Dear Parents and Caregivers,

My time at Nowra Hill Public School concludes at the end of this week. Personally, I cannot believe how quickly the fifteen and a half years have flown by since I transferred to Nowra Hill Public School in 2000. I certainly did not anticipate staying for so long. However, since this is such a wonderful school to teach at, it has become my longest serving time in any school.

I would like to thank the students, staff and parents I have been involved with over the years. Many families send their children to Nowra Hill because it is a small school, where children are well-known and cared for by teachers and students and, in the main, we help each other. We all make mistakes and hopefully learn from them (even I have made a few), but the reason any school exists is to provide an environment where children can learn and grow into decent citizens.

Being a teaching principal has always kept me in reality with teaching children. I have enjoyed teaching the classes I have had, especially over the past few years but also regret not being able to teach those from K-4. (I might pop in to see how the new toilets are going once the project is completed).

I know that I will be leaving the school in capable hands for Terms 3 and 4. Mr Vucic will be replacing me as Relieving Principal, while Mrs White will be teaching the 5/6 class and taking on the Assistant Principal role. I trust that teachers, parents and students will give them the respect, support and trust that they deserve to lead the school forward. They have enthusiasm and knowledge to make some real change and make Nowra Hill an even better school.

My retirement officially begins on July 28, however, I will be taking two weeks long service leave at the beginning of Term 3. I still intend on living in the area and so I hope to be able to say hello to you when I see you in Nowra or on the golf course. Of course, the children will be looking older and I will still look the same - that’s the plan anyway.
I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and wish you all health, peace and prosperity in the future.

Tony McCann, Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy Birthday to Triston Reay who celebrates his birthday this week. We would also like to wish the following students, who celebrate their birthday in the holidays, a happy birthday: Mitchell Downey, Adrien Griffiths and Madison McCormack.

SCHOOL GYMNASTICS
A Sporting Schools Program of Gymnastics will be commencing on Fridays in Week 2 of next term. These lessons will be taught by Activated Group Gymnastics. The cost of the 8 week program $20.00 per student. Please complete the slip on the newsletter and return same, together with your money to the front office.

THANK YOU
Thank you to all those families that brought in foam trays for Mrs Millard’s art. She doesn’t require anymore.

AFL SMALL SCHOOLS GALA DAY
Due to the bad weather last week the Small Schools AFL Gala Day was postponed to this Thursday, 25th June. We require all permission notes to be returned to the school by tomorrow, so we can arrange for transportation notes to be issued.

MR McCANN’S FAREWELL/RETIREMENT ASSEMBLY
As the school community is aware Mr McCann will be going on leave and will retire next term. Friday of this week is his last day at Nowra Hill Public School. Mr McCann has given nearly 16 years of service to Nowra Hill Public School so we would like to give him a fitting farewell assembly.

The assembly will start at 1.30pm this Friday, 26th June. The assembly will conclude around 2.30pm and it will be followed by an afternoon tea at the school. We ask that parents bring in a plate or some food to share and say a personal farewell to Mr McCann. We look forward to having many parents join us at the school for the farew ell assembly and afternoon tea.

YEAR 1/2
Children in class 1/2 have misplaced school jumpers and school jackets. Can I ask parents to quickly check the labels of their child’s clothing to see if it has been collected by mistake. If you find any items please leave them on the bench in my room. Thank you. Mrs Rowe

SAVING OCEANS FROM PLASTIC POLLUTION WORKSHOP
Tomorrow, 24th June, all children from Years 3-6 will participate in a presentation about plastic pollution in our oceans by Anthony Hill. The presentation will go for 60 minutes and be followed by a trivia quiz. We ask that children bring in a gold coin donation on the day to support this worthy cause.

LOST PROPERTY
There are numerous amounts of lost property (mostly jumpers) in the school lost property basket. All of the clothing in the basket is NOT labelled with children’s names. If you child has lost their jumper/jackets please ask them to check in the lost property basket.

Could parents please label all jumpers/jackets with their child’s names, so if lost or misplaced can be returned to them. Any unclaimed jumpers/jackets will be washed and placed in the school uniform shop and sold as second hand clothing at the end of this term.
NOWRA HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL
GYMNASTICS
Cost - $20.00 per student

I give permission for my child/ren _________________________ in class ______________
to participate in the school gymnastic program each Friday for 8 weeks commencing in
Week 2.

I enclose: $___________________

Signed: ___________________________  Dated: ______________

MERIT AWARDS

Kindergarten
Taj Westall - Transitioning into Kindergarten well
Lily Sproule - Practicing her independent writing at home

Class 1/2
Rhiannon Andrews - Being a cheerful student in class
Scarlet Pridgeon - Staying on task during lessons

Class 2/3
Leigha Barrett - Thinking carefully in her maths
Khallen C - Being a fabulous reader
Ethan Vicary - Good work in his maths

Class 3/4
Tia Renomeron - Recounting an imaginative Dreaming Story for aboriginal symbols
Charlize Watson - Always demonstrating a positive attitude to all class activities

Class 5/6
Kaitlin Boyne - Listening carefully and following instructions in class
Tarni Wiedeman - Enthusiastic participation in HSIE Gallipoli unit this term
Cooper Atkinson - Improved effort and concentration in class

PRINCIPALS AWARD

Heidi Lovell - Being a responsible and respectful student
Emily-Rose Goley - Respecting her peers and lovely manners
Natalie Barrett - Being a respectful class member to the teacher and students
Halle Shipton - Always considering others by taking her turn to talk
Jimmy Kelly - Caring for younger students