



From the Principal



Presentation Assembly

Thank you for those who came and helped us celebrate the student's achievements at this year's Presentation Assembly. I was very proud of all of them. It

was a fabulous day! It was also a good indicator of how hard our dedicated teachers and support staff work. A special thank you to them.

RAP Award Outing

Congratulations to all the students who have been Safe, Respectful and Responsible this year. I am looking forward to taking just over a dozen fantastic students to the last RAP award outing to Shoalhaven Heads next Monday.

End of year Staff Training

Even though the students' last day at school this year is Wednesday 19 December, the staff will be coming to school for the next two days for Staff Development. On these two days we will be trained in "The Management of Actual or Potential Aggression Foundation Course" (MAPA). It will give us a whole school approach to support keeping all our students and staff safe.

Classes for 2019

At this time of year I often get parents asking me what class their children will be in for 2019. It is very difficult to give this information out as I still haven't worked it out myself! I am making changes daily to the composition of classes. Also staffing can change at the last minute as well. To avoid confusing students if changes occur, they will find out on the first day back in 2019.

Reminder of changed Dates for 2019

As part of the three year Havenlee School Plan, we aim to improve student and staff wellbeing. As a result, we have booked for all our staff to be trained in Mental Health First Aid. It is a two day course in which staff are taught ways to support students and keep students and themselves safe when individual students may exhibit mental health issues. It is endorsed and organised by the

Department of Education. I have booked two days in Term 1, 2019 for the training to take place. To minimise disruption of school routines I will be moving one Staff Development Day from the beginning of Term 2, to Wednesday 30 January. The consequence of this will be that **students will start the 2019 school year on Thursday 31 January** and go back to school on Monday 29 April, a day earlier than normal, in Term 2. Assisted School Travel have been informed of these changes. Please let me know if you have any questions about this – Ph: 4421 3777.

As 2018 comes to a close, I would like to thank you all for your support and care over the year. School finishes for students on Wednesday 19 December.

I hope you all have a safe and relaxing Christmas holidays!

I look forward to 2019 – Please note the change to commencement of Term 1:

Students start on Thursday 31 January.

Katrina Eyland - School Principal

Up and Coming Events

Term 4 Week 10

19th December Last Day 2018 for Havenlee students

2019

Term 1 Week 1

31st January Students return to school



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Hydrotherapy Volunteer

Havenlee School is an SSP in North Nowra, consisting of 9 classes, years pre-school to year 12 (eight IO/IS & 1 MC). The students present with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities, often accompanied by secondary physical, behavioural and other disabilities such as Autism Spectrum Disorder. Aboriginal students make up approximately 35% of Havenlee School enrolments.

The Havenlee P&C Committee's major revenue raiser for 2018 has been the Assisted School Travel Business.

The major priorities for our financial support were again determined as the Hydrotherapy Program and the Communication Program. The Hydrotherapy Program continued to offer all our students the opportunity to benefit through swimming lessons for our more physically capable students, lessons in water safety for all, plus physical therapy for our students normally restricted to wheelchairs. We are extremely fortunate this program has been designed and run by the schools professionally trained Aus Swim teaching staff and supported by our volunteers. The P&C were able to support this program with a phenomenal \$80,000 being given to the school towards staffing and equipment.

Thanks to the P&C, the Hydrotherapy Program is running on Tuesday and Thursday. If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering to help in the pool on either a Tuesday or Thursday phone the school.

Volunteer sessions are: 9:00am-11:30am and 12:30-2:45pm on both days. Volunteers are only expected to do one session a day. Volunteers need to be prepared to go into the pool during their session times.

You will be required to undergo mandatory screening.

We wish to advise that Term 1 2019, Havenlee School term dates will be as follows: -

- MONDAY 28TH January -Public Holiday
- TUESDAY 29TH January - Havenlee School Staff Development Day
- WEDNESDAY 30TH January - Havenlee School Staff Development Day
- THURSDAY 31ST January - Students return to school
- FRIDAY 1ST February - Last day of Week 1

Canteen News

School canteen will be open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday's. Volunteer helpers always needed as little as one day a month. Call North Nowra Public School Ph: 4422 7045



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Program Fee based upon parent annual income (income tested) + activity fees (varied)
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If you would like more information about this program or you would like your child to join, please call The Disability Trust on 4428 9003.

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