From the P & C President...

Good Morning Parents!

Here I sit at midnight through bleary eyes after my first official P&C meeting as President. Reports overall are that it went really well and the feedback afterwards was very positive. Thank you to all of those who came (and sampled my baking skills)

For all of you that couldn’t make it, our wonderful secretary Danielle will ensure the minutes, in full, go up on the website as soon as possible - but in brief here is what was talked about.

Crunch and Sip is coming on Monday, 6 May! Get ready to get your kids excited about snacking on fruit and vegies!

Before and After School Care - the small fee increase that was voted on in February will come into effect from Wednesday, 1 May.

After School Chairperson position is still available - if you would like to be on this committee, even if you don’t want to be the chairperson, we would love to have you! Rebecca Sharp has joined the Canteen subcommittee - again more volunteers or committee members always welcomed as we aim to turn the canteen around this year!

It was voted on to introduce a uniform polo shirt and name badge to all staff of ASC and the Canteen, as part of an overall look at our WHS policy that I will be introducing. If you’re a volunteer this relates to you as this involves tying back long hair in the kitchens, aprons and gloves to be compulsory, closed in shoes (no more thongs or sandals) and no short-shorts hot pants or miniskirts. Please note also with immediate effect: Under no circumstances are children of employees/volunteers OR any school students permitted in food handling areas or kitchens of both ASC and the Canteen. The principal and assistant principal have given their full support of this policy. It is far too risky for students to be in areas with sharp knives, scalding hot water, slippery floors - the risks far outweigh the benefit of any ‘leadership program’ or learning outcome from having them help serve. If they still wish to help they can ensure children lining up do so orderly and quickly and help students get the correct money ready.

The parent survey on the effectiveness of our Canteen was discussed and the outcome is tabled for May’s meeting. We have voted to agree on 100 responses as a minimum before results are discussed and charted. If you have yet to complete the survey go to 

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/385718K

The car raffle has generated over $4000, of which Rotary will donate 60% back to our P&C. All tickets should be returned by now or next week at the very latest if we can get an extension from Rotary. We will be having a last ditch effort to sell remaining tickets at Bunnings Narrabeen next Sunday, 7 April. Stay tuned for the time to pop down and help stalk customers!

Our Mother’s Day stall will be on Thursday, 9 May, and the Walkathon on Tuesday, 25 June and we are planning a trivia night for Term 3 - how exciting! Just quietly I plan on winning! If you would like to be involved in the trivia night, please email me!!

In my long and waffling president’s report (during which I had to shush Miss Tanya Russell a few times I must say! ha-ha!) I waffled on about my vision for our P&C’s future and the goals I had personally for my term as president. I would like to create that tight community feel amongst the parents and engage more of you, find more volunteers and have events that aren’t just about fundraising all of the time! I’d like us to get a reputation...
for being the friendliest school on the beaches, with a P&C that has a culture of sharing ideas and responsibilities - and the businesses we own just run themselves easily, efficiently and with full accountability and transparency - so that the committees and I can focus on the good stuff! The giving back! We are all here for the kids. Let’s spread a positive message about our school and its parents and students, no more gossip or negativity, this is our year to turn it around and really ‘be the future you want to see’ - be the role models of the Nara values ourselves, hey? It starts at home.

Lastly - is it a crazy idea to want to get a little “bee” sticker for the back windscreen of our cars, kind of like those ‘my family’ stickers?? I have this daydream of having that “feel good” feeling of driving round the beaches or Centro Warriewood and giving a friendly wave or bee to other cars that have the bee sticker, knowing they are part of our NarraBeEn family and that we are proud to Bee part of it. I imagine overhearing people saying ‘what’s with all the cars with bees on the back, have you seen them?’ and being super cool saying ‘sorry I’d give you one but you have to have a child at NNPS’. Wouldn’t that be awesome? Or maybe I’m alone on that one... You tell me!! Find me on the emails:

nnpspandc_president@gmail.com

or my new dedicated (and private) Facebook page just for parents:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/348146348639561/

I always welcome your feedback, suggestions or ideas. It’s only March - we have three full terms to make this the P&C everyone wants to be a part of. In the meantime as Ellen says “Be kind to one another”

and Happy Easter!

Jacqueline Mannell

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**Second-hand Uniform shop**

Lots of bargains for winter from $5.00 (some new).

Will be open on the first Friday of each month starting Friday, 5 April at 8.45-9.15am.

