NAC NEWS

Term 4 Week 2 2015

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COMPASSION TO GIVE
Welcome back to Term 4

If you have been to the campus in the last week you will have noticed some changes to our outdoor environment. We believe the outdoor environment is vital in the cognitive, social and emotional development of our students. There have been two projects that we have been working on all year.

Firstly, the basis for our Stage 1 play area has been finished over the holidays. We have paid careful attention to organising space outdoors which stimulates children’s imagination, creativity, exploration, discovery, engagement and sense of wonder. The following images show this beautifully:

Our new play area encourages our children to develop their gross motor skills by allowing them to jump and balance, climb and crawl, hop and dig as they move through the grounds.

As the garden grows, our students will be engaged in activities such as creating flags for our boat, water play with buckets, developing a fairy garden, making an outdoor kitchen, building tepees and other projects. The garden will also provide an environment of beauty and wonder which will stimulate our children’s social and emotional development as they interact and communicate with each other.

This garden ensures that our teachers will continue to provide dynamic learning opportunities to stimulate them with changing activities and displays according to the seasons, the weather and their interests.

Disclaimer:
Whilst the information is considered to be true and correct at the date of publication, circumstances may impact on the accuracy. Please consult the Parent Portal or School website for any updates or changes to dates.
I am really looking forward to the way our students will learn through play in this space.

What has not been so openly publicised is our new Bush Chapel down the back of the College. We have some beautiful bushland which we have tidied and placed some wooden logs for seating. This area will seat about 70 students. We will be able to hold Year meetings, outdoor Chapel services and outdoor classes where students will be able to read, make artwork, play music, discuss and participate in a wide variety of lessons.

We will work with our students and parents to further develop the Bush Chapel. Our Senior School Environment Club has been raising money to buy trees. There is also some asparagus weed which needs to be removed. If you have a particular interest in developing this natural bushland setting, please contact the school office. We would welcome parents who would like to assist us in this area.

I invite all parents and carers to visit the College on Monday 19th October at 2:00pm to view our Stage 1 area and enjoy a performance by our Stage 1 choir. I will also be available to take parents on a tour of the Bush Chapel on this afternoon.

Mrs Lorrae Sampson

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**New Enrolments**

Nowra Anglican College has strong enrolments for 2016, with a number of our years now full, with a waiting list. If you know of any families interested in joining our community, please encourage them to make contact with the enrolments team on 4421 7711 or enrol@nac.nsw.edu.au as soon as possible.

**Students Leaving**

As per our standard contract, signed by each family enrolled at the school, parents are to give at least one full terms notice in writing to the Executive Principal. Failure to do so may result in families incurring an additional term fees in lieu of notice. If you are changing schools next year, please make sure that you let us know soon.

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**Parents and Friends**

A message from Serena, P&F President...

It is hard to believe the last term upon us but we still have some very important fundraising activities to finish the year.

Our next P&F meeting is on Monday the 19th of October at 7pm. It would be great for any new parents to come along and get involved in the fundraising activities.

The last Junior school disco was a great success and enjoyed by all the kids and teachers. We will have our last disco for the year on the 24th of November. There will be more details to follow.

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We will be holding a “Movie Family Night” on the 27th of November. Gates open at 7pm with the movie to screen at 8pm. It is $10 per car with tickets to be paid upon entry. We will let you all now closer to date what the movie will be, but it promises to be a blockbuster.

The second hand uniform sales have gone from strength to strength. Our next sale is on the 8th of December and we need any unwanted uniforms delivered to the school office.

Mark the dates below in your diaries and let us know if you can help out.

1. P&F Meeting Monday the 19th October at 7pm
2. P&F Meeting Monday the 16th November at 7pm
3. Junior School Disco 24th of November
4. Movie Family Night 27th of November
5. Second Hand Uniform Sale 27th November 7pm
Farmer Jim and the Parable of the Sower

I had a change of gear in the first week of term when I visited and spoke at our three Junior School Chapels. One of the great benefits of a NAC education is being part of a College community that spans 13 years. I know for many staff it is a tremendous blessing and joy to have taught students in Kinder and now have them completing their HSC.

