The year is flying by and once again we’ve had a very busy term at Nowra Hill Public School.

In July, we had 3 Koori Rangers from National Parks visit the school. They shared their knowledge of Aboriginal culture. The children learnt about women’s business, men’s business, bush tucker, tools, weapons and games. It was a wonderful day.

We had a beautiful day for our Tree Planting Day. The whole school participated and in small groups of 2-3, the children were allocated a shrub to plant and to care for during their time at Nowra Hill. Forty eight shrubs were planted on the day.

A number of students have entered the 2014 RSL ANZAC Art Awards. These awards began in the 1970’s to encourage school 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 prizes include $100 - $300 for primary school children. Students are able to complete an entry at Kids Club, however, parental permission is required before the entry may be submitted. If your child brings an entry form home, please complete it and return it to school so that I can submit their entry.
Defence Community Organisation (DCO) offers a broad range of programs and services to help Defence families manage the military way of life. The DCO website, which is full of helpful information for Defence families is: [www.defence.gov.au/dco](http://www.defence.gov.au/dco). To access any of DCO’s support services, contact the all-hours Defence Family Helpline on: 1800 624 608.

DCO also hosts the monthly Coffee Club, which provides an opportunity for new people to Nowra and Defence partners to get together in a relaxed atmosphere. The Coffee Club is held at the Tea Club in Berry Street, Nowra on the second Tuesday of each month at 1030. If you require further details just phone Helene at DCO Nowra on 44213855. Please note that children are welcome and you purchase your own coffee etc.

The Shoalhaven Defence Families Association (SDFA) is a non-profit organisation which brings fun and friendship to Defence families in the Shoalhaven. SDFA is managed by Rachel Birkmyre, Co-ordinator and a Committee of volunteers who come together each week (during school terms), to run activities such as playtime, scrapbooking and craft groups. These activities are run at the SDFA’s community house – Kookaburra Retreat, which is located at Flats 1 & 2 Canberra Drive, Nowra Hill. SDFA also publishes the quarterly magazine, Time Out. If you would like any information about SDFA, or you would like to be placed on their email list, please contact Rachel on phone: 4421 5766; or by email: shoalhavendfa@gmail.com; or visit the SDFA website at: [www.shoalhavendefencefamilies.com.au](http://www.shoalhavendefencefamilies.com.au).

Finally, please remember to advise me of any current or future deployments so that I can support your child at school. I can be contacted by email at: leanne.millard1@det.nsw.edu.au or by phoning the school office on 4421 5671.

Have a wonderful holiday.

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