



Nowra Anglican College

Newsletter

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Friday lunchtime in E11

NAC Prayer Group

Wednesday in Admin 1:00—2:00pm

From the Principal

The end of yet another year is upon us and as such I thought it important to send out a special edition of the newsletter, informing families of activities over the upcoming week, and giving important information relevant to the 2007 academic year.

Presentation Evening

Presentation evenings will be held next week and attendance is compulsory for all students. Students are to wear full summer uniform (without the hat).

The Junior School evening will be held on **Tuesday 12th December commencing at 6:00pm**, with students required to be present by 5:30pm. Upon arrival students are to assemble in their class groups under the shade shelter south of Administration.

The Senior School event will be held the following evening, **Wednesday 13th December commencing at 6:30pm**, with students required to be present at 6:00pm. Upon arrival students are to assemble in their Tutor Group rooms.

At the conclusion of each evening Semester 2 reports will be distributed. If parents have any issues relating to reports that they would like to discuss, staff will be available at the College on Friday 15th December. Present-ation evenings serve as a wonderful opportunity for the College community to celebrate all that has been achieved throughout the year. I look forward to sharing in the occasion with students and their families.

Picnic Days

As is our custom the last official day of College, Thursday 14th December, is set aside for our annual picnic days.



A moment from this year's Christmas Chapel nativity play—well done Kindergarten!

This year the locations are as follows:

Yrs K-2 White Sands, Huskisson

Yrs 3-6 Plantation Pt, Vincentia

Yrs 7-11 Nowra pool/waterslides

Parents are asked to ensure that permission notes are returned prior to the day.

Commencement Dates 2007

Please note that there will be a staggered start to the academic year with Years 7, 11 & 12 commencing a day early. The dates and times are as follows:

Years 7, 11 & 12: Tuesday, 30th January 2007, 8.25am

Years 8-10: Wednesday, 31st January 2007, 8.25am

Years 1-6: Wednesday, 31st January 2007, 8.50am

New Students Years 1-6: Wednesday, 31st January 2007, 9.30am

Kindergarten: Thursday, 1st February 2007, 9.30am

Senior school students will wear sports uniform on Wednesday 31st January.

Junior school will not wear sport uniforms in Week One (see Junior School news).

Electronic Newsletter

There has been a great response to my call for families to register to receive the newsletter via email

instead of a hard copy being sent home each fortnight. If you have not yet registered to do this, could you please email Mrs Wilson at enrol@nac.nsw.edu.au with your details? As of the beginning of the 2007 academic year, we will only be producing a limited number of hard copies, with the vast majority issued electronically. Please note that the newsletter is also available to be downloaded from the College intranet site (go to www.nac.nsw.edu.au and click on intranet to enter the site). The username is nacparent and password is parent.

Christmas wishes

We give thanks to God for another great year, in which much has been achieved in the lives of students at the College. May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a blessed and holy Christmas. May our Lord Jesus Christ, make his face shine upon you and grant you peace.

*"For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called*

*Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

Isaiah 9:6

**Peter Jamieson
Principal**

From the Chaplain

As I write, it's 18 days until Christmas! No doubt if you have small children you did not need to be reminded of this – your children remind you of it every day. One of my favourite aspects of Christmas is singing Christmas carols; you might remember this one (feel free to sing along):

*We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star
O Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy Perfect Light*

There's more verses to it and unlike some Christmas carols the words actually make sense.

Matthew 2 tells us most about these wise men. This is how Matthew describes them eventually coming to find Jesus.

¹⁰ When they (the magi or wise men) saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened

their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

It was a couple of months after his birth that the baby Jesus was visited by these wise men, or as the Bible describes them, "magi from the east" (Matthew 2:1). The carol says there were three wise men because they gave three gifts, however, there could have just as easily been more, the Bible isn't so clear. These men were most likely astronomers and mathematicians, but more importantly they were also non-Jews or Gentiles and their visit symbolizes something very important about Jesus – he is good news for all people everywhere.

