



### From the principal's desk



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Welcome back to 2020.

It is great to get some rain after all the heat and fires, however, the rain seems to have caused some new issues for everyone, so please stay safe.

Everyone should have received their mail out over the Christmas school break period. If you do not have your learning materials, I imagine that you would have contacted us by now. If not, please do so as a matter of urgency.

Staff have returned relaxed and ready to teach. They are putting a lot of effort into ensuring that you have some quality materials to continue on with. Please ensure that you have received these and that you are completing tasks in a timely manner so as not to fall behind in your studies.

Year 11 and 12 students – it is important to note that your assessment tasks are a significant part of your

studies and need to be completed to a high standard. They must be handed in ON TIME. NESA have very strict guidelines around this, so please ensure that you are getting these tasks in on time. It is also important that you make a due and diligent effort in your studies to ensure that you meet the NESA guidelines.

This year senior students are required to meet the minimum standards testing for literacy and numeracy. We have staff working on this and families will be contacted in due course. Please work with our staff to ensure that this testing is done and we can assist all parties with this process. It is required to attain an HSC.

We still have some capital works going on around the school, along with some cyclic maintenance by way of roofing. This will be completed within the first 4 months of the year, and when the rain stops, the last of our demountable buildings will be removed. The last sections of our move into the renovated buildings will occur this year when the mail room is done up and we move the rest of the staff into the main section of the school with us. This is a purpose renovation for the mail room and will be a great facility.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please contact our staff and we will work together to get it sorted.

Yours in education,

Danny Henman



## Communication

Distance Education is all about effective communication. Given that we cannot see all of our students all of the time, we try to keep in contact in other ways. Please see notes below. However, please keep in mind that normal school times do apply for our staff. That is: 8.30 to 3.30, Monday to Friday during school terms.

**Telephone:** Our main switchboard number is **(02) 66810300**. All teachers have a direct line. Make sure that you get to know all of your teachers' direct numbers. If for some reason they are not available when you ring, you can always leave a message on their voicemail.

**Email:** All teachers and students have access to the Department of Education web server. It is one of the best ways to maintain contact 24/7.

**Student Advisers:** These people look after a particular group of students and can provide advice and assistance. Get to know your Stage Adviser personally AND know their telephone number and email address.

**Student/teacher visits:** If you are experiencing difficulties with your work and/or you would like some one-to-one help, ask the relevant teacher to visit. They will appreciate the invitation!

**Learning hubs and outreach:** These centres do not operate full-time. Contact with staff should be made during their individual operating hours, unless it is an emergency. Attendance at these hubs is arranged by the school.

**Come and visit us:** If you are ever in Ballina we would love to have you call in. You should be able to talk with many of your teachers and also have a look at the DE site. Please phone ahead to organise.

**Canvas:** Send messages to teachers through your Canvas inbox or call 6681 0424

In 2020, keep in close contact with teachers and stage advisers and do not hesitate to ask for assistance at any time - we are all here to help you learn and feel happy about learning through Distance Education. Also, try not to fall behind, but if you do, talk to your teachers to sort it out.

## Urgent Request

### To: Distance Education Supervisors and students

Please check to see if you have any resources from last year that you no longer require.

#### Items such as:

Text books, Science kits, calculators, hockey sticks, USBs, etc.

We need these resources for students this year.

Please return as soon as possible.

Please call 6681 0300 if you require reply paid stickers.

Thank you

## Staff Directory

Position	Name
Principal	Danny Henman
Deputy Principal	David Thick
Deputy Principal	Sharon Hodgson
<b>Primary</b> – Assistant Principal	Kath Barker
<b>Full Time Enrolments</b>	
Head Teacher Secondary Studies: Enrolment/ Wellbeing North	Mark Ippolito
Head Teacher Welfare: Enrolment/Wellbeing South	Brett Rhodes
Head Teacher Distance Education: Enrolment/ Wellbeing Central	Alison Quinton
Head Teacher Administration: Enrolment/ Wellbeing West	Anne Price
<b>Single Course Enrolments</b>	
Head Teacher Distance Education Single Course Coordinator/NESA Administrator	Michelle Dowling
<b>Head Teachers</b>	
Head Teacher Curriculum	Tiffeny Cox
Head Teacher Teaching and Learning Technology	Matthew Moss
Head Teacher Administration	Coralie Sandell
Head Teacher Welfare	Jeremy Whiterod
Head Teacher Teaching and Learning Aboriginal Education	Rob Roberts (Acting)
Head Teacher VET/Careers/Transition	TBA
<b>Faculty Head Teachers</b>	
English	Liz Robson
History	Lisa Tonkin
Science	Matthew Cartwright
Mathematics	Delena Tibbs
Human Society and its Environment	Angela Pelc
Languages	Susan Newman
Creative and Performing Arts	Sharon Mwanza
Technology and Applied Studies	Louise Kearney (Relieving)
Personal Development, Health & Physical Education	Richard Mills
Secondary Studies: Learning Support	Sarah Giles
<b>Other Staff</b>	
Counsellor	Leanne Neville
Special Disability Provisions Coordinator	Donna Hardinge Melinda Lynch
Technology Support – General	Jason Ferns Garry Somerville
Technology Support	Tim Dennis

