Dear Parents/Carers

I can’t believe that we are starting to talk about end of year activities; however, here we are. Where has the time flown again?

I would like to write about a couple of upcoming events.

The first is a High Tea which we run every year to commemorate the life of Robyn Hayton. Robyn was our much loved Defence Liaison Mentor in Senior School. Every year Robyn would run an afternoon tea for Senior School girls and a significant person in their life (Mother, Sister, Grandmother or significant other).

Robyn is one of the most determined and “gutsy” ladies that I have ever met. Her fight against cancer was constant and whilst it beat her body in the end, her love for God and constant witness of her Christian faith was inspirational. This High Tea is a tradition that we honour each year and you are welcome to come with your daughter to this event to be held on Tuesday 10 November at 1:00pm. Please see the invitation in this newsletter for further details.

The second event that I would like to bring to your attention is the inaugural Senior School Sports Awards evening. NAC has a strong tradition of sporting representation and as such we wish to award our students for their participation and successes. Any student who has represented the College in a sport and his/her family is invited to this event which will be held on Wednesday 2nd December from 5:30 to 7:00pm. The evening will commence with a sausage sizzle and students may wear casual clothes to this event. Students receiving specific awards will be notified by letter. Further information regarding this event can also found in the newsletter.

I hope many of you will be able to attend these events.

Mrs Lorrae Sampson
Reflecting on Star Wars

It might be a middle-aged thing but I seem to be enjoying Star Wars more now than when it was first out. I remember seeing the first Star Wars, Episode IV, when I was 9 or 10. It was the most amazing experience, from the opening text and theme song to the heroic efforts of Luke Skywalker destroying the Death Star (oops, spoiler alert!). But I didn’t get into the sequels or prequels. I wonder if the much awaited release, Episode VII – The Force Awakens, will live up to expectations?

The whole story is about the good and bad aspects of ‘the force’ and how they can be used. This reflects a worldview called pantheism, the view that all of creation is connected together as one. There is also the concept that good and evil exists, broadly represented by the Jedi on one hand and the Sith on the other. The ying-yang symbol also represents that there is a little bit of good in the worst people and bad in the best. The idea is to keep the force and ‘good and evil’ in balance.

At the most basic level, Christian education seeks to develop a moral compass in our students where they can discern the difference between the two and seek to live for the good and not the bad. I often find myself saying to students "Will you use your powers for good or evil?"

Anakin Skywalker is seduced by the promise of ultimate power. In the process he is left broken and remade as the ultimate evil master. His transformation from Jedi knight to Sith Lord Darth Vader is subtle and gradual. The decisions we make along the way in life might seem insignificant and ‘no big deal’, but they form habits and behaviours which shape us and make us into the people we become.

There is more that could be said but perhaps that is for another Episode! Let me finish with these words from Romans 12: 21:

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Mr Jim Dayhew

Peripatetic Concerts 2015

Congratulations to all of our students and their tutors who have performed at a series of concerts, showcasing their skills, learning and dedication across a range of instruments.

A message from Serena, P&F President..

Our next P&F meeting is on Tuesday the 17th of November 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 24 November. There will be more details to follow.

We will be holding a Family Movie Night on the 27th of November. Gates open at 7pm with the movie to screen at 8pm. Tickets can be pre-purchased from NAC front desk and you will be issued with wristbands. Tickets are $2 per person. Food and other items can be purchased on the night with Popcorn, Hotdogs and Fairy Floss.

THE MOVIE WILL BE REVEALED NEXT NEWSLETTER, WHEN PRE-TICKET SALES OPEN.

The second hand uniform sales have gone from strength to strength. Our next sale is on 1 December. Please drop any unwanted uniforms to the school office.

Mark the dates below in your diaries and let us know if you can lend a hand.

1. P&F Meeting Tuesday the 17 November 7pm
2. Junior School Disco 24 November
3. Movie Family Night 27 November 7pm
4. Second Hand Uniform Sale 1 December
Make Bullying History is an organisation which focuses on addressing bullying issues in schools and building resilience in students by offering advice and a holistic approach to stop bullying. This involves all members of the College community understanding what is meant by the term 'bullying' and working to alleviate the issues which arise from it, as well as implementing strategies to eradicate this problem. The Make Bullying History Foundation aims to help young people, families and communities better themselves and offer encouragement and hope to students, families and teachers in dealing with this issue.

