As a principal it is dangerous to ask parents if they think they are getting value for money from their school fees.

Recently we received our NAPLAN results and as a principal I am very proud of the achievements of our students. The results in both literacy and numeracy were outstanding.

Over 15 months ago the College received a grant to improve literacy and we focused on the area of reading comprehension. The reasons for choosing this area of literacy was the expected follow on effect that improvements in reading comprehension would have on such things as spelling, grammar, punctuation and most importantly writing. We also chose reading comprehension as improvements in this area would have a positive effect in all subject areas.

Our NAPLAN results are testament that the strategies that we implemented across the school from Kindergarten to Year 8 have worked. An example is in Year 3. 54% of students achieved results in the top band in reading as compared to 29.7% of the whole state.

In Year 5 our results have shown an improvement over the last three years with more students moving into the higher bands with 32.7% achieving in the top band as compared to the state average of 16.9%. The graph below demonstrates this improvement.

**Percentage in Bands for NAPLAN 2014**

*Year 5 All Students in Reading*
The results for Numeracy are also impressive. All years have achieved above state average. One example of the excellent results is in Year 7 with 22.4% of all students achieving in the top band compared to 14.8% of the whole state.

### Percentage in Bands for Naplan 2014

#### Year 7 All Students in Numeracy

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So are we doing a good job in creating a positive “return” for your investment in the school. Let us for a moment consider what international research tells us about high quality schools. Here are the generally accepted criteria to determine if a school has moved from good to great:

1. They teach their students well.
2. They have a student-centered attitude with core values and don’t just teach to the national tests.
3. They have high expectations for their students.
4. They constantly re-examine what they do.
5. They are accountable.
6. They use school time wisely.
7. They like kids.
8. The Leaders are a constant presence.
9. They pay careful attention to the quality of the teaching staff with a mix of new and veteran teachers.
10. They provide teachers with the time to observe each other, to plan and to work collaboratively.
11. They think seriously about professional development.
12. They have high-quality, dedicated, and competent office and support staff who feel themselves part of the educational mission of the school.
13. They are nice places to work.

So, how are we doing? If you scored us a low on a number of these criteria, I wonder if you have contacted us to talk about this?

As Number 5 says, we are accountable and we are always in the process of re-examining what we do and how we do it (Number 4). We need your feedback about how well we are doing and, just as importantly, when we fail to deliver.

So, whilst we don’t teach just to do well in national tests, our excellent results in the national tests are an indicator that we are constantly moving to improve your child’s achievements and we are striving for them to achieve their best.

Lorrae Sampson
Executive Principal

The college community recently held the assembly to induct our new student leaders for 2015. These students have been chosen by their teachers and peers and we congratulate them on their appointment. A distinctive of leadership which expresses “Compassion to Give” is the understanding that leadership is not about the badge or popularity but the heart to serve out of who you are.

Malala Yousafzai is a 17 year old young women has just been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; what a huge global honour. Apparently she was called out of chemistry class to be told!

While she now lives in England, Malala grew up in Pakistan under Taliban rule. In her region, girls were not allowed to go to school or women allowed to have jobs. At age 15 she blogged her experience to the world and showed great character and courage. She was almost killed for her effort. She still advocates for the rights of girls and women and the importance of education to change society. Malala would be a leader whether world acknowledged or not - and still at school!

In the Bible we see how God chooses the most unlikely people. Young David was the youngest and least likely of his brothers to be anointed as the new King of Israel by Samuel. He was not even considered as worthy by his own family. But God can see beyond what others, even ourselves can see.

1 Samuel 16 verse 7 says, “Do not consider his appearance or his height (of David’s brother), for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

Leadership comes from a heart that displays humble character and a willingness to serve others. Like David, he had a number of years to grow and develop until he took on the kingship but all the experiences which followed moulded him into a person described as “a man after God’s own heart” for his trust of God.

We see the ultimate leader in Jesus, who perfectly shows God’s character and purposes. He came not to be served but to serve others, which he did sacrificially in the giving of his own life. Might he be an inspiration for all of the new leaders for 2015 and in our own lives.

Jim Dayhew
College Chaplain

CHAPLAIN’S CHAT

“Leadership comes from a heart that displays humble character and a willingness to serve others”
Welcome back
Welcome back to Term 4. It’s hard to comprehend that the 2014 academic year is 75% complete. It has gone by very quickly. Nevertheless there are still many events happening this term.

Uniform
A reminder to all students and parents that we are now in summer uniform. If you have questions as to the summer requirements these can be found in the College Diary. One issue that seems to rise quite regularly is the use of sports uniform. Sports uniform is only to be worn on Wednesdays (Sports Day). It is not a fall back option for students on other days of the week. Students who turn up to school in sports uniform on a day other than a Wednesday can expect to receive a uniform infringement. Occasionally the wearing of sports uniform is allowed if students are going on an excursion or sporting event, however this is the only exception.