## Year Advisers

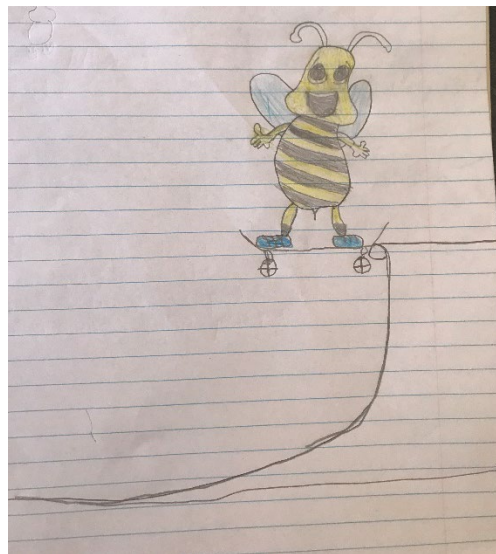
	North coast	Ballina Byron and Coffs coast	Richmond central	Clarence west	Aboriginal Alternate Programs
Head Teacher	Mark Ippolito	Brett Rhodes	Ally Quinton	Anne Price	Jeremy Whiterod Rob Roberts
Stage 4 – Years 7/8	Liz Harbison		Louise Webster		Gary Kay
Stage 5 – Years 9/10	Nicole Sykes	Tiffany Sales	Lisa Miller	Nancy McAndrew	
Stage 6 – Year 11.12	Di Lewis	Graeme Chapman	Sam Askew	Will Hawley	
Senior Pathways Transition Coordinators	Liz Harbison		Gary Kay		
Out of home care	Belinda Schaeffer		Joanne Skinner		Jeremy/Rob and faculty staff
Young Parents	Wendy Rooney				

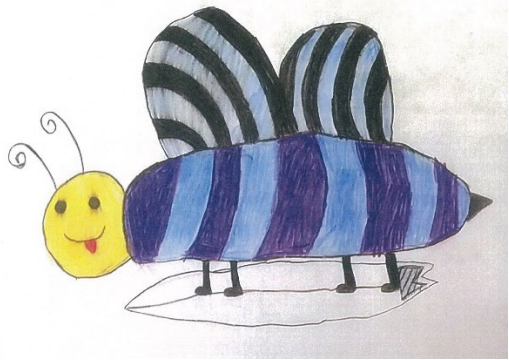
## Student Newsletter Timetable

Issue	Distribution date	Focus on faculty
1	Week 4 - Wednesday 19 Feb	Welcome to 2020
2	Week 6 - Wednesday 4 March	Curriculum/ Single Subject/NESA Technology
3	Week 8 - Wednesday 18 March	Maths
4	Week 10 - Wednesday 1 April	English
5	Week 3 - Wednesday 13 May	Science
6	Week 5 - Wednesday 27 May	Camp
7	Week 7 - Wednesday 10 June	Languages
8	Week 9 - Wednesday 24 June	Aboriginal Alternate Programs
9	Week 3 - Wednesday 5 August	HSIE
10	Week 5 - Wednesday 19 August	History
11	Week 7 - Wednesday 2 September	ELF
12	Week 9 - Wednesday 16 September	PE/H/PE
13	Week 3 - Wednesday 28 October	Enrolment/ Welfare/ Centres
14	Week 5 - Wednesday 11 November	VET New Enrolment Promotion
15	Week 7 - Wednesday 25 November	CARTS
16	Week 9 - Wednesday 9 December	TAS

## Primary News

Primary students have started the year with a 'bee' theme, tying in learning about personal identity, positive interactions, design and creative arts. Here are some of their representations of themselves as bees...





