Over the last twelve months the SRC and the P&C have been discussing, designing and researching options for a new school uniform and we are very excited and pleased to report that a decision has finally been made. As modelled at the School Assembly last Tuesday (4th August) the girls uniform will consist of a blue checked skirt or shorts with a white shirt (for seniors) and a blue shirt (for juniors). The sport uniform, for both boys and girls, will be blue shorts with NHHS embroidered on the hem of the shorts and a white polo shirt. The boys will wear navy shorts with the white or blue shirt (as above). All shirts will have the school logo embroidered on the pocket. The uniform will be available to purchase from a uniform shop that the P&C will operate at the school. The school shirts and boys shorts will also be available from Lowes in Coffs Harbour. Because of demand, the uniform will be available to students in Years 7 and 11 to begin with, with other students given the opportunity to purchase as stock becomes available. The old uniform will be fazed out over a three year period so there will be no urgency for students to be in the new uniform. We suggest that you simply replace the old uniform with the new one as needed. We are all very excited about the changes, we feel the checked material will be a distinguishing feature of Nambucca Heads High School. The uniform is on display in the front office at the school and will be available to purchase in Term 4.
Dear Parents and Community

In the last two weeks many students have been involved in out of school activities. Last Friday we had a strong contingent of students represent the school at the regional athletics carnival. As always our students’ results were excellent. A report on the carnival is in the newsletter.

Last Tuesday and Wednesday we had nine students represent the zone at the regional debating camp. This was also a great result for the school in that we had our Year 9 and 10 debating teams make the regional final. Well done to these students as well.

At Tuesday’s assembly we introduced the student body to the new school uniform. The uniform change has been an on-going project between the P&C and the SRC since the school life survey we had mid-way through 2014 when writing our School Plan 2015-2017. Feedback in the survey about the current school uniform was that a change would be good. At the assembly we had students model the junior boys and girls, senior boys and girls and the sports uniform.

The uniform will be introduced for Year 7 and Year 11 students in 2016. We will have a three year change over to the new uniform but students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 12 are welcome and encouraged to purchase the new uniform to start 2016. The uniform will be available for purchase at the school.

I think the new uniform looks awesome and would like to thank the P&C and SRC for the work they have done to get the uniform ready for 2016. We have the uniform on display in the school foyer so please have a look at it when you are next in the school. The P&C will release a price list for the uniforms in the near future.

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

Highlight of the fortnight:

Last Thursday we participated in Showtime at Macksville High School to celebrate Education Week with all of the other public schools in the Nambucca Valley. Thank you and congratulations to all students who participated, you were terrific and the feedback about NHHS students has been tremendous. Thank you to Ms Herdegen, Mrs McSkimming, Mr Janssen and Mr Gilbert for all the work you put in getting our students ready on the night. Thanks also to Mrs Nichols and Mr Smith for being there on the night to help look after our students. Connor Hoban and Jayde Hill were also excellent comperes on the night. A special thanks to Mr Gilbert who stage managed the whole event with professionalism and aplomb. Last Thursday exemplified how great public education is in the Nambucca Valley.

Simon McKinney
Principal

CALENDAR

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THE GREAT NAMBUCCA HIGH SPELLING BEE

The Great Nambucca High Spelling Bee is starting next week. Students will have the opportunity to compete against their classmates for chances to baffle their teachers with their spelling ability. There are fabulous prizes, including $50 gift vouchers from local businesses, Coastal Curves and Sports First, up for grabs. The school’s champion speller then has the chance of a lifetime – to compete against our Principal, Mr McKinney, to claim the prestigious Nambucca Heads High School Spelling Bee Championship Trophy.
What a fantastic evening! If you didn’t attend this unbelievable production you missed something special. Showtime is the celebration of all the Public schools in the Nambucca Valley—ten of them all up. Each school organises a performance—it might be singing, dancing, acrobatic, drama or any form of entertainment. The night was certainly diverse with each school presenting faultless performances. NHHS students performed songs from the upcoming musical(Back to the Eighties), Year 10 Drama students presented a comical drama performance and two students, Haydn Shannon and Eamonn Lee, played classical pieces on the piano and Hosannah Launt sang ‘On My Own’ beautifully. All were professional in their delivery and very well received by the audience. The level of talent that was on display from every school—be it little or large—was phenomenal. Two staff members from NHHS, Mr Matt Gilbert and Mr Brock Janssen, are also to be congratulated as the director and conductor on the evening and our Year 11 Entertainment students had the show running like clockwork. Of course, there were a number of staff involved in organising the students and making sure they were where they should be, a big thank you to them. Nambucca Heads Public School’s “Rock Apprentices” are worth a special mention. For such young performers their rendition of ‘The Joker and the Thief in the Night’ (not an easy number to play and sing) was amazing. They also sang some other songs and had some dancing as well. Congratulations to everyone involved in the evening it was thoroughly enjoyable.
NETBALL

Students (both boys and girls) from Years 7 and 8 represented NHHS at the North Coast Regional Netball Knockout Carnival held at Kempsey on 22nd July. Both teams played against three other teams from as far south as Forster. Over the course of the day the students played some excellent netball and learned new skills and strategies along the way. It was a trying day but not once did the teams give up and played on regardless of the outcome. I am so proud of their sportsmanship and their motivation to keep playing and keep smiling. Thank you to Molly, Zoe, Kyiesha and Emma for coaching, umpiring and helping with the scoring. The teams and I truly appreciate the time and effort you put in—Thank you. Probably the most important thing we’ve learnt from this carnival is the level of competition and we now know we need to train harder and aim to make it to the next round in 2016.