In visiting the chapel I was greatly encouraged but the work of Mrs Thompson, the Assistant Chaplain – Junior School, as she led the students in games, songs, active memory verses and gave prizes and awards to students. As her off-sider on the day, I masqueraded, rather unconvincingly, as Farmer Jim. Much like myself, it seems that Farmer Jim has been in the area for less than 3 years and is adjusting to the ‘country’ lifestyle.

The story was a well-known one from the Bible which shared the different responses to hearing the Word of God. Jesus tells this story of a farmer who sowed some seed from Matthew 13.

The picture here tells what happened to it from there

What is the story about? Jesus explained it this way:

‘Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: when anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.’

School Instrument return

All instruments belonging to the school need to be returned to the school before the end of term 4 2015. All hired or borrowed instruments can be returned to the Performing Arts Faculty at any time during the school day. If you are not currently using this instrument please return your instrument as soon as possible. If you have any questions about instrument hire please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Carolyn Brown.

An Important reminder to Parents & Carers

The Debtor Management Policy which came into effect from 1 January 2015 adopts new procedures for alerting parents when term fees are due and for issuing reminders when fees are overdue.

An important element of this new policy is that all fees must be settled within the current school term, and any outstanding fees must be covered by an ongoing Satisfactory Arrangement to reduce the balance outstanding over an agreed period of time. Also, when appropriate to the circumstances, a bursary to assist families meet their school fees can only be granted if a Satisfactory Arrangement is in place to reduce any accumulated debt.

The Debtor Management Policy is co-ordinated through the Group Office of the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation, including the issuing of ‘do not come next term’ letters when fees remain unpaid or if a previously agreed Satisfactory Arrangement is not maintained. If you face either situation, I encourage you to contact the Shoalhaven Region Anglican Schools Business Manager, Mrs Leisa Ebdon on 4421 7711, to discuss your circumstances as soon as possible.

These policies have been adopted to ensure that all students have an adequate opportunity to access the teaching and learning environment offered by our schools, and that each school’s available resources are managed effectively for the benefit of all students and their families.

Bill Shields
Chair
Shoalhaven Region Anglican Schools Council

Mr Jim Dayhew
I would like to start by welcoming all our students back to Term 4 and I trust that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing break. This term is always a very busy one with many end-of-year events as the term progresses. As we start this term I would like to share with you a verse that I read recently from Colossians 4:6.

"Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone"

In a school of our size, it is inevitable that we will come across people from widely different backgrounds to us. We will always find people that we find harder to get along with. The apostle Paul in this verse is not saying that we always have to agree with people. What he says is that the way in which we approach others should be ‘full of grace’. This means that we need to be patient with others, biting the tongue rather than retreating in anger. Just as salt adds flavour, Paul here emphasises that our speech should be wholesome and palatable. I would encourage everyone (and I include myself in this!) to be mindful of our speech and how we speak to others, both face-to-face and when we are online.

**Student Leaders**

I would like to warmly congratulate our new leadership team for 2016. This list will be added to once Year Captain Elections take place later this term. Due to the overlap with year captains that we have had in previous years the leader’s induction service will take place early next term. This means that we can welcome all these students into their role without the overlap of year leader’s induction service will take place early next term. This means that we have had in previous years the leader's induction service will take place early next term. This means that we can welcome all these students into their role without the overlap of year captains. More details regarding the induction service will be shared later in the term.

2016 School Captains
- Eva Mcelellan, Callum Mackay

2016 School Vice Captains
- Emily Grundy-Hyam, Thomas King

2016 Prefects
- Ailsa Schreurs, Eleanor Morrison
- Gabrielle Leslie, Emma Pearson
- Jarrod Nangle, Lloyd Herron
- James Baccarini, Noah Liddicoat

**Summer Uniform and Hats**

Term 4 marks the beginning of summer uniform. Students need not wear the hat to and from school but they must wear the hat if they are in the sun. The College enforces a Sun Safe Policy which means that if students are in the sun, no matter what time of year, they will be asked to move into shade if they are not wearing the school hat. Apex Park is out of bounds without a hat.