## School and community news



### North Coast Public Health

Covering both Mid North Coast & Northern NSW Local Health Districts

13<sup>th</sup> February 2020

The Principal  
Distance Education  
Chikiba Drive  
Ballina NSW 2478

Dear Principal,

I would like to confirm the offer of the school vaccination program in 2020 as follows:

#### **All Year 7 students:**

- **Boostrix (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Whooping Cough) single dose**
- **Human Papillomavirus (Gardasil vaccine) 2 doses**

#### **All Year 10 students:**

- **Meningococcal ACWY (Nimenrix vaccine) single dose**

Could you please inform the parents **of all eligible** students regarding the availability of the above program as soon as possible.

Parents can take their child to their **Local Doctor** to receive these **free vaccines**.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bernadette Williams".

Bernadette Williams  
**Immunisation Coordinator**  
**School Based Vaccination Program**

North Coast Public Health (Covering both MNC and NNSW Local Health Districts)

Hosted by Mid North Coast Local Health District

ABN 57 946 356 658

Uralba Street, Lismore NSW 2480

PO Box 498, Lismore NSW 2480

Tel 02 6620 7585 Fax 02 6622 2552

Website <http://mnclhd.health.nsw.gov.au/about/north-coast-public-health/>

NSW Department of Education

## Calendar 2020

January	February	March
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## Key dates

## Term start and end dates\*

Term 1 – 28 Jan to 9 Apr 2020  
 Western division – Term 1 – 4 Feb to 9 Apr 2020  
 Term 2 – 27 Apr to 3 Jul 2020  
 Term 3 – 20 Jul to 25 Sept 2020  
 Term 4 – 12 Oct to 18 Dec 2020

## School development days\*

Eastern division – 28 Jan 2020  
 Western division – 4 Feb 2020  
 All schools – 27 Apr, 20 Jul, 17 Dec, 18 Dec 2020

## School vacation dates 2020

Summer – 23 Dec 2019 to 27 Jan 2020  
 Western division – Summer – 23 Dec 2019 to 3 Feb 2020  
 Autumn – 13 Apr to 24 Apr 2020  
 Winter – 6 Jul to 17 Jul 2020  
 Spring – 28 Sept to 9 Oct 2020  
 Summer – 21 Dec 2020 to 26 Jan 2021  
 Western division – Summer – 21 Dec 2020 to 2 Feb 2021

## Education Week

3 Aug to 7 Aug 2020

## Exam dates

Selective high school placement test – 12 Mar 2020  
 NAPLAN paper test – 12 to 14 May 2020  
 NAPLAN online test window – 12 to 22 May 2020  
 Opportunity class placement test – 29 Jul 2020  
 HSC written examinations – 15 Oct to 6 Nov 2020

## Public holidays

\*Check with your local school as some dates may change.



School zone speed limits apply on all school days, including school development days.

## Creative Kids

Creative Kids is a \$216 million, four-year initiative designed to make it easier for school-aged children and young people in New South Wales to get involved in creative and cultural activities. It provides artists, cultural practitioners, and arts and cultural organisations across NSW with opportunities to reach new audiences and grow business.

Parents, guardians and carers can claim a \$100 voucher per year to put towards the cost of lessons and fees with registered Creative Kids Providers. Vouchers can be used to contribute to registration, participation and tuition costs for performing arts, visual arts, coding, languages, literature, music and other creative and cultural activities, including Aboriginal cultural experiences.

A full list of eligible activities can be found in the **Creative Kids Provider Guidelines**

<https://www.create.nsw.gov.au/funding-and-support/creative-kids/>

## Active Kids back in 2020

NSW families have 200 reasons to get their children active in 2020 with two \$100 Active Kids vouchers available this year. The first voucher is available from 1 January 2020 with the second voucher available from 1 July.

The program is open to all children enrolled in a school in NSW and vouchers can be used for registration or membership fees for structured activities eight weeks or longer.

To claim and redeem, go to the [Service NSW website](#), locate an [Active Kids provider](#) and use your vouchers when registering for a sport or activity.

For further information on the Active Kids program, visit [www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids](http://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids)

or call 13 13 02.