



# Nambucca Valley Christian Community School

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## *The Communicator*

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*The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.*

*Proverbs 12:18*

### ***From the Principal***

During the past five years one of the comments I have received from parents and staff alike, has been how respected their children feel at our school.

**At Nambucca Valley Christian Community School it is important to have:**

**Kind language and to not be crude to one another.** All staff encourage students to be kind and considerate. We encourage students to not use crude and offensive "swear words", or make mocking and sneering comments.

We expect students to talk to each other with care and respect in our school.

**We need to remember:**

- Language is a wonderful gift to us from the Lord Jesus Himself;
- We need high expectations of each other in how we use words;
- How we speak to each other impacts for good or bad across the whole school;
- We believe it is cruel to ridicule others and try to make them feel afraid or stupid or to make fun of people because of their physical appearance, or personal problems.

Such language is often aggressive, confronting and can be frightening and threatening to many students, both boys and girls.

**NB: It is cowardly** for a boy to use language of any sort to ridicule or mock a girl because of her appearance.

**It is unkind and demeaning** for a girl to use language of any sort to make a boy feel weak or "unmanly".

**The "real you" comes out when you speak:**

Jesus says very clearly in scripture:

*"...it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person...."*

**The Real Issues:**

Jesus is referring to our self centeredness, our pride and our wrong desires and priorities. These come from inside us and the words we use show others what our priorities are and what sort of people we are.

All bad language is a proper concern in the context of a school but especially a school which seeks to honour the Lord Jesus and provide a safe environment for all students. It is a concern that home and school share and which can be effectively addressed when home and school work together to make expectations clear for our children. It is a concern that will continue to be vigorously prosecuted at school, as we seek to make Nambucca Valley Christian School a "happy home" for all students.

*Jeff Allen, Principal*

# Marine and Aquaculture Technology Excursion - Snorkelling

This term the Marine class went on an excursion to the Solitary Islands with Jetty Dive. We travelled by boat for half an hour and then arrived at our first destination, Groper, up near the Woolgoolga water tower.

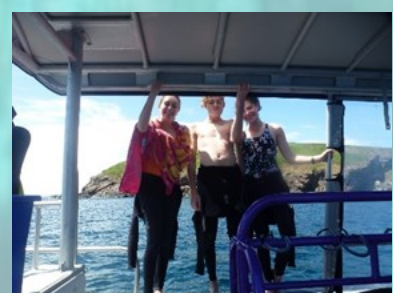
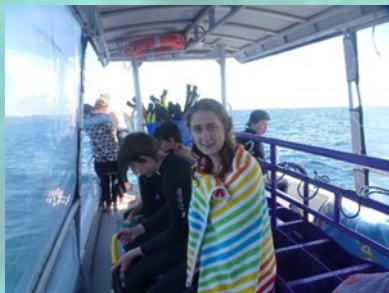
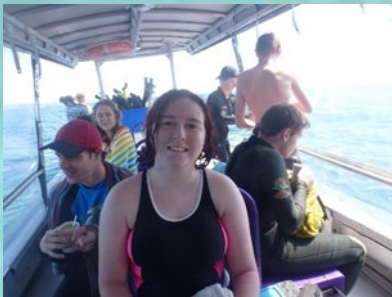
Kala stated, "I saw two turtles, one small wobbegong, fish, sea slugs/cucumbers and lots of colourful coral. The water was slightly cold, but by continually moving we were able to stay warm. We enjoyed the swimming and the duck diving into the bright blue sea. At the first destination we stayed in the water for about an hour and in the second spot stayed for half an hour."

Mrs Garnham recalled, "There were more whales on the snorkelling trip than there were on the whale watching trip."

"The trip was fast and we glided across the water and had a fantastic time in the cool spring waters snorkelling."

For morning tea we had lots of cookies and shapes as well as soup, tea and coffee. Once we got off the boat we thanked Jetty Dive and then we were off to have lunch, which was fish and chips. There were lots of sea gulls wanting the yummy lunch that Mrs Garnham shared. After sharing lunch we went for a quick walk up Mutton Bird Island to the first platform and went back in the van for the ride home.

By Nalani, Sierra, Kayla and Alyssa.







# Years 1 - 6 Creative Workshops

During 4<sup>th</sup> term Nancy Sposato will be working with staff and students (Years 1-6) at NVCCS in a series of creative workshops that will culminate in a performance for the end of the year. This is an exciting time for the school as we continue to build up the arts practice in education at NVCCS.

In recent years' research results from a joint study between The University of Sydney and the Australia Council for the Arts, "Found students who participate in dance, drama, music, and visual arts showed more positive academic and personal wellbeing outcomes than students who were not as involved in the arts." The comprehensive study, examined 643 primary and high school students from 15 Australian schools, tracking their academic and personal wellbeing outcomes over two years.

