Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to all the families who attended the Welcome Barbecue and Parent Information sessions last Thursday. Although there was a good attendance of families, the threat of rain may have kept others at home.

A special thank you goes to the parents who helped with the barbecue and drinks, they were, Dave Warwick, Aaron and Hayley Clarke, Lisa Green, Jeff Goodwin and the 5/6 students.

CANTEEN NEWS
We would like to thank Kirsty O’Connell, Fiona Bendall and Courtney Usher for volunteering to run the school canteen this year. They hope the first canteen day will be next Wednesday, 26th February. More information next week.

2016 HIGH SCHOOL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST APPLICATIONS
The Information Guide and Expression of Interest Form for Parents and Carers went home with the Year 6 students last week. Thank you to those parents who have returned the forms so promptly. Please return the form to the office as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

SAUSAGE SANDWICH AND DRINK DEAL - FRIDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY
We are holding a sausage sandwich and drink deal at school this Friday for lunch. The cost of the sausage sandwich and drink is $2.00. If your child would like to purchase a meal deal please fill out the slip on the back of the newsletter and return it on FRIDAY morning to the Year 6 Redbacks who will be sitting in front of the school office taking orders. Additional sausage sandwiches can be purchased for $1.00 each.

STEPS PROGRAM
A reminder that Kindergarten children will be having their eyesight tested on Thursday, 19th February, at 9.30am. If you have a child in another class and would like their eyes tested, please pick up a form from the office. Please send all forms back to the office tomorrow, 18th February.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy Birthday and best wishes to Beau Crealy who celebrates his birthday this week.

NEW ATTENDANCE GUILDELINE
New attendance guidelines have been released and families can no longer apply for an exemption from school to attend family holidays. Families are encouraged to take holidays and travel during school vacations.
All absences from school must be explained within 7 days. Explanations should be in writing. If explanations are not provided or if the explanation is not a good reason for a student to be absent from school, the absence will be marked as unjustified in the class roll. DEC has strict guidelines as to what we as a school can accept as a legal absence. The NSW Government is making regular attendance at school a priority, therefore all school rolls will be monitored very closely.

NOWRA SHOW
Congratulations to Georgia Green for her 1st place in the 8 years sewing and embroidery at Nowra Show.

Luca Winchester came first in the Under 9’s Rider Class before competing for the Under 9’s Champion. Luca did really well and she was sashed as the Champion Rider. What a fabulous effort!

FISST SWIMMING CARNIVAL
A note was sent home last week regarding the FISST Swimming Carnival at the Bomaderry Pool on Tuesday, 24th February. We will be travelling by bus, departing from school at 9.00am and returning before 3.00pm. Cost for the day is $7.00.

All students in Years 3-6 should attend the carnival. Year 2 students turning 8 years old this year and are able to swim 50 metres are invited to attend. Those students not competing will spend the day with Kindergarten or Class 1/2.

The students who gain 1st, 2nd or 3rd place will go to the District Carnival which will be held on Thursday, 26th February.

DISTRICT SWIMMING
The District Swimming Carnival will be held at Bomaderry Pool on Thursday, 26th February. This is only two days after the Small Schools Carnival so students will need to be vigilant in returning their notes on Wednesday, 25th February. Travel will be by private transport.

MERIT AWARDS
Kindergarten
Heidi Lovell - Having great listening skills
Xander Hawkins - Participating in classroom discussions

Year 1/2
Addison Radburn - Being a responsible student in class
Joshua Turner - Settling into class routines well
Jack Wilson - Welcome to Nowra Hill Public School
Oscar Hawkins - Welcome to Nowra Hill Public School
Luca Winchester - Trying so hard with her maths

Year 2/3
Riley Ball - Fabulous effort with his reading
Leigha Barrett - Wonderful effort with her reading
Luca Winchester - Trying so hard with her maths

Year 3/4
Kristina Esposito - Listening and following directions
Hunter Woods - Being a happy and helpful member of 3/4
Imogen Radburn - Being enthusiastic and helpful
Year 5/6
Jade Muller - Neat bookwork in maths
Charley Shipton - Neat bookwork
Nayana Patmore - Excellent work in maths

NOWRA HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL
SAUSAGE AND DRINK DEAL - $2.00

NAME: _______________________________ CLASS: ______

1 SAUSAGE SAND & DRINK $2.00
Water  Popper  Soft Drink
Tropical, apple, orange

Extra sausage sand $1.00  Amount enclosed: ______

NOWRA HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL
WORKBOOK FEES 2015
MISS BARRY - KINDERGARTEN $54.00
MRS ROWE - YEAR 1 $83.00
MRS ROWE - YEAR 2 $79.00
MRS BELLAMY - YEAR 2/3 $65.00
MR VUCIC - YEAR 3/4 $40.00
MR McCANN - YEAR 5/6 $70.00

Children’s names: ________________________________
Classes: ______________________________________

Please find enclosed $______________ for payment of workbooks

Signed: _______________________________ Date: ________________

Thank you to all the families who have paid their school fees so promptly.

CANBERRA EXCURSION— Years 4, 5 and 6
Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will participate in the Canberra Excursion in Week 2 of Term 2, 4th May – 6th May, 2015. The cost of the excursion will be approximately $240. The students will be accompanied by Mr Vucic and Mrs White and will visit Parliament House, the War Memorial, the National Gallery and Questacon. A full note and itinerary will be sent home by Week 6.

CRAZY HAIR DAY—Whole school
NHPS will host a Crazy Hair Day on Friday, 13th March for the World’s Greatest Shave fundraiser. For a gold coin donation students may wear mufti clothes and a crazy hair style.