As the term picks up pace and staff and students are busily getting back into their teaching and learning routines, they are also planning for the future. The Year 12 formal is planned for November 13, an important date for the post HSC examinations diary. Year 11 have formed a Wellbeing Committee comprising 15 very enthusiastic students. They are working through plans and strategies to make school life for Year 11 a really enjoyable experience and building a valuable culture at the same time.

Thank you to the 7 students who recently worked as volunteers for the Huskisson Triathlon. They raised $350 for the school.

Year 7 is off to camp from Wednesday to Friday of this week. This experience provides a unique opportunity for students to build independence, form new friendships, work on team building skills, learn about responsibility and learn to appreciate all of the many things that their parents/carers do for them that are often taken for granted. Year 7 Adviser, Mrs Warne, has sent home a letter with all emergency contact details for parents/carers.

The information evening for Year 7 enrolments for 2014 will be held in the school Multi Purpose Hall on Tuesday 5th March from 4pm – 5.30pm. Information on Year 6 – 7 transition and the out of zone enrolment process will be provided. A guided tour of the school will be conducted and teachers will provide details about educational and social programs offered at the school.

The recent poor weather conditions have not impacted too much on the school grounds, with only a few tree branches coming down in the Agriculture plot and parts of the school playground. Unfortunately it seems to have caused problems with the school power supply and phone and internet services have been interrupted. Hopefully it will be rectified by the end of the week.

The SRC have had a great start to the year with a major fundraising activity conducted on February 14, Valentines Day. The response from students was overwhelming with the SRC stretched to the limit to deliver the various gifts that had been purchased by students for the day. For the SRC it was a great opportunity to learn teamwork and organisational and time management skills. Thank you to every student who contributed to make this event a big success and thanks to Mrs Austin for providing the support to make this happen.

Construction of the Trade Training Centre is well underway with the main concrete pour to occur on Wednesday 27 February and the estimated finish date toward the end of Term 3. The building work has required the movement of the student car park to the area beside the basketball courts. Staff parking has now moved to where the students used to park. There is a problem with parents picking up from the staff car park area each afternoon as this causes quite a deal of traffic congestion on Moss and Brereton Streets. Parents are requested to pick up students either in the bus turn-around or from beside the basketball courts, which is accessed from Brereton Street. Council Road Safety officers and Traffic Investigation officers have investigated the new parking area near the basketball courts and are satisfied with the arrangements re safety.

Mr Gerald Buckley - Acting Principal

**Principal’s Message**

**Calendar**

**Coming Events for Weeks 5 & 6 - Term 1 - 2013**

**WEEK 5 - ALPHA**

- **Monday 25th February:**
  - Youth performance in MPH Yrs 7 - 12
  - Girls Basketball Trials

- **Tuesday 26th February:**
  - 15 yrs Open Girls Tennis Trials
  - Shoehorn Sonata play reading at Nowra Players Theatre Bomaderry

- **Wednesday 27th February:**
  - Powerhouse Museum Design and Tech Seminar Presenter
  - Year 7 Camp at Cataract Scout Camp - Appin

- **Thursday 28th February:**
  - Year 7 Camp at Cataract Scout Camp - Appin

- **Friday 1st March:**
  - Year 7 Camp at Cataract Scout Camp - Appin
  - Yr 12 D&T excursion to Opera House and Powerhouse Museum
  - Schools Clean Up

**WEEK 6 - BETA**

- **Monday 4th March:**
  - Assembly - pd 2

- **Tuesday 5th March:**
  - Lessons continue

- **Wednesday 6th March:**
  - Regional Swimming Carnival

- **Thursday 7th March:**
  - Yr 12 Geography Field Work
  - Minnamurra Rainforest study

- **Friday 8th March:**
  - Yr 9 SCUBA Presentation in MPH

**P&C MEETING - TERM 1 - 2013**

**Week 8 - Tuesday 19th March - 2013**

Welcome to all new parents - see you at the meetings

**HOURS FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP**

**Thursdays only**

8.00am - 11.30am  
1.00pm - 5.00pm

**Here’s a Thought!**

FEAR is the darkroom where NEGATIVES are developed.
URGENT NOTICE: re PARMA ROAD BRIDGE CLOSURE

There will be a community forum at Falls Creek Public School on Wednesday 27 February, 2013 at 7.00pm to discuss the recent bridge closure on Parma Road and the impact it is having on students of the school and local residents.

