



NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 4 (Issue No.34)

Attendance Matters

Overcoming Barriers to Attendance

As we head into the final part of the school year, we'd like to remind families that when it comes to attendance — we're here to help.

For some families, attending school every day can be challenging due to factors such as health issues, transport difficulties, or emotional wellbeing concerns. We recognise that these barriers are real and sometimes complex. If something is making it hard for your child to attend, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

We're committed to working with you to find practical solutions that make regular attendance possible. Whether that means connecting you with support services, offering advice, or simply listening, we want every child to feel safe, welcome, and supported at school each day. No family is alone in this journey — we're here to help.

Attendance goal: 90% or greater
Current school attendance rate: 90.92%

Murray McGrath

Assistant Principal & Attendance Officer

Classroom Curriculum

Uninterrupted, Sustained, Silent Reading

Sustained, silent reading is an important lifelong skill for children because it:

- Improves reading fluency
- Builds concentration
- Strengthens vocabulary and comprehension
- Develops independent thinking
- Promotes lifelong reading habits
- Stimulates imagination

Although some classes already enjoy D.E.A.R (Drop Everything And Read) time, it will become a whole-school focus where each day, teachers and students will read for a sustained amount of time in a peaceful, silent environment.

Mrs Skerritt, our school Librarian, will support their reading experiences by helping students choose exciting and engaging texts from the library to make reading a joyful part of their daily routine!

Lauren Manning

Assistant Principal, Curriculum & Instruction



Engaged Learners

D.E.A.R

Drop Everything And Read

1. Choose an appropriate book - Mrs Skerritt can help you choose one
2. Keep it in your tray or on your desk
3. Use a bookmark to mark your spot and as a handy tracking tool
4. Aim to read for the entire D.E.A.R session - no distractions!
5. Respect your fellow readers - no noise or movements



Stronger Readers

Remembrance Day

Our school Remembrance Day ceremony will be held on Tuesday, 11th November commencing at 10.40 am.

Parents, carers and community members are welcome to attend.



P&C Christmas Raffle

As in previous years the P&C will again hold its' annual Christmas Raffle. A book of raffle tickets will be sent home with students in the coming weeks.

Tickets will be \$1 per ticket and prizes will include an array of Christmas hampers.

Prizes will be drawn on Presentation Day - Friday, 12th December.

The P&C is looking for donations of non-perishable pantry food or Christmas themed items so that we can make up some bumper hampers!! Also any baskets or ribbons would also be appreciated. NO ALCOHOL.

Let's get those goodies rolling in

Upcoming Events

As you can see on the table of Upcoming Events there are many exciting activities coming up in Term 4. Further details will be provided in upcoming newsletters and via the Sentral Portal app. Please ensure you have notifications switched on your device so that you don't miss any important updates.



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Word of the Week
Magu- axe*

SCHOOL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 11th November

Remembrance Day ceremony

Thursday 13th November

Inspired Readers Festival

Friday 14th November

Kinder Drop in Day

Tuesday 2nd December

Year 6 CHHS Orientation Day

Sunday 7th December

Carols on the Beach (Senior Band)

Friday 12th December

Presentation Day

Tuesday 16th December

Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday 17th December

K-6 Fun Days

Friday 19th December

Last day of Term 4



Education
Public Schools

For notification of absences families may -

- Ring or email school
- Reply to the sms message sent at 10.30 am on the day of the absence
- Log the absence via the Sentral Parent Portal



Junior Band 2026

I can't believe it's already time to start thinking about Junior Band in 2026!

We will be holding our Junior Band Information Session for families early in Term 1, 2026.

Until then, here are a few key pieces of information to know and think about:

- * Junior Band is for interested students in Years 3-6 in 2026
- * This is a Concert Band program, so our instruments are flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, bass guitar, glockenspiel, keyboard (as tuba) & percussion
- * All instruments are important, and students need to be prepared to try anything
- * Instruments can be hired from the school at extremely reasonable prices (I strongly suggest you don't buy anything in anticipation)
- * Expressions of Interest and auditions for instruments will take place in the weeks following the Information Session
- * Band Camp at the Francis Retreat in Bonny Hills (1 night) is an important part of our program
- * Exact costs for 2026 are yet to be confirmed but allow \$750ish for the year (**including** Band Camp)
- * Commitment, regular practice and resilience are essential for success! Please seriously consider whether you and your child are ready for this. There is no harm in waiting a year.

If you have been to any of our recent performances, you would know that we punch well above our weight with our Band Program. We are extremely proud of our young musicians and look forward to welcoming the next bunch of Juniors!

Stay tuned for further updates!

Mrs Liz Skerritt
Band Director

Please see the digital version of our newsletter for community notices—available on the Sentral portal or online at www.northhaven-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The following notices are listed as a service to the community
and are not endorsed by the school

Free Stepping Stones Parenting Webinars Triple P

For parents of primary school aged
children with disabilities

Attend one or attend all three! Please register
for each session separately using the link or
QR code.

WEBINARS

1 Positive Parenting for children with a disability

- Having positive learning opportunities.
- Taking a planned approach to discipline.
- Having reasonable expectations.
- Looking after yourself as a parent.

Date: Monday 3rd November 2025

Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm



1. REGISTER NOW!

2 Helping your child reach their potential

- Choosing a skill to teach.
- Choosing rewards.
- Using effective teaching strategies.

Date: Monday 10th November 2025

Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm



2. REGISTER NOW!

3 Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour

- How to deal with challenging behaviour that interferes with your child's learning, such as meltdowns, aggression, being disruptive.
- How to teach more adaptive ways to behave and cope with emotions.

Date: Monday 17th November

Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm



3. REGISTER NOW!



Contact
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Free workshop

2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Port Macquarie, NSW



Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to register



This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.



Wednesday & Thursday
19 & 20 November, 2025
9:30am - 2:30pm



The Westport Club
25 Buller Street
PORT MACQUARIE NSW 2444

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



Interpreters available upon request

During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

For more information or to register visit:

 <https://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC>

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