Christmas carols may not be for everyone, but Jesus is. Why? Because as Matthew 1:21 records, "Jesus will save people from their sins" and that's something we all need no matter what race or nationality.

Have a fantastic, safe and blessed Christmas. This Christmas let's take some time out to remember and thank God for the many good things he has given us: family, friends, presents, education, holidays and of course a saviour Jesus.

**Graham Thomas
Chaplain**

Senior School News

Bronze Light of the Cross Awards

The following students have been awarded Bronze Awards. These certificates have been awarded at year group meetings. It is pleasing to see so many of our students achieving at high levels and being recognised for their outstanding commitment across a wide range of spheres. Congratulations on a very fine effort!

Andrew Leslie
Director of Welfare

Name	Award
Luke Champion	Academic
Aaron Hasemore	Academic
Amelia Clarke	Service & Character
Mitchell White	Service & Character
Emily Double	Service & Character
Jayden Bascunan	Service & Character
Nikita Langford	Academic
Michael Goldman	Academic
Jade Herron	Academic x 2
Rachel Honeysett	Academic
Faith Campbell	Academic x 2, Service & Character
Mikaela Bryce	Academic
Brent Hughes	Academic x 2
Nicholas Francis	Academic
Jessica Weinert	Academic x 2
Keely Thompson	Academic x 2
Perryn Kent	Academic x 4
Christopher Mackenzie	Academic
Mitchell Hosking	Academic x 2, Co-Curricular
Rebekah McAlinden	Academic
Mridula George	Academic x 2
Aaron Coghlan	Academic
Peter Hagedoorn	Academic x 2
Brittany Crowther	Academic, Service & Character

Year 11 Community Service – Riding for the Disabled

On Friday 17th November, 18 students from Hargrave and Best Houses in Year 11 travelled to the Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) in Kiama as part of our Community Service Project.

Once we arrived, we were all given a small briefing by the RDA staff about what we would be doing. The disabled riders who we were helping were teenagers from Keira High School. All the Keira High students were very excited that we were going to help.

Most of us helped to catch the horses and put on the horses' bridles. All of the disabled riders were to go on a trail ride without saddles. The rest of us helped out by cleaning drinking troughs and stacking wood.

Once the Keira High students had mounted their horses we led them on a relaxing trail ride. One of us held the bridle while two others walked on either side of the horse to steady the rider. The Keira High students thoroughly enjoyed it!

When we returned we put on a BBQ lunch for the staff and riders. After leading and helping to stabilize the Keira High students and helping around the centre, the BBQ was well earned.

After the lunch break we again helped around the centre and led other students who didn't get the first opportunity to ride. When we returned from the second trail ride it was time to pack away the gear and unharness the horses. Once that was done, we were thanked for helping and encouraged to return again. We then got on our bus to return home and have the weekend to recover from our wonderful, but exhausting day.

Bronwyn Williamson
Year 11



NAC students pictured are (from left) Keaton Dale, Jake Atkinson and Mitch Wilson.

Junior School News

Light of the Cross Awards

The following students have been awarded Light of the Cross Awards. Our congratulations to Jordan Hockey, Emily Percival, Alisa Schreurs, Lucy Schreurs, Hayden Branks, Bailey Scifleet, Gus Stretton, Jacob Barnes, Sally Woods, Hayden Wilbraham, Seth Gordon, Amy Burton, Hannah Cheney, Laura Clout, Richard Bowe, Rebekah Stewart, Patrick Connor, Hannah Gubb, Tahlia Urquhart, Naomi Brown, Samuel Hockey, Jonathan Edwards, James Crowther, Jennifer Hilliar, Aiden King, Kyle Gauci, Timothy Hanlon, Jessica Bowe, Lachlan Gubb, Joseph Hockey, Samantha Somerfield, Jasmin Ashford, Thomas King and Jonathan Edwards.