**Computer Use**

Students have access to a range of sophisticated technologies at Nowra Anglican College. All students have login access to the College network which includes their Google account College email. However, NAC students are not permitted to:

- Send or display offensive messages or pictures
- Disrespect themselves or others
- Access inappropriate internet sites
- Damage computers, computer systems or the computer network
- Violate copyright laws
- Use other people’s account and password
- Give permission to others to use their account
- Trespass in other people’s folders, work or files
- Use an alternate Google account whilst at school
- Access the internet by any other means than through the school's wireless network
- Use software/websites to avoid or bypass school policies or procedures
- Invite a teacher as a “friend” on any Facebook or any other social site
- Post to the internet photos, videos and/or sound recordings taken on College property or
- of yourself or other students in NAC uniform or other clothing in front of a College logo or
- facilities, unless you have explicit permission to do so from the Head of School
- Publish, post, and/or text any events, conversations or materials that negatively affect the
- good name of NAC, its staff, students or parents.

Infringements are likely to result in the loss of network access for a substantial period of time and other appropriate disciplinary action may be taken. In serious cases, such as criminal behaviour including cyber bullying, theft, vandalism and breaches of privacy, the College may report these to the proper authorities.

**Year 9 2016 Subject Lines**

Subject lines for Year 9 2016 have been finalised. This coming week students will be counselled on subject choices and those who missed out on one or more of their preferences will be advised of some alternate patterns of study.
Inter-schools Equestrian Competition

The October long weekend saw the Berry Riding Club’s annual Inter-schools Equestrian Competition that was held at Worrigee Common. The event ran over the three days and included competition in a range of equestrian events including Hacking, Dressage, Versatility, Show jumping and Sporting events. The Nowra Anglican College team included 4 Senior School riders, Gillian Dexter Y10, Penelope McMillan Y9, Jayde Bennett Y9 and Summer Crealy Y7. Our Junior School representatives were Hayley Bennett Y6, Rachael Orr Y6, Mahla McGill Y4 and Rahni McGill Y2. The team were impeccably presented and performed incredibly well across a range of events.

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They are a valuable new addition to our NAC team.

The students were outstanding ambassadors to the College and their combined achievements are highly commendable. Thanks to all the parents that spend their long weekend washing, plaiting and tacking up their children’s ponies. Without the support of the parents there would be no NAC equestrian team. Thanks so much for your support!
We welcome everyone back to Term 4. We especially welcome new families—six new students and six more to join us over the course of this term.

Austen Stark KP, Taya Naphthali KR, Angus Duncan 2S; Zali Naphthali 2S, Finn Stark 3S, Philippa Winter SW

To get the term started, Years 3 and 4 travelled to Booderee National Park for an excursion exploring the beauty of this natural environment and guided by national park rangers. Year 2 are well into their intensive two-week swimming school. In a couple more weeks, Year 6 will head off to our national capital where they will visit Parliament House.

Over the next couple of weeks, Year 5 students who have nominated for 2016 student leadership positions will be giving short speeches on our morning assembly to introduce themselves to their peers prior to the elections.

Junior School Presentation Assembly

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Uniform

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We’re looking forward to a great term of learning.