Make Bullying History will be providing a parent seminar on this topic:

Monday, November 30 5.30pm– 7.30pm in the Recital room
You are warmly invited to attend this special information evening.
Please RSVP online: http://www.trybooking.com/167907

End of Year Assemblies
Towards the end of the year, we have the privilege of celebrating the successes of our students. There will be a number of end of year events that give us this opportunity. I encourage every member of our community to attend these events to offer encouragement to those who have excelled in many different areas throughout 2015:
• Improvement & Semester 2 Presentation Assembly - Tuesday 1st December
• Sports Awards Assembly - Wednesday 2nd December
• Final Senior Presentation Evening will be held on Tuesday 8th December, end of Term 4

Leaders
In the last edition of the newsletter Natasha Jeffery was mistakenly reported as the incoming Hargrave House Captain. This was incorrect - my apologies. The Hargrave House girls captain for 2016 is Amy Ou.

Year 12 2016
All year 11 students commenced their HSC courses at the start of Week 3. Any students wishing to make subject changes should by now have spoken with Mr O’Donnell. Access to the student common room will begin at the completion of the HSC examinations and all students have been made aware of this.

Shoalhaven River Festival
Last weekend at the Shoalhaven River Festival, our College had a stall where some of our Year 10 students were selling items to raise money to contribute towards the Cambodia/Vietnam trip. Lucy Schreurs and Lara Pearce from Year 10 made tie-dyed T-shirts to sell to raise money for next year's building materials. They almost sold out of their first run and raised around $600.

Ms Felicity Reynolds had some items including scarves, bags, jewellery and home wares sourced from Cambodia for sale and she raised around $200. In all, it was a very successful day raising approximately $800 for the trip next year. T-shirts and Cambodian items will also be for sale at the NACfest film night on Monday, Nov 16. The stall was also a great opportunity to promote the College and offer information to wider community. A huge thank you to Ms Felicity Reynolds, Mrs Fiona Schreurs and College Students for their much valued help with the stall.

Mr David Hamaty

FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

“Towards the end of the year, we have the privilege of celebrating the successes of our students”
**Awards**

**Congratulations to all award recipients this week**

**Bronze Awards**

**Academic**
- Jordan Hockey Y10 (x2)
- Hayley Scullard Y10
- Ethan Ford Y10 (x2)
- Jasmine Mandal Y10
- Luke Goldman Y10 (x3)
- Maya Leach Y7

**Co-Curricular**
- Isabelle Cork Y10
- Luke Goldman Y10 (x5)

**service and character**
- Jordan Hockey Y10 (x2)
- Hayley Scullard Y10
- Ethan Ford Y10
- Isabelle Cork Y10
- Luke Goldman Y10 (x4)
- Riley Timbs Y7
- Ella Davidson Y7

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**3rd Vaccination Clinic**

Year 7 students: dose 3 of HPV (For any Year 7 students who missed visits 1 and/or 2, we will ‘catch them up’ at visit 3).

Year 8 catch-up vaccinations will be offered to those students who commenced but did not complete their 3 dose course of HPV in the school-based program during 2014.

**When: Friday, November 13, 2015**

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**LEARNING LABS**

The University of Wollongong would like to invite your students to LEARNING LABS, an academic enrichment holiday program. We are targeting high achieving students from Year 7 to 10 during 2015.

**Dates:**
- Application close: 3 November, 2015

Workshops are both rigorous and challenging. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to socialise with like-minded peers within a university setting.

Fill out the online application form found at: http://www.uow.edu.au/in2uni-myway/learninglabs

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Parents and students enjoyed our Open Garden, including a performance by the Grace Notes Choir.
JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Has anyone in your family been setting their alarms at odd times so as not to miss a moment of the Wallabies playing at the Rugby World Cup?

At our recent Junior School Presentation Assembly I spoke about some of the qualities that the Wallabies have had to display in order to reach the finals of this exciting competition.

Many of these qualities are similar to the Habits of Mind described by Professor Art Costa who says that “Not only are we interested in how many answers students know, but also in knowing how they behave when they don’t know.”

Habits of Mind are performed in response to those questions and problems the answers to which are not immediately known. Costa says that “we are interested in observing how students produce knowledge rather than how they merely reproduce knowledge. The critical attribute of intelligent human beings is not only having information, but also knowing how to act on it.”

