



# Noumea Public School

A Vibrant and Caring Learning Community

## *Noumea News*

*A newsletter for the community of Noumea Public School*

Week 2 Term 3

Wednesday 28th July 2010

Welcome back to the start of third term. Just a reminder that next term students return on the Monday as there is no Staff Development Day. On the last day of term we drew three Noumea Star winners out of the barrel.

Tyson B, Tapelu A and Pauline M were the lucky students, each selecting electronic games. Students earn Noumea Stars for demonstrating exemplary Safe, Respectful and Learning behaviour at school. The Noumea Stars have been refreshed and **Safe Stars are blue, Learner Stars are red and Respect Stars are white**, representing Noumea school colours. There are prize draws for each stage throughout the term with special draws at the end of each term.

We started the new term with an assembly to acknowledge outstanding attendance during Term 2. Certificates were presented to students with no more than one whole or part day absence over the ten weeks. These students had their name in a draw for an iPod Shuffle. Liana was the winner of the iPod and it was well-deserved because she has been at school every day since September last year. Liana's attendance since she started in kindergarten five years ago, has been excellent, she has only been away sick for 5 days. Congratulations Liana, enjoy listening to your iPod.



### Term 3 Events

There are many important events this term including Parent/Teacher Interviews, Mt Druitt District Music Festival, Book Fair, Open Classrooms and performances at Westfields Mt Druitt. These events will be advertised in this and coming newsletters. During this term we will be inviting families to participate in surveys to give the school directions for our National Partnerships projects starting in 2011. This will be an exciting program to bring improved learning opportunities for Noumea students in all grades so we encourage you to participate in the surveys and community meetings.

### High School Students

Please ask your high school children to wait outside the gates until 2.55pm when collecting their brothers and sisters on a Thursday afternoon. Large numbers of high school students disturb the learning of your children by hanging around the classrooms. The high school students are often accompanied by friends and in groups, cause disruptions for our lessons which do not finish until 3pm.

### Canberra Excursion

Congratulations to staff and Stage 3 students returning from their exciting and educational trip to Canberra and the snow. The teachers reported positive comments from the public on our students' exemplary behaviour on the trip. Thanks to all the students for representing our school so well. Thank you to the teachers, Mrs Smith, Ms Davies, Mrs Marshall and Mr Ford for their organisation and round-the-clock supervision. The cost of the excursion was supplemented with support from the Parliament and Civics education Rebate.

### 2009 Annual School Report

Copies of the 2009 Annual School Report are available from the front office.

Michele Vaughan—Principal

### Noumea Primary School and Home Reading

This term we are re-opening the Home Reading Room (in the Teacher Professional Learning Room next door to 4/5P) every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday morning from 8:30am. The Home Reading Room will start in Week 2.

Students from **all** stages are encouraged to come and borrow books which are suitable to their reading levels.



Students will be responsible for the books that they borrow. If students lose a book they will be required to pay a fee to replace the

lost book.

Parents are also welcome to come with their children to borrow.

Awards will be handed out to students at morning assemblies who read 20 books, 50 books and 100 books.

We hope to see you there!

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Please be advised that all entries for the 2010 Premier's Reading Challenge must be submitted online by the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010 for your child to be eligible to receive a certificate of participation.

If you are having difficulties entering your child's books online please see Miss Dunn in the library before this date.

### Book Fair

A book fair will be held throughout Education Week (Week 3) in the library.

Central Book Supplies will be supplying a variety of books for students to purchase. Prices will start at just \$1 and most books will be priced under \$10. The school library will earn a commission for each book purchased which will allow us to choose a variety of new books for our library.

The library will be open each day that week before school, at recess and lunch and for a short while after school for students to look at and purchase the books.

Hope to see you there.

Miss Dunn

### Coming Events

2-6 August Education Week

19th August Whole School Assembly

Scripture Starts this week for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students.

### Star Reader Competition

Earlier this year, students from Noumea Public School were given the opportunity to enter the Penrith City Star Newspaper's STAR READER Book review competition. Six students from our school were selected to submit their reviews to the newspaper. These students were Rhonda D, Eduardo C, Ella M, Tiana H, Lisa M and Tianna W.

The Penrith City Star Newspaper will select a winner from these students and publish the review in the week of August 9<sup>th</sup>. Check your local newspaper that week to see some of the outstanding work produced by our students.

Miss Dunn

### Open Day

We are happy to announce that our school will be holding an open day during Education Week this term. Please come and join us for a picnic lunch from **1.15pm** and then come and see our beautiful classrooms from 2pm on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August**.

We look forward to seeing our families on this very special day! A note will follow, giving more details in the near future.

### Performances at Mount Druitt Westfields.

Our very talented students are performing at Mt Druitt Westfields as part of the Education Week celebrations.

All parents, carers and Noumea community members are more than welcome to come and cheer us on!

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 11am: The School Choir and Aboriginal Dance Group.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 10.50am: 4T and the Senior Dance Group.

### Year Six Fundraising – Cake Stall THANK YOU!

On **Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2010** Year Six held a **Cake Stall** to assist in fundraising for their end of year celebrations.

The Cake Stall included: cupcakes, toffees, cakes, slices and biscuits. The cost of each item was **50 cents**.

Cakes were available for parents and caregivers to purchase after the Whole School Assembly on the day.

The day was a great success and we raised **\$600.00**. All money raised is going towards the end of year celebration, namely Year Six Celebration.



