This is the final Newsletter for 2015 and I would like to wish all parents/carers, students, family and friends, staff and community supporters a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 2015 has been full of wonderful achievements and I would like to thank all members of the Nowra High School community and the broader local community who have played a part in creating the very best learning environment possible for our students.

The 2015 HSC results were released this morning, Wednesday 16 November. The tradition at Nowra High of the HSC students returning on the day for breakfast and a catch up on how everyone fared has been slightly altered this year. Ms Barrott has organised for a morning tea to be held at 11.00am on the lawn at the base of the flag pole outside of the MPH. This will be during recess and will give all teachers the opportunity to catch up with new, former students and provide ample opportunity for discussion about the highs and lows of the results.

Our final showcase of the year was held on Monday afternoon December 14. During Term Four Ms Kristel Woods has worked with a group of gifted and talented students from Years 7 to 9 on their ‘Passion Projects’. Projects included creative writing (short stories, novellas and poetry), creative arts (drawing), historical studies, relevant issues in today’s society (narcissism, slavery, mind-matters and bullying), animals, crime, conspiracy theories, sociological experiments, anatomy and engineering. Presentations were varied and included booklets, visual representations, journals, PowerPoint presentations, anthologies, design (dog collars and dog grooming products and memory books), sculptures, short films, reports, interpretive dance, song writing, music compilation and singing. The standard of work was outstanding and all students are to be congratulated for their efforts.

The school magazine has been collated and sent to the printer. We expect the finished product to be delivered to the school Wednesday afternoon 16 December. If you have pre-ordered a copy it will be available for collection Thursday morning from the front office. Copies are also available for purchase from the front office.

School resumes in 2016 on Thursday 28 January for Year 7, 11 and 12 and on Friday 29 January for all students Years 7 to 12.

The uniform shop will be open during January for purchases. Check this Newsletter for the dates and times or go to the school homepage for details: http://www.nowra-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/uniform/uniform-shop/2016-uniform-opening-hours-infor

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Mr Gerald Buckley
Relieving Principal

UNIFORM SHOP
OPENING DATES FOR JANUARY - 2016

21st January from 8.00am to 4.00pm
22nd January from 8.00am to 4.00pm
27th January from 8.00am to 4.00pm
28th January from 8.00am to 4.00pm
2nd February from 8.00am to 11.30am
1.00pm to 5.00pm
4th February from 8.00am to 11.30am
1.00pm to 5.00pm

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HOURS FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP - 2016
TUESDAYS ONLY
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR MERIT ACHIEVEMENTS

**Bronze Award:** Camryn ANFRUNS, Karlee SYMONDS, Alisa MOULDS, Hannah BOYD, Alexander O'BRIEN, Archie LASKER, Sophie GREENING, Cameron BEAHAN, Edwin CHRISTOPHER, Katrina SIMS, Isabella MANWARING, Declan BIDDLE, Myles REGAN and Georgie BONE.

**Silver Award:** Nigel WALDRON, Ryan WALL, Joshua CHENHALL, Charli WHITBREAD, Zoe MORRIS, Nicholas THEVENIN, Caitlyn ARNOLD, Gemma THOMPSON, Harry LEWIS, Victoria KENNEDY, Noah ROPER, Olivia de STRANG, Jayme PURCELL, Abbey MCCALLUM, Lachlan DIXON, Jasmin BRAID, Mackenzie KINROSS, Zarlie DYBALL, Jarred HOLBROW, Jack PETERS, Bailey ANDERSON, Elizabeth SMITH, Zane WILSON, Kahli WILLS, Lisa HORNER, Joshua SCOTT, Lila WHALLEY, Ryan KING, Hayley MAZENGARB, Matt NASH, James BEALE, Blake CROKER and Tilla KENNEDY.

**Gold Award:** Claire ANFRUNS, Luke JONES, Kylie SMITH, Sophie PHILLIPS, Katelyn BURRELL, Amelia WAKEFIELD, Sean BRODNIK, Kaleb BYRNES, Taylor McCoy, Sam DAVIS-WHITE, Sam SLOAN, Bianca MclIVER, Monique FERGUSON, Rhiannon BROWN, Liam URQUHART, Zoe MILAKOVIC, Brin McKINNON, Emily BRADSTOCK, Zac MERANGE, Ja’afar BARAGUIR, Cody RODRIGUEZ, Nick JOBSON, Jai DUFFY, Lauren FINCH and Breeana O’DONNELL.

