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

Congratulations
It is with great pride and pleasure that I formally announce that Mrs Chessher has been successful, through merit selection, in gaining a permanent Assistant Principal’s position at St Georges Basin Public School. Mrs Chessher has provided wonderful support and educational programs to all of the students and teachers at NEPS over the past five years. Mrs Chessher takes up her new position on the first day of Term 2 2013. No doubt we will all miss her professional dedication to her work but most importantly her caring and friendly nature.

On behalf of the whole Nowra East Public School community, I would like wish Mrs Chessher the very best of luck for the future in her well-deserved position at St Georges Basin Public School.

NAPLAN
In 2013, NAPLAN tests will be held on 14-16 May. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. NAPLAN tests provide very valuable information, but there are no consequences for individual students for poor or good performance. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress. To provide an overview of the format of the tests, a full set of example tests is available.

Information specifically for parents and carers can be found in the 2013 NAPLAN information brochure for parents and carers.

Harmony Day
Harmony Day is held on 21 March each year. The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home - from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

We will be celebrating Harmony Day at NEPS with an "Orange Day" where students can dress in orange and buy orange food. Further details are contained in this newsletter.

Peter Collins
Principal
**WEEK 7**

**Tuesday 12 March**
School Counsellor
Active After School - NOT OPERATING THIS WEEK

**Wednesday 13 March**
School Counsellor
Stage Assembly
Scripture

**Thursday 14 March**
School Counsellor

**Friday 15 March**

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**WEEKLY ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

**NEPPIE AWARDS**

1B – Connor, Natalia
1F – Shelby, Patrick
1/2C – Shaynne, Da Vonte
2M – Tyrell, Frankie
3/4S – Rhiannon, Tanika
3/4M – Abigayle, Jessey
4/5I – Ebony, Wezley
5/6W – Lindsay, Grey
ST – Beau, Jayarna
SH – Gianna
Reading Room – Preston
AEO – Adam

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**HARMONY DAY - 21 MARCH**

To celebrate Harmony Day and to promote our PBS values preschool will be organising an Orange Day. For a gold coin donation students & staff can wear something orange. Children will also need to bring extra money for our orange stall this will be set up outside the preschool gates at lunchtime. We will be selling different types of sweet foods and drinks that are orange. Please promote this in your class as all funds raised will be going to the preschool.

everyone belongs

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**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

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**BEST START LETTERS**

Best Start letters will be sent home today with the Kindergarten students.

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**P&C NEWS**

**UNIFORM SHOP**

The uniform shop is fully stocked. All sizes are available for shirts, pants and shorts. Fleecy Vests are available in sizes 4-8. We also have new tailored pants for girls.

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**Easter guessing competition starts next week - March 18. Watch this space.**

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**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

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**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: __________
NETBALL - TRY BEFORE YOU SIGN

North Nowra Bomaderry Netball Club would like to invite any girls or boys between 8 and 10 years of age to come and try netball FOR FREE before the decide whether it is the sport they would like to play this season. Opportunities to try netball will be offered at the Park Road Netball Complex, 24 John Purcell Way, Nowra on Tuesday 12 March on Courts 23 & 24 from 5:15pm until 6.00pm. The official season begins on Saturday 4 May with games at 9:30am for an hour every Saturday during the second and third school terms. Children in this age bracket are involved in NETTA which is the modified game of netball. It incorporates skill development and round robin game play with the emphasis on mass participation and FUN. It allows children to learn and develop their skills in a series of fun activities and minor game, which they can then apply in a game situation. NETTA Netball provides children with the best possible learning environment and enables them to develop a positive introduction to netball, ensuring enjoyment and continued participation within the sport. If you have any queries regarding trying out Netta or netball in general, please feel free to contact us at nnbncc@exemail.com.

JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

We are still taking registrations. These can be done at Lyrebird Park, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30pm-5:30pm.
Ask for Barb.

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 13, 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.