The end of another action-packed year at Nowra Hill Public School is fast approaching. Here’s a snapshot of the activities in which the students have participated during Term 4:

Our Try-athlon fundraiser was held in November. Throughout the morning, students cycled, ran and negotiated an obstacle course. From all accounts, the event was a great success. Not only did the students have fun, they raised over $6,000 – not bad for a small school!

The “Beach Party” School Dance was held in November. The students danced the night away dressed in their board shorts, summer dresses and rash shirts. They particularly enjoyed performing their individual class dances.

A small group of Stage 1 Defence and non-Defence students participated in an eight-week program called Seasons For Growth. The program aims to assist students to cope effectively with change and loss by focussing on issues such as self-esteem, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks. Congratulations Lauren, Scarlett and Taylah for completing the Program.

On Remembrance Day, the students at Nowra Hill observed a minute’s silence to remember those who died or suffered for Australia’s cause in all wars and armed conflicts. A banner and 2 mosaic plaques based on the symbol of the poppy were made by the Nowra Hill students earlier this year. They were a fitting tribute on this special day and looked fantastic adorning the front of the school.

Class 1/2 enjoyed making some wonderful artworks leading up to Halloween. After looking at examples on the internet, the students used brightly coloured paper to make their stunning collages.
Congratulations to:

- Olivia and Halle, who won awards in the Term 3 Artist of the Term Competition.
- Charley and Hayden, who received awards in the Remembrance Day Colouring-in Competition.
- Isabel and Nayana, who represented NHPS at the Small Schools Public Speaking Competition. Isabel was highly commended for her speech.
- Charley and Halle, who were the highest fundraisers among the girls for the School Try-Athlon.

Congratulations to Rhiannon and her family on the birth of baby Gabrielle.

Last week we welcomed the 2016 Kindergarten students as part of their orientation to Nowra Hill. The children were very excited, particularly when they explored the Kindergarten classroom.

This year’s Kindergarten enjoyed a day at school dressed as their favourite Superhero. Nowra Hill was in the safe hands of some well-known, and not so well-known superheroes. A fun day was had by all!

In October, we farewelled Declan and his family, who have moved to America. At the end of this term, we will say farewell to Charley and Halle and their family, who are moving to Queensland. We will also say goodbye to Isabel and Nayana and their families. Both girls are moving onto local high schools. We wish them all the very best of luck in the future.

Finally, I’d like to thank all Defence families for the support you have given me throughout 2015.

Merry Christmas and I hope you have an enjoyable and safe holiday.

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