Susan Pearson

Term 4 Calendar

Week 3

Mon 19 Oct  P & F meeting - Parents Welcome  
Tue 20 Oct  IPSHA Gala Debating Day - Selected students  
Wed 21 Oct  Interrelate (PDH In-Class program) - Years 5 & 6  
Thur 22 Oct  Dragon Tag - Year 6

Week 4

Mon 26 Oct  CSSA Tennis by nomination  
Wed 28 Oct  Interrelate (PDH In-Class program) - Year 6  
Thur 29 Oct  JS Presentation Assembly (9.30am) - Parents welcome

Week 5

Mon 2 Nov  CSSA State Boys Basketball - Years 5 & 6  
Wed 4 Nov  Interrelate (PDH In-Class program) - Year 6  
Thur 5 Nov  CSSA Cricket Skills - Years 3 & 4

Week 6

Mon 9 Nov  CSSA State Girls Basketball - Years 3 & 4  
Wed 11 Nov  Excursion to Canberra - Year 6

Week 7

Mon 16 Nov  P & F meeting - Parents welcome  
Fri 20 Nov  Year 7 Orientation Day - Year 6

Week 8

Mon 24 Nov  CSSA State Boys Basketball - Years 5 & 6  
Wed 26 Nov  Interrelate (PDH In-Class program) - Year 6  
Thur 27 Nov  CSSA Cricket Skills - Years 3 & 4

Week 9

Mon 30 Nov  CSSA State Girls Basketball - Years 3 & 4  
Wed 2 Dec  Excursion to Canberra - Year 6

Week 10

Mon 7 Dec  JS Presentation Day - Parents welcome  
Tue 8 Dec  Picnic Day - Parents welcome  
Fri 10 Dec  Year 6 Graduation - Parents invited

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NAC dominates at the birthplace of “The Don”

The Junior School cricket team travelled up to the spiritual home of cricket in Australia last Thursday to take on Southern Highlands Christian School. It was a fitting venue for a game of cricket and the weather turned on a typical English summer day for the team to enjoy. Yes, it was cold, breezy and had the slightest feel of moisture in the air.

After winning the toss, Captain Jack Walsh decided to bat first. Our openers got us off to a solid start which was perfect for the batsman down the order to build upon. Cameron Murray was elevated up the order to number three and didn’t disappoint. He was soon joined by Walsh and the two of them put on a batting masterclass. After the twenty overs NAC finished on 2/127, with Walsh 50 retired and Murray 31 not out the main contributors.

Brimming with confidence after the batting our bowlers set about their task. They managed to take wickets at a consistent pace and soon had the home side in all sorts of trouble, and in the end were dismissed 110 runs short of their target. At the end of the game, seven different bowlers took wickets, but the standouts were Walsh 3/0 and newcomer Alex Lees 2/4.

NAC now moves through to the second round where they will be up against ICS Cordeaux.

The team is:

Tim Abbott, Jack Sweet, Cameron Murray, Jack Walsh, Harry Evans, Toby Huard, Ben Lans, Troy Sweet, Tully Dennis, Jaydon Sinnamon and Alex Lees.
PRESCHOOL NEWS

Dying: the investigations continue………

Over the past two terms the children in the Wattle room who attend on a Monday and Tuesday have been engaging in a number of projects. These include, dying, mapping, colour and photography.

In response to these interests we planned a series of visits within our local community. It involved visiting each of the children’s homes and whilst we were out and about we would further investigate and explore the project areas mentioned above.

One of the biggest interests during term three and four has been Shibori and Rust dying. This fitted in beautifully with our excursion itinerary.

On the first of our excursion days we stopped off at Kimmie’s home to have some lunch and to learn how to Shibori dye.

Shibori

Shibori is the Japanese word for a variety of ways of embellishing textiles by shaping cloth and securing it before dying. The word comes from the verb root Shiboru, “to wring, squeeze, and press.” Although Shibori is used to designate a particular group of resist-dyed textiles, the verb root of the word emphasizes the action performed on cloth, the process of manipulating fabric. Rather than treating cloth as a two-dimensional surface, with Shibori it is given a three-dimensional form by folding, crumpling, stitching, plaiting, or plucking and twisting. Cloth shaped by these methods is secured in a number of ways, such as binding and knotting. It is the pliancy of a textile and its potential for creating a multitude of shape-resisted designs that the Japanese concept of Shibori recognizes and explores. The Shibori family of techniques includes numerous resist processes practiced throughout the world.