Ms Sarah Magill

YEAR 11 LEGAL STUDIES

The Year 11 Legal Studies class and their teacher Mrs McKinnon went on an excursion to the new Coffs Harbour Court House on Monday 27th July. The day started with a tour around the Court House, students then viewed cases in both the Local Court and the District Court. Later the office manager of Legal Aid Coffs Harbour, Laura Smith, met us at the Legal Aid Offices at the Court House and spoke to us about what services Legal Aid provides. After a brief lunch the group made their way to the Slater and Gordon office where they met in the conference room with a Commercial property lawyer and director of Slater and Gordon, Vincent Butcher. They discussed the daily life of a lawyer and got to see first-hand the new innovative ‘open space’ office which is contributing to a significant increase in productivity at ‘Slater and Gordon’.

Mrs Kristle McKinnon

‘The first case we watched in the local court involved assault, the accuser was joining the court via video conference and it proved hard for the evidence to be shown using this method. It helped to highlight to us why the legal system can be slow.’

Sharlotte Hoffman

‘At Slater and Gordon we went into a conference room where a lawyer named Vincent Butcher spoke with us. He explained that having a law degree can help you get into many different careers and you can travel the world with this profession. We also learnt that being a lawyer is not an easy job and requires a lot of discipline and organisation.’

Sophie Blair

CALLING ALL STUDENTS FROM YEAR 9 TO 12 For your chance to win a FREE TRIP TO JAPAN for a week, meals and accommodation included.

You will be looked after every moment you are there, and you DON’T NEED to speak Japanese to enter!! Entries close 20th August. For more information come see Sensei.

‘The aim of the essay competition, is to encourage and develop a better understanding of Japanese and Australian relations, amongst secondary students in New South Wales and the Northern Territory.’

Consular General Japan
On Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July, thirty-one students travelled to St Columba Anglican School (Port Macquarie) for the inaugural Year 9/10/11 Mid North Coast da Vinci Decathlon. Throughout the day, students worked collaboratively, to solve various challenges across a range of academic disciplines, including; Science, Creative Producers, English, Philosophy, Mathematics, Engineering, Art and Poetry, Cartography, Code Breaking and General Knowledge.

Fifteen teams, from schools across the Mid North Coast, were in attendance on the day and our students performed admirably. Year 9 - 3rd in Engineering, 2nd in Cartography, 5th in Philosophy, Year 10 - 5th in Art and Poetry, Year 11 - 3rd in Art and Poetry.

All of our students displayed exemplary behaviour and represented our school community with distinction. Congratulations to all who took part in what was an extremely interesting and fun day.

Thank you to Ms Alison Nowland for organising the event and travelling with the junior students and to Ms Amanda Taylor who travelled with the senior students.

On Friday 31st August 20 students travelled to Coffs Harbour to compete in the Regional Athletics carnival. The students had an outstanding day with several qualifying for the State carnival in Sydney. The highlight of the day was our boys and girls open relay teams (pictured) winning the 4 x 100m relay. Savannah Peterkin broke another record with a leap of 5.55m in the 17 year girls Long Jump. She also placed 1st in 100m race and 2nd in the High Jump. Olivia Langley was 1st in 1500m and 2nd in 800m race. Isabella Ronan 1st in 800m race, Charlie Dent 1st in Shot Put, Jayde Hill 1st 3000m Race Walk, Isaac Brennan 1st in Long Jump and Triple Jump, Sam Grant 1st 200m race. Congratulations to all students who participated on the day showing great sportsmanship and enjoying the day. Good Luck in Sydney!

Nambucca Heads High’s debaters have met with success again this year, the School entering two teams in each of the Year 11 and 12, 9 and 10 and 7 and 8 Competitions. The Year 12s were particularly successful, going down narrowly in an outstanding debate in the North Coast Final. The team consisted of Jayde Hill, Madison Ahearn, Hosanna Launt and Connor Hoban, and it was a shame to see them finish their school debating on this note. I would especially like to thank Jayde and Connor, who have been the mainstays of this team since Year 7 and had much success particular in Year 8. Natalya Byrt and Charlotte Hoffman continued in the Year 11 team, who had mixed success before being knocked out by our own Year 12 team. The school’s Year 10 team of Olivia Langley, Jemima McKinney, Kiara Taylor and Hannah Bartlett defeated Norfolk Island, Dorrigo and our own Year 9 team to be Zone winners, but were then defeated in the Quarter-Final by Macksville, who went on to be North Coast Champions. The Year 9 team of Gabriella Hall, Flynn Franklin-Baker, Riley Hayden, Jacob Fidirickos and Oran Muir-Wren won an early debate against Dorrigo. Flynn and Riley deserve special mention for backing up for the Year 11 team and performing well beyond their years. The Year 7 and 8 competition has only just kicked off but already the Year 7s team of Eamonn Lee, Rohan Duguid, Hannah Donnelly and Travis Hayden have defeated Norfolk Island and are awaiting news on their next opponent.

Mr Bill Richardson
Bailey Rixon (left) and Kyle Pallister (right) in Year 9 have just completed their coffee table project. Both tables are finished to a very high standard and Mr Hazelwood is extremely proud of the boy’s work. Both Bailey and Kyle enjoyed this project and were stoked to be able to customise the tables to their own liking.

Visible Learners for Term 3—Elijah Edwards, Daniel Lulham, Grace Mackney, Katie Woodland, Blake Ennis-Nickson, Hannah Donnelly, Rohan Duguid, Kawana Crowe, Danny Stuart, Mercedes Peterkin. Missing from the photo Levi Griffith and Olivia Desic. Congratulations to these students who are a pleasure to have in the classroom and have gained exemplary results in the mid year reports. Each received a movie voucher.

DON’T FORGET
BACK TO THE 80’S
THE TOTALLY AWESOME MUSICAL
COMING SOON