The Year Six students and Miss Davies would like to thank: The Year Six Celebrations Committee Parents and all Noumea Public School Staff as the fundraiser would not have been able to go ahead without their wonderful support on the day.

We would also like to thank all the students for their generosity in participating in the Year Six fundraiser.

Miss A Davies

**The Rooty Hill RSL Youth Baseball Club** invites young players – boys and girls – aged 5 to 15 to play baseball and tee ball in 2010/11.

Games run for between one to two hours maximum on Saturday mornings.

Season runs September to March – no play in summer school holidays.

Come and try the skills of the game at a no-obligation Try Baseball Clinic at Peter van Hasselt Reserve, Palmyra Avenue,

For Details on Try Baseball, or registration, please contact Dave Flaxman on 0466 261 885, e-mail [secretary@rootyhillbaseball.com](mailto:secretary@rootyhillbaseball.com) or on the web at [www.rootyhillbaseball.com](http://www.rootyhillbaseball.com)

### K-6 Noumea Primary School Athletics Carnival

Last term students took part in the school's annual Athletics Carnival at Popandetta Park.

Students from Stages 1,2 and 3 had the opportunity to participate in a number of events in both track and field.

Kindergarten and Stage 1 also had novelty events which they took part in.

Behaviour of students was commended by both the teachers and the grounds people assisting us on the day.

A huge thank you to all the parents and community members who came to watch students participate in the annual school athletics carnival last term, and for those parents that assisted teachers in the running of the field events.

**Ribbons will be handed out to the overall winners of each event (based on recorded times for track events) at the next Whole School Assembly on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2010, at 11:40am in the school hall.**



Thank you for your continued support.

### Interested in playing baseball?

Plumpton Braves Baseball Club are taking registrations for this coming summer season on Sunday 25th July & Sunday 1st August at Alroy Park, Bottles Rd, Plumpton (behind Plumpton Marketplace). For more information check out our website [plumptonbraves.com](http://plumptonbraves.com) or contact Ian Wilson on 0419 256 338 or email [wilsonian4@optusnet.com.au](mailto:wilsonian4@optusnet.com.au).



## Year 5—6 Camp



Who are the kids?





### Stage 3 Camp to Canberra

Last week, on Wednesday morning, Stage Three went on a camp to Canberra. We got to school very early and after the teachers marked the roll we were set to go.

The first place we went to was the War Memorial where we saw interesting statues and items from the olden days. We also saw the wall with all the names of the people who fought for our country. The next place we went to was the Australian Mint where we saw different coins from over the years. The third place we went to was Questacon where we went on rides, saw lots of science things and had fun. The last place of the day was CSIRO where we got to play with bugs and participate in more science activities.

On the second day we visited the Snowy Hydro where we watched a movie that told us about turning water into energy. After this we went to Smiggins, Perisher Valley where we had fun at the snow all day.

On our third day we went to Parliament House where we saw the pictures of all the old Prime Ministers on the wall. The last place we went to was the Electoral Commission where we learnt about the different ways people can vote such as pre-poll.

After that, we stopped at McDonalds to have some dinner, before making our way back home to have a rest.

By Kiteao 5M



Last week, On Wednesday morning, most of Stage Three went off on their camp to Canberra. It took three and a half hours to get there. Our first stop was the War Memorial. At the War Memorial there are many instructions that you have to follow. First we watched a movie to tell us what the War Memorial was about. Then after we went looking around the Memorial, which was good.

After this we had lunch and then the bus driver took us to a lookout where we could see all of Canberra. We looked out over the railing at the buildings and we could even see where we had been at the War Memorial.

The next thing we did was visit the Australian Mint where we used a machine to make a special \$1 coin. We then went upstairs to see where the coins were made. We looked at all the coins on display including ones from the 1800's.

We then went to Questacon. We went to the top level first and made our way down. My favourite part was going down the slide where you had to hold onto the bars and then just had to drop. At the very end we went to the souvenir shop.



Our last stop was to the CSIRO where we got to see animals and much more. We watched a 3D movie and then went to the science lab where we got to wear lab coats and make DNA. You could also look in the microscope where you can see tiny things. After this we went to the hotel where we were staying.

The next day we picked up our snow gear and went to the snow. After we ate our lunch we got to play in the snow and have snowball fights. We also got to slide down the hill. After we returned our snow gear we went back to the hotel.

On our last day we went to Parliament House. Here we went into the House of Representatives where we saw heaps of chairs and benches.

Then we went into the Senate which looked like the House of Representatives but it was much smaller. After that we hopped on the bus and headed home.

By Rahiri 5M



On the first day of camp we went to the War Memorial before having lunch. Then we went to the Mint to see all the money. Some of us made our own coin. After this we went to Questacon and then to CSIRO.

The next day we went to the Snowy Hydro and then off to the fun part of the day.....the SNOW!!! We spent most of the day at the snow

having lots of fun.

The next day we went to Parliament House and after that to the Electoral Commission, before coming home.

By Bryony 5M



## Under New Ownership!!! NOW OPEN!!!

### JUNIOR SOCCER COMPETITION 5-A-SIDE

- Monday & Tuesday Afternoons from 4:15pm
- \$40 Registration & \$6 per week per player.
- Registration includes uniform (most clubs and countries available)
- Mondays Under 6's/7's/8's/9's. Starting 30/8/2010
- Tuesdays Under 10's/11's/12's/13's/14's/15's/16's. Starting 31/8/2010
- Register from 20/7/2010 to 23/8/2010
- Boys and Girls welcome as well as individual nominations

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Excellent attendance award winners from Term 2

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