Local Councillors are being invited to attend the meeting to hear resident’s concerns. We are also inviting representatives from Nowra Coaches to listen to concerns of parents regarding the safety of their children when catching the bus morning and afternoon.

All are welcome to attend.

If you would like to make a submission at the meeting, please contact the school on 4447 8243 beforehand so your name can be added to the agenda. All submissions should be no more than 2 minutes in duration to ensure as many people as possible can speak.

To attend, you will need to drive along the detour or park on the eastern side of the bridge and walk to school. Please bring a torch for the return journey so that you can navigate the bridge safely.

Want to play netball in 2013?

It’s not too late!!!!!!!

Rebels Netball Club Nowra has limited positions available in some age groups for the 2013 season.

Please contact Rae Thomson 0413 809 748 today to take advantage of this last chance registration opportunity.

Culburra Cougars Football Club

are holding Junior and Senior registration days in February at Culburra soccer fields from 9am till 11am

NOWRA HIGH SCHOOL P & C REPORT - 2013

At our first P&C meeting 2013, it was encouraging to see so many new faces. Our meeting had a very full agenda with presentations from Aymie-J and a Girls like Us program and Janeene Hallett, our Student Welfare Worker, who outlined her role in the school community. Special thanks to Margaret Lewis fromYWCA NSW, who spoke about the Kids/Family/Community program that will run during this year at Nowra High for Year 7 students and their parents. Thanks also to Ben Standen telling the Meeting about what has been happening with the SRC in the weeks that we have been back at school and informing us that nominations are being taken to stand for the School Representative Council and the procedure required.

A report was received from PDHPE staff regarding the completion of the new sports equipment shed which was completed during the holidays at a cost of $12,000 which the P&C committed during last year. We also received an update on the installation of a large screen interactive panel for use by staff and students across all faculties in the Library. Our Teacher Librarian is still in the process of getting quotes and looking at different systems that have been installed in other local high schools. P&C committed $8000 for this facility also last year.

Mr Buckley’s Principal’s Report brought the Meeting up to date with student and staff numbers, together with new appointments and spoke about the ground improvements in the Year 8, 9 & 10 areas. There was discussion on a fund raising event for later this year and Mr Buckley is going to come back to the P&C regarding a project that the whole school community can work on together.

A new initiative for our P&C is a 2nd Hand Clothing Pool. If you have any items of school uniform that could be donated, please take them to the Office Staff in the Admin building. The clothing will be collected and sorted and made available – please contact Nowra High for any further details. Finally a very big thank you to the 6 new volunteers in the Canteen – welcome to the NHS canteen team.

Our next meeting is our AGM and will be held in the School Library on Tuesday, 19th March at 7.30 preceded by the Executive meeting – we look forward to seeing you all.
Nowra High School - It’s News To Me

**CAPA NEWS**

Entertainment students celebrate success.

In 2012 the Yr11 Vet Entertainment students assisted with the musical production ‘Crazy for You’ at the IPAC. This show has just won 5 awards at the CAT awards in Canberra.

- Best director
- Best choreographer
- Best actor in a leading role
- Best set design
- Best production of a musical (overall winner)

Congratulations Entertainment students for your contribution towards this success.

**Dance Auditions**

Mrs Bates had a huge response to the Dance auditions held last Thursday afternoon. 64 talented dancers each competed for a spot in one of 3 dance companies. Congratulations to all our dancers and thank you to Mrs Bates for your dedication and the extra work that goes into making Dance a success here at Nowra High. We look forward to another year of success in Dance at Nowra High.

**YR 11 art lesson appropriating Mark Rothko**

Year 11 Visual Art students are studying the sophisticated techniques of Mark Rothko and recreating their own canvases based on his painting techniques.

> “I enjoyed mixing the colours to see what they created.

> Lots of fun!”

> Ellye Year 11.

**Shoalhaven River Learning Community - Creative Arts Network**

After the launch of the 2013 SRLC in Nowra High MPH last Monday, the Creative Arts network held their first meeting for 2013. A new chair, technology and minutes positions were elected. The Creative Arts Network has developed into a strong and dynamic group of primary and high school teachers who are dedicated to promoting the Arts and supporting each other professionally to provide the best outcomes for our students in the Shoalhaven.

Last November the Creative Arts Network showcased the performing arts talents of all students in the Shoalhaven at a 3 hour long concert at the Twilight Markets. It was an entertaining and inspiring night for all who attended. Thank you to all staff and students who supported this event.
Triple U Youth Access Radio

Radio announcers are required from Nowra High for Triple U FM Youth Access. We are looking for four Year 10 students who are willing to commit to doing the show for the whole year. Your spot will be Thursday or Friday afternoon 4-5pm. Come and put your name down with Ms Yeomans in the Visual Arts staffroom.

