Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our first week at school was a pleasant beginning to the school year. Kindergarten began their first day yesterday and are attending full time. Miss Barry said that they all had a wonderful first day.

We would like to welcome the following Kindergarten students to our school:

SCHOOL CANTEEN
Once again there will be NO CANTEEN until we have volunteers to run the canteen. We are hopeful that this can be organised in the coming week, and will be discussed at next week’s P & C meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy Birthday and best wishes to Keonie Adams and Halle Shipton who celebrate their birthday this week.

AFTERNOON PICK UPS
We have had a small number of issues relating to the students being collected at the end of the school day, especially relating to the children who attend the Kids Crew Room in the afternoons. Please notify the school office of any changes to who is collecting your child in the afternoon so that we can notify the class teacher and Kids Crew Room staff.

Most importantly, please make sure that your child knows who is picking them up in the afternoons.

Because the car parking area is such a busy area at the moment, please collect your child from the school gate as we will not be allowing them to cross the carpark unaccompanied by an adult.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SRE) “SCRIPTURE”
Section 32 of the Education Act 1990 requires that “in every government school, time is to be allowed for the religious education of children of any religious persuasion”. Special religious education is education in the beliefs and practices of an approved religious persuasion by authorised representatives of that persuasion.
SRE at Nowra Hill Public School is based on the non-denominational Christian faith and is organised through School Religious Education. It is held in each classroom on Thursday mornings, commencing this Thursday, 5th February. If you would like your child to receive an exemption from SRE classes, you must notify the school via a written letter to the Principal, Mr Tony McCann. Your child will receive minimal supervision in a separate space adjoining their classroom and will participate in homework, reading or private study.

Even if your child has received an exemption in the past, we need to update our records and will require a new letter to be written before exemption is offered. In coming years, the arrangements for each child will remain the same until a change is notified.

WORKBOOK FEES
Attached to the newsletter is a copy of the workbook fees for each class. Please note that the general contribution is voluntary, but this money is used for school resources. As these books are now being used in all classrooms we would appreciate payment as soon as possible. Please bring your money together with the slip on the back of the newsletter to the front office.

Parents are more than welcome to pay the workbooks off by instalments. If there is a problem with payment please see Mrs Noeline Jones in the office.

P & C MEETING
The first meeting of the Nowra Hill Public School Parents and Citizens Association will be held in the School Library next 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.

WELCOME BARBEQUE
We would like to invite families to attend our Welcome Barbeque to celebrate the start of the school year. This will be held on Thursday, 12th February commencing at 6.00pm. Each class teacher will hold a class talk for parents lasting approximately 15 minutes. However, this will not be an opportunity to have individual parent/teacher interviews as time does not permit. Please arrange to make an appointment to see your class teacher if needed.

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To help with the cost of catering we ask that each family make a gold coin donation on the night. Barbequed sausages, onions, bread, tea and coffee will be supplied.

MERIT AWARDS

Year 1/2
Faith Myers-McGuire - Excellent work
Mick Nolan - Helping others
Rhiannon Andrews - Excellent manners

Year 2/3
Khallen - Working well in class - Great start Khallen
Billy Steve - Being a cheerful and kind 2/3 student
Keonie Adams - Being a lovely 2/3 class member

Year 3/4
Natalie Korton - Always working well and for writing an interesting recount. Fantastic start to Year 3
Holly Barrett - Working well in English and using interesting adjectives in her writing. Wonderful start to Year 4
Mitchell Downey - Trying hard with his writing and including some interesting details. Terrific start to Year 4

Year 5/6
Olivia Wilson - Being a polite and enthusiastic Year 6 student
Sarah Pearson - Willingly contributing to class discussions

GIRLS WINTER UNIFORM
This year winter culottes will be added to the girls winter uniform. They will be made of the same material as the tunic. As the order delivery time is about 12 weeks we need to place an order as soon as possible to receive them before Term 2. We are seeking expressions of interest by this Friday. Winter tunics are $50 and culottes $38. We ask that a $10 holding deposit is paid for each item. Please complete form and return with money in an envelope by this Friday, 6th February.

Girls Winter Uniform - Name:___________________________ Phone:__________________
I would like to order: Tunic Size _______ x _______
Culottes Size _______ x ______

Please find enclosed $10 holding deposit for each item.

SHOW ENTRIES
Thank you to all the students who have entered art or craft into this week’s Nowra Show. We hope that some of them are able to win a prize for their efforts.

CARPARK SAFETY
Parents are again reminded to drive safely and carefully in the carpark. Please:

• Keep off the concrete footpath so as to allow bus lines to walk to and from the bus
• Reverse park to the fence in the front of the school
• Collect children from inside the school gate. Do not call children across the carpark. Do not let children play in the carpark
• Ensure that children under 7 years of age are in a booster seat and all passengers are wearing seatbelts.

Please be aware that the police regularly do speed checks on BTU Road both before and after school, so please keep to the 40km per hour speed limit in the school zone. Please note that there are brand new flashing lights in the school zone now.

NOWRA HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL
WORKBOOK FEES 2015

Children’s names: ________________________________
Classes: ____________________________

Please find enclosed $____________ for payment of workbooks

Signed: ____________________________  Date: __________________
WORKBOOK FEES - 2015

Kindergarten - Miss Barry

General Contribution $25.00
Targeting Maths K $14.00
Home Reading Diary $4.00
Targeting Handwriting $11.00  TOTAL $54.00

Year 1 - Mrs Rowe

General Contribution $25.00
Targeting Maths $14.00
Phonemic Speller $13.00
Special Word Collection $4.00
Home Reading Diary $4.00
Writing time $12.00
Time for Reading $11.00  TOTAL $83.00

Year 2 - Mrs Rowe

General Contribution $25.00
Targeting Maths $14.00
Phonemic Speller $13.00
Home Reading Diary $4.00
Writing time $12.00
Time for Reading $11.00  TOTAL $79.00
Year 2/3 – Mrs Bellamy

General Contribution $25.00
Home Reading Diary $4.00
Targeting Maths $14.00
Targeting Handwriting $11.00
Spelling Conventions $11.00

TOTAL $65.00

Year 3/4 – Mr Vucic

General Contribution $25.00
Home Reading Diary $4.00
Spelling Conventions $11.00

TOTAL $40.00

Year 5/6 – Mr McCann

General Contribution $25.00
Signpost Maths $18.00
New Signpost Mentals $12.00
Home Reading Diary $4.00
Spelling Conventions $11.00

TOTAL $70.00