

Family Centre flourishing

More toys, musical instruments & books have arrived at the Family Centre aka "Lilly Pilly Place" for the pleasure of the little ones ... and the not so little. It's fantastic to see the children discover new skills and play so gently alongside one another. Parents can talk with less interruptions and really relax as the kids are safe and busy playing.

August's guest speakers will talk on naturopathy (2nd), sleep (16th), sibling

rivalry (30th).

If your child starts primary school next year, you'll be interested to know that Anna Tonkin (school nurse) is conducting, free of charge, a health assessment for your child on Fri 19th and Mon 22nd. Anna will check their hearing, vision, speech, motor and fine motor skills. The assessment takes about 20 minutes and is fun for the children, so don't hesitate.

Grab the opportunity and make an appointment

with Diane at Nimbin Preschool. To accommodate for this health assessment, the centre will not run the usual activities, so please note that the Toddlers group on Mon 22nd is cancelled.

For more information about the Family Centre drop in or ring Marie on 6689 0423.

Have a lovely month and enjoy the days growing longer. Peace and harmony for all.

Edu-speak for parents

On Monday 25th July, Nimbin Central School held a primary school forum, at which parents and caregivers had the opportunity to voice and share their opinions about education in general and Nimbin Central School specifically.

Manuela Geiss (pictured), community liaison officer (CLO) at Nimbin Central School, explained how expectations in education have changed in the recent past. While most parents remember school as an entirely separate entity from home, today their involvement and participation in education and school matters is increasingly seen as part of parental responsibility.

Research confirms that the most accurate predictor of a student's achievement in school is not income or social status, but the extent to which that student's



family is able to create a home environment which encourages learning, communicates high but reasonable expectations for their children's achievement and future careers, and become involved in their children's education at school and in the community (Henderson and Berla, 1995).

All those present at the forum agreed to become more involved and to support the movement toward a true partnership between home and school in Nimbin for the

benefit of our children.

The Department of Education and Training recently introduced a teaching framework that all teachers in NSW public schools are encouraged to follow. It emphasizes intellectual quality, quality learning environments and significance and basically encourages teachers to create interesting, challenging and relevant learning experiences for their students, consistent with their culture at home.

This 'Quality Teaching' framework has been 'translated' into a parent friendly version that is very useful for parents and care givers who may ask themselves how they can help their children at home to be more successful at school. Anyone wanting a copy should contact the school office on 6689-1355 and ask for Manuela.

Quality teaching in parent friendly language All parents and carers are invited!

Parents instinctively know what makes a great teacher, now research has examined and labelled those skills and talents. This is called Quality Teaching.

All schools are now using this research to improve the quality of instruction in our classrooms for the benefit of our children.

Helen Brown will be giving us an understanding of this information in a series of meetings on Monday 22nd August, at the DET Lismore District Office, Goonellabah.

The day runs from 9.30 am to 2.00 pm, with morning tea and lunch provided.

(Please RSVP for catering purposes.)

Come along and bring a friend for a valuable day

You can improve your ability to understand "Teacher Talk." You can ask all your questions in a fun, friendly and supportive environment.

This is a chance to another opportunity to de-mystify schools for parents, to make new friends and find out what is happening in other schools.

All enquiries to Walter Harding, Community Development Officer, phone 6623-5929 or 0415-876-612.

Hip Hop Hub

The young people of Nimbin celebrated during the school holidays, when the first of a series of youth gigs was held in the Bush Theatre.

The Hip Hop Hub gigs are being put on by the young people themselves, and are supported by the Youth Club and the Nimbin Community Development Association.

The gigs start with a workshop on one of the elements of Hip Hop. There are four elements: rhyming, beat boxing, breakdancing and graffiti.

This gig focused on breakdance and we were taught moves by the One Time Crew.

The next party will be on Friday 2nd September.

But wait there is more! The Nimbin Youth Club has been successful in receiving an arts grant. John Butler from the John Butler Trio wanted to show support to up and coming artists by establishing an



The Youth Club with the support of mentors Rom, Zac, Lee, Alesha and Maxx will set up a music recording facility with the grant money. This group meets every Tuesday at the Youth Club and new members interested in music

arts seeding program, and the Youth Club made a submission.

production are welcome. For more information call Kylie or Ash on 66891 223.

Peasants strike back

Tuntable Falls Community Primary School is proud to announce the production of their new play The Peasants Strike Back on Friday 9th September at Tuntable Hall.

This is an original production that the children have created as part of the school's drama program. It has a beautiful princess, two dastardly villains, a host of ninjas and henchmen, assorted jesters and executioners and other eccentric characters as well as our heroes the wily peasants. So prepare to be dazzled and amused, thrilled and excited by this fabulous production.

The children have been working hard preparing for this play and hope to raise enough funds to replace the stereo and digital camera that were stolen from the school at the beginning of the year.

The play will be followed by a series of skits from the kids and other members of our school community



including Sue Edmonds and the fantastic hubaphone, Leif and his circus follies, and Doug 'n' Biko's musical mayhem.

There will be two performances: a matinee at 12.00am followed by an evening show at 7.00pm. The matinee is open to the whole community with a gold coin donation at the door. We are inviting all our

local schools, preschools, playgroups, and families to come and enjoy this hilarious and original play. Food and refreshments will be available.

At our evening show we are charging \$10 per adult, \$5 concession and children are free. So don't miss this fabulous family-friendly event and come and check us out.

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