Dear Parents and Caregivers,

CAR PARK AREA
Your child’s education, and their safety, are major concerns for teachers in all schools. I am sure these are also great concerns for all parents. With this in mind I am respectfully asking that parents PLEASE:

• Park their cars on the western side of the path we use to take children down to the buses.
• All cars REVERSE park to the fence in 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 car park.

We have had parents inadvertently park on the path which not only makes it difficult to safely walk children down to the buses, but also considerably dangerous. Thank you in anticipation of your understanding in this important matter.

CLASS 1/2
Mrs Rowe has had to take some leave for two weeks for a family matter. We welcome Mr Ron Letters, retired Principal of Culburra PS, who will be teaching the class till Mrs Rowe returns in Week 7.

BOOK WEEK
This week is Book Week and all schools have activities planned to celebrate this important time in the school calendar. The Yr 3-6 students travelled to 'Riverside', at Bundanon, which is the property belonging to the late Arthur Boyd. While there the children took part in a writer / illustrator workshop.

The following is a report about the day by Tarni Wiedeman & Olivia Wilson: On Monday, Years 3-6 went to Bundanon for a writer's workshop. We had two books read to us and they were titled ‘An Intelligent Sleeping Beauty’ and ‘Wandering Helen.’ We met the author, Natalie Walton, and the illustrator, Tania Mason. They talked to us about how they wrote and illustrated the books that they read to us. We had a lot of fun. Andrew and Tia met Arthur Boyd’s granddaughter, Ellen.

The Bundanon Trust was instrumental in providing free transport to this very educational experience for our students. Our celebrations of Book Week continue into Week 7 with Mrs Ison organising a whole school activity in the hall from 9.00am-9.40am where we will have ‘Stories by Torchlight’.
The children will be asked to bring a torch and a small blanket and they will spend a few minutes reading to torchlight to see how reading can ‘light up’ their world.

In Week 8 all the K-2 children will be treated to the Reader’s Theatre Roadshow performance where people from the Town Library will be coming to our school to perform some of the shortlisted Book Council books. Unfortunately, Years 3-6 will be at Nowra High School on that day doing their final massed choir practice for the Shoalhaven Music Festival.

SHOALHAVEN MUSIC FESTIVAL
Nowra Hill Public School students will be performing at the Music Festival on the night of Thursday, 3rd September. Tickets for parents and family are now available at the office at a cost of $7.00 each. Please fill out the slip on the back of the newsletter and return it to school if you require tickets.

The tickets will be available until the day before our performance when any unsold tickets are taken back for sale at the door. If you intend on being at the performance to watch your child sing then please secure your tickets early so you don’t have to line up on the night.

Judging by our first massed choir rehearsal last Tuesday at Illaroo Road Public School, they will sound like a choir of angels. Well done to all students for their hard work.

REGIONAL ATHLETICS
The results of the PSSA District Athletics Carnival have been finalised and there are two students from our school who have qualified to represent the Small Schools and Shoalhaven District at the Regional Athletics Carnival at the AIS, in Canberra, on Friday 21st August.

Congratulations to Olivia Wilson who will be representing in discus, for her second place at the District Carnival, and Matthew Higham who will be representing in the 100m and 200m. All the very best to these two students in Week 6.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
I would like to thank Mrs Ison, our teacher librarian, who has been quietly working behind the scenes organising all the great Book Week activities that Nowra Hill children will be participating in to help develop a love and interest in reading. Mrs Ison and Mrs Romanis have also done a fantastic job in completing a stocktake to locate missing books and prepare a report on the state of our library stock. Thank you Mrs Ison!

I would also like to thank Mrs Noeline Jones and Mrs Karen Jones who have done an excellent job keeping the office functioning and providing invaluable guidance and support to myself as the Acting Principal.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT 2014
The Nowra Hill Annual School Report 2014 has been completed, checked and approved and is officially on the school website for parents and community to read about the school’s achievements in 2014. Mrs White spent a great deal of time on this document to make sure that it is a true indicator of Nowra Hill’s achievements during 2014. Many thanks Mrs White for your valuable input and time.

LIBRARY
Just a reminder that library borrowing commenced today after the yearly stocktake. The library lesson days have been changed for some classes as outlined in last weeks newsletter.

Tuesdays: Kindergarten, Class 1/2 and Class 3/4
Wednesdays: Class 2/3 and Class 5/6

Thank you for reminding your child to bring a suitable library bag and your support with regular borrowing.

P & C MEETING - TONIGHT 7.00pm
The August P&C Meeting will be held tonight in the library at 7.00pm. All families are welcome.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT PACKS
Enrolment packs went home last week for in zone students. If you have a child or know of a child in our drawing area who has not contacted the school regarding enrolment, could you please contact the school on 4421 5671. Also if you will be leaving or transferring to another school could you please advise the office also.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy Birthday and best wishes to Natalie and Leigha Barrett, Xavier Bendall, Pippa Walsh and Riel Renomeron who celebrate their birthday this week.

MERIT AWARDS FOR WEEK 5
Kindergarten - Xavier Bendall, Cala Stubbs
Class 1/2 - Olivia Oke and Rhiannon Andrews
Class 2/3 - Jade O’Connell, Devante Renomeron & Sophie Warwick
Class 3/4 - Alexandra Dezentje, Hunter Woods
Class 5/6 - Tom Nolan, Tarni Weideman and Hayley S

PRINCIPALS AWARDS FOR WEEK 5
Kindergarten - Reil Renomeron
Class 1/2 - Aimee Lamb
Class 2/3 - Brooke Pearson
Class 3/4 - Tia Renomeron
Class 5/6 - Yasmin Willis

SOUTHERN STARS
We officially have 57 Years 3-6 children, including teachers, attending the Southern Stars performance on Friday, 28th August (Week 7). We have purchased enough tickets for exactly this number and will not be taking any more children. Thank you to all parents for sending in all monies promptly.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN STICKERS
Several children have recently asked if Nowra Hill Public School is collecting Earn & Learn stickers. As a staff we have decided not to take part this year but I can recommend that if you do have stickers to put them into the boxes of schools where your friend’s children attend.

SHOALHAVEN NETBALL 2016 REPRESENTATIVE TEAM SELECTIONS
Representative Team Selections for 2016 will take place on Tuesday, 18th August 2015. If you are interested please email Bronwyn Hedger at sbhedger@internode.on.net for more information.

NOWRA HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL
SHOALHAVEN MUSIC FESTIVAL TICKETS - COST $7.00 per ticket
I ____________________________ would like to purchase ____________ tickets.
Please find enclosed $ _______________ for the total cost of the tickets.
Signed: _______________________ Dated: ____________________