Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**NAPLAN RESULTS**

NAPLAN results will be coming home with Year 3 & 5 students today. The NAPLAN assesses the literacy & numeracy achievement levels of children and these results are used by the school to determine areas of need and therefore are very useful in guiding and focussing our teaching to those areas of need.

If parents have concerns about their child’s results please contact the class teacher who can further explain results or give an indication of how the results compare to classroom performance.

**TELL THEM FROM ME (TTFM) ONLINE SURVEYS**

From next week parents will have the opportunity to take part in a Partners in Learning survey on student engagement. The online survey only takes about 15 minutes and is anonymous. The survey has been developed by the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), which is part of the Department of Education, and is being used to make clear the importance of the relationship between parents and school.

The survey results will be a valuable tool for the school in that we will be provided with valuable information on parents' perspective of Nowra Hill School. The survey will also look at other areas such as learning at home, communication between parents and staff, activities and practises at home and parent views on the school’s support of learning & behaviour.
The results of these online surveys are provided to the school within three working days of the online survey closing. These results are invaluable in assisting the school to identify strategic directions for school improvement which will then be included in our three year school plan cycle.

Teachers, and Year 4-6 students, will also be involved in taking part in the surveys. Parent consent forms for Year 4-6 student involvement will be sent out next week. More information will be available next week but we urge parents to partake in this survey to have a real voice in your child’s education.

NO ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY
There will be NO assembly this Friday due to the majority of the school going to the Southern Stars Excursion in Wollongong.

LIBRARY
The theme of this years Bookweek is “Books Light up our World”. In keeping with this theme we are “Reading by Torchlight” in the hall tomorrow, Wednesday, 26th August. We are asking students to bring a torch and a blanket to school that day. Your help in reminding them would be greatly appreciated.

SHOALHAVEN MUSIC FESTIVAL 2015
The Shoalhaven Music Festival is quickly coming upon us. All Year 3-6 children will be attending the final massed choir rehearsal on Wednesday, 2nd September at Nowra High School Hall before our performance on Thursday night (3rd September).

Please fill out the permission note on the back of the newsletter regarding next week’s final rehearsal. The children will be travelling by bus and there will be no cost to students as the SMF organisers will be paying for buses.

Our night performance commences at 7.00pm and children can arrive at 6.30pm to be seated by 6.45pm. Tickets for the night are still available at the office for $7.00 per ticket. If parents would like to be in the audience please purchase tickets now to avoid having to line up at the door on the night, were the tickets are limited.

All props for the night are either being made at school or supplied by Music Festival organisers. The only prop that children can bring from home (and this is purely optional) is a black or brown wig (no fluoro or multi coloured wigs).

BIRTHDAY
Happy Birthday and best wishes to Tia Renomeron who celebrates her birthday this week.

SOUTH COAST REGIONAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Last Friday, Matthew Higham and Olivia Wilson attended the South Coast Regional Athletics Carnival in Canberra. The following is a report from Matthew and Olivia:

Last Friday I went to Canberra and it was cold. I participated in the discus event. I think I got into the top 15 in the region. I enjoyed going to the Australian Institute of Sport. Olivia Wilson
Last Friday I went to the Regional Athletics Carnival in Canberra. In the 100m I came first in my heat and made it into the final. In the 200m I came 7th in the heat. I had the slowest time going into the 100m final and came 8th. I had a fun day at the Australian Institute of Sport. Matthew Higham

NOWRA HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL
SMF REHEARSAL - Wednesday, 2nd SEPTEMBER 2015

I give permission for my child/ren ________________________ in class ________________ to attend Nowra High School on Wednesday, 2nd September for the SMF final rehearsal.

Signed: ____________________  Dated: ____________________

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: ____________________