Cash or cheque only. (EFTPOS not available)

Reminder: 5% of every uniform purchased at Lowes goes to our school. Don’t forget to ask for a Loyalty card!
Chess News

Would you want to wear your school uniform on a Sunday? That’s exactly what Justin, Max and Conor did when they entered the team challenge chess tournament, representing NNPS on Sunday, 24 March. They played fantastic chess to finish in the middle of a very high class field from the whole Sydney region. They were enthusiastic, win or lose, and remained patient during the long day, being excellent ambassadors for NNPS. Well done boys - keep up the good work at the Mona Vale tournament this Wednesday.

School starts at 9am

It is very important that students are at school in time for the start of lessons at 9am. Of course, on the very odd occasion there may be the ‘can’t be helped late arrival’, but late arrivals should never become the norm. Our procedure is that all students who arrive after the 9am bell must sign-in at the office and take a yellow late slip to class. These late arrivals are counted as ‘partial absences’ and are included in the school reports. The Department’s Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) regularly visits the school and is responsible for checking school attendance data. If continual patterns of late arrival are noticed, appropriate follow-up by the HSLO may be necessary.

When students arrive in the morning they should put their bags near their classrooms and move around to the main playground. Students must not remain in the area near J Block and the library. A teacher is on duty every morning from 8.30am and all students must be ‘behind the red line’.

Also, as a reminder parents MUST NEVER approach another student in the school playground in the attempt to resolve a discipline matter. All such issues must be managed by school staff. If there is a situation that is causing concern, please see your child’s class teacher to discuss the matter.

Woolworths Earn and Learn is back

Last year, our school community participated in the Earn and Learn program at Woolworths. It was a great success and the points collected were used to buy a wonderful range of musical instruments. Soon, the 2013 event will start and I hope you will support us again in collecting as many points as possible. The project opens on MONDAY, 8 APRIL and closes on SUNDAY, 9 JUNE. One point is earned for every $10 spent at Woolworths. Points are collected on the ‘points sheet’ as was the case last year and once the sheet is filled, it is placed in the collection box at school. It will soon be time to start collecting!

Term 2 starting date

Students return for Term 2 on Wednesday, 1 May. The state government has added one extra school development day on Tuesday, 30 April to assist with the implementation of the new Australian Curriculum’s English syllabus. Our school’s athletics carnival is on that Wednesday and students will be travelling by bus to the Sports Academy on Wakehurst Parkway. Fingers crossed for great weather. However, due to the difficulty in rescheduling to another date in the event of bad weather, the carnival is on rain or shine!

Robert Blanchfield

School Cross Country

Run! Run! Run! The NNPS school cross country will be held on Friday, 12 April. K-2 section of the carnival will begin at 9.30am on our backfield. 3-6 students will be competing on an extended course (including Progress Park) after recess at 11.30am.

Please bring hats, water bottles, sun screen and something to sit on.

We need lots and lots of parent helpers on the day to ensure safety.

Michelle Dickson
PDHPE Team Leader

Colour and Shave receipts went home in the children's bags yesterday and today. Please be sure to check your child’s bag.
Jasmin’s Challenge 2013

The ninth running of Jasmin’s Challenge – shave and colour day was very successful, with over $7700 raised for the Charity “Cure Our Kids”.

This event is about charity and involvement in community, attributes of good character. The Children of NNPS are experiencing these values at an early age and will surely make us proud in the future. I must also commend the children on their behavior. As a school, their manners and respect were outstanding. Their enthusiastic applause and cheering were great. The Teachers and indeed the parents should accept well deserved congratulations for this.

I would like to thank all those people who make this event run smoothly.

The Terrific Teachers and Staff:
Mrs Conaglen who took on the role of event organiser this year and excelled. Well done.
Mr Blanchfield who assisted and always gets involved.
Mrs Gaffney who helped behind the scenes.
Mrs Bateman who co-ordinated the forms and donations,


The World’s Best Hairdressers: Rebecca Dowling, Elizabeth Hall, Leanne Seghers and Rochelle Watson.

The Very Kind Children who got sponsorship: Including Kirsty Williams, and all the “headshavers”....


The Kind Hearted Adults who shaved: Saimone Bakker, Bec Lord, and Teacher Mr Bowden.

All the wonderful children who coloured their hair.

Everyone who donated to this worthwhile cause.

