Principal’s Message

To start this week’s Husky Star I’d like to congratulate all staff for their conscientious and tireless effort to have all students settled in their class, focussed and working hard. Behind the scenes it takes an enormous effort to start the year. The effort of staff is reflected in the positive behaviour and attitude of students in all classes.

HOUSEKEEPING

Just a reminder to parent/carers that if you enter the school grounds after the morning assembly you need to pop into the office and sign our visitor’s book. This is particularly important in the case of an emergency. We need to know who is on the site so we can account for everyone and manage their safety.

BOMB THREATS

Currently schools in NSW and Victoria are experiencing bomb threats. Locally North Nowra Public School and Ulladulla Public School have needed to evacuate their students as a result of bomb threats from an automated phone call. All NSW Public Schools have been asked to review their evacuation procedures to ensure there is a planned response to a bomb threat. If you are on the school grounds at the time an evacuation procedure is in progress you will need to follow the directions of the site manager, which is usually me, but may be someone else, if I am not on the school grounds. This also includes practice evacuations.

ATTENDANCE

It is a legal requirement that all children attend school every day. On any occasion that students are absent from school, a note must be provided to their class teacher, giving an explanation for the absence. It must be dated and signed by you. Included in this week’s Husky Star is a table showing how much as little as ten minutes a day can impact on your child’s schooling attendance.

WELCOME BBQ

Our welcome BBQ is scheduled for Thursday 25th February. Come along for an informal meet and greet evening starting at 5pm and finishing at 7pm. The school and the P&C will supply drinks and the BBQ. New parents are asked to bring along a green salad to share.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

The following week (February 29th – 4th March) you have the opportunity to meet your child’s class teacher. The focus is to establish a link between home and school that develops into a strong supportive relationship for the benefit of your child/ren. Teachers will discuss with you class routines, expectations and any major excursions or events happening throughout the year. Information pertaining to each particular class will be distributed next week.

SCRIPTURE CLASSES

Scripture classes begin Week 5, Thursday 25th February. The school provides Catholic and Protestant classes. At this stage we have no personnel to deliver the Ethics program. Non Scripture is the other option provided.

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking has resumed. Sara (mum of Alira and Sienna) has volunteered to continue to manage this very successful program for our students. At next week’s assembly a representative of the bank will do a presentation promoting the benefits of student banking. After the assembly any student wishing to open a new account will be able to do so.

COOKING CLASSES

Cooking classes with Liesel will start next week. During the year each child in the school will cook with Liesel as part of a small group. We will aim to use as much fresh produce from our garden. Your child will be supervised closely during these lessons as it does involve the use of the oven and knives for cutting and chopping. If you would not like your child to be involved in the program please let your class teacher know asap.

Glenn Sansom
Principal ☺
**Diary Dates**

- **Friday 12th Feb:** Swimming Carnival (See details inside newsletter)
- **Thursday 18th Feb:** 2pm Whole school assembly
- **Friday 19th Feb:** District Swimming Carnival (Selected students)
- **Thursday 25th Feb:** Welcome BBQ (More details later)

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**Huskisson Public School Before and After School Care**

**Operating hours**
- Mon - Fri
  - 7:30am - 8:30am
  - 3pm - 5pm

Casual positions available daily - if an emergency occurs during the day please contact the office on 44415074

Class teachers will make sure your child is sent to After School Care.

Huskisson P & C Association

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**NO TINNED FOOD**

FOR STUDENTS LUNCHES OR RECESS.

Please remove food from tins and put into a plastic container before sending to school with your child.

The lid of the tin is very dangerous and children can easily cut themselves.

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**EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....**

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**Your child’s best learning time is at the beginning of the day...**

**School starts at 8:55am**

**DON’T BE LATE!**
Tomorrow is our school swimming carnival. The carnival will take place at the Bay and Basin Leisure Centre. All children from Years 3 - 6 are encouraged to come along and enjoy the day. There are the usual swimming events such as Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly. We will also include some 25metre races for the less confident swimmers.

