Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome Parents, Carers and students to Term 3 at Nowra Hill PS. As always it is another busy term, not only in regards to learning experiences for students, but the many reforms which are being introduced by the Department of Education (DoE) which was previously known as the Department of Education & Communities (DEC).

It is the aim of the DoE to implement these reforms in order to make public schools more effective and accountable and ultimately produce better learning outcomes for all students.

CANTEEN
There will be no canteen tomorrow, Wednesday, 15th July. Canteen will resume next week. There will, however, be Pie and Popper sales on this Friday.

NEW STUDENTS
Welcome to our two new students, Kyah, in Year 1 and her sister, Litia, in Year 5 who have started at Nowra Hill today. We look forward to them becoming part of our school community.

RELEASE TEACHER
We also formally welcome Mrs Chloe Bell who will be teaching here every Wednesday and Thursday doing Executive release for Mr Vucic and Mrs White.

LIBRARY STOCKTAKE
There will be no library lessons between Weeks 1-4 as Mrs Ison will be busy doing a stocktake of all books in the library. If your child has any books that have not been returned from Term 2 please return them ASAP to expedite this process. Thanking you in anticipation.
NEW TOILETS
Mr McCann was keen to see this long awaited project to the end and was at school last Thursday to oversee the official hand over of the building to the school. It is a very welcome addition to our school especially after all the plumbing issues with the previous toilets. All the staff have commented on how much more roomy the school looks and it will definitely make supervision during play time an easier task for all staff.

GYMNASTICS
A Sporting Schools Program of Gymnastics will be commencing on Thursdays in Week 2 of this term. These lessons will be taught by Activated Group Gymnastics. The cost of the 8 week program is $20.00 per student. Please complete the slip on the newsletter and return same, together with your money to the school office, if you have not already done so.

YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP DAY
All Year 6 students will be attending a follow up Leadership Day with students from the other Small Schools next Tuesday, 21st July (Week 2). The children will be travelling to Illawarra Environmental Education Centre at Killalea Recreation Park. The students will travel by bus and the cost will be $20.00 per student. A note will be coming home with students today.

AFL SMALL SCHOOLS GALA DAY
Thursday of last term, a number of students from years 4,5 and 6 attended a Small Schools AFL Gala Day which was held at the local Bomaderry AFL grounds. We were selected into two teams the Swans and the Tigers. We played a number of round robin games against the other small schools which included Kangaroo Valley, Terara, Falls Creek and Greenwell Point. The Swans won all their games whilst the Tigers only lost one. In conclusion we had a very enjoyable, successful day. Yasmin Willis and Andrew Lewis.

P & C FUNDRAISER - PIE DRIVE
Winter time is pie time! The Nowra Hill Public School Pie Drive form is attached to this weeks newsletter. The funds raised will go towards renovating the canteen. The pies, lamingtons and slices are supplied by Bakehouse Delights, East Nowra. Please have all orders back to the school by Friday, 17th July. Delivery of the orders will be on Wednesday, 29th July 2015.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY
Friday assembly will continue to be on Fridays from 2.15pm to 2.55pm. We will be trialling a new system of announcing assembly award winners. From next week we will be putting in the newsletter the names of children who will be receiving awards for that weeks assembly. This will give parents the opportunity to attend the assembly to see their child receive an award, if they so choose.

ATTENDANCE
Parents please take note of the Department of Education Compulsory School Attendance information sheet. It outlines the importance of having your child attend regularly and being at school on time.

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 Thursday for 8 weeks commencing in Week 2.

I enclose $__________________

Signed: ____________________________ Dated: ____________________________
YEAR 1/2 RECYLCING PROJECT
Year 1/2 class will be participating in a Terracycle - Oral Care Waste Project. We need your HELP over the next two terms. Please help your child to become more environmentally friendly. To help recycling, simply collect your used and empty oral care waste (any brands are accepted) and send it to school with your child. A collection box will be found outside the Year 1/2 classroom and when the collection box is full we will ship it to Terracycle to be recycled.

We will be collecting the following items: old toothbrushes, floss containers, toothpaste tubes, toothpaste containers and toothpaste caps.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy Birthday and best wishes to Riley Gough, Luke Selby and Sophie Warwick who celebrate their birthday this week.

P & C MEETING
The July P & C Meeting will be held next Tuesday, 21st July 2015 at 7.00pm in the school library. All families are welcome.

Congratulations to the following students who received merit awards on the last day of Term 2:

Kindergarten: Riel Renomeron and Matilda Lunn
Class 1/2: Taylah Gill, Tom Manwaring, Madison Fish and Jack Wilson
Class 2/3: Ryan Boyne, Keonie Adams and Tahlia Stain
Class 3/4: Beau Crealy, Jono Tiyce and Oscar Goley
Class 5/6: Luke Selby, Nayana Patmore, Scott Van Hoven and Yasmin Willis

Congratulations to the following students who received Principal’s Awards on the last day of Term 2:

Xavier Bendall, Sean Van Hoven, Sophie Warwick, Charlie Manwaring and Allyx Cornelius

A copy of the Pie Fundraiser Order Form can be located in the Permission Notes Section of the School Website.