Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the 2015 school year at Nowra Hill Public School. We begin the year with 112 students across five interim classes. We will be able to keep permanent classes once our enrolment is known next week.

Mrs Coral Jones has retired and we wish her all the very best in her leisure time. Mr Vucic has taken long-service leave for Term 1. Mrs White will be teaching 3/4 during this time. Mr Tyson will be relieving Mrs Ison in the library on Thursdays and teaching Mr McCann’s 5/6 class on a Wednesday for Term 1.

BELL TIMES
All school bell times will remain the same as in previous years, these are:

- 8.55am Morning Bell
- 11.00am - 11.30am Recess
- 1.00pm - 1.45pm Lunch
- 2.55pm Afternoon Bell

Please ensure that all students arrive before the morning bell.

KINDERGARTEN START
Kindergarten students will be doing their Best Start Assessments with Miss Barry this week before starting school on Monday of Week 2 when they will stay the full day at school.

LIBRARY
Library borrowing for Term 1 will commence next week. Please ensure your child has a library bag. Library lessons are on Wednesday for Kindergarten to Year 4. Years 5/6 have library lessons and borrowing on Tuesdays. Kindergarten may borrow one book, Year 1 may borrow two books, and the other grades may borrow up to four books each week. Thank you for your support.

UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop will be open on Friday afternoons from 2.30pm - 3.15pm. If you require any further uniforms please obtain an order form from the front office or on the schools website and return it with money enclosed to the front office.
ABSENCE NOTES
Attached to the newsletter is a book of absence notes. If your child has been away from school, please send an absence note with your child as soon as they return to school. We also need to know the reason for the absence because stating that your child “was away” is considered by the Department as an unjustified absence. The school has booklets of absence notes which make writing these notes quick and easy. They can be picked up from the front office at anytime.

ARRIVING SCHOOL LATE OR LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY
If your child is arriving at school after the school bell has rung you will need to proceed to the front office and collect a late note. A parent must sign a late child into school. The note will then be handed into the teacher.

If you are taking your child out of school early you will also need to come to the front office before collecting your child and obtain a leaving early note and sign your child out of school. This note will then be handed to the teacher also.

CANTEEEN
We are still seeking volunteers who are interested in running the school canteen (you can choose which day you would like to do canteen). Without same, unfortunately there will be no canteen this year. If you are interested please fill out the form on the back of the newsletter or telephone the school on 4421 5671.

TEACHERS 2015
Nowra Hill Public School classes for 2015 will be as follows:

Kindergarten - Miss Barry
Year 1/2 - Mrs Rowe
Year 2/3 - Mrs Bellamy
Year 3/4 - Mr Vucic
Year 5/6 - Mr McCann

BIRTHDAYS
Happy birthday and best wishes to Oscar Hawkins who celebrates his birthday this week.

P & C MEETING
The first meeting of the Nowra Hill Public School Parents and Citizens Association will be held in the School Library on Tuesday, 10th of February, commencing at 6.30pm. All parents and carers are welcome. It would be great to see some new families at the meeting and find out what you can do to help our school.

NOWRA SHOW ENTRIES
If you have any craft items that you have made and would like to exhibit it in the Nowra Show, it MUST be handed into the office by this Friday, 30th January.

ANAPHYLAXIS AND ALLERGIES
If your child has any severe allergies please let the school know by personally informing your child’s teacher and sending a letter to inform the office for our records, if you have not already done so. Kiwi fruit can now be brought to the school if your child wishes to eat it.
NOWRA HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The results of last year’s swimming carnival are in and ribbons and medallions will be handed out at this Friday’s assembly. Buru won the carnival. Champions are:

- **Junior Girls** - Halle Shipton
- **Junior Boys** - Matthew Higham
- **11 yr girl** - Kaitlin Boyne
- **11 yr boy** - Brodie Byrne
- **Senior Girl** - Yasmin Willis
- **Senior Boy** - Cooper Atkinson

Congratulations to all competitors and winners.

CLASSROOM REQUIREMENTS

Teachers have asked that the following items, clearly marked with your child’s name on them, are sent with your child to school please:

**Kindergarten**
Box of tissues, bottle of hand wash soap, refillable drink bottle (with name on it) and spare underwear.

**Year 1**
Coloured pencils and textas, 2 rubbers, 2 lead pencils, plastic ruler, 2 glue sticks, 2 plastic loose leaf folders, paint smock, library bag, plastic envelope or pocket pouch, pair of scissors and box of tissues.

**Year 2/3**
Glue stick, eraser, lead pencils, 30cm ruler, colour pencils, textas, box of tissues, library bag, old t-shirt for art, two A4 plastic sleeve display folders and a home reading plastic folder.

**Year 3/4**
4 x HB pencils, glue stick, 30cm wooden ruler (no plastic, metal or bendy rulers please), colour pencils, box of tissues, textas are optional and a recorder if you already have one.

**Year 5/6**
Fine point blue and red biros, 30cm ruler, eraser, sharpener, geometry set, calculator, scissors, 2 plastic loose leaf display folders, HB pencils, colour pencils and a box of tissues.

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NOWRA HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

I ____________________________ am interested in volunteering to run the school canteen.

I can be contacted on the following number ______________________