The Newsletter from Narrabeen North Public School

From the Principal’s desk...

Principal Award recipients for Week 8 - Congratulations to: Walt Earland 1R; Jaya Kelly 1R; Drew Clapham 1R; Polly Webster 1R; Tahmea Peacock 1R; Corey Lawson 1R; Matthew Downie-Wright 3L; Sam Silverberg 3L; Alec Rawson 3M; Isabelle Rawson 4F; Lola Reid 4F; Liam Taggart 4F; Sequoia Griggs-Button 4F; Brody Hoy 4F; Ruby Lambert 4P; Jemma Green 4P; Jacob Vanderlaan 4P; Jackson Dowling 4P; Hayley O’Brien 5M; Charlotte Walmsey 5M; Clare Vanderlaan 5S; Ulan Walsh 5S; Daniel Hunter 5S; Sam Bowgett 5S; Therese Pikulich 5S; Enka Wills 5S; Martika Elliott 5S and Jade Bennett 5S.

Well done, everyone!

Shave and Colour success!!

A huge thank you to all members of the NNPS community for your generous support of our annual Shave and Colour event. After early morning rain, it was great to see the sun shining brightly and the event proceed in the JHA as planned. Special thanks to all those involved in the success of the day: Allan and Jill Holliday, Mrs Conaglen and Mrs Gaffney (school contacts), Gail Bateman (hard work in the office!) and our wonderful volunteer hairdressers! Congratulations to those students who were ‘brave to shave’ and especially to Jye and Byron for having the full shave with shaving cream and razors! As at time of writing we do not have a final count of the amount raised. The final total raised will be published in next week’s newsletter. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported this important school event.

Individual student success too!

A few newsletters back we congratulated Aajuah Burton of Year 4 on her wonderful participation at the regional athletics championships. Aajuah’s fantastic efforts have now earned her the opportunity to compete in the NSW State Athletics Championships at Homebush this weekend. Aajuah will be competing in two events; the 60m hurdles and the 700m walk. We are all so very proud of her and I am sure that the entire NNPS community will wish her every success. Go, Aajuah!

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.

Parent teacher interview sessions

Notes have gone home with all students this week regarding parent interview sessions for later in the term. This is an opportunity for you to discuss your child’s progress so far this year with the class teacher. In our K-2 classes, the interview sessions will be about 10 to 12

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minutes each. In our Y3 and Y4 classes the interviews will be in the form of a ‘three-way conference’ involving the parent, teacher and the student in about 15 minutes sessions. In our Y5 and Y6 classes, the format will be a 30 minutes ‘student-led conference’ with the student taking the leading role as he or she takes ownership for their own learning. Please return all notes to your child’s class teacher as soon as possible. Thank you.

**ICT Devices at School**

Our school does not encourage students to bring mobile phones, hand-held ICT devices and computer games to school at any time. Students are not to bring these devices to school. Such devices can cause problems at school and may distract students from their school work. The school accepts no responsibility whatsoever, if a device is lost, stolen or damaged. Please encourage your child to save the ‘delights’ of such devices for home and the weekend.

Also, due to safety reasons, scooters and skateboards are not allowed to be brought to school. Of course, older students may ride their bikes to and from school as long as they wear the correct and proper helmet.

**School finances**

As I have mentioned in recent newsletters, the school is very dependent on our parent body settling term accounts in a timely manner. Our school has only three sources of income: 1. the ‘global budget’ received from the government; 2. Donations made to the school by the P&C from their fund raising endeavours and 3. Income earned from the payment of term accounts by families.

As I have shared previously, the school receives a payment of $62.90 per student per year. Other funds received in the ‘global budget’ are for specific purposes such as funds to pay for casual teachers when staff are ill or on leave and for our utilities (gas, electricity, rates and sewerage). With the rising cost of electrical charges in particular, we have a challenge meeting our expenditure from the current allocation. We also receive a total of $10,326 for urgent minor maintenance which is used for a whole range of things. It does not take long to spend this money at NNPS with the range and age of our buildings. Even in the event of an insurance claim (e.g. broken window or leaking toilet) our minimum excess liability is $1000 for each claim!

Again, many thanks to those families whose Term 1 accounts are finalised. Notes to those families with outstanding accounts went home recently. We would greatly appreciate your speedy settlement of these accounts. Thank you.

**Lifecycle Costing System Project**

Recently, our school was involved in the Department’s Lifecycle Costing System Project. This project was one where project personnel visited the school over several days and reviewed every building at NNPS. The purpose of the project is to assist in planning for future upgrades to meet current teaching and learning requirements and in the preparation of bids to Treasury for capital and maintenance funds. The project looked at the current condition of all elements at NNPS. Data collected will be used to prepare a ‘Whole of Life Asset Plan’ that identifies a justifiable budget for at least 10 years and a detailed maintenance and capital and replacement program. This program will produce planning outputs that will advise of future work required to ensure that sustainable, ongoing service is delivered by each asset, which aligns to the requirements of the Department. These planning outputs can be used to:

- Prepare annual budget submission to the DEC or Treasury
- Prepare detailed maintenance programs
- Prepare maintenance outsourcing or contract work scopes
- Identify future asset condition assessment schedules at any point in time
- Analysis of renewal – vs – replacement strategies

With the expected ongoing enrolment growth at NNPS for the next couple of years, this was a valuable project in which to participate.

