Yet another year has come and gone and we again say goodbye to a great group of young adults. Year 12 2015 are a diverse group of students with some fantastic achievements in the sporting, academic and cultural worlds. The Year 12 Final Social was held on Tuesday 15th September with a theme of ‘Bright and Tight’ for the students and the secret theme for Year 12—Fairytale Characters. There were some great costumes on the night. The annual Year 12 Breakfast and Assembly was held on Wednesday 16th September with a large number of family and friends in attendance to see the students receive their last reports before a well deserved holiday (which will of course involve concentrated study) before sitting their final exams. It is amazing how fast six years goes and most parents must be shaking their heads at their ‘babies’ being old enough to finish school. It has been a pleasure to have this group of students at Nambucca Heads High School and we wish them well for a bright, healthy and happy future. Of course, this is not the last time we will be seeing Year 12, they will of course be back at school to sit their exams which commence on Monday 5th October and the Year 12 formal will be held on Thursday 5th November at the Nambucca Heads RSL Club. CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK
Dear Parents and Community

This week we said farewell to the Year 12 class of 2015. On Tuesday we had the Farewell to Year 12 social followed by the Year12 breakfast on Wednesday morning followed by the final assembly for Year12. Completing 13 years of formal education is an achievement to be proud of. Attaining your HSC is acknowledged as a key factor in the development of a young person’s skills and knowledge. Congratulations Year 12 of 2015 and all the best in your HSC examinations.

Our musical is all systems go after three days of solid rehearsals this week. The students and staff involved have put many months of practice and preparation into what will be a terrific night of musical fun. Tickets will sell fast so please be ready to buy them when they go on sale from the front office at the start of next term.

On Friday our European Art/ History tour left for a three week excursion to France and Italy. This is the third time Ms Bagordo has organised a *once in a lifetime* opportunity for those students involved. Thanks also to Mr Elsley, Mrs Welsh and Mr Thomas for accompanying the students during their holidays.

To all students, thank you for your efforts this term. Enjoy your holidays and I look forward to seeing you all back on **Tuesday 6 October**.

Highlight of the fortnight:

The final assembly for our Year 12 class of 2015. As a high school teacher I truly believe that our job is all about producing fine young men and women who will be good citizens. As Ms Patu and Mr Hocking read the roll out for the final time and the students came up to be presented with their final school report it was a pleasure to see another cohort of fine young men and women from Nambucca Heads High School officially finish their high school education and take that first step into adulthood.

Simon McKinney
Principal

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

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**YEAR 12 STUDENTS DET LAPTOPS**

*DET Laptops are the laptops that had been distributed free to students. If you no longer require your laptop it would be appreciated if you would return it to Ms Tracey Patu, in working order and with the charger. If you donate your laptop back to the school your formal ticket, valued at $40, will be free. We have had laptops returned in the past and they are put to good use as extras in the school. Students received their invitation to the formal with their report. Tickets for the formal can be purchased from the front office at the beginning of Term 4. Also, as usual, you will need to return all your text books and overdue library books and have all school fees fully paid before purchasing a formal ticket. Thank you.*

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**CALENDAR**

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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.*
Students in Years 7 and 8 studying Japanese were lucky enough to be joined by Kiyomi Sensei to pass on some drumming skills. It was great fun, and very noisy. All students that participated had a great time and learnt a lot about timing and working together. A big ARIGATOO to our Principal, Mr Simon McKinney.

Students from Year 8 during the Japanese Drumming

**P & C REPORT**

The latest news on the upcoming new School Uniform is as follows. An initial order of uniforms has been processed with our suppliers. These suppliers are local dressmakers, who are making the girls’ skirts and shorts and Lowes Menswear, who are supplying the remainder of the school uniform. The uniform garments will begin arriving at the School over the next 8 to 10 weeks. This initial order is focused on meeting the needs of the incoming Year 7 students and the Year 11 students for next year, so they will be given priority over other Years wanting to purchase uniforms. At the Year 6 to Year 7 Orientation night on the 15th October, parents will be given detailed information concerning the School Uniform and advance orders will be taken. A price list will be available in the front office for parents and carers as soon as possible. Your patience is appreciated as the P & C members begin to set up and establish the School Uniform Shop for the first time. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th October. This is an exceptional meeting to finalise details of the uniform before the orientation evening.