Triple U FM Youth Access Radio has provided our students with an opportunity to explore the media as a career, or to use this time as an after school hobby. The benefit to students are insights into journalism, public speaking, the performing arts, radio and television. Training includes general radio announcing, how to use the mixing desk, station CD players, laptops and computers, and making promotions. **Tune in and support Keely Hayden - Year 10 continuing her program from 2012, 4-5pm every Wednesday.**

Valentines Day Music Concert on the Steps

There was another great concert by Nowra High musicians was held on the steps of H block for Valentines Day. 11 acts performed a range of love songs for all of us to enjoy. Congratulations to all our wonderful musicians. Thanks to Mr Copeland, for providing this opportunity for our students to perform.

Drama Company Auditions

Ms Evans auditioned 34 students for a place in the Drama Company last Monday afternoon. From the enormous pool of talent she was able to form two Drama companies. Company Blue with 10 members will be exploring Butoh, Japanese performance art. Company White with 24 members will be exploring Bunaku, Japanese puppet theatre. Thank you Ms Evans for making this happen!

YR 8 Public Art Excursion

Mrs Regan and Ms Hamilton organised their Year 8 classes to go into town to research and plan a design for a public sculpture. An educational afternoon was had by all and some wonderful drawings were created.
Applications are NOW OPEN for Schools Spectacular 2013

For more information, or to apply, visit www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/schools-spectacular/applications-and-auditions/

I look forward to receiving your applications!

Warm regards,
Peter Hayward

Student Performance and Events Officer, The Arts Unit
Operations Manager, Schools Spectacular

Ph: 8512 1192
Fax: 9569 6878
Mob: 0422 022 264

Peter.S.Hayward@det.nsw.edu.au

Don’t forget, you can join The Arts Unit on Facebook (www.facebook.com/theartsunit) to receive program news, updates and information, as well as share pictures and video from all our latest events and workshops.

Illawarra South East Region Junior Band Program 2013
First Call for Expressions of Interest

Dear Principals and/or Music Coordinators

It would be appreciated if you could bring to the notice of any students at your school, in Years 5 to 10 who have been learning an instrument for a minimum of 2 years, the upcoming Regional Junior Band Program.

The program begins with a 3 day/2 night residential camp at Stanwell Tops Conference Centre from Sunday 19 May to Tuesday 21 May.

We are looking for students who play:

- String Instruments
- Flute
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Baritone
- French Horn
- Keyboard
- Guitar
- Bass Guitar
- Percussion
- Drums
- Other

At this point we are looking for expressions of interest only. Once the application is available, interested students will be notified.

Applications close on Friday 4th May 2013:

If you have any questions, please contact us at the emails below.
Greg Costello - Coordinator
Figtree Heights PS
gregory.costello@det.nsw.edu.au
Alison Garvie - Asst Coordinator
Helensburgh PS
agarvie@aapt.net.au
Aboriginal Youth Art Competition Brief

We want your input!

Shoalhaven City Council is currently developing an Aboriginal Youth Engagement Strategy. Council is seeking artwork created by Aboriginal young people living in the Shoalhaven to be featured in the final document. The artwork will appear on the front page and throughout the strategy and will help to tell a story about how those people working with Aboriginal young people can best do their work. All entries will be displayed at the ‘Youth Business’ Aboriginal Youth Art Exhibition to be held in the foyer of Shoalhaven City Council during Youth Week, April 2013.

The Theme

The theme for the competition is “Youth Business”.
Think about what it means to YOU to be an Aboriginal Young Person living in the Shoalhaven: the things YOU like to do, the places YOU like to go, how YOU see the world.

Specifications

- The competition is open to all Aboriginal Young People aged 12-24 years who are living in the Shoalhaven area.
- Entries must be at least A4 size.
- All 2D mediums will be accepted: Paintings, photographs, drawings, poems, songs or digital art.
- There are no fees for entry. Works submitted will not be for sale.
- All entries must be your own work and include your name, age and contact number.
- If you are under 18, please check with a parent or guardian that you have permission to enter the competition.
- One entry per person.
- Please do not include identifiable photos/images of people or persons in your entry.
- All entries to be submitted by 5pm Friday 1st March.
- After this date all entries will become the property of Shoalhaven City Council.
- Entering your artwork gives permission for Shoalhaven City Council to use your artwork for promotional purposes as directed by Shoalhaven City Council.
- Shoalhaven City Council will have full copyright and ownership of the artwork upon submission.
- Works inappropriate for public display will not be accepted.