HSC
Year 12 have just started their final HSC examinations. These will continue for the next three weeks. This year these examinations are being held on site. Despite the difficulties with rooming, there are many advantages to doing this, one advantage being the close proximity of class teachers. We wish them all the very best in their preparations. My thanks to teachers of year 12 who have worked tirelessly with them over the last year and the recent holiday break to prepare them for their examinations.

Student leaders
Congratulations to our new leadership team. Student leaders were appointed late last term from the result of student and staff elections. Our College Prefects spent three days on a leadership retreat during which time they looked at the whole concept of leadership, examples of good and bad leadership, different styles of leadership and spent time also on some team building activities. During this time the prefect team elected our new College Captains and Vice-Captains.

In recognition of the importance the College places on building leadership the College Executive Team have felt that a need exists for a member of staff to coordinate and work with our student leaders in a more formal manner. I would like to announce that Mrs Rachael Tagg will take on the position of Coordinator of Student Leadership as of this week. Mrs Tagg will work closely with the student leadership team, assisting them to set and work towards goals over the next year as well as identifying training opportunities for the team. I look forward to working with Mrs Tagg and our new student leadership team over the next year.

The student leadership team for 2015 is as follows:

College Captains: Daniel Hockey Imogen Riordan
Vice Captains: Lucas Logan Louise Davidson
College Prefects: Matthew Sampson Corey Bate Brendan Sampson Joshua Poulton
Sally Woods Erin Villagra Porchou Seng Sarah Wearne

House Captains
Trickett: Lloyd Herron India Shepherd
Procter: Callum Mackay Ailsa Schreurs
Hargrave: Jaden Spence Jemima Morgan
Best: Thomas King Rosie Davidson

Year Captains
Year 7: Flynn Johnson Ebony Zillesen
Year 8: Connor Clarke Andrea Charalambous
Year 9: Dan Bardsey-Divina Ella Pratt
Year 10: Lara Pearce Jordan Hockey
Year 12 Study Day
Year 11 will be starting their HSC courses within the next few weeks. What a great time for a day retreat (last Monday) to focus on a range of strategies to get them through the next year. Students looked at a range of study skills as well as strategies for maintaining physical and mental health over what is always a stressful year. My thanks to Mr Peter O’Donnell for organising this day and the staff who attended and presented.

David Hamaty
Head of School

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop will be closed on Fri 31/10/14 and open for the Year 7 Orientation Day on Tuesday 18/11/14.

Where: Nowra Anglican College
When: FRIDAY, 21 NOVEMBER
Time: 7.30-9pm
Cost: $5

NAC Cambodia and Vietnam Car Boot and Book Sale
Time: From 8am

Please Donate Books

2015 year 11 Nowra Anglican College
Students will be travelling to Cambodia and Vietnam to build houses, school rooms and plant trees for the less fortunate.
To make this successful we need to raise money to buy the supplies.
We would very much appreciate it if anyone could donate some books, make some cakes or buy a car boot space to sell your own goods.
Anything unwanted but worth selling can be donated if you do not wish to have a car space.

22/11/2014
Nowra Anglican College
Car Park and Gymnasium
Princess Hwy Bomaderry

For more information please contact Gabby Leslie
0477030152 gleslie@nac.nsw.edu.au
Hospitality Workplace Training 2014

Year 11 Hospitality Kitchen Operations students have spent the last week of term in various hospitality establishments in the district. Workplace Training is an essential aspect of studying a vocational (VET) subject and gives students practical life experience of the world of work and the chance to use skills they have been developing in authentic situations.

At all of the workplacements I was excited to hear how impressed employers were with our students. Some have even been offered employment opportunities as a result.

Workplace Training also gives students workplace examples they can use to explain concepts when they are writing exams.

We’d like to give a big thank you to employers who give students these opportunities. Without their interest in training the next generation these valuable programs would not be able to run. Employers for 2014 are:

Coastal Indulgence, Milton; Tallwood Eatery, Mollymook; Millard’s Cottage, Ulladulla; The Corner, Ulladulla; The Boardwalk, Ulladulla; Annabel’s Café, Milton; Bacchus of Milton; Damarose Café, Nowra; The Butterfactory, Pyree; Slice of Life, North Nowra; Inlet Pizza House, Sussex Inlet; Central Café, Gunghalin; Nostalgia Gourmet Deli and Café, Vincentia; and Ceto, Ulladulla.

