From the Principal

HAPPY NEW YEAR

I trust that you had an enjoyable summer break with your children. The holidays have passed by so quickly and the New Year brings great opportunities to love and serve God and one another in His world.

Earlier this week it was a pleasure to welcome back our students. It was also great to welcome Kindergarten and new students who have come to us from other schools. Year 11 started school on 23 January.

Increased Numbers / New Classes

Overall the school has added 58 new enrolments for 2017 and starts the year with 224 students. This is significant growth and we thank God for it.

New Staff

The school welcomes a range of established and/or new staff into different positions.

- Mrs Jo Carey - Year 2 Primary Teacher
- Mrs Nicki Jeffery - Year 2 Primary Teacher
- Miss Jane Stewart - Year 4 Primary Teacher
- Mrs Helen Phipps - Year 6 Primary Teacher
- Miss Millie Mason - Specialist Primary Music Teacher
- Mrs Rebecca White - Year 7 & 8 Art Teacher and Primary Drama Teacher
- Mr Stephen Garnham - Part time Science Laboratory assistant
- Miss Alison West - Teacher’s Aide
- Mr Dean Cox - Secondary Geography and History Teacher
- Mrs Lynnelle Cairns - Secondary English and History Teacher
- Mr Tim Davis is the Head of Welfare and Careers Adviser
- Mr Michael Reinhardt is the New Deputy Principal
- Mrs Kerry Frank is the Head of Primary, Learning Support and Girls Adviser.

The Board and I are confident that each of our staff will positively impact your children and help create a safe and quality learning environment for them.

Open Door

During Term 1, I will keep my diary clear on Fridays between 11:30pm and 1:30pm so that any parents/caregivers who would like to come and speak with me about the school can do so. I will be keen to hear about those things you consider we do well, those things we might do better, and would like to hear any suggestions for things we might introduce at NVCCS. You need only call the School’s Administrative assistants Mrs Shirleen Ferris, Mrs Linda Mason or Mrs Julie Moule to book a time.

Parent Handbook

In the next fortnight every family will receive a copy of the Updated Parent Handbook. If you have not received one by 17 February please contact the office for a copy to be sent home.

Thank you Mayor Hoban

A very special thank you to our Mayor, Councillor Rhonda Hoban. Cr. Hoban was the school’s official visitor to welcome Year 11 on 23 January and visited the classes in action. She also welcomed Year 7 in 2013.

Jeff Allen, Principal
2017 School Calendar

February

Thur 9  Eat, Meet and Greet BBQ
Mon 13  NVCCS Swimming Carnival - Macksville Pool
Mon 13  Board Meeting 7:00pm
Sun Staff Dedication—Pres Church 10:30am
Tue 21  Zone swimming (to be confirmed)

March

Thur 2  Zone Touch Football, Prim & Sec—Ballina (to be confirmed)
Mon 6  CSSA Primary State Swimming
Wed 15  NVCCS Cross Country
Wed 15  Netball NSW School Gala Day Coffs Harbour—High School
Thur 16  Hockey Gala Day—Coffs Harbour—Years 3,4,5&6
Mon 20  Board Meeting 7.00pm
Tue 21  Netball NSW School Gala Day—Primary School
Mon 27  CSSA Secondary State Swimming

April

Wed 5 to Fri 7 Year 7 Excursion
Fri 5  Last Day Term 1

Thursday 9 February

5.30 – 7.00pm

Meet ‘n Greet

Please come and join the school family as we get together to meet, greet and eat.
This is a good time for new families to get to know some other families and meet with the staff in an informal manner.
Cost is $10.00 per family or $3.00 per person. If you would rather have something other than our delicious sausage sandwiches please feel free to bring along something else.
Payment will be collected at the BBQ. Correct change appreciated.

Monday 13 February

9:00am

at Macksville Swimming Pool

Parents and friends please come if you can and enjoy the day together with your children. This is a compulsory school day for all students.
It will be a great day to get together and cheer for the students as they swim to the best of their abilities.
The Carnival will conclude at 2:30pm

God Answers Prayer

Please Pray this week for:

◊ Ask God to bless all school families as they settle in to the new school year;
◊ Pray for all school staff as the new year begins;
◊ Ask God to bless the Nambucca Anglican Church and Rev Ross Duncan as he participates in the work of Christ’s Kingdom in the Valley;
◊ Thank God for the positive attitude of students and teachers as they have resumed learning activities in 2017;
◊ Praise God for the completion of the two primary classrooms on time;
◊ Thank God for the growth of the school in recent years.

Primary Library Times

Tuesdays:
Year 1  1.05 - 1.35pm
Year 2  2.05 - 5.35pm
Year 3  12.35 - 1.05pm

Thursdays:
Kindy  1.05 - 1.35pm
Year 4  12.35 - 1.05pm
Year 5  2.35 - 3.05pm
Year 6  2.05 -2.35pm

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 SCHOOL SPORT

Primary school sport will be on the following days:

Year   K   1   2   3   4   5   6
Day   Tuesday   Thursday   Wednesday   Friday   Friday   Wednesday   Monday
Volunteers - Can you help?