**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!

Robert Blanchfield

**NNPS Swimming Sensations!**

Well done to our four NNPS swim stars (Max, Alex, Mikayli and Ben) that represented the Pittwater Zone at the Sydney North Regional Carnival last Monday. The students had a special experience swimming in the Olympic Pool at Homebush. Personal best times were recorded and Max made the 9yrs freestyle final, being just touched out of moving on to state.
Miss Russell’s Wrap Up...

Congratulations Mr Perrin!!

Mr Perrin and his wife Kylie gave birth to a health baby boy, Jamie Duke Perrin, born Tuesday, 12 March. Mum, Dad and Jamie are all doing well. On behalf of all the staff, students and the NNPS community we wish him all the best. We can’t wait for Jamie to be introduced to the NNPS community.

Literacy News

It is a really exciting time in schools at the moment with the new English syllabus being introduced to staff for its implementation in 2014. I have attended many Professional Learning courses and we are working closely with other schools in the PCS so that all the information and resources are shared with each other. In Term 2 our Literacy team will be conducting our staff development day on the implantation of the new syllabus and how it can cater for the 21st century learner. Stay tuned for more updates.

Learning and Support News (LST)

This week notes have gone home to families of children who have been receiving learning support in Term 1. This note has your child’s focus for the term and who they are working with. If you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to ask.

Easter Hat Parade

A note went home to families on Monday with all your information about the Easter hat parade. Please see your class teacher if you have not received this note. A reminder, it is on Thursday, 28 March at 2pm. I hope to see you there.

Grandfriends Day

On Tuesday, 2 April at 10am, we will be holding our annual Grandfriends Day assembly. This is the day that we invite all our grandparents and grandfriends into our school. They will be entertained by some performances, our banner assembly and a visit to their grandchild/ren’s classroom. After they visit the classrooms they are invited to join their grandchild/ren to have a picnic recess in our playground. There will be light refreshments available from the canteen to purchase. It is a really special day that our students at NNPS love to share with their grandparents and grandfriends.

Until next time,

Miss Russell
Non Teaching Assistant Principal
Literacy, LST, Welfare and ES1 Leader.

From the P&C President...

Hi parents!

The P&C executive committee are conducting a short 10 question survey on the effectiveness of our NNPS school canteen, and your response would be appreciated. So far 45 parents have responded which is wonderful - we would love more if you have time - you can even do it on your mobile phone!

Your responses are completely ANONYMOUS so please feel free to say what you really think!

Results will be collated electronically from your responses and other parents, and then presented at the P&C meeting as an accurate general consensus of the parent community. I want to be careful to not just voice MY opinions as president and parent- but a cross section of all of you! This way there is no bias.

We need to know:

- Who is and isn’t using the canteen?
- How much you are or aren’t spending as parents?
- Why there are issues with online ordering?
- What you would like to see happen in the future?
   It is our canteen after all!

Here is a link to the survey, and if you want to talk about the results - come to a meeting!

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3857T8K

Jacqueline Mannell

Car Raffle Tickets

Thank you to all the families who have returned their tickets and money.

The P & C would like all money and tickets, sold and unsold, to be returned to the office by next Wednesday, 27 March.

It is not too late to be in the running for the 1st prize of $100 gift voucher from Coles/Myer Group. There are currently 2 students from years 2 and 4 in the lead so this weekend would be a great opportunity to catch up!

P & C Meeting

Just a reminder the next P & C Meeting is on Wednesday, 27 March from 7.30pm.

Let’s Get Ready for Easter

Thursday, 28 March

Let’s all get ready for Easter with chocolate coated fruit sticks for $2.50.

LET'S GET READY FOR EASTER
**Canteen On-line Ordering**

Dear Parents,

Some of you may have experienced some charges with school 24 online ordering system. We apologise for this confusion, we the P&C were unaware of any immediate changes. School 24 are reviewing their pricing policy and we are currently in discussions with them, however we have made arrangements with them that we will not incur any fees at the moment.

For any family that was charged a fee, please contact Elise Andrews - Canteen Chairperson via email thehealthyhut@gmail.com and we will re-credit your account. We will keep families updated as we reach some agreements.

Please continue to use the online system as it really is the best practice for the canteen and will continue to be the preferred option in the future.

Kind Regards
Gay Raubal

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**A herb patch coming soon to Narrabeen 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

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**Grand Parents Day**

Tuesday, 2 April

Let’s enjoy the day with our grandparents and grandfriends.

Tea and coffee as well as yummy piklets and Anzac biscuits will be on sale for our grandparents/friends.

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**LJ Hooker Easter Colouring Competition**

Entries for the Easter colouring competition have gone home.

The entries need to be returned directly to the LJ Hooker Office in Narrabeen (the address is on the form) NOT to the school.