Awards

Congratulations to all award recipients this week

Gold Awards
Year 12
Naomi Brown

Silver Awards
Year 8
Taylah Narbeth
Andrew Pearson
Year 12
Naomi Brown
Timothy O’Shea x 3

Bronze Awards
Academic
Year 7
Elena Domazar
Samantha Fletcher
Rhyannon Sutton
Nathan Welling
Courtney Western
Year 10
Olivia Alldrick x 2
Eva McEllan

Service & Character
Year 7
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Year 10
Olivia Alldrick
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Details:
Name: Jemima Morgan
Address: 30-32 Vincentia St, Vincentia NSW 2540
Phone: 0411 123 456
Email: jemima.morgan@gmail.com

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Welcome back to Term 4. We particularly welcome new students, Macy Chua and Tristen Shepherd to Year 1 and Daniel McRae to Year 2.

Yesterday we celebrated student achievement at our Presentation Assembly. We also inducted our new leadership team. It was wonderful to have so many parents and friends present on this special occasion.

Communication
At the beginning of each term, your children bring home a letter from their class teacher which helps to keep you in touch with what your children will be learning at school.

We encourage you to also read your child’s diary and to encourage them to bring it to school each day. Students in Years 3-6 are expected to get their diary out of their bags each morning and to put them on their desks. They are encouraged by their teachers to write regularly in their diary about the things they have been learning at school. Parents and class teachers are asked to sign the diary each week.

If you have a concern we ask you to bring it to the attention of your child’s class teacher so that it can be followed through. Please don’t assume that the teacher will necessarily know until they have been informed. Our teachers care about the welfare of their students and are always keen to follow through on anything that might be causing them to be worried or upset. Teachers are always available for interviews which can be arranged either through a request in the diary or by calling the office (4421 7711). If your concern is of a more serious nature then you may wish to speak to the relevant Stage Coordinator (K-2: Ms Piazza; 3-4: Ms McLeod; 5-6: Mr Hale) or myself.

Junior School Captains
Benjamin Lans and Brianna Mead
Junior School Vice Captains
Toby Huard and Groove Brindley
House Captains
Trickett: Cameron Murray and Claudia de Rooy
Hargrave: Harry Evans and Isabella Harkness
Procter: Ben French and Georgia Hamaty
Best: Ben Ward and Ella Hopperton
Year 6/7 Captains: Flynn Johnson and Ebony Zillesen

Term 4 Calendar

Week 3
Tue 21 Oct
CSSA Cricket Knock Out
Wed 22 Oct
Interrelate (Years 4 & 6)
Thur 23 Oct
Dragon Tag Gala Day

Week 4
Mon 27 Oct
Kindergarten Orientation Day (small group)
Tue 28 Oct
Kindergarten Orientation Day (small group)
Wed 29 Oct
Interrelate (Years 5 & 6)

Week 5
Mon 3 Nov
Year 2 Swimming School commences
Wed 5 Nov
Interrelate Year 6
Thur 6 Nov
CSSA Cricket Fun Day (Years 3 & 4)
Fri 7 Nov
SASSA Super 8 Cricket (Years 5 & 6)

Week 6
Mon 10 Nov
Year 2 Swimming School continues
Wed 12 Nov
Interrelate Year 6
Fri 14 Nov
Defence Day

Week 7
Tue 18 Nov
Year 7 Orientation Day
Wed 19 Nov
JS Disco

Week 8
Wed 26 Nov
Surf Safety Presentation

Week 9
Thur 4 Dec
Year 6 Graduation
Fri 5 Dec
Year 6 Surf Day (Culburra)

Week 10
Mon 8 Dec
Christmas Chapel & Kindergarten Nativity Play

Perseverance and Doing One’s Best
At the beginning of this term, I talked to all our students about the need to try hard and not give up, even in subjects where they think they are not so good. Let’s encourage our children to enjoy and to value their learning and to make the most of each day at school.

Susan Pearson
Head of Junior School

Interschools
The girls competed against students from all over the state in hacking events. 72 schools entered and over 280 children participated from kindy to year 12. The competition was fierce.

Rachel Orr
Second - quiet mount
Second - most suitable mount
Third - best hands and seat
Fourth - sack race
Fourth - best presented
Fourth - pairs
Fifth - Bending

Logan lynch
Colourful Rosette – fancy dress
Mauve Rosette – participation
First – longest tail
First – treasure chest (riding up and being timed grabbing a lolly and putting it in the treasure chest) fastest
Second – best presented
Third – benching
Fourth – best posture
Fifth – best presented
Preschool Newsletter

What is Dry Ice? – Mr Davis visits preschool to explore Dry Ice.

On Monday 15th September preschool had a surprise phone call from the science department at NAC. The senior students had been conducting some experiments with dry ice and had some remaining; would we like to see it?