Next Friday (19th Feb) will be the South Shoalhaven District PSSA swimming carnival. A Huskisson team will be selected to compete at this carnival. The District carnival will be held at Bomaderry Aquatic Centre. Information and permission notes will be sent home early next week.

Mr Vidler
LIBRARY NEWS

Wow! What a great opening to the borrowing season. Most students have taken library books home and are now enjoying some of the great reads in our collection. Remember that library day is on Wednesdays and that students should return their books (or bring them in for renewal) so that they can continue regular reading on a daily basis.

This week we learned all about the Chinese New Year and the folk legend surrounding the celebrations. Angela from Year 1 shared her personal experiences with us which included fireworks, family gatherings, lanterns and money envelopes. Thanks Angela!

Our ‘new look’ library is coming along quite nicely and all students have enjoyed a taste of our ‘makerstations’ during library lessons and at lunchtimes. Makerstations are special learning hubs where students learn through creative enquiry. Our library is like an intellectual playground where students are asking questions, solving problems, working together, playing games together and creating things.

Until next week, happy reading and remember to record your book titles for the Premier’s Reading Challenge which opens on the 6th of March!

Mrs Hanson – Teacher/Librarian

BOOK CLUB

The new looking book club catalogue was sent home last week. It now has all age groups in it. The order form is inside of the catalogue and instructions how to order and pay. If returning order to school, please place in an envelope the order form and money. Please ensure your child’s name and class is on the form. If you use the LOOP to order, nothing needs to be returned to school.

Books make wonderful gifts and the school also gets to order books for the Library and school with the reward money.

Orders must be returned to school office by next Tuesday 16th February.

Discovering what’s inside a human body.

Puzzle Masters solved the ‘Where’s Wally’ brainteaser

Making a play with our puppet collection

Speed stacking helps with co-ordination
REMOVING HEAD LICE AND NITS

Head lice and nits only live on human heads. They don’t care if the hair is long or short, clean or dirty. Head lice are an unavoidable fact of life for all school-aged kids. The best and cheapest way to remove them is with inexpensive conditioner and a nit comb. You will need to re-treat your child several times before all the eggs will be gone.

You’ll need:
- a bottle of cheap hair conditioner
- a towel
- a thick tooth comb
- a fine tooth comb
- a roll of paper towels.

Steps:
1. Sit your child on a chair or stool in front of you. Wrap a towel around their shoulders to catch conditioner spill. (You may want to put a video or TV show on, as this process can take a while.)
2. Apply a cheap, pale coloured conditioner generously to your child's hair. Work it through to coat every strand of hair. For long hair, it may be easier to tie one side of the hair off, and work in sections.
3. Head lice breathe through small openings along their abdomens. By coating the hair and therefore the louse in something thick and slimy, these openings close over, shutting down the louse's breathing for about 20 minutes – long enough for them to stay still and be combed out.
4. After you've applied the conditioner, use a large comb to part small sections of the hair, starting from the nape and working upwards toward the crown.
5. When the hair is detangled and manageable, use a fine lice comb and run through each section several times. Eggs are often found behind the ears and toward the back of the head. By combing from the bottom of the back of the head up, towards the top and front of the head, you're more likely to find the head lice.
6. After each comb out, wipe the conditioner on the paper towel. If your child has head lice, you will see them on the towel (they're a little like small, brown, chia or sesame seeds.)
7. Keep combing each section of hair until no further lice or eggs appear on the paper towel. Often you will see lots of old egg casings that may take a while to remove.
8. Once you have combed and re-combed each section of hair, either re-plait or tie it back if it's long enough.
9. Head lice often congregate on the crown of the head, so it's not until you reach these last sections of hair that you'll find adult lice. However, heads that are severely infected will have adult lice everywhere.
10. Repeat at least twice over the next few days, until you can't find any more in the conditioner. You'll never be able to get all the head lice and eggs out the first time. However, in the days after your first treatment, the eggs will hatch and you'll be able to catch the crawling nymphs (young lice).

The information from this article comes from the NSW Health Department's Nitbuster Program

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Impetigo (School Sores)

Time from exposure to illness
1 to 3 days.