We are looking for volunteers to help out in K-6 classrooms. No experience is required. Some activities that you could do are:

- reading with kids
- listening to children read
- saying sounds and sight words
- changing readers and other similar literacy activities.

We are also looking for some volunteers to help run the MultiLit Reading program. This program helps students who are below benchmark in reading/spelling/comprehension. We provide training for this program.

Please contact the office if you are able to help for any amount of time.

Thank you!

Primary 2017
Science, Music and Drama

In 2017, K to Year 6 students will experience a range of learning opportunities that add value to what is already delivered through their normal classes.

Mrs White and Miss Mason will be teaching Drama and Music and arranging choir, stage production, some special assembly performances and community activities.

Two additional staff in the school have Science Degrees. Mr Garnham and Mrs Phipps will be enriching the learning environment for primary students as the year progresses.

What has been happening around the school during the holidays?

During the school holidays there has been much going on around the school. There are two new primary classrooms in the old Library, grass has been laid around the school and building work continues on the Administration Building.

If there is sufficient interest in these instruments, lessons will be arranged in consultation with parents and students. A small number of instruments may be available for hire from the individual teacher.

Lessons will be timetabled to take place on the same day for each individual student in such a way that they do not miss the same lesson each week. In consultation with individual teachers, parents will be welcome to come and sit in on lessons.

During the year there will be Performance Evenings for all students to perform for family and friends. These nights provide opportunity for students to not only refine their musical skills but also to learn exactly what is involved in performance.

Lessons for continuing students will commence Week 2. Lesson costs are $26.00 per week.

Please contact the school office if you would like Music Tuition or if you have any questions.
New Staff Appointment
Deputy Principal, Mr Michael Reinhardt

The School warmly congratulates Mr Michael Reinhardt into the role of Deputy Principal. This role has been made available due to the sustained growth across both the High School and the Primary School.

Mr Reinhardt, originally grew up in Gympie before studying at the University of Queensland. His educational background is a Bachelor of Arts and Education majoring in Mathematics and Music.

His work practice is to be well organised and help teacher's teach and deliver exciting lessons to their students.

In 2016, Mr Reinhardt with his wife Lee and three children moved to the Nambucca Shire so he could become the Director of Secondary Studies at our school.

Previous schools which Mr Reinhardt has taught at include:
- Brisbane Christian College;
- Macksville High School;
- Broken Hill High School - Head Teacher Mathematics.

We greatly look forward to his continued leadership as he assists in delivering a high quality Christ centred education to our students.

TEMPORARY ACCESS DURING BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

The first part of stage 3 construction of the new Library and Administration building is almost complete.

The Office and Library have been moved into the new building.

Please study the plan below and be aware of the changes.

Pathways for parents and for students will be clearly marked.

Please note the designated drop off and pickup points. The gates will be opened at 2:55pm. Students will be dismissed from class at 3:05pm. If you need to be at the school longer than a couple of minutes please park and come across to the pickup area to collect your children.

JAM TERM 1
(KIDS CLUB for Kindergarten to year 6)

GOD THE ROCK

THIS TERM WE ARE LEARNING HOW GOD IS LIKE A ROCK!
UN-BREAKABLE, UN-SHAKEABLE, GREAT, SOLID, STRONG, MIGHTY, SAFE, AND ALWAYS THERE.

TERM 1 STARTS UP FRIDAY 10TH FEB
3:15PM TO 4:45PM

MUSIC, COOKING, GAMES, CRAFT, JESUS. AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED.

If you haven’t been before your parents/carer will need to come at 3pm Friday to register. Forms available from Steve Gosbee.

JAM IS HELD IN THE HALL AT THE NAMBUCCA VALLEY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL, NAMBUCCA HEADS. JAM IS A MINISTRY OF THE NAMBUCCA RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. FOR FURTHER INFO CONTACT STEVE GOSBEE 85694707.

(PLEASE BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION TO COVER COSTS)
In a first for the local area NVCCS has commenced Year 11 (with twelve students). On 23 January our first cohort started their Stage Six studies in an “intensive week”. At NVCCS the senior curriculum and HSC is delivered over two years. It is examined for 2 subjects in 2017 and then Maths and English, which are studied both years, and 2 other subjects, will be examined at and HSC level in 2018. This relieves much of the pressure faced in the traditional one year HSC model and allows the learning of each subject to be more focused and compressed.

The School is committed to offering a wide range of academic as well as practical set of subjects including: Mathematics (Formally 2 Unit Mathematics), Advanced English, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Drama, Visual Arts, Music, Industrial Timber Technology, Information Processing Technology, Modern History, PDHPE, Music, Aboriginal Studies, Primary Industries, Textiles and Design, Society and Culture, Engineering Studies and Legal Studies. In 2017/2018 the School is also offering opportunities for students to work in with providers such as Coffs Harbour Education Campus to allow students to do courses such as Resource and Infrastructure Work Preparation. As the School grows additional subjects for future year groups will be added. Additional subjects for the 2018 Year 11 cohort will be finalised later in this year in consultation with students, families and staff.

Providing families with a local single K-12 campus for private schooling has reduced the stress and concerns of many parents as their children no longer need to travel up and down the Pacific Highway each day.