Of course we said yes…..it fitted in so beautifully with our projects on clouds, the water cycle, ice and freezing.

Marnie’s dad, Mawgan, (Mr Davis) brought the dry ice down and the following discussion took place.

Mawgan: ‘I have brought some special ice for you to have a look at today and it’s not made from water. We can’t touch it.’
Willow: ‘It’s steaming.’
Kasia: ‘It’s smoking.’
Mawgan: ‘My glove isn’t getting wet when I hold it? It’s like frost.’
Willow: ‘It’s like frost.’
Mawgan: ‘It’s very special, really clever. If it’s not wet ice what could it be?’
Kasia: ‘It’s not wet ice.’
Peter: ‘Dry ice.’
Mawgan: ‘When we put this ice into water it changes into a gas. It will disappear into the water and it will turn into a gas. It is actually made from a gas. When you breathe in and then back out you breathe out carbon dioxide.’
Mawgan then places the dry ice into a beaker of water.
Kasia: ‘Gas is going down now.’
Mawgan: ‘Why do you think it is going down?’
Peter: ‘Going onto the floor,’
Cedar: ‘Because it’s dry ice.’
Hamish: ‘It might turn to ice.’
Kiran: ‘Something that is cold can burn you.’
Children develop understandings of the world around them thorough active, hands on investigations such as these. It also provided an opportunity for the children to collaborate together to challenge and extend their own thinking in addition to acquiring new knowledge.

Talis: ‘In water it gets gas.’
Mawgan: ‘It’s heavier than the other gases.’
Hamish: ‘It is evaporating.’
Mawgan: ‘It’s a special type of evaporation.’
Mawgan: ‘It is called ‘sublime – not a liquid, it is when a solid turns straight into a gas.’
Talis: ‘When will it stop?’
Kasia: ‘It’s like an experiment.’
Talis: ‘It is so cold it will burn you.’
Marnie: ‘If you touch fire it will burn.’
Charlotte: ‘One day I touched the hot kettle and it burned me.’
Mawgan: ‘When you go to a disco party or a stage, show sometimes you might see this type of smoke….because they can’t have real smoke from a fire on the stage they can use dry ice, because it looks like smoke.’
Peter: ‘If you tip it into hot water will it go quicker?’
Mawgan: ‘Yes, it will change from the solid to the gas a lot quicker.’
Marnie: ‘Will it freeze?’
Hamish: ‘It might turn to ice.’
Kiran: ‘Something that is cold can burn you.’

Bernice Mothie-Morris, Monica Hilzinger and Alison Bowe Wattle Room Educators

Skill Acquisition Program (SAP)
Trials 2015

What is SAP?

SAP is the nationally recognised pathway for U9-11 talented players to:
A) Develop skills in accordance with the national curriculum and
B) Develop with experienced and qualified coaches
C) Be identified for future elite opportunities including A-League, Football NSW Institute, and State teams.

Players learn the skills of the game while being exposed to the best level of competition from across NSW.

Where and When:
October 19 and 26, South Nowra Soccer Fields
U9: 9am
U10:10.30am
U11: 12pm

How to Register:
Follow this link to register via the online form:
Please refer to the website at the registration page for all SAP information.

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MILO IN 2 CRICKET STARTS THIS FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER
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$50 PER PLAYER WHICH INCLUDES A FANTASTIC PARTICIPANT PACK.
BERRY SPORTING COMPLEX FROM 4.00PM.
REGISTRATION AVAILABLE ON THE DAY.
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A TASTE OF CHRISTMAS
Saturday November 15th 2014

To be held at 82 Terara Road, TERARA
COME ALONG & BROWSE THE STALLS AND THEN ENJOY THE CHRISTMAS
THEMED HIGH TEA

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*Scarecrow Competition
*Christmas gifts galore
*Man Cave things & Sausage Sizzle
*Delicious home-made fare

*fabulous children’s entertainment
Garden Open 10am until 4pm, last entry 3pm
COST: $10.00-children under 12 free
*OFF ROAD PARKING

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Please contact:- Sue 4421 6321 or Jill 4421 2661

SCARECROW COMPETITION

Enter as an Individual, Group or School.

When? November 15, 2014
Where? at the SECET Garden Fair held at
82 Terara Road, Terara

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!

Please name your creation and deliver
...him/her..... to the Garden on Friday 14th prior
to 6pm or before 10am on the day.

We also need your School or Group name and
contact details to be firmly attached to the
Scarecrow. ALL creations MUST be collected
and removed from the Garden by Sunday 16th
p.m.

Voting of the “winner” will be by “coin
donation” made
by those attending the Garden Fair.