Third term has been an action-packed term at Nowra Hill. We’ve enjoyed a range of activities including a helicopter visit, a movie night, the Small School’s Athletics Carnival and a basketball clinic. We also have a new student to the school — Ethan in Class 1/2. Welcome Ethan!

In August, a helicopter from HMAS Albatross 816 Squadron visited the school. It was particularly special because most of the crew of the helicopter had children at Nowra Hill Public School. A big thankyou to those parents who were involved in organising the visit.

The students in Class 5/6 completed a wonderful mosaic to welcome visitors to the school. The design of the mosaic is based on the Nowra Hill Community. An article about the mosaic was published in the South Coast Register on 4 September.

The Small School Athletics Carnival was held in July. It was wonderful to see children entering and doing their best in many events. A number of Defence children qualified to represent Nowra Hill and the Small Schools at the District carnival.
The RSL Anzac Art Awards are on again. These awards began in the 1970’s to encourage children to research, learn and appreciate the historical and cultural significance of Australia’s traditional links to ANZAC Day. The competition is a colouring-in competition and the prizes include $100-$300 for primary school children. Entry forms are available at Kids Club (in the Library at lunchtime on Thursdays and Fridays).

As you would know, the Royal Australian Navy Fleet Review will be held in Sydney from 3-11 October 2013. The review is being held to commemorate the first RAN fleet entry in Sydney Harbour on 4 October 1913. For those who cannot make it to Sydney to view the ships, over 25 ships will be arriving in Jervis Bay on 1 October, mooring near HMAS Creswell. They will depart for Sydney on 3 October. The ships can be viewed from many shore locations and via cruise operators. A fireworks display will be held at Voyager Park in Huskisson on the evening of 2 October. More information about this “once in a lifetime” experience is available at navy.gov.au/ifr.

Finally, a reminder to all families to let me know if you are leaving the school at the end of the year. This will enable me to support your child in the transition from Nowra Hill to his/her new school. Also, please advise me or your child’s class teacher of any deployments or parental absences for training purposes.

Have an enjoyable and safe holiday.

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