Selection panel and process

- Entries can be submitted at any council administration building or library across the Shoalhaven during business hours.
- Artworks will be displayed at the Youth Business Aboriginal Youth Art Exhibition and will feature in the Aboriginal Youth Engagement Strategy to be released in November/December 2013.
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be awarded to those entries that best capture the idea of “Youth Business”. Prizes will be in the form of gift vouchers from the store of the young person’s choosing.
- Winners will be decided by a judging panel made up of members from Shoalhaven City Council’s Aboriginal Advisory Committee.
- Prizes: 1st Prize $200, 2nd Prize $100, 3rd Prize $50. All entrants will receive a certificate of participation.

Inquiries - Shoalhaven City Council’s Youth Development Officer – 4429 3418
Youth Business

Aboriginal Youth Art Competition Entry Form

NAME: ________________________________

ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________________

PHONE NUMBER: _______________________

TITLE OF WORK: __________________________________________________________

Medium: ______________________________

Brief explanation of work: ________________________________________________

By entering, the artist consents to images of their work being photographed or reproduced in and as part of the promotion of the Aboriginal Youth Engagement Strategy. By entering the competition, the artist also agrees to their work being reproduced for any purpose that Shoalhaven City Council deems appropriate.

I ________________________________, agree with these terms.

Signed ____________________________

Or if under 18 years of age, Parent signature: ________________________________

Privacy Notification

Shoalhaven City Council is collecting the information in this competition in order to notify the winning entries. The information will be used solely by Council staff, for the stated purpose. The supply of this information is voluntary and individuals may apply for access to, or correction of, their personal information at any time.

Information Evening

Nowra High School

Year 7 Enrolments for 2014

Tuesday 5th March 4pm - 5:30pm
To be held in the School Multi Purpose Hall
Information on Year 6 - 7 transition and out of zone enrolment process will be provided.
A guided tour of school facilities will be conducted and teachers will provide detailed information about educational and social programs offered by the school.
For more information on enrolling please contact:

NOWRA HIGH SCHOOL
90 Moss Street, Nowra
4421 4977 or nowra-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
NOWRA HIGH SCHOOL TEAM’S

SHAVE FOR A CURE - KRAZY COLOUR DAY

To be held Friday 15th MARCH 2013 at LUNCHTIME on the steps of H Block.

Students can elect to colour their hair at home for display on 15/3/13 or be shaved at school. Either way they can get sponsors and collect money for this great cause: The Leukaemia Foundation of Australia.

If there are any questions or concerns please contact Mrs Rynehart in Science.

CLAIMING THE DATE:

SCHOOL PHOTOS WILL BE ON TUESDAY, 29TH MAY ALL DAY FOR ALL YEARS

BOARD OF STUDIES

The Board of Studies recognises the difficulty some students experience when sitting for the HSC. To overcome this, the BOS offers these students the opportunity to apply for a reader/writer (when students have problems such as dyslexia) and/or extra time, for diagnoses such as acute anxiety, autism, etc. Students who are colour blind are also catered for.

If your son, daughter or foster child would benefit from such assistance or needs more information, please contact Mrs Lee in the English staffroom as soon as possible.

All applications for existing conditions must be completed, and to the Board of Studies, by the end of Term 1, 2013.
YOUR SCHOOL CONTACTS

Mr Buckley - RELIEVING PRINCIPAL
Ms Forbes - DEPUTY PRINCIPAL for Years 8, 10 and 12
Mr Baker - RELIEVING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL for Years 7, 9 and 11
Ms Upton - Head Teacher ENGLISH
Mr Dixon - Head Teacher MATHS
Mr Evans - Relieving Head Teacher SCIENCE
Mrs Munro - Head Teacher TEACHING and LEARNING
Mrs Wellington - Relieving Head Teacher SOCIAL SCIENCE
Mr Morgan - Relieving Head Teacher ADMINISTRATION
Mr Hunt - Head Teacher INDUSTRIAL ARTS
Ms Keys - Head Teacher FOOD AND DESIGN TECH
Ms Yeomans - Head Teacher CREATIVE ARTS
Mr Blakeney - relieving Head Teacher PDHPE
Mr Dawson - Head Teacher SPECIAL EDUCATION
Mrs Newton - Head Teacher WELFARE