Sourced from http://www.michaelsilks.com/shibori_about.html

Adding our prepared pieces to the indigo dye.

Stage One…..

At Kimmie’s house the fabric had been soaking in a barrel of water before the children arrived. This enables the fabric to soak up as much dye as possible when placed in the barrel of dye. After wringing out the excess water the children carefully placed their piece of fabric into the barrel of dye to soak while we continued on with our excursion. Since then it had been rinsed awaiting the final stage of snipping the rubber bands off and the final rinse.

Stage Two…..

Snipping the rubber band off. Not as easy as one might think. The bands had been tightened to prevent the dye from touching parts of the fabric. This causes the pattern to form. With assistance the children were able to cut or pull the bands away.

Stage three…..

Once the fabric was released from the bands, the patterns became visible. The fabric was washed in warm water with a splash of dish washing liquid. (I have tried to find out the reason for the dishwashing liquid, however it remains a mystery).

Active involvement in learning builds children’s understandings of concepts and the creative thinking and inquiry processes that are necessary for lifelong learning (DEEWR, 2009:33.EYLF Outcome).

The Shibori and rust dying have continued to spark a great interest in the process of dying and what else could be used.

Inventing new processes for dying:

The interest in the dying has been amazing, the children are bringing and connecting their own ideas to the dying process. Both Iysha and Abby held small workshops to test out different dying methods. Indy has brought in some Rubiscos tea that we will also be exploring with.

The children are certainly following and extending this interest, they are initiating and contributing to experiences emerging from their own ideas, as educators we provide opportunities for children to revisit ideas and extend their thinking (EYLF: Deweer: Outcome 4: 1).

Iysha’s workshop

What we need:

Material and a coin.

Step one: Wrap the coin in the material tie up with a rubber band.

Step two: Paint the material any colour you want.

Children: ‘Does it matter if the band gets paint on it?’

Iysha: ‘No.’

Step three: Place material in a container sprinkle with salt and cover with vinegar.

Put lid on place in freezer for 10 minutes.

After 10 minutes if it is not frozen leave it for longer.

The purpose of the dying is to see if the coin will make a print on the material.

The dying remained in the freezer and will be checked next week. We are very curious to see if the money will leave a pattern. The sun left patterns on our material, the rust has left patterns, the threaded rod created patterns and even the rubber bands made patterns in all our previous dying techniques.

We look forward to exploring dying further during term 4.

Bernice Mathie-Morris, Monica Hilzinger & Kimmie Fenn-Lavington, Wattle Room Educators
Twilight hockey

Twilight hockey season has started at the Shoalhaven Hockey fields North Nowra, Thursday nights.

The committee has introduced a 5 and 8 aside competition this summer, playing on the turf field.

Primary ages play at 5.30-6.30 pm

High school ages play at 6.30-7.30 pm

Adults Tuesday nights.

This is a great opportunity to come and try out Hockey in a relaxed and fun filled, family environment.

If you are interested in playing, turn up with your mouth guard, shin pads and $50 rego fee.

Jodie Sims, Junior Development Committee member is the contact person for new enrolments. She can be reached on 0412218563

Shoalhaven Football (soccer)

Term 4 Academies are being held at the following venue

5th Novra Fri 16th October for ages 5 – 13 years – 6 week program cost is $70

The Academies are suited for players of all abilities with the following skills being implemented, 1 – running with the ball, 2 – 1st Touch, 3 – Striking the ball & 4 - 1 v 1 games.

All enquiries please email mjonno1@bigpond.com.au or 0488034500

WANTED: Scout and Cub Leaders

1st Huskisson Scout Group

Please contact: Valda Heggie (Willow) Group Leader: 0408 481 947.

Cubs: Monday 6-7.30pm

Scouts: Thursday 6.30-8.30pm

@ Huskisson, plus some weekend camps.

Training provided.

http://huskissonscouts.net