**Ruby Award:** Isabella DOLAN, Slade WELLINGTON, Kye WILKINSON, Jasmine RIJNBEEK, Grace AYSCOUGH, Ryan ADAMS, Celia LE FEVRE, Bella LE FEVRE and Emily BAWDEN.
Illawarra Coal Science Fair 2015

On the 4th November students from Year 8 and 9 competed at the Illawarra Coal Science Fair hosted by the University of Wollongong. The students had completed a research project as part of their studies in Science earlier in the year. Each of them had won at the Shoalhaven Science Fair and were therefore selected to compete at the Illawarra Coal Science Fair.

The students were judged throughout the day by answering questions from many different judges. From this Oscar Moysey and Mikayla Check of Year 8 and Maddison Pickering of Year 9 were awarded Highly Commended awards for their projects.

Those students who competed on the day need to be congratulated on their conduct. Many thanks to Ms Mainey for the many hours of hard work leading up to the day.
NHS SPORT NEWS

Athletics
The NSW All Schools Track and Field Championship were held on the 8th to 11th of October. Congratulations to all our athletes who competed at Homebush stadium. For a full list of results visit http://www.nswathletics.org.au/.

At the NSW CCHS Athletics Carnival Samantha Peace was awarded the D Shackley Trophy. This trophy is for the best competitor in field events. Also Samantha has just received one of the highest honours receiving a NSWCHS Blue for Outstanding Achievement in Athletics.

Sky’s the Limit Mini-Olympics
Is a competition that was held in Wollongong for students with a disability, it attracted around 280 competitors. Courtney Howlett was awarded Grand Champion on the day, She won 5 silver medals in 400m, 200m, 100m, long jump and vortex throw. David Pratt won one gold in the men's 400, he pulled out of his other events due to a foot injury.

Steven Robinson won a gold in the long jump, silver in the men's 100m and a bronze in the men's 400m congratulations to these students.
Perpetual Trophies

The perpetual trophies are awarded to the most outstanding athlete in sports offered at Nowra High School. This is chosen by the coaches of that sport.

- Athletics - Samantha Peace and Siwa Harvey-Aziz
- Junior AFL - Siwa Harvey Aziz and Senior AFL - Slade Wellington
- U15s Basketball - Emily Scott and Brayden Morris
- Open Basketball - Alannah Forde and Bruce Ozolins
- Girls Cricket - Chantelle Downey
- Junior Boys Cricket - Ryan Henry and Senior Cricket - Cameron Fernie
- Girls Cross Country - Kristina O’Shea and Boys - Harry McGill
- Junior Netball - Georgia Wright and Senior Netball - Elecia Parrott
- Rugby League - Trent Waldron
- Rugby Union - Angus Clark
- Boys Soccer Junior and Senior - Martin Thomson
- Junior Girls Soccer - Brin McKinnon and Senior - Meredith Cheyne
- Swimming - Jarrod Edwards and Elecia Parrott
- Girls Volleyball - Miranda Wright and Boys Volleyball - Nathan Hyam

Community News

NSW Roads and Maritime Services **Safer Drivers Course** now available in Bomaderry/Nowra and are held at Bomaderry Bowling Club.

The Safer Driver Course aims to provide learner drivers with driving strategies such as speed management, gap selection, hazard awareness and safe following distances so students are more prepared when they drive unsupervised on their provisional licences. The course also aims to help learners identify situations that will put them at greater risk of a crash and consider strategies that will help avoid them.

**Participants must have 50 actual hours logged in their log books to be eligible for the course.**

On completion of both modules of the course a learner driver will receive a 20 hour credit in their learner driver log book.

**The cost of the Course is $140 including GST**
Places are available on Thursday 17th December 2015, Saturday 9th January 2016. Thursday 14th January 2016 and Saturday 30th January 2016

**For more information contact:**
Julie Dryer on 0424 628 703 or visit Website: [http://www.redcardrivertraining.com.au](http://www.redcardrivertraining.com.au) to book on line.

Regards

Peter Dryer
Best and Fairest Medals

The Best and Fairest medals are awarded to the player who constantly gives their all and performed the best in the team.

