Principals Greeting
Dear Parents and families

School Values
Our school value for this week is Excellence. It is important that our students understand these values so that we see their behavior and attitudes reflecting the values in the classroom and in the playground. It would be great for parents to also reflect on the values at home so that the students are gaining the same messages at school and at home.

- Excellence is the quality of being outstanding or extremely good.
- Excellence is a talent or quality which is unusually good and so surpasses ordinary standards.
- Excellence is a quality that people really appreciate, because it is sometimes hard to find.
- Excellence is the quality of excelling of being truly the best at something.

To put this into children’s language it is about striving to do our very best at school so that we can achieve our learning goals.

NAPLAN
Thank you parents for ensuring your child in Year 3 or Year 5 came to school well-rested and on time ready to participate in the NAPLAN testing.

Which type of parent/grandparent/teacher are you?
This was a very interesting article by Michael Grose, a well-known psychologist from Melbourne. He talks about three types of parents/grandparents/teachers. There are those who walk in front of their kids; there are those who walk behind their kids; and those who walk beside their kids.

Walk in front parents/grandparents/teachers love to lead the way. They are task-oriented, busy, enthusiastic types. Their mantra is “Let’s go”.

Walk behind parents/grandparents/teachers have high expectations and push their kids. Their mantra is “come on”.

Walk beside parents/grandparents/teachers do a great deal with their children. Their mantra is “let’s do it”.

So as I was reading the article I had to reflect on which style I naturally defaulted to as a teacher, as a parent, and now as a grandparent. The truth is we all use different styles in different situations and with different children. Many of us prefer one particular style, but we should try not to get stuck in that one style. Great parents/grandparents and teachers are adaptable and think about which style to use at the time.

If you would like to read the full article it is attached.

Have a wonderful week

Sue Beynon, Principal, Beverley Hulme and Jamie Wilks, Assistant Principals
Last week Nhulunbuy Primary school was lucky enough to be invited to view the amazing shadow puppet show “Sticks Stones, Broken Bones” from Artback NT. A big thankyou to Gove Peninsula Festival Association for bringing the Artists to Nhulunbuy and for providing the community with this show, which most students who attended said was “Awesome”!

NPS was also very lucky to have the artists run a puppet making workshop for 25 nominated students. These students, from grades 4, 5 and 6, got to make their very own shadow puppet and perform a “Puppet Disco”, as well as further tuition to recreate a puppet show of their own at home. Please see photo above.

Thankyou to the school council for supplementing the performance fees so that there was no cost to the students/parents of NPS, it was well worth it!

Miss Tina
On Wednesday 20th May we will celebrate "Walk Safely to School Day". This will include encouraging children and parents to walk to school on that day and aim to be at school by 8am. We will then have pancakes for breakfast and a talk by the Health Nurse. Around 9.30am Hector The Cat will arrive from Darwin to talk in the hall with our students about safety on the roads. We are looking for some volunteers to cook up the pancakes on the BBQ's and also some parent volunteers to walk students to school from a range of meeting stations. The meeting stations will be at Gove Toyota, the corner of Banyan and Sinclair Streets, the grass area at the Police Station and the intersection of Jasper Road and Beagle Circuit. The meeting time at these points will be 7.40am. If you can help out on this day please let the office ladies know. Your support will be much appreciated.
### Calendar

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### Voluntary Family Contributions for 2015

This year Voluntary Family Contributions are set as follows for the full year:

- **Pre-School**: $200 per child
- **Primary School**: $100 1 child
  - $175 2 children
  - $220 3+ children

EFTPOS/Credit Card facilities are available at the Front Office. Cash is also another option or if you prefer to do a Bank Transfer, please see details below:

- **Account Name**: Nhulunbuy Primary School Council
- **Account #**: 693 168
- **BSB #**: 035 304
- **Description**: “Family Name”

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### Gove AFL Auskick Centre

Date: Thursday 14th May (First Session & Sign On)

Time: 4:30—5:30pm

Cost: $100.00 (Sports Vouchers accepted)

Length: 10 Weeks (Thursday’s)

Venue: Hindle AFL Oval

Ages: Boys & Girls 4 – 8 years old (Must be turning 5 in 2015)

Contact: Brett Fragiacom 0458 765 310

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### AFL Junior Academy

**REGISTER NOW AT THUNDERJUNIORS.AFLNT.COM.AU**

**DATE:** Thursday 14th May (First Session & Sign On)

**TIME:** 4:30—5:30pm

**COST:** $100.00 (Sports Vouchers accepted)

**LENGTH:** 10 Weeks (Thursday’s)

**VENUE:** Hindle AFL Oval

**AGES:** Boys & Girls 9 – 12 years old

**CONTACT:** Brett Fragiacom 0458 765 310

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