Taking Turns

1. Say, “It’s too hard to wait but I can do it.”
2. Choose a) Wait quietly  
b) Do something else.
3. Do it.

Attendance at School

It was pleasing to read a report prepared by the Home School Liaison Officer, Sue Curtin, that showed our current attendance rate is above our target set for 2014. The report also showed that 58 students have 100% attendance rates – fantastic! However, I was also alerted to the fact that attendance rates always decline during the second half of the year.

Please make sure that the children in your care get the best possible opportunity to learn to their full potential by ensuring they attend school every day. Of course there are exceptions due to illness and family commitments.

The following table shows how many days absent a child would miss if they are absent for just 1 or 5 days. This becomes a dramatic loss of learning time.

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Early Action for Success (EA4S)

Nowra East Public School has been recognised by State Office for the great work and results being achieved under the EA4S strategy under the guidance and leadership of Mrs Govender. This Friday a film crew will be coming to the school the school to film children learning in classrooms. Interviews with Mrs Govender and I will also be conducted. The resulting video will be used to train the staff from new schools implementing the strategy from the beginning of this term.

Reading your child’s report by Michael Grose

Before you rip open the sealed envelope containing the report do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:
1. Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability? Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child’s abilities.

2. Do you hold the belief that children learn at different rates? There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends’ children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead look for individual progress.

3. Are you willing to safeguard your child’s self-esteem rather than deflate it? Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible.

Have a great week.
Peter Collins
Principal
## Computer News

**SCHOOL BANKING**

School banking is Thursday morning each banker receives a prize after 10 deposits no matter what size.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Uniform shop opens before school Monday and Thursdays. New school jackets are now available for purchase at a cost of $35.00.

Thanks have a great day
P&C Committee

## Canteen News

From the “Coolibar Canteen”.....

May 16 was Jamie Oliver's “Food Revolution day” and was a big hit at NEPS. After making healthy rainbow wraps, we all enjoyed freshly made blueberry, raspberry and pear smoothies and fruit salad kebabs from the canteen...what a great day had by all!!

As the weeks roll by, winter fruits and vegetables will be starting to be introduced into our “snacks selection”

Lovely juicy mandarins, oranges and pink lady apples will be available from the fruit bowl.

Our traditional fruit salad in a cup will still be available, but as they are summer fruits, naturally are a little more expensive now.

Pumpkin soup is now available EVERYDAY, along side juicy sweetcorn cobs and garlic bread.

Hot chocolate will be available at recess on cold days as of next week.

Birthday cupcakes are now popular, and can be ordered from the canteen between 9.00am and 2.00pm, one week before your child’s birthday.

**PARENTS PLEASE BE AWARE:**

A few of the “Coolibar Canteen” items have recently had price changes and are listed below.

* Fruit from the bowl $1.00
* Fruit Salad cups $1.50
* Slushies $2.00
* Zooper Doopers 50c
* Sausages Rolls $2.30

Stay warm and safe everyone...until next time.

Ricki and Patricia