Leilani Carrett - Girls Basketball
Josh Styles - Basketball
Angus Clark - Rugby League
Adam Ison - Senior Cricket
Kaleb Philips - Junior Cricket
Lisa Horner - Junior Netball
Rhiannon Brown - Senior Netball
Liam Randall - Rugby Union
Caitlin Davis - Girls Soccer
Lachlan Huckerman - Soccer
Joey Crittenden - Soccer
Takunda Chimwaza - Touch Football
Brin McKinnon - Touch Football

Rugby Union

Shoalhaven Shield

This was the first time for a couple of years that Nowra High entered a rugby union team. The first match was a learning experience for the majority of the team as they couldn’t match the speed and experience of Nowra Anglican College, who were a well drilled unit. As the day went on, the boys picked up the game tremendously quickly and made their way into the final against NAC. This was a completely different game to the first with Nowra coming out strong and getting an early lead. Nowra dominated in defence and NAC couldn’t reign in the lead.

South Coast 7 A-side Competition

The 7 A-side Competition was held at Kiama Showground. The first game was against a well drilled rugby team which dominated in the early part of the game. In the seven minute half Nowra didn’t get the ball in hand and had to defend the whole half. Once again the boys lifted and started to find their rhythm in the second half. Nowra ended up losing this match but gained momentum for the remainder of the tournament. The next few games Nowra looked like a different side playing an exciting style of 7 a-side making use of their superior speed and ball movement. The final was a physical match which Nowra dominated in the early part of the game. To the credit of St Joseph’s Catholic High School they lifted the tempo and continued to challenge for the victory. Nowra answered the challenge and scored in the final stages to win the game 20 - 10.

Basketball Boys U15s

This year we had the most people sign up for basketball since I have taken over the role. This is an exciting prospect for Nowra, it shows basketball is a thriving sport in the school. With the dedication and willingness to train, this team is bound to taste more success in the near future. At the zone carnival Nowra dominated their early match with a convincing win. In the next couple of matches Nowra continued to dominate the majority of the game but kept allowing the opposition into the matches. The boys ended up being Zone champions in 2015.
Girls Open basketball

The Open Girls Basketball were eager to build on last year’s performance after placing 3rd at the state carnival last year and only losing one player. They started out strong, winning the Zone competition and the South Coast. They were once again in the top 16 of the state and needed one more victory against Albury High School to qualify for the NSW Final 8. Unfortunately the girls came up against some strong opposition in Albury High School. The game was an epic game that ended up going into double over time. In the end the girls lost by two points. As always this group of girls represented Nowra High in a fantastic manor, Congratulations to the girls on another fantastic year.

Rugby League

This was the first year of the Annual Rugby League match between Nowra and Bomaderry High. The trophy for this event is in memory of a past student from Bomaderry High who passed away in an unfortunate accident. The game was played in a fair but competitive spirit. It was an epic game that seen many lead changes and went right down to the wire. With five minutes left in the game Trent Waldron seemed to score what we thought was the match winning try to make the score 24-18 with a kick to come. However, Nowra High was unable to put the game out of reach by unfortunately just missing the kick. The last five minutes seemed to go on for an eternity with only a converted try lead. With the home crowd getting behind the Bomaderry High team they made a break up the sideline and scored in the corner. Just as they scored, the fulltime siren sounded and it was now up to Bomaderry High to kick the conversion to send the game into extra time. As the kicker was setting up, the crowd was on the edge of their seats. The Nowra High boys waited with baited breathe as the ball flew outside of the goal posts and they became victorious, taking the game 24-22. All the boys should be commended on the way they represented Nowra High School.

Overall Carnival Results

This is a combination of the points from the Swimming Carnival, Cross Country and Athletics.

- 4th Bass 932
- 3rd Oxley 1100
- 2nd Hume 1231
- 1st Sturt 1268
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“Hands-On STEM”

Year 8, 9 and 10 students recently participated in a “Hands-On STEM” (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) workshop which was brought to the school by the University of Wollongong. The aims of the workshop are to provide students with fun, interactive activities and to generate the interest of regional students in those particular subject areas creating interest in future career options. Activities ranged from extracting the DNA from a strawberry, a racer simulator, a bottle rocket launcher and 3D printing. It was fantastic to see all the students fully engaged. Mrs Woods