. Some of the highlights are Knott’s Berry Farm, Disneyland, Universal Studios and the Golden Gate Bridge, to name a few. The students also have a ten day stay with a host family. During this time they attend school, get to know their host family’s town, attend activities and try new food. This is a unique experience and students who have attended in the past have made lifelong friends. The cost of the tour is $5695 (subject to change until 19th October 2016) which includes travel insurance, airfares, most admission costs, accommodation, coach transfers, breakfasts, entry to attractions and full day tours of San Diego and San Francisco. Ms Melissa Waters attended the tour in January this year with three students from our school. They had a wonderful time, so much so, Ms Waters is looking to organise another trip in 2017 so lots of time to save. As you can read above it is a fantastic opportunity for students to experience life in America. It is a jam packed tour taking in lots of iconic sites. An information evening will be held touring Term 3 and will be advertised in the newsletter. If you would like anymore information please contact Ms Waters at the school.

OUR ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY

Winter School

Three of our Aboriginal students will be attending winter school at the University of NSW during the school holidays. Leyam Buchanan, Courtney Jarrett and Kiarra Cohen will travel to Sydney and will stay on campus from Sunday 5th July until Saturday 11th July. The program has an extensive timetable which includes three full faculty days in the specific subject area, as well as academic sessions, cultural activities, excursions and night activities. The days are completely full and as such, students are expected to be up at 6.30am and back in their rooms with lights out at 10.00pm. The winter school selects one hundred students from around New South Wales so to have three from our school is a massive achievement. Congratulations Leyam, Courtney and Kiarra, have a great time in Sydney.

Naidoc Week

This year NAIDOC festivities will be held on Tuesday 21st July. The theme is “We all Stand on Scared Ground: Learn Respect and Celebrate”. The day will commence with an assembly hosted by Kiarra Cohen and Jack Edwards. During the assembly there will be a slide show, Welcome to country, Principal’s speech, Land Council historical overview, academic awards, performances from students. After assembly a lunch provided by Bush Tucker Shack will be provided for everyone. To conclude the day there will be Indigenous games. It should be a great day with everyone welcome to come along.

Slikk Camp

Two weeks ago, Wednesday 10th June, students from the Heads High School in the valley attended the SLIKK (Student Leadership In Koori Kids) camp at Scotts Head. The camp was about Gumbaynggirr culture and strengthening relationships between the schools. There were lots of workshops including surfing, dancing, painting, weaving, self defence and a drug lesson. Elijah and I really enjoyed the self defence and dance workshops. The teachers and carers were Jenny, Sharon (Shazza), Conway, Uncle Michael, Aunty Dianne, Mr Werner, Debbie Nubson and Steven Donovan. The students who attended from our school were—Kyiesha Cohen, Daniel Teece Johnson, Lachlan Smith, Kiarra Cohen, Jade Naden, Jamie –Lee Duckett, Dylan Williams, Elijah Edwards and myself. We had a fantastic time learning more of our culture and meeting students from other schools.

Submitted by Jack Edwards

The Earn and Learn campaign is running once again this year. Please collect the stickers and send them into the school with you child. A box has been placed in the administration office. The school has received some wonderful resources from this promotion so your contribution is greatly appreciated.
THE EASY WAY TO BOOK
SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday 16th July 2015. Bookings must be finalised by 9am Thursday 16th July, when bookings will be closed.

For parents that do not have internet access, please contact Dianne Ryan at the school on 6568 6777 to organise booking times. Interviews are strictly 5 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

BOOKINGS CLOSE THURSDAY 16th July at 9am

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit your family.

Go to http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/ and follow these simple instructions.

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Simply enter the code and press “Go”

1. Enter your details

2. Select the teachers you wish to see

3. Select the appointment times that suit your family best

When you click FINISH, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately – Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close.

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 6568 6777.

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb.
Closing the Gap (CTG)
The Closing the Gap program or CTG program is available to any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person who:
- Has decided to see a doctor and take care of their health
- Needs some support on their health journey

Closing the Gap workers can:
- Work with you and your care provider to get access to free or low cost medications (through signing up for the Indigenous PIP program)
- Arrange a person to talk to and advocate on your behalf at the doctors or specialists

An Aboriginal outreach worker can catch up with you regularly to see how you are going, make sure your health is improving and support you to access other services if you need them.

Contact: Terry Donovan, Aboriginal Outreach Worker. Coffs Harbour office 02 6659 1800.

What is CCSS?
The Care Coordination and Supplementary Services (CCSS) program aims to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with a chronic health condition.

The CCSS program will provide you with a care coordinator who will work with you and your GP to help manage your chronic disease.

A Care Coordinator can also:
- Help you to arrange specialist and other appointments
- Assist you to understand, follow and manage your GP management plan
- Visit you at home
- Assist with a range of medical aids

Deciding to take care of your health or managing a chronic disease can be difficult. Arranging appointments, taking and understanding medication, making sense of the disease and effects it has on your health and wellbeing and that of your family, or even just knowing where to start. The CCSS care coordinator can help.

Contact: Rhiannon Mitchell, Care Coordinator. Coffs Harbour office 02 6659 1800.

Nambucca Heads Municipal Library

While your school libraries are closed don't forget that there is a wide range of books, magazines, DVDs and ebooks available through your public libraries at Nambucca heads and Macksville.

Here are a few suggestions:
- Song for a scarlet runner by Julie Hunt....an adventure story with a bit a magic
- Counting by 7s by Holly Sloan.....a story of a 12year old genius and her plans to avoid foster care
- The first third by William Kostakis.....this story is about the first third of your life when you are embarrassed by the older members of your family or not?
- Are you seeing me? by Darren Groth....a story about a road trip, twins and disabled brothers
- Stay where you are and then leave by John Boyne....a story of WW1 and a hospital rescue
- Zac & Mia by A.J. Betts....about friendship, hospitals and questionable music tastes
- Singing the dogstar blues by Alison Goodman....a story about aliens and time travel
- Dropping in by Geoff Havel....a beat up couch, skateboards and a steep hill - what could possibly go wrong? (don't try the dip and gunk competition at home)

If a book is not available please ask for a reserve to be placed on it.
Aaron Jury designed and built this semi trailer and prime mover in Year 8 Mandatory Technology. This model features stunning detail, turning wheels and a natural oil finish. Aaron’s project is part of the differentiated Wooden Toy unit. Each student has to design and make their own unique project according to their own interests and tastes. The fun never stops in Year 8 Jupiter Mandatory technology class.

Have a great holiday. School resumes on Monday 13th June for staff and on Tuesday 14th June for students