*Alison Daley Secretary*

**SUPPORT UNIT GARDEN**

Students and staff from the Support Unit visited Bunnings in Coffs Harbour to purchase plants for a planned garden in the Support Unit. We were lucky enough to have the team from ‘Better Homes and Gardens’ filming an upcoming episode and hoped to watch a gardening segment. During a break in filming Jason Hodges, from the show, came over and was very happy to pose for photos. He was very friendly and interested in what school we were from. He was familiar with Nambucca Heads as he has friends living in the valley. He also discussed our plant selection and the plans for our garden giving us some handy tips. It was a great day with everyone enjoying watching how a television show comes together.

*The show will air in October*

*Jason Hodges with Sharney Stewart*
Twelve students travelled to Sydney to compete at the State Athletics Carnival which was held from the 3rd to the 5th September. We were represented in a number of events from sprints, walking, long and triple jump and relays. Jayde Hill even competed in the steeplechase and received a creditable 4th placing. Jayde also placed 3rd in the 3000m Walk. Mercedes Peterkin placed 4th in the final of the 100m sprint and Long Jump, Ethan Hocking made it to the final of the Hurdles and the Open Boys Relay placed 4th in the final. These are some outstanding results from a school of our size. All the students had a fantastic time showing great sportsmanship.

In April Savannah was selected to represent Australia in the Women’s Long Jump at the Junior Commonwealth Games. Savannah placed 4th going into the final of the top 8 jumpers. With a final jump of 5.86m, Savannah was just 4cm from placing 3rd. Most of her jumps were a little from the board, a strong tail wind and being cautious of too much speed on the run up, Savannah competed outstandingly for her first international event. It was a very tight competition from 1st to 4th place, any of the final competitors could have taken the gold. Savannah was very happy with her jumps as it was her first major competition coming back after injury. From here she will concentrate on technique with her University Of Queensland High Performance coach Stacey Taurima, who will lead her to a hopeful selection and qualifier for 2016 World Junior Championships in Russia. Savannah is juggling all this training and competition with her HSC. Congratulations on your dedication to your sport as well as your studies.
On Tuesday the 8th September we went on an excursion to Scotts Heads ‘Gaagal Wanggaan’ (South Beach) National Park. We met our guides from Unkya Land Council at the Weir at Warrell Creek where we had a cleansing ceremony involving smoke and water being splashed on us to protect us on our 7.5km walk. On the walk we stopped for numerous local Dreaming stories and were given talks about the local ‘Bush Tucker’ and remedy bearing vegetation. We were treated to many animal sightings including a goanna, numerous birds, a Brahminy Kite, pippies which the boys were catching on the beach, as well as a spectacular display put on by a whale with a calf just 25 metres offshore. We also participated in a cleansing ceremony on the beach which involved us standing in the water and letting the waves wash our problems away. After the walk we said goodbye to our guides and briefly stopped in at Scotts Head Primary School to look at their ‘Bush Tucker Track’ and orchard. It was a really fun day and I would love to do it again!  

Submitted by Elly Gooch

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER BOWRAVILLE FUN DAY
6-16 years 10.00am—2.00pm Fun activities and games at Hennessey Tape Oval

THURSDAY 2TH SEPTEMBER MUSIC MADNESS
6-16 years 10.00am—2.00pm Fun with Music and games, open mic, dance and more at Grants Hall

TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER THE MOVIE BUS
12-16 years 9.00am—4.00pm Catch the bus to the movies FREE travel to the Plaza Nambucca Heads, movie and lunch

WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER BOWRAVILLE BASKETBALL
10-16 years 10.00am—2.00pm Team and individual events, 3 on 3
Lunch included, bookings essential, limited places.
Contact Nambucca Shire Council 6568 2555
For more details go to www.nambucca.nsw.gov.au

Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre have a number of Holiday Programs for children aged 7-15 these school holidays.

Programs include a Residential Camp, Kids Club, Sailing, Surfing and Laser Skimish.

For further information please visit our website www.sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au or contact 13 13 02

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TICKETS

Adults $10  Concession $5

FAMILY SPECIAL $25

For bookings, contact Nambucca Heads High School on (02) 6568 6777