Some people really excelled in their efforts to raise money for this charity. Really outstanding efforts by:

Students:  
Jye Taggart  
Jackson Dowling  
Byron O’Mahony

Mums:  
Saimone Bakker  
Bec Lord

And, as always a very special thank you to Jasmin Holliday. She started this event because, despite her own sickness, she wanted to help ‘other kids’ with cancer. Now, it runs every year in the Amphitheatre named after her. She made it all possible and continues to be an inspiration.

Thank you, and see you again next year....

Allan Holliday and Family.

Training band – is going really well. The children are really enjoying having their lunch and music all together on a Thursday lunchtime. Please remind your child that they need to bring their instruments those days.

Senior Band – Our first performance with Mr Fox is on Tuesday, 2 April at 10am for Grandfriend’s day and the banner assembly. We are very excited and so are the children to hear them play. Please remember your instruments and music on Tuesday. Please note....and on the Thursday, 4 April there is no band rehearsal for Senior band due to Mr Fox’s class’s parent/teacher interviews.

Term 2 – A change of dates for rehearsal for Senior band ONLY. (No more Monday mornings! Yeah, we can sleep in after the weekend!)  
Tuesdays - morning 7.40 till 8.45am.  
Thursday - afternoon 3.15 till 4.15pm.

Term accounts - THEY ARE OVER DUE, PLEASE PAY THIS WEEK. The Commonwealth Bank is closed from 1 April. All future payments MUST be made into the St. George Bank account please.

Thanks and have a happy and safe Easter.

Megan Catterall  
Music Programme Co-ordinator
Harmony Day at NNPS

Thank you to the wonderful students and teachers of NNPS who participated in the Harmony Day celebrations last Thursday, 21 March. We raised lots of funds to assist supporting our World Vision sponsored child. It was a day to celebrate and respect the diverse cultures in Australia. The message of Harmony Day is “Everyone Belongs”.

Education is a key focus for Harmony Day. It is in the schoolyard and classroom that children have, and will learn important lessons of respect and understanding of cultural diversity.

At NNPS we had fun with our “Taste of Harmony” activities! Many of our favourite foods come from so many diverse cultures!

Ms Stewart &
Mrs Hendrix
(Harmony Day Coordinators)
A herb patch coming soon
to Narra North!

Can you help us?
Saturday, 6 April 12noon to 2pm
We need parent or grandparent helpers to weed garden beds and empty and move compost bins.
Our plans are to start some herb gardens which are easier to maintain and more prolific. Your help would be greatly appreciated!
Yours in sustainability
Jules McKenzie and Team

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP
Venue: North Narrabeen Community Tennis Centre
2-10 Woorarra Ave North Narrabeen
Date: 22nd-26th April - No Play Thursday 25th Anzac Day Holiday

Program:
Instruction on all strokes
Singles and doubles (Round Robin format)
• Final Day:
  McDonald’s Lunch provided & Presentation of awards

What to bring:
Racquet (if you have one)
Hat and sunscreen
Food:
Recess, lunch and drinks

Fees: (Incl GST)
Full Day camp (9am-3pm) $160  Half Day camp (9am-12:30pm) $120
Daily Rate – Full Day $40  Half Day $30

Please mail to: Goodwin’s Tennis Academy- PO Box 45 Mona Vale 2103
Enrolment Form: ½ Day camp □ Full Day camp □
Pupils Name: .................................................D.O.B: ...............
Parents Name: .............................................Phone: ...................
Address: .......................................................................................
Email Address: .............................................................................
Playing experience: .................. Right Handed □
Amount Enclosed: .................. Left Handed □

1. The undersigned, being parent or legal guardian of the above-named, hereby take full responsibility whilst attending this camp and understand that Goodwin’s Tennis Academy will do the utmost for their care.
Signed: .................................................................

Contact Joel: 0410 523 726
ABN: 77 464 812 056

Sausage Sizzle & Drink
$3 per child

School Holiday CAMP
Includes 5 hours Supervised
FUN, Coaching and Activities
MON WED & FRI, April 15th – 26th

10.30am – Table tennis
11.00am – Squash
11.45am – Morning tea
12.15pm – Basketball
12.45pm – Volleyball fun

1.15pm – LUNCH
2.15pm – Indoor soccer
2.45pm – FREE TIME
PLAY
3.30pm - Parent Pick up

50 Kalang Road, Elanora Heights 2101

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