The Wallabies have been using many of these habits of mind to help them reach their goal of becoming the world champions.

They have been persistent. They have striven for accuracy. They have applied their knowledge to new situations. They have maintained a sense of humour.

These qualities are also displayed by our students and particularly those who have worked to achieve results far beyond our expectations.

This year’s NAPLAN results showed that many Year 5 students doubled or more than doubled their anticipated growth from Year 3. We are thrilled when we can celebrate students’ improvement, achieved through hard work and determination.

A special visit from the Federal Member for Gilmore

This week students in Years 5 & 6 welcomed the Federal Member for Gilmore, Ann Sudmalis to NAC. Ms Sudmalis talked to the students about how Parliament works and about the role of politicians.

On Wednesday I accompanied our captains, Ben Lans and Brianna Mead and our vice captains, Toby Huard and Groove Brindley to Ann Sudmalis’ office in Nowra where they joined leaders from other local schools and discussed the role that leaders play in our community.

Susan Pearson

Term 4 Calendar

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

Week 6
Mon 9 Nov  CSSA State Girls Basketball - Years 3 & 4
Fri 10 Nov  Excursion to Canberra - Year 6
Wed 11 Nov  K-6 Orientation Day - New students 2016

Week 7
Tue 17 Nov  P & F meeting - Parents welcome
Fri 20 Nov  Year 7 Orientation Day - Year 6

Week 8
Tue 24 Nov  Disco K-2: 2.15-3.15 , 3-6: 3.30-4.30

Week 9
Thu 3 Dec  Christmas Chapel & kindergarten Nativity Play (9.30am) - Parents welcome
Volunteers Morning Tea (10.30am) - Volunteers invited
Volunteers Lunch (12.30pm) - Volunteers invited
Year 6 Graduation - Parents invited

Week 10
Mon 7 Dec  JS Presentation Day - Parents welcome
Tue 8 Dec  Picnic Day - Parents welcome

Drumming their way to success!

Congratulations to Isaac ball and Indigo Brindley have just received excellent results in trinity London rock pop drum exams Grade 1.

Well done!

NAC News
Tennis Stars of the Future!

With Lleyton Hewitt hanging up his racquet after the Australian Open the search is on for the next tennis superstar. With this goal in mind six keen tennis players from NAC competed for the first time in the CSSA Tennis gala day held at Beaton Park. Each of the divisions were broken into pools, with a round robin event leading up to the knockout part of the tournament.

The boys' pools had up to eight players in each, which meant that the boys got quite a number of games in the round robin phase. The girls' pools had up to six in each pool. Lara Schroder-Watters and Ella Hopperton both played some fantastic tennis and were improving throughout the competition. Ben Lans, Harry Evans, Jack Walsh and Toby Huard all managed to win at least one of their matches. Toby and Jack both finished with more wins than losses and finished third in their pools. They were both unlucky to be drawn in the same pools as the eventual winner and runner up.

It was an absolutely fantastic day and was played in excellent spirit.

Learning about life in the Navy

On Friday morning Madeline and Lyl's' Dad came into our class to talk to us about the navy. Lily's dad, Lee Gallagher, is in Squadron 816. He was just on a trip up the north coast of Australia. They were helping people in Papua New Guinea.

Lee was in the Royal Navy in England for 22 years before he came to Australia to be a part of the Australian navy. When he is on land, Lee teaches other people how to sail on the big ships.

Lee has just sailed on the ship, HMAS Canberra. Canberra was built before HMAS Adelaide. They are like sister ships. It can launch 6 helicopters at once from the deck. Each helicopter takes 10 people. Canberra can fire cannons from both sides of the ship. They carry amphibious tanks. These tanks can go on water and land. They don't have tracks.

Lee worked with the helicopters. He was responsible for where the helicopters went on the deck, depending on when they were taking off.

We learnt a lot about the navy and life on the ships. A lot of children want to join the navy when they grow up.

A trip back in time at Lady Denman

Stage 2 recently visited the Lady Denman Museum for a day of local history and aboriginal culture. The students were able to spend time learning about the early days of settlement in Jervis Bay including exhibits on the whale and boat building industries. They toured the Lady Denman harbour ferry, built in Huskisson, and spent time on the boardwalks surrounding the museum. They also spent time with elders Laddie and Dave to throw boomerangs, collect bush tucker and learn about indigenous issues.