Please Note: The closing date has been extended till Monday, 25 March.

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**Australian Mathematics Competition 2013**

Dear Parents,

The annual AMT Mathematics Competition will take place on Thursday, 1 August for students in year 3-6 and students are invited to participate. The fee for the competition is $5.50.

The aim is to give students an opportunity to discover talent in mathematics. Students are asked to solve thirty problems in 60 minutes. The earliest problems are very easy, all students should be able to attempt them. The problems get progressively more difficult until the end, when they are challenging to the most gifted student.

If you would like to register your child, please collect a form from the 5S classroom, or the office, or print out the form from the school website and return to school office gold box with your $5.50 enclosed before the end of Term One.

Kind Regards,

Tamar Stewart

Competition Coordinator
**NNPS Crunch and Sip Poster Competition**

Our school will be starting Crunch and Sip or fruit break in Term 2. We hope to encourage the students of our school to eat more fruit and vegetables and drink more water. Crunch and Sip will also give students more energy and help them to concentrate.

We would like you to design a poster that will encourage the students of NNPS to Crunch and Sip every day at school by bringing in a water bottle and small container of fresh fruit or veg to eat each morning.

Posters need to be A3 in size. You can make your poster in class or at home. It is up to your teacher. Please give all completed posters to Mrs Mulkeen or Mr Fox by Friday, 12 April (the last day of term). The winner from each stage will win a fruit platter or apple slinky for their class.

Remember cool kids Crunch and Sip.

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**UNSW International Competitions and Assessment 2013**

Students in Years 3–6 are invited to enter the 2013 International Competitions in Science, Spelling, Writing, Mathematics, English and Computer Skills. These examinations incur an entry fee and are not run by the Department of Education but by EAA - Education Assessment Australia, an independent organisation owned by the University of NSW. Your child will compete against students in Australia, New Zealand, Asia, South Africa and the Pacific Region. The exams provide an opportunity for students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly, their total score, as well as their average, compared with the rest of the students in the state.

Certificates are awarded as follows:
- High Distinction top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 20% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students
- All students who achieve the highest score in each state receive a University NSW medal.

Dates and cost are as follows:

- **Computer Skills** Tues 21 May $8.80
- **Science** Wed 5 June $8.80
- **Writing** Mon 17 June $18.70
- **Spelling** Tues 18 June $12.10
- **English** Wed 31 July $8.80
- **Mathematics** Tues 13 August $8.80

Please collect the entry form from the school office, the 5S classroom or download a form from the school website. Return your form with the correct payment to the school (drop in gold box in office) no later than **Monday 8 April 2013**. Entries after this date cannot be accepted.

Students performed very well in 2012 and we can’t wait to see the great NNPS results for 2013! I look forward to receiving your entry forms!

Kind regards,

Tamar Stewart (ICAS Competitions Coordinator)

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**Narrabeen Football Club is looking for girls to play soccer!**

We are looking for girls born in 2004 and 2005 to join a soccer team playing on Sunday mornings in the all-girls competition. Do you still want to play another sport on Saturday’s and play soccer also; well this is your chance!

For further information please contact our [ladiescoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:ladiescoordinator@gmail.com) or phone Craig on 0409 818 866.
Autumn Holiday Workshops

Monday 15th April - Monday 29th April

Activities include:
- Water Fun, Laser Tag, Wil Fun, Mini Soccer,
- Just Dance, Kayaking, Flinastics Fun and Table Tennis!

HOLIDAY CARE FROM THE ONE LOW COST
OF $6.15 PER HOUR!

Daily Hours: 7:00am - 6:00pm
Drop off between 7:00am and
Pick up between 5:30pm

Daily Price: $75 (Non Members)
$67.50 (PSC Members)

Prices include all meals
More information at www.pittwatersports.com.au

1525 Pittwater Rd, North Narrabeen
Ph: 9913 7421

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

50 Kalang Road, Elanora Heights 2101

Bookings Essential!!
9913 9003/0407 958 669

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

Vacation Care

April Program

MONDAY

Art & Craft: Painting ceramics and making decorations for our Vacation Care Tail Ball games

TUESDAY

Talent Day: Children pick a special talent to showcase with their friends today. Art & Craft: Making clay sculptures

WEDNESDAY

Inversion: African Beat Additional $10 per person Baked-a-thon: Making fairy cupcakes for afternoon tea

THURSDAY

Papua Aeroplane Competition Movie and Popcorn Afternoon

FRIDAY

Junior Maizechef Cooking Competition
Art & Craft: Tie dying (bring a T-shirt or pillow case)

Inversion: Australian Wildlife Show Additional $15 per person Sandcastle Competition

Board Games Day: bring your favourite board game today!
Making Anzac Biscuits

Public Holiday (Anzac Day) Centre closed

Mini Olympics Dress-ups and dancing

Cost: $45 per day
Limited vacancies
Enquire today!

www.booralieelc.com.au
Ph. 9986 2080
Bookings can be emailed to centremanager@booralieelc.com.au

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