Dear parents,

Recently I attended a forum as part of the Department of Education and Communities' Local Schools, Local Decisions consultation process. The key element of the process focuses on increasing local decision making in schools to improve teaching and learning.

A consultation session will be held for parents next Wednesday 9th November between 12:30pm - 2:30pm. I believe that if changes are to be made for the long term we need to get it right and I encourage you to consider attending this meeting to have your say. This has the potential to have a significant impact on the direction of public education in the future. Please catch me for a chat if you would like more information.

We have a P&C meeting next Tuesday 8th November commencing at 7pm in the 5/6 room.

Have a great week!
Rod White
Principal.

Dear all,

This week Bu Ferry will be working individually with kindergarten students while they participate in the Best Start assessment. The aim of Best Start is to identify the skills students bring to kindergarten. It should not be seen as a test and we take great care to ensure students are not anxious. Mrs Walker will be on class during this process. Kindergarten students received a letter today providing information about the assessments.

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Next Wednesday 20th February our primary students (3-6) will be participating in the small schools' swimming carnival at Nowra Pool. Students will be travelling by bus. It is expected every student attends even if they do not swim although of course we encourage all primary students to participate. Students are to wear their sports uniform and get changed at the pool or they can wear their swimmers underneath their uniform if appropriate. Students will arrive at school to catch the bus which will leave at 8:55am. The cost per student is $7.50, which includes pool entry, small school levy and bus hire. Please sign and return the attached permission note by this Friday 15th Feb. We’d love to have parents attend to support our students.

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Tomorrow night you are invited to attend our first P&C meeting of the year. It will commence at 7pm in the 5/6 room and I encourage all parents to come along if their busy schedule allows.

Have a great week,
Rod White
Principal.
Nowra Show 2013

Well done and thank you all classes, teachers and staff for entering items in the show. We have had great success with the infants winning three blue ribbons and the primary winning one. Congratulations everyone upon their individual success at the show events and displays.

Our school works will be on display in the school hall.

Bu Ferry

Staff Development Days

During the beginning of Terms 1, 2 and 3 teachers participate in professional learning activities on Staff Development Days. This year, public schools will receive an additional day to focus on the national curriculum. This day will be held on Tuesday 30th April. Students will therefore begin Term 2 on Wednesday 1st May.

Textbooks

A reminder that textbooks have now arrived and payment should be made. Please see below for the total cost for your child:

- Kinder: $46.50
- Yr 1: in K/1 & 1/2 $52.80
- Yr 2: $41.80
- 3/4: $44.70
- 5/6: $44.30

PBS Values

Last year our school began the Positive Behaviour for Success (PBS) program focusing on positive values and behaviour choices.

Each week we choose a value to promote within the school and teachers give out tickets to students behaving appropriately in the playground. At the end of the week we draw a winner who receives a small prize. This week’s value is . Thank you to all our parents who enforce our uniform policy, including black shoes (Monday - Thursday) and a school hat.

Community News

Nowra Warriors JRLFC

Registration Saturday 16th Feb
10am-2pm at Lyrebird Park
New players and transfers need supply birth certificate.
Registration fee $80
Ring Treasurer Debbie 0420 905 119

REGISTRATION DAY IS SAT 16TH FEB, 9am - 12pm AT THE NETBALL COURTS CLUBHOUSE

Netball

If you are interested in playing netball this season please come & register with Albatross Netball Club

We are a social club seeking new members for Seniors Division 1,2,3,4,5 & Juniors NetSetGo (5-7yo) Netta (7-9yo) 10/11,11/12,13/14 & 15/16.

Uniforms will be available to try on & order on the day.
You do not have to be affiliated with the Navy to join us, just come along, have some fun & a bit of exercise.

Please check out website for info & Rego Forms
Contact Trudi Langford 0428453783
Or email albatross.netball.club@gmail.com