Dear Parents and Caregivers,

There have been a number of issues and complaints concerning travel on the buses, especially in the afternoon. The bus causing the greatest concern is the Cabbage Tree Lane bus. Many of the problems stem from the bus being over-crowded resulting in some of our students missing out on a seat.

Some of the unacceptable behaviours include:

- Students using bad language
- Students pushing or hitting others
- Students moving seats or refusing to sit on seats

Where students from Nowra Hill Public School are misbehaving, this may result in bus passes being suspended. We ask that parents speak with their children about safe conduct on buses. If parents have a problem or complaint about the bus service to or from school, we urge you to contact Nowra Coaches on 4423 5244. The current arrangement for bus times and seats on buses is not acceptable and we should be proactive to improve our school bus service.
TOILET BLOCK
Our new toilet block is due to be completed in the next week. However, we will not be able to use them until next term. The old wash shed, boys toilet block and current concrete paths need to be demolished during the holidays and new paths put in place.

We are certainly getting closer to having the new facilities for our students. Thank you to all boys and girls for their patience (the port-a-loos are still popular with our students).

PSSA DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
Last Friday, 26 of our students participated in the District Cross Country Carnival at Willandra. It was a great overall performance by our students. The following students did particularly well: Matthew Higham 1st; Leigha Barrett 3rd; Andrew Lewis 5th; Imogen Radburn 8th and Yasmin Willis 11th. Well done to all our athletes.

Matthew, Leigha and Andrew have qualified for the Regional Carnival in 2 weeks’ time. We wish them all the best in representing our school and District.

WALKING SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
This year is the 16th annual National Walk Safely to School Day. This Friday, 22nd May the staff at Nowra Hill Public School will supervise all children from K-6 walking up to the radar tower on Nowra Hill. Please ensure that your child has comfortable walking shoes for this activity.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy Birthday to Toby Adams who celebrates his birthday this week.

HEADLICE
We have had several cases of head lice reported to the school. Could you please check your child’s hair thoroughly today. If head lice or eggs are found please treat accordingly.

MOTHERS DAY STALL
We would like to thank Mrs Megan Shipton for her wonderful efforts in holding the mother’s day stall this year. The year 6 helpers on the day also did a great job.

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP
Next Tuesday, 26th May classes K, 1/2 and 2/3 will be participating in the Responsible Pet Ownership Program which teaches students how to look after their pets and safety around animals.

BAND FEES
A reminder that Band fees are now due. Please place your money ($50.00) or cheque in an envelope with your name on it and return it to the front office. All cheques are to be made payable to the Nowra Town Band. Thank you to those families that have already paid their band fees for this term.

TRIVIA NIGHT - RELAY FOR LIFE
A trivia night is being held to raise money for the Relay for Life. The trivia night is being held on Friday, 24th July and tickets are $15.00 each. For further information contact Megan on 0410 602 714.
Canberra Excursion

MERIT AWARDS

Kindergarten
Abigail Dezentje - Being a responsible and respectful student
Xander Hawkins - Being an active on task learner

Class 1/2
Rylan Nichols - A pleasing effort in artwork
Scarlett Pridgeon - Improvement in handwriting
Kayla Stain - Top effort in class
Faith Myers-McGuire - Remembering her home reader
Jai Coates - Doing the job of a student
Class 2/3
Austyn Cornelius - A clever maths student
Luca Winchester - Listening carefully in class and following directions
Natalie Barrett - Excellent work in maths

Class 3/4
Natalie Korten - Always being respectful to others
Lauren Hales - A wonderful improvement and attitude to presentation of all written works

Class 5/6
Baden Manwaring - Being attentive and interested during our Canberra excursion
Sarah Pearson - Being attentive and interested during our Canberra Excursion
Isabel Goodwin - Showing initiative and being a helpful class member