Symptoms
Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.

Do I need to keep my child home?
Yes, until antibiotic treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings.

How can I prevent spread?
Careful hand washing.
Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and textbooks
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Lindi Jamieson-Brown your local Saver Plus Worker:
(02) 4254 4505 / 0427 439 234
or lindi.jamieson-brown@th smith family.com.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered throughout New South Wales and Victoria by The Smith family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

The King and Queen of Green’s Realm of Rubbish

Learn about landfill and why it is so important to reduce your waste.

PERFORMING ON THE
4 March at 11.30 am

Thanks to Shoalhaven Waste

Nowra Players present Camelot The Panto

By Ben Crocker

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MEROO STREET
BOMADERRY

Opening Night 5th March 8pm
Medieval Fancy Dress
with Prizes

doors open 30 mins prior to performances

March 5th, 10th, 11th, 16th, 17th, 18th & 19th at 8 pm
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WHERE: Shoalhaven Rugby Club, Rugby Rd (off Flinders Rd), South Nowra
WHO: Schools or other interested groups from the Shoalhaven and surrounding areas
AGES: Boys 10, 12, 14, 16 full contact
Girls 10, 12, 14, 16 TAG or full contact option
WHEN: FRIDAYS 4, 11 & 18th March & 1st & 8th April 2016 between 5pm and 7pm
BBQ after each session

CONTACT: Chris Sellar Ph: 0404 089 166 E: Chsellar@nowarugby.com.au
TO ENTER YOUR TEAM go to https://form.jotform.co/50186793075818
ENTRY COST $50 per team
ENTRIES CLOSE: 5pm Monday 29th Feb
REGISTERED PLAYERS WILL BE COVERED BY ARU SPECIAL EVENTS INSURANCE
TEAMS WHICH NEED ASSISTANCE WITH COACHING/MANAGING PLEASE REQUEST ASSISTANCE.
NOTE THAT TEAM COACHES MUST BE SMART RUGBY QUALIFIED.

Andrew Walker Will Miller Alex Kanaar

All began their Rugby careers at Shoalhaven Rugby Park

Club House: Rugby Road, off Flinders Road, South Nowra 2541 PO Box 7, Nowra NSW 2541
Exhibit your work.
Enter the competition!

SEECHANGE 2016

illuminate

SEECHANGE ART PRIZE

Artists are invited to enter work for the Jervis Bay and Basin Arts Inc. Seechange 2016 Art Prize. The closing date for entries is COB Friday 22 April 2016.

There will be a monetary prize for an artwork of excellence that fits the theme, ‘illuminate’. Entries can be in any medium, 2 or 3 D or digital.

The exhibition will be in the Vera Hatton Gallery, Jervis Bay Maritime Museum.

Illuminate: Seechange Art Prize: conditions of entry, online entry forms and more details of prize monies will be placed on the website in January.

Artwork is to be delivered to the Vera Hattan Gallery on Wednesday May 18, 2016. The Exhibition launch will be Friday 20 May 2016 and the exhibition closes on Sunday 12 June 2016. Unsold artworks to be picked up on 13 June 2016.

The theme for the exhibition is ‘illuminate’ and artist’s work is to reflect this.

‘Illuminate’
1. to brighten, decorate, adorn, to cast light upon
2. to make understandable
3. a spiritual or intellectual enlightenment

Any queries to seechange.illuminate@gmail.com or phone Barbara Dawson on 0412139453

ISCH – Hockey Shoalhaven
Registration Day

Saturday 20th February – 9.30 to 10.30 at
Bernie Regan Sporting Complex
or email the
secretary - melandtrent71@bigpond.com

• Minkey
• Under 15
• Ladies A & B Grade

• Under 13
• Under 18 girls & mixed
• Mens

Tuning In!

Music classes for children 2-7 years in
Nowra and Berry

Nowra Mon-Thu, including
JUMP (Junior Musicians Program), for children 8-9 years to experience a range of instruments to determine which they are most suited to playing

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Fridays

For more information contact us at:
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