

Seniors week movie premiere



Senior citizens of Nimbin premiered the release of their own short movie "Bingo" at Nimbin Central School on Wednesday 14th March as part of the Seniors Citizens Concert at the school.

The majority of Nimbin's older citizens either acted or appeared in the 12 minute, low budget production, funded by Nimbin

Health and Welfare.

A few younger actors, with the help of the very young Fin Hill of Nimbin Central School (pictured), also participated in the production, which is part of the first mini-movie festival of local school and community productions hosted by Nimbin Central School as part of Senior Citizens Week.

Back To School Day 2007

This nationwide public schools program is in its third year and attracts increasing attention and participation from public schools around Australia.

Nimbin Central School is inviting former students to come back to their old school during Education Week (14th - 20th May 2007) on Thursday 17th May and share some of their own school experiences, lives and careers with our present students.

As the school keeps no personal records, we rely on word of mouth to find former students. Here is your opportunity to step back in time, give to the future and be part of the largest volunteering effort for public education.

We also invite local business people and other locals who feel they have made a success of their lives to contact us if they have gone to a public school.

To register your interest

please contact Manuela Matheson-Geiss on 6689-1355 or <manuela.geiss@education.nsw.gov.au> or go to <<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/events/special-events/backtoschoolday/registerfrom.php>> and enter your name, address etc.

Your details will then be forwarded to Nimbin Central School and you will then be contacted to arrange the details of your visit.

Budding poets have the write stuff

What do high school kids write poems about when given free choice?

Nimbin Central School's relieving English head teacher Gaill Hart discovered an amazing range of topics, from "Kittens" to "Evil Activities", when her Year 7 students created poems to enter in a national competition.

The "Write4Fun" competition offers prizes of \$500 to students, plus \$500 to their school, and possible inclusion in a commercial anthology, so there was plenty of motivation.

Ms Hart congratulated the students on their composition of excellent poems. "They all displayed maturity, enthusiasm and care," she said.



Diversity. Sigrid McKenna (left) and Joe McLeod with their poems. Read their poems on page 17.

Tuntable Falls school camp

by David Hyett

As a part of the Tuntable Falls Primary school's "knowing and caring for our local environment" programme, students, teachers and selected parent carers ventured beyond the classroom and explored nature in a recent camp at the pristine Minyon Falls.

The first half of the week saw Thomas Rose's class K-2 experiencing and appreciating the true spirit of the landscape, enjoying a well deserved swim under the falls after a leisurely bush walk. Then it was back to camp for dinner followed by marshmallows by the fire.

The children loved camping out, and had an exceptional time of sharing and wonder.

At mid week it was time for the little ones to return home after a short reunion with their older friends.

Deborah Williams' Years 3 to 6 classes had a number of challenges before them. First was to set up the



Outdoor education. Teacher Thomas Rose gives a lesson at Minyon Falls watched by parent Louise Grenfell (above), cooking breakfast (below).

campsite, this was a chance for the two parent carers to share their skills with the children in creating the ideal home outdoors. Then it was off to the falls a brisk 7.5 km walk each way, which was approached with great

enthusiasm. Adult tourists at the falls were surprised to see our children with so much vigour enjoying the swim after the big walk.

Co-operation, caring and sharing were the two main objectives of the camp. This meant the children had to prepare all meals and maintain a clean harmonious campsite, being respectful of fellow campers.

The children acquitted themselves wonderfully and learnt a lot about the environment, themselves and each other, whilst having lots of fun at the same time.

The camp was such a success that all involved are talking about exploring other local sites at least once each school term.

NB: AGM 2nd April 11am



Open Learning Centre gears up for Term 2

Term Two at the Nimbin Open Learning Centre has a varied and stimulating programme on offer.

The classes in "Making Music on a Computer" and "Animation", taught by Jamie North, have been a big hit and will run again in Term 2. Jamie will also teach an "Introduction to Computers".

Also available will be Liz Johnson's very popular and stimulating sessions on "Aboriginal People in Today's Society", Creative Writing with Christine Strelan, Yoga led by Sankalpa, Qi Gong led by Daniel Kestzler, and "A Brush With Paint" led by Margie Rojo.

New, new new for Term 2 is "Spanish For Beginners" by Warwick Fry, "Calligraphy- the Art of Beautiful and Stylish Handwriting" with Carole Barrett, "Mandala" with Brigitte Bol, and "Astrology" with Fiona Maunder.

Enrolments-April 24th -26th. Term 2 starts 1st May for 8 weeks. Classes cost \$45.00. Phone 6689-1477 for more info.



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