Term Four Diary: Upcoming Dates

- Friday 16th December  Year 6 Family BBQ
- Friday 16th December  Final Assembly (9.00am)
- Monday 19th December  Last day of school for students, for 2016
- Tuesday 20th December  Staff planning day (Pupil free day)

These notes were sent home over the past week. Please make sure you have received them:
- 2017 Year 6 Uniform - Preliminary Notice

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This will be my last newsletter message at NPS and I was interested in looking back at what my first one was 12 years ago. Here it is: Our school motto is “Creating the future together”. I am looking forward, in my new role as Principal of Numurkah Primary School, in working together with the whole school community (students, staff and parents), as well as the wider community, to support the learning of our children as they move towards their future life. Learning is such an important part of life, and even though learning takes place everywhere, and certainly doesn’t finish when children leave school, our role in primary schools is very important as it establishes vital basic academic and social skills for the future. I am hoping that I can help achieve this with all the children that move through our school.

I invite parents to be part of the school and part of their children’s education. I encourage parents to come and talk things through with staff or with myself if there are difficult situations. We all want the best for the children so working together in a co-operative and positive manner is really important. Most of all I encourage all of our school community to be proud of the good things that have happened, and will continue to happen, at our school. We shouldn’t be reluctant to “talk up” our school and we should feel pleased to be part of developing our children’s academic and social future.

To a certain extent the message hasn’t changed, 12 years on - we all still want the best for our children. What has changed, though, is society itself. For example, technology is so much more prevalent in our lives, pressures on family life have increased, expectations of schools to take on more academic and social skills roles have changed. Despite the changes, school communities continue to strive to support their students as much as possible - our school is no exception. Staff, parents and the wider community of Numurkah Primary continue to work hard in improving the school in many different ways so that our students are supported academically and socially. We can always do better – every school aims for improvement all the time.

In my time here I have seen and/or been part of many changes which have always had the aim of supporting the school. Here’s a few: curriculum reviews and changes (an example of a recent one, being the Big Write/VCOP program); expansion of student computer usage, student leadership development; putting more detail into whole-school special events (concert, fete, Yr 6 graduation, ANZAC service); providing opportunities for students to extend themselves or pursue interests (eg Tournament of Minds, Gardening/Maintenance, Catering); improvements to the buildings and grounds (eg Pr-2 building, interior refurbishment of the older parts of the school, automatic sprinkler system, MPR kitchen area, covered shade areas, sports shed). Over the years, all of these changes have been supported by students, staff, parents (with particular acknowledgement of our School Council & Parents & Friends members). I hope I have contributed something to the history of our wonderful school, and to the children who have passed through our gates. Debbie Oliver and David Jenner will do a wonderful job leading everyone into the next chapter of our school, very capably supported by our dedicated teaching and non-teaching staff.

Being an ex-student of NPS, and now an ex-Principal of NPS, the school will always hold special memories for me. Thank-you to everyone for the support you have given me and given the school over the past 12 years.

I wish everyone all the best for the future, no matter where life may take you.

Regards,
Jeff Blackley (Principal)
Here’s an overview of school activities coming up over the next few days as we finish off the school year.

- **Yr 6 Family BBQ, Final Assembly, Santa visit (Friday 16th Dec):** This will be the last day of school-wide organised events and a chance to farewell Yr 6 students etc at our final assembly for the year.
- **Last day for students (Monday 19th Dec):** This will be spent in classes, packing up, etc
- **Pupil-Free Planning Day (Tuesday 20th Dec):** Staff planning for 2017

### FINAL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Friday 16th December

Because the last day of the school year (Tuesday 20th December) is a PUPIL-FREE Planning Day and Monday 19th December is “low-key” school day, we have made the **FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER** our final day for whole-school activities. Please note some of the activities and times:

- **7.45am:** Yr 6 BBQ breakfast (Yr 6 students and their parents, siblings)
- **9.00am:** Final Assembly (all parents welcome to attend). We will have a number of end-of-year items to share with our school community.
- **1.30pm:** Lunch as normal
- **2.30pm:** We hope to have a visit from a “special Christmas visitor in a red suit”
- **3.20pm:** Normal home time

### 2017 TERM DATES

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<td>Wednesday 1st February: Yr 1-6 commence school</td>
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<td>Wednesday 8th, 15th, 22nd Feb: Preps do not attend school.</td>
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<td>Friday 31st March: End of Term One</td>
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<td>Friday 22nd September: End of Term Three</td>
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<td>Term 4</td>
<td>Monday 9th October: Start of Term Four</td>
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<td>Thursday 21st December: Final Day of Term Four for students</td>
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### TERM 4 PRINCIPAL AWARD

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded with the Term 4 Principal’s Award:


### SHAVE FOR A CURE

I (Melissa Kennedy) am taking part in the World’s Greatest Shave in 2017, please sponsor me to give Aussie families facing blood cancer the emotional and practical support they need. You will also help fund vital research so more people survive blood cancers like lymphoma, leukaemia and myeloma. You may not know it but blood cancer is the third most common cause of cancer death in Australia, claiming more lives than breast cancer or melanoma, and every day another 35 people will be diagnosed. Visit my shave page, [https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?EventID=13823&RegistrationID=646728](https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?EventID=13823&RegistrationID=646728) and sponsor me today.

