As we move into the last week of Term One, I would like to say how privileged and proud I am to be the Principal at Noumea Public school and would like to thank all of the members of our learning community for their support, encouragement and kind wishes during my first Term. How quickly the time has travelled and how busy we have all been providing wonderful learning opportunities for the children.

The Swimming Carnival, Swim School, Song Room, Harmony day and school photos have all been completed and the children have enjoyed participating in all of these activities. Term Two is looking just as busy, so the holidays will be a good time to rest, rejuvenate and re-energise for what is ahead.

Mrs Bev Reynolds will be leaving us at the end of the Term to take up a permanent classroom teaching position at Blackwell Public School. She has been our enthusiastic Reading Recovery and English as a Second Language teacher for the past few years and has helped many students make excellent progress in reading and she has provided them with the support they need to build their confidence as young learners. We are losing a wonderful teacher, professional colleague and great friend. She will be an asset to her new school and will be greatly missed by our school. Best wishes Mrs Reynolds.

Congratulations to all the award winners at today’s final assembly for the Term and how lucky are our boy performers who have been presented with their own didgeridoo to use at the final Song Room performance. Don’t forget the Easter Parade next Thursday with lots of fun activities planned on the day.

I hope you all have a wonderful two week break, stay safe and we will see you all again to blast off into Term Two on Tuesday 29 April.

Kind Regards
Mrs Sue Finn
Principal

Anzac Day Ceremony

On Thursday 1 May 2014 Noumea Public School will be holding an Anzac Day Ceremony in the school hall at 11.30 am. Students are asked to bring in flowers to their classroom teacher on the morning of the ceremony to be placed under the Australian flag. Parents are welcome to attend the ceremony.

Annual School Report

The Annual School Report for 2013 has been uploaded to the school’s website and is available for viewing. A number of copies have also been printed and are available from the front office for any parents wishing to read about our school’s achievements in 2013.
Deadly Arts Program - Song Room

25 of our students from stage 2 & 3 have been involved in the Deadly Arts Program run by Song Room this term. Five schools are involved in the project and each school will be performing a section of Uncle Wes Marne’s Creation Story. Students will also learn about Uncle Wes Marne’s poems that have been composed into songs for them to perform.

The boys involved in the program have been lucky enough to obtain a scholarship through Song Room to have their own didgeridoos to use for the program and final performance. The boys have been looking forward to receiving the didgeridoos for a couple of weeks now. The didgeridoos were presented to the boys today at the Whole School Assembly and the boys were very excited.

Noumea PS Playgroup

Noumea PS Playgroup has started for 2014 on Tuesday 4 February. The playgroup is run by Mission Australia and have Yenu Allowah Aboriginal Child and Family Centre staff back on board again this year. Parents and children aged 0-5 are welcome.

Day: Every Tuesday (excluding first & last week of each term)
Time: 9:00am-11:00am
Location: The Community Cottage

Swim School

A big thank you must go out to all those students, staff, parents and carers who assisted with Swim School this year. It was a big success with more than half of the students who attended now being able to swim a distance of 10 metres or greater. Initially we had only 7 students out of 49 (14%) who could swim a distance greater than 9 metres but by the end of two weeks of intensive one-on-one training (and a bit of fun) we managed to improve this to 30 students (61%) being able to swim 10 metres or more, some 25 metres and even further!

More importantly, every student practised the water safety survival sequence and learnt to “Never swim alone”.

Special mention must go to those who assisted on the Monday of the downpour. It is pleasing to see the “Noumea community spirit” alive and well, and in action.

Swim School certificates of achievement will be presented to students at their respective stage assemblies.

Mr B. Ford
Swim School Co-ordinator

Woolworths Earn & Learn Resources

Last year we participated in the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program. We managed to collect 15360 points that we were able to use to purchase new resources for the school. We purchased resources for the playground, Chill Out Room and resources for teachers to use in the classroom.

3 x 100 Maths interactive Software, Everybody Dance CD, Who’s Who Game, Set of 6 Scoop & Ball Game, Labyrinth Card Game

2 x outdoor large Domino sets, 2 x outdoor Noughts & Crosses sets, 1 x large Jamanga Tower & 3 copies of Took the Children Away books, 6 Pop & Catch Games, 1 x Large storage bag & 1 Agility Ladder
Newsletter Draw

For your chance to win a family pass to Emerton Leisure centre simply answer correctly the following question:

“What date is the last day of Term?”

Answer: ________________________________

Name: ________________________________

The first correct answer drawn at last Whole School assembly of the term will win the family pass. Entries can be placed in the orange box in the Front office foyer. Bonne chance.

Absence Explanation Note

Students Name: ________________________________

Class: ________________________________

Please tick reason for absence:

☐ Sick
☐ Other ____________________________________________

(Please specify)

Date student was away: ________________________________

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