PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Bridge Repairs: Part of the deck has been removed and the repairs seem to be moving along quite well. The replacement steel girders will be installed on Thursday morning with the deck re-laid after that. It seems that the bridge will reopen by the promised date of 28 March. Community Transport continue to provide a mini bus morning and afternoon. During the fine weather we are putting the K/1/2 students on the bus and 3 – 6 students are walking between school and the bridge.

Bunnings BBQ: This is coming up fast. Please think about donating some time on Saturday 13 April to help with cooking, preparing or serving. Any funds raised by the P&C on the day go to providing some extra resources for our students. I hope to see many of you there!

P&C: The next P&C meeting is next Wednesday, 20 March at 6pm. The AGM will be held first. I hope to see many new parents at the meeting.

Hats: It is great to see so many students wearing their school hats in the playground. We are encouraging students to wear them on the walk to and from the bridge as well, especially in the afternoon. We will have a surprise hat draw this week. The prize will be a 50c canteen voucher – you need to have your school hat to have a chance of winning!

I am happy to report there have not been any more incidents of graffiti. I am sure the incidents last week will not reoccur.

Finally, I am looking forward to the Year 6 cake stall tomorrow – a green cupcake sounds like a fantastic recess snack! Don’t forget to wear green tomorrow for mufti day as well.

Please come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Nicole

K/1/2 NEWS

Thank you to Blake and his mum for bringing in a gorgeous puppy for news this week. Everyone loved patting the puppy and hearing about how Blake looks after it and its many brothers and sisters!

This week, Kinder are learning about the letters h and l and Years 1 and 2 are learning at words, along with some sight words. We are doing subtraction in maths this week and are having lots of fun using counters and little teddy bears to practice our takeaways!

Everyone borrowed some great books from the book mobile last Friday and we are having a great time reading them in class. We can’t wait for when they come next week.

We are looking forward to the Easter Hat Parade which is on Tuesday 26 March. I am sure everyone has started making their hats at home. If you need some help, please give me a call. The Easter raffle will be drawn and the Easter Bunny might even pay a visit!! Parents are most welcome to attend and join in the fun.

Nicole

2/3/4 NEWS

The children enjoyed trying out most of the cross country track last Friday. Our school carnival is soon so any practice the children do at home will help.

We now have names for our spelling groups-Goannas, Green Tree Frogs and Hawks.

House points for last week were - Emus 110 and
Kangaroos 95. The Spelling test results helped the Emus this week. 
Our winning desk group was the Champions. 
The unique Australian animals that we are looking at are the platypus and the echidna and we have a fantastic video (yes it is not a DVD) and a few great books (both fiction and non fiction). Hopefully your child can tell you why we are looking at the two of them together. 
Everyone brought home an individual list for spelling. This is made up of past mistakes and common words they get wrong in their writing. 

Keep In Touch 
Lyn

5/6 NEWS
A quick reminder that this Thursday is our fundraiser, don't forget to wear something green and bring a gold coin donation. Green cup cakes will be on sale for $1 each. 
Thank you to all the 5/6 students who participated in the science project - wind powered vehicle. All entries were a great success and 5/6 had fun testing the experiment. 
Congratulations to Holly Finch who is our first 'train champion'.

Thank you for your support 
Dion and Susan

MRS CULLEN
Our Jump Rope for Heart finale is booked for Thursday 11 April. Sponsorship forms will be coming home this week. 
This week 2/3/4 and 5/6 have been participating in Rugby League based activities and K/1 are working on their kicking and skipping skills. K/1/2 are also learning about electrical safety - power points, lightening etc. 
Several positions are still available for the Rugby League Gala Day in the 3/4 team. Girls are encouraged to participate.

Why Can’t I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

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1,800,000 words

282,000 words

8,000 words

90th percentile

50th percentile

10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student “A” will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student “B” will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

An interesting study to keep in mind! It only takes 20 minutes a night..... but what a major long term effect it has.

Bonnie Cullen

SPORT
Thank you to those students who have returned their permission notes for the Rugby League Gala Day, we still have a few positions left in the 3/4 team so please bring in your note ASAP.
All students are familiarizing themselves with the cross country track and training hard for the competition which will be held on Thursday 28 March (week 9). We would appreciate parent helpers on the day so please mark your calendar and let the office know if you will be coming along.