The students were engaged throughout the whole day and loved the diverse range of activities on offer. They were wonderful representatives of the College and learned a great deal about our diverse local history.
GETTING OUT AND ABOUT IN OUR COMMUNITY IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM. “CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT THEMSELVES AND CONSTRUCT THEIR OWN IDENTITY WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES” (DEEWR, 2009, p. 20).

BCPS has been enjoying our regular visits to the Kindergarten classroom at NAC. We have been visiting the Kindergarten classroom on a regular basis throughout the year. Last Thursday we enjoyed morning tea with the current Kindergarten and had fun exploring the learning environment.

Before the preschool children left, I invited the children to think about what we would see in the classroom and in the playground... Would there be anything there that we have in the Gumnut room? When we arrived everyone was excited to point out all the things in the Kindergarten classroom that we also have in the Gumnut room; books, blocks, train set, smart board... the list went on and on. The most exciting thing for some of the children was to see friends and family in the kinder class!

What a wonderful opportunity for the Gumnut children to be able to experience what a “Big” school classroom looks like. A great beginning to supporting future positive transitions.

It is so valuable for children to feel part of a wider community that extends beyond their learning environment. As children grow and develop, connections to the outside world help them to find their place in the world (NQS PLP e-Newsletter No.47 2012).

Heather Norwood
Early Childhood Teacher
Bomaderry Community Preschool/Nowra Anglican College

SOUTHERN BRANCH TRIALS FOR SEASON 2016

TRIAL WITH SOUTHERN BRANCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SELECTION TO PLAY IN THE FOOTBALL NSW NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE 2 BOY’S, GIRL’S YOUTH, WOMEN’S & SKILL ACQUISITION PROGRAM FOR BOYS & GIRLS FOR SEASON 2016 SEE THE INFORMATION BELOW.

All trialists must register via the relevant web link below prior to attendance. Registrations on the day will not be accepted: Web link www.southernnswfootball.com.au All Trials are held at South Nowra Football Complex (Mumbulla St, South Nowra)

Skill Acquisition Program Trials are also held within the Highlands/Southern Tablelands area (for players who reside within that area) at David Woods Playing Fields, Boardman Road, East Bowral.

Skill Acquisition Program (Under 9/10/11/12 Boys & U10/12 Girls)
November: Sun 8th 10-11:30am,
Fri 13th 6-7:30pm, Sun 15th 10-11:30am

National Premier League 2 Boys Youth (Under 13/14/15 & 16)
November: Sun 8th 12:30-2pm,
Fri 13th6-7:30pm, Sun 15th12:30-2pm

National Premier League (2)
Women & Girls (13, 15, 17, Reserves & 1st Grade)
November: Sun 8th 3-4:30pm,
Tue 10th 6-7:30pm, Sun15th 3-4:30pm

Players are expected to bring their own playing equipment including shin guards, boots and water bottle. Please be at the trial 30 minutes before advertised time to be marked off. Players are not to trial in any representative, state, national or club playing strip...
Milton Brickfest 2015
$4/person  $10/family
Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th Nov
10am - 4pm
Shoalhaven Anglican School, Croobyar Rd, Milton
Exhibitors from as far as Canberra, Sydney and the Central Coast.
THIS IS A LEGO FAN EVENT.

Build your own Lego Competition
Details found on the facebook page.

Proceeds donated to 2 organisations working against child trafficking:
Destiny Rescue
Open Arms

Jumping castle, sausage sizzle, fire engine, giant Lego play area & more.
Milton Brickfest 2015

Family Fun Night
Saturday 31st October
5.00 – 8.00 pm
You are invited to a night of fun for the whole family!
Feel free to come dressed in Halloween if you wish (big kids also)

FAMILY TRIVIA, GAMES & PRIZES!

WHERE: Nowra Anglican College Gymnasium
Cnr of Princess Hwy & West Bunderra St, Bomaderry
(enter via West Bunderra St)

COST: $5 per person
(includes entry & supper)
Soft drinks, juice & sausage sandwiches will be available for sale. A raffle & silent auction will be held also.

R.S.V.P.: Tickets must be pre-purchased. You can email us via the Bomaderry Scouts website or call Sue (0407 266297), Tony (0419 695582) or Barb (0402 925524).

Proudly hosted by the First Bomaderry Scout Group.
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!