On Tuesday 22nd July, Nambucca Heads High School celebrated NAIDOC Week. This year’s theme was ‘We All Stand on Sacred Ground Learn, Respect and Celebrate’. A special assembly was held to celebrate the achievements of our Aboriginal students. Led by Kiarra Cohen and Jack Edwards the assembly began with a Welcome to Country. Mr Simon McKinney spoke about the beauty of the Nambucca River and Gaagal Wanggaan and the connection the river system has to our local Aboriginal community. Then a clip was played with images of Aboriginal paintings and sacred sites from around Australia which were set to the song “Solid Ground”. Quite a number of certificates were presented to the Aboriginal students from all faculties. We were then treated to some fantastic dances—one from the boys and one from the girls. The boys dance incorporated a local river theme using a pelican (which is also our school logo), the river and fish and the NAIDOC theme. The dance was choreographed by Steven Donovan. The girls dance was a journey through life beginning with the spirit of the land, gathering food, the birds, the brolga, Mother Earth and picking fruit. All of the pieces of this dance are part of ‘Secret Women’s Business’. This dance was also based on the NAIDOC theme. The dances were choreographed by the students with help from Gloria Mercer. To finish the assembly Mr Gary Cattanach, on guitar, and James Donovan playing the didgeridoo played the song ‘Recognise’. The song, written by Mr Cattanach, is about reconciliation. All the students involved in the assembly are to be congratulated. It was a lovely celebration that concluded with a morning tea supplied by ‘Bush Tucker Shack’ for guests, staff and students. A big thank you to Gina Crooks for helping with the food, Kim Robbins and Lizzie Russell for printing all the certificates and all that helped with the organisation of the morning.
Dear Parents and Community

Welcome back to Term 3,

Thank you to those parents who attended our parent teacher night last Thursday. Any parents who could not make it on the night please feel free to ring the school and talk to your child’s teachers. After reading your child’s report please talk to them about setting some academic goals for Semester Two.

This term is a very important one for our senior students. Year 12 has started their final term at school and we will farewell Year 12 at the end of this term. Year 11 will complete HSC preliminary courses this term and they will start Year 12 next term.

Next week is Education Week for all public schools across the state. We will be joining the other schools in The Valley 10 Community of Schools on Thursday night to be part of Showcase. This will be an evening of performances from all of the schools and it will be held at Macksville High School from 6pm. Tickets are $5 and are available from the front office. Please come along and support not only Nambucca Heads High School but public education in the Nambucca Valley.

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

Highlight of the semester:

Our NAIDOC Day assembly on Tuesday. The NAIDOC theme in 2015 was *We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate*. Well done to all involved and especially to our students who danced as part of the assembly and to Mr. Cat-tanach who performed his own song, “Recognise”, which deals with Aboriginal recognition within the Australian Constitution. Thank you to Felicia and her team for organising a great day.

Simon McKinney
Principal

Please note that the P&C Meeting that was to be held on the 22nd July has been postponed until 29th July due to a clash with the Year 10 to Year 11 information evening. At the next P&C meeting we will have a display of samples for the possible new uniform.

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The preparation for the musical is well under way. Sets are being built and painted, actors, dancers and bands are rehearsing and it is all looking fantastic. Don’t forget to mark your diary. The musical will commence on 19th October with several matinees and evening performances scheduled over a two week period. Tickets will be on sale at the front office very soon.
While living in rural areas can sometimes be detrimental to a learning environment Nambucca Heads High School is able to overcome some obstacles by holding a “Virtual Excursion” through live streaming.

Year 12 Visual Art students recently joined several other schools to go behind the scenes with Anne Zahalka. Anne Zahalka is one of Australia’s most highly-regarded photographic artists. She has exhibited extensively in Australia and overseas for more than twenty years. Anne has been the recipient of numerous awards and commissions, including the Leopold Godowsky Photography Award in Boston and the Sydney Airport Commission, ‘Welcome to Sydney’. Her works are held in most major public collections in Australia as well as numerous private and corporate collections in Australia and overseas. The students were able to watch as Anne displayed a number of different techniques to capture scenes. Along with other schools our students were able to interact with Anne by texting in questions and then speaking live with her during discussions. This is just one more example of the fantastic facilities available at NHHS for our students to gain the most from their education.

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 during Term 3 and will be advertised in the newsletter. If you would like any more information please contact Ms Waters at the school.

Our family, assisted by many local parents, teachers and schools have established a ‘sister school’ association between some schools on the Australian East Coast and some of the communities on remote islands in the Milne Bay province of Papua New Guinea. We have visited these communities and they are in desperate need of many things such as clothing, tools, school resources, reading glasses, sports gear, medicines and much more. Cyclone Ita, which hit Queensland last year, was also very destructive in this region and destroyed much of their agriculture and infrastructure. We have spent the last year filling a shipping container with these goods and it will arrive in the region next month where we will personally oversee the distribution of goods to where they are most needed. Because this is self funded we are respectfully requesting support to help buy some further medical gear, torches and the like that we will take over when we unload the container. We also need to buy fuel for the boats that we will use to transport these goods across many miles of open sea so any support to do this would be greatly appreciated. I can assure you that these children are very grateful for the opportunities that these resources will provide and will utilise them to fulfill their future dreams. If you are able to help please visit http://www.gofundme.com/z5kv24 to make a contribution to our cause.

Thankyou—Mark Lucy Tilly Sass

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**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.**
On Wednesday 15th July fifty students competed in the Zone Athletics Carnival at EJ Biffin Oval. The carnival involved schools from as far away as Camden Haven. Hosted by Nambucca Heads High School some seven hundred students competed on the day. Congratulations to Savannah Peterkin who broke the record in the Girls 17+ Long Jump with a leap of 5.45m. We now have fifteen students going onto the represent NHHS at the Regional Athletics carnival to be held at Coffs Harbour on Friday 31st July. A big thank you to students who helped on the day running results between events and the official’s tent. Thankfully it was a beautiful day and the students had a great time. Good luck to all who will be competing at Coffs Harbour.

On Friday 17th July five students from Nambucca Heads High School, Jayde Hill, Olivia Langley, Molly Langley, Isabella Ronan and Blake Ryan travelled to Sydney to compete in the State Cross Country Carnival at Eastern Creek. On what was a cold, wet, windy and very muddy day the students competed strongly in their individual age groups. Unfortunately at the 4klm mark Jayde fell in the slippery conditions spraining her ankle, putting paid to her event which was a shame as this was the last year Jayde will be competing as she is currently completing Year 12. Jayde has competed at the State Cross Country for the past nine years. Although the conditions on the day weren’t conducive to cross country running the students enjoyed the competition and had a great time. Congratulations to all the students who took part.
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, track suit 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.

Students in Home Base 1 recently made paper mache money boxes. They had to blow up a balloon and glue several layers of paper to the balloon. The balloon was then burst and the students decorated their money boxes. Sharney was very happy with the result of her money box and looks forward to filling it up!
“SHOWTIME”

“A Celebration of Public Schools in the Nambucca Valley”

OVER 500 PERFORMERS COME CELEBRATE THE WEALTH OF TALENT IN OUR VALLEY!

Date: Thursday July 30th 2015
Time: 6.30pm
Venue: Macksville High School Stadium
Ticket: Available each school office and at the door
Price: $5 per ticket