WELCOME BACK PARENTS AND STUDENTS
We come back to a particularly busy term with several important events. We start with our school swimming scheme for Weeks 2–3, we then need more volunteers to help with Ed Plus activities on Fridays Weeks 2–4. This is then followed by our School Try-Athlon fundraiser on Thursday, Week 4. The school dance will be held Thursday evening, Week 5. Meanwhile, Yr 3–6 students will be preparing for the Small School’s Public Speaking Competition to be held later in the term.

SCHOOL DANCE
The date of our school dance is Thursday, 5th November. We have started our whole school practices on Friday. This year the theme is Beach Party so children can come dressed in beach/summer attire. However, children must not wear thongs as they will be dancing but sandals with straps may be worn. The dance will start at 6.30pm and end at 8.30pm.

NHPS TRY-ATHLON FUNDRAISER
Our school Try-Athlon will be held on Thursday, 29th October, Week 4. We will require the assistance of parents to help direct children during the individual events. It will be especially important to have parental assistance in supervising children crossing the road between our school and Kids Krew on the way to the cycle leg.

The success of this event will be greatly enhanced by parental assistance for the 2 hours of the event as the whole school will be participating. If you are free between 9-11am on Thursday, 29th October we would greatly appreciate your assistance. Please complete the slip on the back of this newsletter and return it to the office.

Please remember that the sponsorship forms have an option to either sponsor children per lap or simply a donation. Children will be collecting money after the event BUT if they are given money, they can bring it to the office.

Each child has been placed in a team which appears on the back of their sponsorship form. Each team member will be involved in at least one of 3 activities. Children who participate in the cycle will need to bring their bike and helmet. Children will not be allow to share bikes. A course will be marked out on the grassed area on the other side of Kids Krew building.
Bikes will need to be brought to school on the day before; and stored in the hall or in the morning. All bikes should be checked beforehand as students cannot ride unsafe bikes. Each team member will be credited with the same number of laps that was completed by the team as a whole.

**TTFM PARENT & STUDENT SURVEYS**
At the moment, 14% of the parent community have responded to the online survey. I cannot stress the great opportunity that parents have with this easy survey to inform the school of their views and feelings on a number of school and home practices.

The online survey closes on **Friday, 16th October**. We would appreciate a larger sample of completed parent surveys to assist us with our school plans for the next two years. For those parents who would like to complete the survey, but may have misplaced the log on details, they are as follows:

Username—parent18781  
Password—Now 4106  
http://www.tellthemfromme.com/login.htm

**ED PLUS**
Parents and carers who have skills or interests that can be shared with a small group of children are welcome to be part of our annual Ed Plus activities. The activities will take place on Friday afternoons of Weeks 2, 3 and 4 from 1.45—2.55pm. This is an invaluable experience for our students as they get to participate in activities they would not normally have access to.

If you would like to share an interest, skill or expertise please complete the form on the back of this newsletter, you will be contacted next week. If there are not enough volunteers unfortunately this program will be unable to continue.

**SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME—$60 per child**
Children who have brought in an expression of interest and/or money for the School Swimming Scheme (starting next week), will be bringing home a permission note today. Parents of children between Years 2-6 who wish their children to participate need to have their note and money back to the office this week.

We only have **9 places** left for this year’s Swimming Scheme so get in early to avoid disappointment. Children will have recess before leaving for the pool and lunch when they return. They need to bring— **2 towels (one for pool deck and one for change room), swimmers and plastic bag for wet items.** The children can get changed at the Leisure Centre and change back into their dry school clothes before getting back on the bus. Girls will need a hair tie to keep hair out of their eyes when swimming. Goggles may be used but please be aware that children will have to complete testing **without goggles.**

**P&C MEETING**
The Next P&C meeting will be held Tuesday, 13th October at 7.00pm in the school library.

**NOWRA HIGH SCHOOL TESTING**
Year 6 students who will be attending Nowra High School next year will sit for a literacy and numeracy assessment here at school on Thursday, 8th October at 9.00am.

**SCHOOL BAND**
A reminder to parents of children in our school band that it will commence this week. Please ensure that band fees are paid promptly. We also want to remind children that they have made a commitment to be in the School Band and they should continue practising and bringing their instruments every Tuesday. There is an expectation the Band children will perform at our end of year presentation to showcase all the hard work they have done throughout the year. Parents please encourage your child to practise and bring in their instruments regularly, Thank you for your assistance.

**PIE AND POPPER HAS FINISHED FOR THE YEAR.**
Thank you very much everyone for all your support. The Redbacks.
**MERIT AWARDS**

Kinder - Xavier Bendall  
Class 1/2 - Faith Myers McGuire, Rylan Nichols, Jack Wilson  
Class 2/3 - Brooke Pearson, Jade O’Connell, Lauren Whitfield  
Class 3/4 - Lauren Hales and Charlie Manwaring  
Class 5/6 - Toby Adams and Isabel Goodwin

**PRINCIPALS AWARD**

Kinder - Madison McCormack and John Lamb  
Class 1/2 - Summer King  
Class 2/3 - Lindsay Muller  
Class 3/4 - Oscar Goley  
Class 5/6 - Brodie Byrne

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NOWRA HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL  
ED PLUS PROGRAM - TERM 4

I ______________________ am able to assist by taking a small group for Ed Plus On Fridays.  
The activity I would like to do is ____________________ with _______ students. The age level  
appropriate would be ____________.

Signed: __________________________  Dated: ______________

NOWRA HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL  
INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM - $60.00  
Please complete the white form given to students with this newsletter.  
REMINDER: some children have a credit of $6.50 for the cancelled cross country carnival.

NOWRA HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL - SCHOOL CANTEEN - WEDNESDAYS

I _________________________ can help out in the school canteen. I can be  
 contacted on the following number: __________________________

NOWRA HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL—TRY-ATHLON FUNDRAISER

I would be able to help with the Try-Athlon on Thursday, 29th October from 9.00 to 11.00am.

Name: ___________________________ Phone: __________________________

Child’s Name and Class: _______________________________________________