It will ensure someone being treated in hospital gets a personal visit from a highly-trained health professional so they get the extra support they need. No matter how much you give, it’s an extraordinary way to make a difference. Help me make the most of my World’s Greatest Shave experience and sponsor me today!

Thank you, Melissa Kennedy
Year 6 Farewell

We wish our Year 6’s all the best for next year. We also farewell some families, as their last child currently at this school, is in Yr 6 (denoted by surnames in capital letters.) Particular thanks and farewell to the Cook family for their involvement with School council over the past few years.

- Thomas ADAMS
- Titche Bowen
- Charlotte Brown
- Emily Codiga
- Kye COLES
- Ryan COOK
- Keisha Crisp
- Tracey CROCKER
- Tyler Crocker
- Santino D’Agostino
- Abi HIGGINS
- Montana Hill
- Pim Hipwell
- Fraser JONES
- Melissa Kennedy
- Maddie Lyons
- Rhett MCPHERSON
- Jack Moody
- Abby PHYLAND
- Zac Powlesland
- Jett SMITH
- Billy Smith
- Corey Spokes
- Bailee Trott-Styles
- Crystal Valasinavicius

THANKS TO ROTARY CLUB & APPRENTICESHIP FACTORY FOR DONATIONS TOWARDS THE YR 6 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS.

THANKS TO STAFF AT NUMURKAh SECONDARY FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP THE NSC HALL.

THANKS TO WENDY JONES (GASP PERSONALISED PRODUCTS) FOR THE GRADUATION MUGS PRESENTED AT THE GRADUATION LAST NIGHT.

THANK YOU & FAREWELL MR BLACKLEY

As already announced, Mr Blackley will be retiring at the end of the year. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Mr Blackley for his educational leadership, school community guidance and management over the past 12 years at Numurkah. Thanks Mr Blackley for always keeping our students at the centre of your thinking. You have given your all in regards to offering our students the best opportunities possible. You leave a wonderful legacy at Numurkah Primary School, and we wish you all the best for the future as you pursue your next chapter in life.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Movies at Numurkah –
Numurkah Town Hall 6:30pm Saturday January 14th 2017
Bring your own chair or beanbag and picnic tea and drinks
Cost: $50 couple/family or $35 for a single membership

Goulburn Valley Library – School Holiday programs
Numurkah Library - Super Hero & Villain Cape Making - Fri 13th Jan 11am-12pm
Build With Pasta - Maker Space all Holidays
Check the website www.gvrlc.vic.gov.au for other programs that will be running

Numurkah Carols by Candlelight –
Friday 23rd December at Newman Square at 7pm. Come along and listen to some Carols including the Numurkah Primary School Choir singing.
**WEEK ENDING 09/12/2016 STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

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<td>Bailey Power</td>
<td>For being a lovely, caring member of our class. You always have a smile on your face.</td>
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<td>Riley Crisp</td>
<td>For being consistent and trying to use our values.</td>
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<td>Aiden Wooley</td>
<td>For always being a cheerful responsible monitor and classroom helper</td>
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<td>1/2S</td>
<td>Jazmaine Broad</td>
<td>Respectful - You are an incredibly helpful girl Jazzy - Well done!</td>
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<td>3/4T</td>
<td>Zac Newby</td>
<td>Learners - Well done Zac for showing enthusiasm and enjoyment when you’re trying new learning.</td>
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<td>Odin Mutimer</td>
<td>Impressed by your enthusiastic attitude during P.E. this week</td>
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<td>Hayley Langman</td>
<td>For an excellent oral presentation in class – your research and public speaking abilities are excellent.</td>
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<td>Savannah Shanahan</td>
<td>Displaying some excellent Maths skills and producing a fantastic project as part of our “My House” unit of work.</td>
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<td>Corey Spokes</td>
<td>For showing great organisation as you efficiently managed your class workload and Da Boyz band commitments. You also showed great leadership!</td>
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<td>Health</td>
<td>Jake Beggs</td>
<td>For conducting himself with all of the school values during the Personal Development Sessions.</td>
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