Certificates of Excellence

Recipients of Certificates of Excellence in the final weeks of term are: Hannah Gubb, Callum Mackay, Vincent Heffernan, Richard Bowe x 3, Elizabeth Poulton, Kyrah Hush, James Crowther, Matthew Francis, Kyle Gauci, Lachlan Riley, Joseph Hockey, Naomi Brown x 2, Christopher Barnes, Kristian Buncher, Andie Bailey, Bronte Kent, Kirra Marshall, Jordan Harvey, Laura Clout, Emily Hancock, Imogen Riordan, Lucy Bayer, Sarah Hawkes, Harris Charlesworth, Erin Butler-Hill, Hannah Jones, Bella Inthra, Jemma Saunders, Bree Ashford, Joshua Brindle x 2, Georgina Agius, Dakota Toscan, Nicholas Kilham, Sally Boxsell, Jonathan Edwards, Nicola Panopoulos, Sophie Bean, Solomon Barker.

Picnic Day

Picnic day is Thursday 14th December. K-2 will be going to White Sands and Years 3-6 will be going to Plantation Point. Students in Years 3-6 will be permitted to swim under strictly supervised conditions if they have returned the permission to their teacher before the day. K-2 children will not be swimming but it might be advisable to include a towel (and possibly a change of clothes) for sandy and wet legs.

It is very important that all children wear suitable *sunsafe* clothes to avoid sunburn; sleeveless tops are best avoided. Sunscreen and hats are also essential.

Parents are welcome to join us. It's a lovely way to spend a relaxing day. Please note that children's names need to be marked off the roll by their class teacher before their departure from the picnic ground.



2007:

Day One Term 1 2007

The first day for all Year 1-6 students next year is Wednesday 31st January. The starting time for that day is our usual time of 8.50am. Students will line up under the shade shelter exactly as they have this year in their 2006 class groupings. From there classes will be taken to the gymnasium for an assembly.

At this assembly students will be allocated to their new classes. We would like to assure you that a great deal of consideration is given to the placement of students. We value the trust that parents place in the professional judgment of the College as it seeks to best meet the needs of each student in its care. Decisions are based on a large number of factors including gender balance and the academic, social and emotional needs of the students.

One of the best ways to help and support your children is to be positive about the year ahead and about the different style and expectations of their new teacher. Give them some time to adjust to a different way of doing things and encourage them as they embark on a new adventure. This applies particularly for those students who move from Kindergarten to Year 1 because, after all, it's the first time that they have had a new teacher!

New Students

Students who are new to the College and their parents will come directly to the staff common room at 9.30am where they will be met by Mrs Wilson, Mr Sutton and their buddies whom they met on orientation day this year.

The buddies to new students play a very important role in helping our new students feel welcome and helping them to find their way around in the first few weeks. On the second and subsequent days in the first couple of weeks buddies are asked to meet their buddy partners in the morning before assembly and to help them find their way to lines.

Day One Kindergarten 2007

Kindergarten students commence on Thursday 1st February at 9.30am. They will assemble in the gymnasium with their parents before moving off to their classrooms.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Our first parent/teacher interviews are held on Thursday 15th February. The purpose of these interviews is to give parents the opportunity to meet their child's teacher and to *provide information to the teacher* that may be of assistance to them. Having only known the children in their class for a couple of weeks the interviews are not intended for teacher

feedback. This happens at interviews in Term 2 and Term 3.

Class Requirements

Class requirements can be purchased as complete packs from the uniform shop. Please note that texta pens are not required because our bookwork policy does not allow for their use in books.

We also ask that students bring a small pencil case with the essential elements of a wooden ruler, sharp lead pencils (3-6) and pens (5 & 6). Large pencil cases are discouraged as children have trouble in finding particular items which in turn affects their ability to start their work.

College Diaries

Students in Years 3-6 are required to have a College diary. The purpose of the diary is to provide a convenient means of communication between home and school. Diaries also help children develop organisational skills as they grow. Students are required to have their diary signed each week by their parents as part of their homework expectations.

