Paying Attention
Steps:
1. Look
2. Stay Still
3. Listen

Sharing Food
It’s always nice when children want to bring in a cake for the class to share in celebrating a birthday. As a classroom teacher I would spend time dividing the cakes into 30 pieces to ensure everyone got to have a piece, including me. Unfortunately, times have changed slightly and it’s not so easy for parents to send in cakes to be shared. Work Health & Safety issues and children with allergies means that we have to be extra vigilant when sharing birthday cakes. So if parents who going to send in birthday cakes to share could I ask that these be sent in as small cupcakes rather than large ones that have to be cut. Thank you for your understanding.

World Read Aloud Day
This Wednesday is World Read Aloud Day. I know that teachers read to their student on a daily basis but I have particularly asked for them to read aloud to their students this Wednesday. Below is a list of tips for parents that can be used at home to help with reading.

- Be confident that your child will learn to read. Give positive messages and involve them in everyday conversations and opportunities to read.
- Read aloud to your child. It helps them to learn about the language of books and will encourage them to enjoy books and reading.
- Read to your child in your home language if your first language is not English.
- Make reading enjoyable and talk about books, magazines and computer stories that you have read together.
- Try not to let television intrude on reading time. Make a special time for reading with your child, away from interruptions.
- Listen to your child read as often as you can, every day if possible, even if only for a short time.
- Give books in print or electronic form as treats and presents.

ISER Principals’ Conference
All principals in the Illawarra South East Region will be attending a conference in Wollongong on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, this week. The conference is full of professional development opportunities and time to network with other principals. We will also be finding out about the direction the restructure of our region will take and progress reports on the implementation of the NSW Syllabus for the National Curriculum. I have been lucky enough to be invited to present a small workshop that will promote the strategies and achievements of our CICO room to other principals.

Peter Collins
Principal
What’s on at NEPS

WEEK 6
Tuesday 5 March
School Counsellor
Active After School

Wednesday 6 March
School Counsellor
Whole School Assembly
Scripture

Thursday 7 March
School Counsellor

Friday 8 March

SCHOOL NEWS

WEEKLY ASSEMBLY AWARDS
NEPPIE AWARDS

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KN – Adam, Emily
1F – Ethan, Bosco
2M – Maryah, DJ
3/4S – Josie, Deecoda
4/5I – Blake, Alleyah
ST – Quinny, Nakita
Reading Room – Merindah

STUDENT READING ROOM

– Lance

AEO – Chloe, Robert

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR NORTA NORTA
PROGRAM
Expression of interest sought for the role of casual tutor for the Norta Norta program in 2013.

The position will:

• Require tutors to provide support to Aboriginal students to improve their literacy and/or numeracy.
• Follow a set program and timetable
• Keep records of observations and student information
• Communicate with class teachers in regards to programs and students.
• Commence Term 2 and end Term 4

Interested applicants are able to collect an information pack from the school office.

Closing date for application: 15 March 2013

SCHOOL CAMP

Students who follow our school values are invited to attend the school camp for showing RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, LEARNING & SAFETY.

Unfortunately, students who are not able to follow our school values will not be eligible to attend camp due to any inappropriate actions or behaviours.

Non-attendance will be determined by behaviour referrals for each student. Those students who have received three or more referrals or a suspension are not eligible to attend. All students are aware of this and understand the consequences.

If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your support and understanding.
Mrs Chessher

UNIVERSITY OF NSW ICAS COMPETITIONS

The University of NSW ICAS competitions will begin in April. There are six subjects: Science, Computer skills, Writing, Maths, English and Spelling. The competitions are open to all students in 3-6. The competitions are designed to assess a range of skills across all subjects.

All students are encouraged to have a go at one or more of the competitions. The cost for the competitions are Computer skills, Science, English and Maths costing $8.80 each, Writing costing $18.70 and Spelling costing $12.10.

If you would like your child to participate please complete the entry form below indicating the competition you would like your child to participate in and return the entry form with full payment.

The closing date for entries is Friday 12 April 2013.

Thank you
Miss Meehan

UNIVERSITY OF NSW ICAS COMPETITIONS

I would like my child ___________________________ of class ___________ to participate in the following NSW ICAS competitions:

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Please find $______________ enclosed.

Parent Signature: __________________ Date: __________
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**SHOALHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING**

For parents and carers of students starting Year 7 in 2014 or 2015

Parents, carers, students and family members welcome

**Wednesday March 13th, 2013 5.30pm – 6.30pm**

Shoalhaven High School Library, 60 Park Road NOWRA

· Come along and find out about the school
· Start the learning journey your child will be on with us from 2014/15 to HSC Year 2019/20
· Meet staff members who will help guide your child through the next 6 years
· Find out about uniforms, timetables, and school values
· Learn about our outstanding results and why we are proud to teach at Shoalhaven High School

Our range of courses provides a rigorous academic suite of custom programs to suit university candidates, as well as courses that cater for early career starters, trade and practical options.

For more information please call the SHS Transition Co-ordinator, Duncan Nisbet on 4421 8022

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**P&C NEWS**

**UNIFORM SHOP - OPENING HOURS**

Monday and Thursday

8.45am to 9.45am

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**Opportunities for Young People**

**headspace** Shoalhaven has vacancies for young people aged 12-24 to join a number of exciting projects in 2013. These will be a great way to meet people and gain valuable experience and references for future careers.

**Youth Reference Group**

People aged 16-24 with an interest in youth health, mental health and/or alcohol and other drug issues for young people are encouraged to apply for this group.

**Community Garden**

If you’re interested in gardening or the environment, or just like spending time outdoors with other young people, headspace Shoalhaven wants to work with you to design and maintain a garden at our Nowra site.

**Film and Media**

headspace has an opportunity for Young People interested in film, design, photography, scriptwriting, or acting to drive the production of a professional video which will be used to promote the service online.

For more information on any of these opportunities phone Warren on 4421 5388 or email wjones@headspace.shoalhaven.org.au