During a five week process Nancy will facilitate students and staff through a wide range of activities including contemporary movement/dance, rhythm, voice, theatre, drawing and creative writing. Her intention in offering this broad palette and choice to student's fosters opportunity for them to follow their own intrinsic motivation which in turn keeps them asking questions, testing themselves, taking risks and adopting a mind-set that keeps them open to learning throughout their lives.

The sessions will incorporate a highly physical approach with a focus on supporting sensory regulation, building body awareness and confidence. These are the basic skills of finely tuned actors, dancers and circus performers but there are numerous overlaps into how these skills can positively impact classroom engagement, social interaction and wellbeing.

The performance to be presented at the end of the year will not come from a pre written script. All the content will be devised from scratch which will be made possible through developing skills in collaboration and working together. Unpacking the meaning of unconditional positive regard with the students will support our meaningful and productive collaboration. Within this safe and trusting creative space students will be welcomed to reflect and share their challenges, achievements and favourite learning moments from 2017. These personal reflections will become the building blocks of the performance.

Fundamentally all arts stem from play and as a game involves parameters and structure so will the sessions. In keeping to an authentic sense of play, the sessions will incorporate moments of chaos, risk, imagination and a whole lot of fun!



**An Invitation to**

**A Night of Music**

**Tuesday 21 November, 2017**

**6:30pm**

**In the Presbyterian Church Hall**

**Please come along and encourage the music students from NVCCS as they perform some of the pieces that they have learnt this year.**

## Please Pray this week for:



- ◇ Ask God to bless all school families. This week we especially pray for Mr Jones and the Year 3 Class. The Barton, Bennett, Brown, Corsi, Dixon, Forrester, Frank, Garfield, Gough, Hurley, Lafsky-Potter, Mamone, McKay, Rodiles-Hunt, Spriggs, Ssebabenga, Usher, Wicenic and Yardy families
- ◇ Ask God to bless the Nambucca Community Church and Pastor Keith Stage and Pastor David Bossard as they participate in the work of Christ's Kingdom in the Valley;
- ◇ Thank God for the great trip away for Year 10 and 11 students at the Global Leadership Summit;
- ◇ Pray for smooth transitions for incoming families;
- ◇ Pray for God's blessing on the Board's plans for the expansion of facilities in 2018/2019.

### School Calendar Term 4 November

Mon 6 to Fri 10	Year 7-11 Exams
Sat 11	Remembrance Day
Mon 13	Year 11 Start 2018 Curriculum
Tue 21	Music Evening, 6:30pm

### December

Mon 11	Year 6 Graduation Lunch
Mon 11	Thanksgiving Evening
Tue 12	School Party Day



The following notes have been sent home this week. **Please also check emails.**

*Please return permission notes by the due*

- ☒ Marine & Aquaculture Technology Fishing the Nambucca River Year 10;
- ☒ Marine & Aquaculture Technology Fishing the Nambucca River Year 9;
- ☒ Year 6 Graduation Luncheon;
- ☒ Expression of Interest - CSSA North Coast 5-A-Side Football Gala Day;

### PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORT

Primary school sport will be on the following days:

Year	Day
K	Tuesday
1	Thursday
2	Wednesday
3	Friday
4	Friday
5	Wednesday
6	Tuesday

### HIGH SCHOOL SPORT

High school sport will be on the following days:

Year	Odd Week	Even Week
7	Mon, Thurs	Thurs
8	Tues, Fri	Wed
9	Tue, Fri	Tues
10	Wed	Tues, Thurs
PASS	Mon	Thurs

### PRIMARY LIBRARY

#### Tuesdays:

Year 1	1.05 - 1.35pm
Year 2	2.35—3.00pm
Year 3	12.35 - 1.05pm

#### Thursdays:

Kindy	1.05 - 1.35pm
Year 4	12.35 - 1.05pm
Year 5	2.35 - 3.00pm
Year 6	2.05 -2.35pm



## Beach Walking

Last week during a walk on the beach at the beautiful Nambucca Main Beach the students found a stick hut that had been left on the beach. The students enjoyed sitting in it and also enjoying the beautiful day.

Dear Parents, Guardians & Friends

After much consideration, the School Board has resolved not to re-establish the NVCCS Parents and Friends group.

Over the last 12 months the School Executive has successfully coordinated some of the activities traditionally undertaken by the P&F. This has allowed a more thorough approach to scheduling activities with the increased number of extracurricular activities in both the Primary and High School.

The Board has asked me to communicate their sincere appreciation for all those past and present who have contributed to the activities of the school through the P&F.

Fundraising, building community within the school and supporting Christ centred education locally and globally through our sponsor children have been some of the notable ways in which the P&F have served the school during the past 25 years.

The Board is very thankful for the parents and carers we have and the amazing volunteer support which occurs at NVCCS including, but not limited to, planning new facilities, focus groups, reading, serving on stalls, general classroom support and working bees.

If you have a talent or time you would like to share to enrich the education of our children, please contact me through the school office.

Yours sincerely



Jeff Allen  
Principal