Dear Parents,

Welcome to another great week at the Hill, as I have made my way around the school this week it has been great to see so many smiling faces actively engaged in their learning.

It was an awesome turn out for our meet the teacher and welcome BBQ last Thursday. Thanks goes to everybody who came along and special thanks to the parents and students who helped out in the canteen and with serving the sausage sizzle. Thanks also to Mr Vucic for your efforts on the BBQ.

One more plug for our new school APP. It's great to see so many parents embracing the new technology, we now have over 120 subscribers. I am adding all our upcoming events to the calendar and notes or eForms will be attached soon.

All payment for excursions or events still need to be made through the office, but I am hoping that will change in March with the introduction of the Parent Online Payment system. It is hoped that most of our communication content will be shared via the App in the future. There is also a link to the App on the School Website if you are unable to access your phone.

The school has recently purchased a number of iPads to support and enhance learning, over the coming weeks they will be rolled out into classrooms!

DATES TO REMEMBER

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SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The Small Schools swimming Carnival will take place tomorrow, please make sure you have returned the note or completed the eForm on the App!

NEW CLASSROOM
Nowra Hill, the classroom has landed. Mrs Rowe’s 1/2 class now have a permanent home here at the Hill. It arrived today at lunch time and will take about 2 to 3 days to fit it out in the classroom and have it ready for occupancy.

LEAVE
Mrs Bellamy is taking leave for 4 weeks starting midway through next week. She will be replaced by Mr McCann. We hope Mrs Bellamy enjoys the time visiting with her daughter in the US, travel safe!

Have a great week every one!

Regards,
Mr Gordon Parrish
Principal

NO CANTEEN TOMORROW
Due to the Small Schools Swimming Carnival tomorrow there will be NO canteen. We are still after volunteers to help out on Wednesdays. If you are interested please fill out the slip on the bottom of the bulletin.

STEPS EYESITE FOR KINDERGARTEN
On Tuesday, 8th March, Kindergarten will be having their eyesight tested at 10.00am.

If you have a child in another class and would like their eyes tested, please pick up a form from the office. Kindergarten students will bring their form home today. Please have this form returned to school by Friday, 4th March.

SCHOOL CAMP EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will participate in the Killalea Camp in Week 11 this term (6th, 7th and 8th April).

If your child would like to attend this camp could you please fill out the expression of interest form on the bottom of the bulletin together with a $20.00 deposit and return it to the front office. Full price of the camp and more information to be provided at a later date.

UNSW ICAS COMPETITIONS
One way of challenging students academically is to encourage students in years 3-6 to participate in the University of NSW competitions. Some of these subjects are subsidised by the school, which is not done by other schools.

If you are interested, money for ALL competitions MUST be paid by Friday, 18th March.

Dates the competitions will be held:

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Please fill out the slip on the bottom of the bulletin, together with your money and return it to the front office.

SCHOOL BAND FEES DUE
School band fees of $50.00 are due today. Those students who have not paid their $50.00 fees by this week will not be able to continue with band until those fees have been paid.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SRE)
“SCRIPTURE”
Section 32 of the Education Act 1990 requires that “In every government school, time is to be allowed for the religious education of children of any religious persuasion”. Special Religious Education is education in the beliefs and practices of an approved religious persuasion by authorised representatives of that persuasion.

SRE at Nowra Hill Public School is based on the non-denominational Christian faith and is organised through School Religious Education. It is held in each classroom on Thursday mornings, commencing this Thursday, 18th February.

If you would like your child to receive an exemption from SRE classes, you must notify the school via a written letter to the Principal, Mr Gordon Parrish. Your child will receive minimal supervision in a separate space adjoining their classroom and will participate in homework, reading or private study.

Even if your child has received an exemption in the past, we need to update our records and will require a new letter to be written before exemption is offered. In coming years, the arrangements for each child will remain the same until a change is notified.
DISTRICT SWIMMING
The District Swimming Carnival will be held at Nowra Pool on Thursday, 25th February. It is only a week after the Small Schools Swimming Carnival so students will need to be vigilant in returning their notes if they make the District Swimming Carnival team.

BIRTHDAYS
Happy Birthday and best wishes to Hudson Machin, Emily-Rose Goley, Danny Elters and Beau Crealy who celebrate their birthday this week.

MERIT AWARDS
The following students will be receiving merit awards at this Friday’s assembly:

Kinder – William Tiyce, Armani Dias, Rhys Andrews

K/1 – Xavier Bendall, Marley Jade Brant, Torr Morley, Rhory Jones-Newing

1/2 – Madison McCormack, Abigail Dezentje, Heidi Lovell

2/3 – Kayla Stain, Emmy Goley, Jack Woods

4/5 – Charlize Watson, Kristina Esposito

5/6 - Alex Dezentje, Darci Edwards Baden Manwaring

PRINCIPALS AWARD

Kinder - Max Hughes
K/1 – Caitlyn Burney
1/2 – Kyah Schell
2/3 – Alina Henry
4/5 – Georgia Green
5/6 - Abby Clarke

NOWRA HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL
UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS YRS 3-6

I would like my child to sit for the following competitions (pls circle)

DIGITAL TECH - $4.00  MATHS - $4.00

WRITING - $17.00  SPELLING - $11.00

ENGLISH - $4.00  SCIENCE - $4.00

Child’s Name: ________________________________

Class: ______________________________________

I have enclosed: $ _______ Signed: _____________

NOWRA HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL
SCHOOL CAMP – KILLALEA DEPOSIT

I would like my child ________________________ in class ________________ to attend the school camp to Killalea on 7th and 8th April 2016.

I enclose $___________ deposit.

Signed: __________________________ Dated: ________

NOWRA HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL
CANTEEN VOLUNTEER

I _______________________ can volunteer in the school canteen on Wednesdays if required.

I can be contacted on: PH ___________________

Signed: ______________________ Dated: __________