YEAR ADVISERS

Mrs Warne - YEAR 7 ADVISER
Mr Ryan - YEAR 8 ADVISER
Mrs Clerke - YEAR 9 ADVISER
Mr Murphy - YEAR 10 ADVISER
Ms Raitelli - YEAR 11 ADVISER
Mrs Austin - YEAR 12 ADVISER
Mrs Paterson - SRC
Mrs Bates - Dance
Mr Copeland - Music
Mrs Newton - Yrs 11/12 Debating
Ms Mainey - Science Fair

GIVE YOUR CHILD A HEAD START!
GKR Karate is conducting classes for children, adults and families in your area.

- Build Confidence
- Improve Fitness
- Gain Self Discipline
- Learn Self Defence

Be one of the first 10 callers and receive 75% off!

Fred Dixon - 0450 010 133
gkkarate.com

Nowra Warriors JRLFC
Saturday at Lyrebird Park
10am-2pm, $85

Debbie Ponga
Treasurer, Nowra Warriors JRLFC
0420 905 119

Are you looking for a new activity for your kids to do? Why not give Australia’s fastest growing sport a try... American style CHEERLEADING!!!

It’s not just about waving Pom Poms. Students learn high flying stunts, impressive pyramids, awesome tumbuling and exciting dance routines.

Air Born Cheerleading are one of Australia’s most successful Cheer & Dance clubs having won over 30 National Titles and competed at the World Championships twice. And now they are offering classes right here in the Shoalhaven at the Shoalhaven PCYC on Park Rd, South Nowra.

So what are you waiting for, come and join the fun!!! For more information email: shoalhaven@airborncheerleading.com or check out our website: www.airborncheerleading.com
SAINTS NETBALL
REGISTRATION

Saturday, 16th February from 9:00am to 12:00 at Shoalhaven Netball Association Clubhouse, South Nowra

OR

Tuesday, 19th February from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at St Michael’s Primary School, Nowra

Registration and uniform forms are available on our Facebook Page which can be found at https://www.facebook.com/groups/saintsshoalhaven/?fref=ts.

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is now accepting applications from students who wish to participate in 2013/14 exchange programs for a summer, semester or year. Students can choose to study and live life with a carefully selected host family in more than 25 countries.

Exchange students return to Australia with maturity, confidence, and in many cases, proficiency in another language. If learning another language is not for your child, excellent programs to the USA, Canada, Ireland and the UK are also available.

Scholarships to Argentina and China and Early Bird Specials are now available for programs commencing in 2014!

Become a WEP Host Family!
Experience the joys of hosting an exchange student and gaining an international family member. Visit www.wep.org.au to find out more.

Find Out More!
Request a free information pack. Visit www.wep.org.au, email info@wep.org.au or call 1300 884 733.

Upcoming Information Sessions
Sydney
Bowlers Club of NSW
Level 2, 95-99 York Street, Sydney
13 February 7:30–9:00pm
13 March 7:30–9:00pm

The Shoalhaven Women’s Wellness Festival is shaping up to be a huge event which women of all ages, their families and friends, will find both fun and informative. And it is free!!!!

The Shoalhaven International Women’s Day theme for 2013 is ‘Women’s Spaces’. The Festival is providing lots of spaces where women can learn more about health and wellness. There will be a range of fun activities including performances, workshops and information stalls with lots of free giveaways. Activities will range from health screening, finance education and art therapy through to listening to inspiring women speakers. There’ll be lots of opportunity to connect up with the many agencies, services and supports available in the Shoalhaven. Food will be available throughout the event.

We invite all Shoalhaven women to come along to the Wellness Festival to Celebrate, Investigate, Communicate and Rejuvenate at the Lady Denman Museum Complex, Huskisson, Friday 15th March from 1 – 7 pm.

Contact for further information including transport options to and from the Festival: Judith Reardon 4422 1299 or Maxine Edwards 4421 5077

TUTORING
Contact: Jai Clark (recently finished HSC, ATAR of 97.8)
(02) 444 78 134, mob 0478004908

Subjects: Chemistry, Biology, Legal studies (yr 11-12), Advanced and General Maths and Science (all years).

Rates: $35/hr

IMMUNISATIONS

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT ON THE IMMUNISATION FORMS YOUR STUDENT’S CLASS DETAILS ARE REQUIRED I.E. 7W OR 7A etc

- THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.