Sport 2007

Junior School Sport next year will be on two different days. The reason for this decision is to allow all students to have their sport during the morning session which is the recommended time of day.

Years 3-6: Tuesday; Years K-2: Thursday

Please note that sports uniforms will not be worn in the Junior School during Week 1.

Swimming Carnival

The swimming carnival (Years 3-6) is scheduled for Wednesday 7th February (Week 2). Year 3-6 students should wear their sports uniform on that day. This will replace their regular sports day just for that week. The first regular sports day for K-2 will be on Thursday 8th February.

Holidays

I hope that all this information for the start of next year is useful for you. Although the summer holidays seem long it's amazing just how quickly they go. As we look forward to our holidays we extend a special farewell to Mr Welsh who will be enjoying an unlimited holiday! We wish him well as he looks forward to his retirement, a new and exciting stage in his life.

On behalf of the Junior School staff I would like to

Dates for the Diary



Term 1

Tuesday	30th January	Students Yrs 7, 11&12 commence
Wednesday	31st January	Students Yrs 1-6 & 8-10 commence
Thursday	1st February	Kindergarten commence
Wednesday	7th February	Junior School Swimming Carnival
Thursday	8th February	Yr 12 to Wollongong University Day
Wednesday	14th February	Senior School Swimming Carnival
Thursday	15th February	Parent Teacher Interviews
Monday	5th March	Mid-term Break
Thursday	5th April	Term 1 ends

thank parents for the wonderful support that so many of you have given us over the past year. We wish everyone a restful and refreshing break over Christmas and we look forward to seeing you again in the new year.

Susan Pearson
Head of Junior School

Whole College News

Holiday Closure

The College office will be closed for three weeks over the Christmas period, commencing at midday on Wednesday, 20th December and reopening on Thursday, 11th January 2007. The office staff would like to extend their warm wishes for a wonderful Christmas and relaxing holiday break to each and every family in our College community. It has been a privilege to serve you and your children this year and we thank you for your support.

What's happening in languages?

Our Year 8 Red French class planned, organised and presented a French Café, 'Le Café Rouge'. It was an outstanding success. Students were able to buy, some 'gâteau aux pommes', a 'jus d'orange' et some 'bonbons'. Everyone had to order in French so our roving translator was in hot demand. We even made a small profit which we donated to All Saints Community Care. It was a fabulous effort by all. Très bien!

We have received many Feedback forms from parents of Year 1 and Year 2 students who have been learning German and French. They were in unanimous support of the program and many reported that their children frequently use the foreign language at

home in a variety of ways. What a wonderful opportunity for these children to learn another language when they are young and they just soak up the new work like sponges.

This is also our last opportunity to farewell Dr Stone who has been our indomitable German and French teacher. We wish him all the best as he moves in a new direction.

Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année à tous.

Madame Wilkinson

NAC Peripatetic Program 2007

The Peripatetic Music/ Speech and Drama program has had another excellent year, with many students taking advantage of lessons during the College day. We will assume that your child will continue with lessons in 2007 unless you tell us otherwise. Teachers will contact students at the start of next term to inform of lesson times and days. If you would like to discontinue lessons in 2007 it would be appreciated if you could let your child's Peripatetic teacher know as soon as possible. This will allow for them to organise their schedules with more accuracy.

Unfortunately, for the first time in two years, fees for lessons will be rising. Rates for 2007 will be \$30 per individual half hour lesson and \$20 for a short individual or group lesson.

We welcome any new applicants for the program for 2007. Information and application forms are now available from student services.

On behalf of the Peripatetic staff, we wish you an enjoyable Christmas and a relaxing break. Thank you for your support in 2006.

Natalie Guile
Head of Creative Arts

Year 10 Formal Photos

Shoalhaven Studios now have the Year 10 Formal photos available for purchase on their website: www.shoalhavenstudios.com.au

Go to the school formal photo sales link, select 2006, then select Nowra Anglican College.

