Dear Parents and Caregivers,

EDUCATION WEEK - ‘CELEBRATING LOCAL HEROES’
This week all public schools celebrate Education Week with this year's theme being 'Celebrating Local Heroes'. We have many local heroes in our local community and within our small school. We will be recognising some of our children as 'heroes' because they are not only wonderful citizens of our school, but they also just get on with the task at hand, with a minimum of fuss.

Our celebration culminates on Friday with the following being the program of events:

11.30am-12.30pm: Whole school assembly with each class presenting an item.

12.30pm-1.00pm: Open Classrooms. Parents are invited to go to their child's classroom to see their work and have children talk to them about what they do at school.

1.00pm-1.40pm: Lunch. Parents can join their child for lunch. Parents have the option to order a pie and popper for lunch with their child.

1.40pm-2.55pm: NAIDOC tabloid. Parents are invited to spectate while all children K-6 take part in the NAIDOC tabloid organised by Miss Barry. The children are in mixed groups and they move around groups experiencing games that have their origin in traditional Aboriginal children's games. Games will be run by senior children.
This is a great opportunity for parents to see how their child interacts with other children at school. Children are encouraged to wear red, yellow and black to coincide with the NAIDOC tabloid.

**PIE AND POPPER ORDER**
If you would like to order a pie or popper on Friday with your child please add it to your child’s order form on the one bag.

**PSSA DISTRICT HIGH JUMP CARNIVAL**
Natalie Barrett, Adrien Griffiths, Matthew Higham, Jack Lunn, Luke Selby, Philippa Walsh and Olivia Wilson will be representing Nowra Hill and the Small Schools at the District Athletics half day high jump carnival. This year the high jump will be held at Nowra High School Sports Ground as the Shoalhaven High School Athletics Complex is unavailable for use.

Children have received their notes and they will be coming home today with a transport note so they know with whom they will be travelling. The competition finishes at 12.30pm but many of the children may finish earlier, depending on what age division they are in. Junior boys and girls are first on the program and senior boys and girls are last. All the very best to all our athletes.

**P & C PIE DRIVE DELIVERIES**
The orders for the Pie Drive will be delivered tomorrow, Wednesday 29th July to school. If possible, could you please collect your orders at the end of the school day so as we don’t have children catching the bus home with pies.

**CLASS 1/2**
Class 1/2 are trying to collect long socks or old tights (any size or colour) to start to make our caterpillars and worms. If you have any long socks or tights (even one will do) please send them in for us to use.

Don’t forget to keep recycling old toothpaste containers, toothbrushes, cardboard toothpaste containers and dental floss containers into the box in front of the 1/2 classroom. We haven’t reached our goal yet!

**PSSA DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL (FULL DAY)**
Next Monday, 3rd August (Week 4) we have 15 children who are representing Nowra Hill and the Small Schools at the full day athletics carnival at John O’Dwyer Oval at Croome Road Sporting Complex at Albion Park.

Due to a series of unfortunate events the Carnival has had to be convened at Albion Park. A letter of explanation accompanies the permission note that athletes are bringing home today.

Parents, please be aware that we have had to book a bus on which all Small Schools athletes will be transported to Albion Park. It is essential that all athletes pay for, and be transported, by bus on Monday. Schools receive a quote and then we divide that by the number of students attending. Unfortunately, if we have children not going by bus then the cost per child increases. We want to make sure all
athletes arrive at the same time to the new carnival location. Athletes are welcome to travel home with parents if they intend on coming up to Albion Park to spectate.

All children will need to be at school in sports uniform with recess, lunch and drink by 6.45am for a 7.00am bus pick up. I am envisaging that athletes will be back at school by 4.00pm by the time we drop off other Small Schools athletes. Please have notes and money in by this Friday.

SHOALHAVEN MUSIC FESTIVAL REHEARSAL
Next Tuesday, 4th August (Week 4) all Yr 3-6 children will be travelling by bus to Illaroo Rd Public School to participate in the first massed choir practise for the Shoalhaven Music Festival. Notes are coming home today. The cost of the bus is $2.50 per student. Please return notes and money to the office by next Monday.

BUS BEHAVIOUR
Well done to all Cabbage Tree Lane bus children. The last two days they have had positive reports from the bus driver. Keep up the good work.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy Birthday and best wishes to Kristina Esposito, Jai Noronha and Allyx Cornelius who celebrate their birthday this week.

SOUTHERN STARS PERFORMANCE
Thank you to all the families that have paid for their ticket for the Southern Stars Performance. We need to know final numbers by tomorrow, 29th July. If you would like your child to attend the performance and have not paid please bring your money and permission note tomorrow morning and hand it into the front office. If you cannot locate your note there is a copy on the schools website.

SCHOOL WEBSITE
Just a reminder that the schools newsletter, uniform price list, canteen price list, pie and popper forms and all permission notes are available on the schools website.

YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP DAY REPORT
This year for the Year 6 Leadership Day we went to Huskisson and participated in activities with other small schools. We split up into 4 groups and rotated through the activities in the park and at the beach. We did many challenges, including sand sculpting and observing the rock pools for marine life. We also did some initiative challenges where we had to work together to solve problems. The climbing challenge was a lot of fun! We enjoyed ourselves while working out our strengths and weaknesses in leadership.

Charley Shipton
MERIT AWARDS FOR WEEK 3

Kindergarten - John Lamb and Triston Reay
Class 1/2 - Reagan Boyne, Madison Fish and Kayla Stain
Class 2/3 - Austyn Cornelius, Brooke Pearson and Alina Henry
Class 3/4 - Holly Barrett, Imogen Radburn and Tia Renomeron
Class 5/6 - Scott Van Hoven, Charley Shipton and Yasmin Willis

PRINCIPALS AWARDS FOR WEEK 3

Kindergarten - Riley Gough
Class 1/2 - Jack Wilson
Class 2/3 - Riley Ball
Class 3/4 - Hunter Woods
Class 5/6 - Louise Nolan