At NVCCS we have a concern for the individual child based on Christ-centred values and teaching. A distinctive of the school is that every child is an individual and students are motivated to achieve to the best of their ability and accept responsibility for their own learning.

**MOBILE PHONES AND PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Mobile phones or other electronic devices are to be handed in at the school office upon arrival at school and can then be collected from the office at 3.05pm. These devices are not to be used while on school property. Mobile phones and other such electronic devices are not allowed on excursions or camps unless permission is given by the Principal. If this is the case this will be communicated to the parents on the camp note and the guidelines will be communicated on this note. This may mean a child can have their phone for contact with parents at a set time on the camp.
The School was delighted to welcome Kindergarten and new Year 7 students on 31 January. Many other new students have also enrolled at the school over the summer holiday. The Primary School at 131 students is at an historic high point, while the High School continues to grow at a rate consistent with the Board’s projections.
At every school a culture exists. School culture is the set of norms, values and beliefs, rituals and ceremonies, symbols and stories that make up the persona of the school.

At NVCCS the Board, teachers and administrators are committed to providing culture of Christ-centred education. The school motto is “Grow up into Christ”.

The School provides excellence in the educational process, working in partnership with home and school together. NVCCS endeavours to provide an education that:

- Fosters self-discipline in the learner;
- Encourages obedience to his/her parents and the laws of the Government;
- NVCCS also caters for the individuality of the learner;
- Trains learners in the moral and ethical standards of the Bible and assists them to acquire a biblical world and life view;
- Teaches students to interact respectfully with others’ world views
- The learner’s creative and critical abilities are developed; and
- NVCCS stresses co-operation and fosters the development of gifts and skills for the service of Jesus in the community.

Each child is treated as an individual, made in the image of God to be loved, valued and respected as a learner. We teach students to be faithful in whatever they do in their school life. Whether in the classroom, on the sporting field, in the choir or a stage production children of all ages are always told to “be faithful...be committed...enjoy the opportunity...be enthusiastic...do your best”. We also offer quality teaching in a safe caring and nurturing environment.

Our school is also a school for parents! Parents really matter at NVCCS: sharing with parents in the education of their children is seen as a privilege for all staff and one which we take seriously. A close working relationship between parents and teachers is a strong foundation, as we seek to teach children to be resilient, responsible and self motivated in their learning.

The accompanying line graph shows a rapid growth rate of students in recent years. It also means new staff and for some a new way of doing things. The Board and School Executive Leadership are working together to support students and staff in this process.

The student population is becoming more established and while the 58 new students enrolled for 2017 constitutes the single largest enrolment intake in the School’s history it now only represents 26% of the student population.

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At NVCCS students can:

**BE THEMSELVES** NVCCS is a place where students can be themselves with confidence and without fear.

**BELONG** NVCCS students can belong to a community and make a contribution.

**BELIEVE** In the Lordship of Jesus Christ, understand His grace and their responsibilities to Him.

**BEHAVE** NVCCS teaches students to behave in a way that prepares each student to be a citizen in our wider society.
Play Space and Building Development

At the end of 2016 a working group consisting of several parents began planning the development of the Primary Play Area. A Draft Master Plan has been created and will be displayed at the Meet, Eat and Greet evening this Thursday 9 February. The working group would appreciate feedback from parents either on the evening or via email. The email address for feedback is playspace@nvccs.nsw.au.

Plans for the next stage of building development of the school will also be on display.

A Note from the Business Manager

Welcome back to School for 2017. A special welcome to all our new and returning families which have kept the office and uniform shop full of activity.

Term fees are due 3/2/17 as well as school levies. Weekly and fortnightly instalment plans should now be in place. Feel free to contact me if you need assistance with this.

Enjoy this term and the amazing provisions and gifts which our God has provided to our school.

Lyn Sellers
Business Manager

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking will recommence on Monday 6 February. Banking will be held each Monday throughout the term (other than 13 February which is the Swimming Carnival).

Any parents who wish their child to begin a bank account through the Commonwealth Bank contact the office for more information.

Thank You
Amanda Williams

ALLERGY MANAGEMENT at NVCCS

Some NVCCS students have serious nut and egg allergies. Therefore, the school policy is:

Nuts or nut products are not permitted in Infants, Primary or High School at this time.

Eggs are allowed but if your child brings eggs or quiches etc please make sure they are aware of the danger to some children and they must wash their hands after eating.

Please also be aware that cakes and slices containing nuts or peanut butter must be avoided at school functions.

Marine and Aquaculture Technology - Swimming Lessons
Senior Curriculum Resource Policy
Year 2 - Welcome to New Year
Year 2 - Books home to be covered
Kindergarten - Welcome to New Year

Take Note!

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

- Marine and Aquaculture Technology - Swimming Lessons
- Senior Curriculum Resource Policy
- Year 2 - Welcome to New Year
- Year 2 - Books home to be covered
- Kindergarten - Welcome to New Year

Primary Choir

Choir practice will commence next Wednesday 8 February with Miss Mason for Years 2 to 6, during the lunchtime break. All students are welcome to join the choir as long as they are committed to practice each week.