The password for NAC is nac2006yr10 – call 44221441 if you have any queries.



Pictured (left) are Melanie Chambers, Tyler Parrott and Hannah Craig from Procter 3 with the many Christmas Hamper items collected from the Senior School; (below) Jennifer Hilliar, Oliver Payne, Elouera Marshall & Joshua Wilson with just some of the Junior School contributions.

All Saints Community Care Christmas Hamper Collection

Thank you to all the students and their families for donating so generously to the All Saints Community Care Christmas Hamper Collection. The college has been overwhelmed with the amount of hamper items received. It is estimated that All Saints Community Care will be making up approximately 100 hampers with our donations. Thank you again for giving so generously.



Tips for Young Drivers

Wet Conditions

The road is wet. You have a modern vehicle with good brakes and tyres. A child runs onto the road 45m ahead of you while you are travelling in a 60km/h zone. You brake hard. Will you stop in time? In wet conditions according to average reaction and braking time, you will have to be travelling at 40 km/h to stop in time. In wet conditions, it is much safer to travel below the speed limit.

Statistics provided by 1 Safe Driving School (Key Facts for Drivers). For a lesson appointment, please phone Leanne Williams on 44236232 or 0400 126004.

From the Uniform Shop

The uniform shop has put together book packs for each year group in the Junior School, containing all of the specified classroom requirements (right down to the tissues!) – available for sale now.

Talk about one-stop shopping!!

The senior school bookpacks will be available from the uniform shop in January.

A reminder of the days that the uniform shop will be open:

Normal term time operating hours

Monday 8am to 2pm

Tuesday 8am to 2pm

Thursday 8am to 4pm

Last day open for 2006 will be Thursday 14th December - 8am to 4pm

Christmas holiday 2007 operating hours

From 15th January – 3rd February

Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm

Normal operating days resume on Monday 5th February

Canteen News

The Canteen Volunteers Christmas Luncheon is to be held this Tuesday.

This means a change of arrangements for the canteen on Tuesday 12th December.

NO LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE. Please provide your child with their lunch.

Only drinks, ice creams and snacks will be sold over the counter at lunch-time.

Recess will be as usual.

As the school year comes to a close, canteen stocks are being run down and not all varieties of ice creams, drinks and snacks will be available, if your child has ordered an item that is not available a similar substitute will be given. If they are not happy with the item please encourage them to return to the canteen for a swap.

Barbara Chambers
Canteen Manager

Community Announcements

Shoalhaven Children's Vacation Care – will be based in the NAC Gymnasium and will run from 3rd January to 23rd January 2007 8am to 6pm (each week day). Catering for ages 5yrs – 12yrs, every day will be packed with fun-filled activities, as well as special theme days. \$35 per day (Childcare Rebate may be claimed if eligible). Morning tea and afternoon tea provided daily Contact owner/operator Sian Zanuttini on 0414 609810 to register.

Christmas on the Corner – Nowra Uniting Church will be holding a Family Festival on Saturday 16th December 10am to 2pm in the church grounds (corner of Junction & Berry Streets, Nowra). Free jumping castle, farmyard nursery, face & nail painting, puppet shows, live music, hot rod cars and more. BBQ & Café available

Summer Holiday Study Blitz - January Holiday Workshops at the Illawarra Grammar School for students in Years 7 to 12 from 15 to 18 January 2007. Programs include Junior Study Skills (Yrs 7-9), Advanced Reading Skills (Yrs 10-12), Essay Skills (Yrs 10-12), Senior Study Skills (Yrs 10-12). For information and enrolment details, contact ICS Learning Group. Ph: 99606231, email icssydney-south@skillscentre.com.au or go to www.skillscentre.com.au

Kids Korner Vacation Care – Enrolments 12th & 13th December from 3 – 6pm at 23-25 Park Road, Nowra. Payment required on enrolment (EFTPOS available). Enquire today 44231346 or 44210700. Exciting new program offered for children from 5 to 15 years.

*Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
to all at NAC*