Dion

Students from 5/6 with wind powered vehicles they made for their science project.
WHAT’S ON THIS TERM

THIS WEEK (7)
😊Wednesday 13 March  Active After School Program 3 - 4 pm
😊Thursday 14 March  Mufti - Green Day

NEXT WEEK (8)
😊Tuesday 19 March & Wednesday 20 March  Active After School Program 3 - 4 pm
😊Wednesday 20 March  P & C Annual General Meeting 6pm

COMING EVENTS
😊Tuesday 26 March  Easter Hat Parade
😊Wednesday 27 March  Rugby League Gala Day. Years 3 - 6
😊Thursday 28 March  Cross Country

CANTEEN NEWS

Autumn is here and the canteen is stocked with muffins for recess or why not try the Vegi Crackers, they are a great crunchy snack. There is a wide range of hot food for lunch including meat pies, noodle cups, mac & cheese or you may choose a salad with mayo or perhaps a sandwich with a healthy juice to wash it all down. Have you tried the Orange/Passionfruit? New menu/price lists for 2013 available at the canteen or on the school website.

Rowena

COMMUNITY NEWS

SHOALHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL
IMFORMATION EVENING  For parents and carers of students starting Year 7 in 2014 or 2015.
Parents, carers, students and family members welcome Wednesday March 13th, 2013 5.30 – 6.30pm
Shoalhaven High School Library, 60 Park Road NOWRA
• Come along and find out about the school
• Start the learning journey your child will be on with us from 2014/15 to HSC Year 2019/20
• Meet staff members who will help guide your child through the next 6 years
• Find out about uniforms, timetables, school values and more
• Learn about our outstanding results and why we are proud to teach at Shoalhaven High School

Our range of courses provides a rigorous academic suite of custom programs to suit university candidates, as well as courses that cater for early career starters, trade and practical options.
For more information please call the SHS Transition Co-ordinator, Duncan Nisbet on 44 218 022

SHOALHAVEN FOOTBALL - APRIL HOLIDAY CLINIC
Tue 23rd and Wed 24th April
9 am – 12 noon
(ages 6 – 13 boys & girls)
Venue South Nowra
Cost $70
To register Contact Mark Johnston – 0488034500 or mjonno1@bigpond.com.au

NOWRA WARRIORS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB
We are still taking registrations. If you would like to join come along to Lyrebird Park, Tuesdays or Thursdays, 4:30pm - 5:30pm. Ask for Barb.
Easter Raffle
Tickets are $1 each or 3 for $2

P & C NEWS

Easter Raffle: Tickets for our Easter Raffle have been sent home with the children today. The draw will take place at the Easter Hat Parade on Tuesday 26 March 2013. Please keep sending in donations of Easter eggs and Easter toys so we can have lots of prizes.

Bunnings BBQ: Please mark Saturday 13 April on your calendar as this is our BBQ day at Bunnings. Please consider whether you can help, even if it’s only for an hour or two.

Bulb Fundraiser: Don’t forget our beautiful bulb fundraiser. Orders have to be back at school by Tuesday 19 March 2013. The bulbs are great quality and value, a fabulous fundraiser. The school receives 40% of the sales.

Annual General Meeting: Our next meeting is our AGM on Wednesday 20 March, 2013, so please come along!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Some parents may be contacted by the Home School Liaison Officer to provide an explanation for their child’s absences from school. Parent/s or caregivers are required by law, to provide an explanation to the Principal within seven days, as to why their child was absent from school. It is important that the school receives a written explanation because:

- It is a parent’s legal obligation to explain their child’s absence within seven days
- It is a requirement that the school investigate all unexplained absences
- It avoids the school and the School Attendance Officer from making unnecessary investigations
- It is the way the school knows that your child was legitimately absent and not truanting from school

If you anticipate that providing a written explanation (a note) will be a problem for you, please contact the Principal to discuss alternative acceptable arrangements. A note of explanation should contain the following information:

- the date the note was written
- your child’s name and roll class
- the days and dates that your child was absent from school
- the reason your child was absent
- the signature of the parent

The school is required to retain these notes for twelve months from the date they were received.