The Chalkboard
The Newsletter from Narrabeen North Public School

Week 1, Term 4
Thursday, 10 October 2013

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professional and dedicated in the performance of their duties.

75th celebrations planning meeting
The first meeting of our committee working towards planning celebrations for our school’s 75th anniversary will be held on Tuesday, 15 October at 6pm in the staffroom. An email has been sent to all members reminding them of the date but if you are interested in joining the group, you are more than welcome to attend too. Many thanks.

Sentences of the week – guest class – 6D
In order to add interest to our writing 6D have been exploring different types of figurative language. This week we have focused on alliteration, hyperbole and idioms. Can you tell which figure of speech we have used in the following sentences??

We arrived at the restaurant feeling as empty as air and devoured the most amazing food, cooked by Chef Wazuly, so that we left feeling stuffed to the gills.
By Gemma v L

Suddenly, I was cold to the bone, everyone started to run, the buildings shook as if they would crash to the ground with all the wind that was blowing, the sky roared with thunder and it rained cats and dogs.
By Lily Y

After a week, the perfect potion that the professor concocted spilt as he slipped, causing him to go bananas.
By Justin O

The clouds gathered, the lightning struck and then it started to rain cats and dogs.
By Sophie V

‘OMG, I’m so beautiful, I’m so fabulous, I’m amazing’ she boasted. ‘Way to toot your own horn,’ replied her friend.
By Marly H

Thanks, 6D! Next week look out for sentences for the students of KA.

Cyber Smart
The Cyber Smart information session for all parents has been booked for TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER starting at 5.30pm in the school library. For all parents who have children accessing the internet from home this information session is crucial. Please mark the date in red on your calendars.

Robert Blanchfield

Miss Russell’s Wrap-Up...
Kinder Zoo Excursion
We are very lucky to be able to visit Taronga Park Zoo as part of our HSE unit for Term 4. Students are required to wear their sports uniform, school hat and their library bag. Pack a light recess and lunch with some water into your child’s library bag. If you have not paid for this excursion through your term invoice please do this as soon as possible. If you do not pay your child will not be able to attend. Please make sure that you label your child’s bag. Fingers crossed for good weather!

Kinder Gym
This term all of kindergarten will attend gymnastic lessons at Pittwater Sports Centre. All children are required to pack a spare pair of socks to change into when they are at the gym. Please pack a spare pair in a lunch bag with your child’s name clearly marked on it. Again, if you have not paid for this activity in your term invoices your child will not be able to attend. Please make payment before Monday if you have not done so already. KB and KM will attend on Mondays and KW and KA on Tuesdays. Please make sure that your child has their sports uniform on, no jewellery, hair is tied back and no skirts. Thanks.

2014 Orientation Session
Below are the dates for the 2014 Kindergarten children enrolled at NNPS. All families with enrolled students should have received a note home during the holidays regarding this event. If you have not received this letter, please contact the school and we can arrange this.

Date and Times:
Thursday, 21 November at 9.30am—Children Only
Friday, 29 November at 9.30am—Children Only
Wednesday, 4 December at 6.30pm—Parents Only

Tanya Russell
Non-Teaching Assistant Principal
Literacy, Welfare, Early Stage 1 Leader

Book Club
Issue 7 of Book Club will be sent home on Monday, 11 October.
ALL ORDERS MUST BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY, 18 October.

Orders and payments are to be placed in an envelope with the child’s name and class clearly marked and delivered to the office. ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE FRIDAY.

Students in KW, 1R, 1/2M, 3L & 6W should return their orders directly to their class teacher.

Gail Bateman
Book Club Coordinator

Second hand uniform shop
The second hand uniform shop will be open tomorrow Friday, 11 October at 8.45am till 9.15am.
Beyond the Board with Miss Dickson

‘A classroom is four walls with tomorrow inside.’

Welcome back to term 4! Over the next four weeks students will be reviewing their skills and completing numerous assessments. Please make every effort to be at school on time each day. Enjoy the Stage 3 update and thank you for supporting us in providing a quality education for our 21st century learners!

Sydney North Dance Audition

Each year Narrabeen North enters two performance dance groups into the Sydney North Dance Festival, to be held at Glen Street Theatre, at the end of term 2. Students selected for these groups attend an additional dance lesson per week and a cost of approximately $160 is involved. Due to the festival restrictions only 24 students can be selected in each group. Next week we will begin auditions for the Stage 1 and Stage 3 groups for 2014. If your child is in Kindergarten or Year One now they can audition for the Stage 1 group. If your child is in Year 4 or Year 5 now, they can audition for the Stage 3 group. Announcements regarding lunchtime auditions will be made at daily assemblies so if your child is committed, interested and has a love of dance they should listen for these messages and ensure they attend our tryouts. Any questions please see Miss Dickson or Mrs Williams.

Stage 3 Effective Communicators Public Speaking Competition

Information regarding our annual school speaking competition went home this week. This year we are asking students to entertain us by presenting a creative, imaginative or humorous speech. All students are expected to complete a speech to present to their class. This will form part of our talking and listening assessment. Two class finalists will be chosen to present their speeches at a stage assembly with the winners of each grade being announced on presentation day.

Leadership Programs

Our Year 5 School Leader Candidates began their leadership program this week by attending an ‘in-house’ Leadership Day. Students participated in numerous activities aimed at developing their organisational, communication and interpersonal skills. The Year 5 teachers and I were all impressed by the quality of our candidates and the commitment to the program that they are displaying.

Sport update

PSSA continues this Friday. Congratulations to Ryan Donohoe who competed in 2 major surf comps during the school holidays and won the Hurley BL’s Blast Off - 12’s division. What a wonderful achievement!

Carpe diem
Michelle Dickson
Assistant Principal (teaching)

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Canteen News

The canteen roster for Term 4 is below. Please let your class parent know what day you can help out, it is essential for the smooth running of the canteen that we have helpers on each day. A big thank you to all who have helped so far this year.

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Canteen’s National Bandanna Day

Friday, 18 October is Canteen’s National Bandanna Day. In the lead up to this day, our SRC representatives will be selling bandannas and pens to support ongoing cancer research. Up for sale are 150 colourful bandannas and 48 blue ink pens.

Prices:
- Bandanna (huge range of colours available) $4
- Pens (blue ink only) $3

Students are able to purchase these items on the stairs in front of KA and KW classrooms from 8:30 am every day from Week 2. I’d like to thank our hard working SRC in advance for this event. Remember to wear your bandanna on Friday the 18th—Week 2!

Mr Fox and Mrs Graham

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IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANAPHYLAXIS SHOULD HE OR SHE CARRY THEIR OWN EPIPEN® OR ANAPEN® TO AND AT SCHOOL?

What is this article about?
If you have told the school that your child is diagnosed at risk of anaphylaxis you should have received a letter from Miss Russell.

This article provides more information about anaphylaxis.

What is an EpiPen® and an Anapen®?
EpiPen® and Anapens® are the emergency treatment for children who are having an anaphylactic reaction.

What is anaphylaxis?
Anaphylaxis is a severe and sometimes sudden allergic reaction. If your child has been diagnosed by a doctor as being at risk of anaphylaxis there are some important things to remember that will help the school to support your child’s health care needs.

Why you need to keep us informed if your child is diagnosed as being at risk of anaphylaxis or if his or her condition changes. This includes if they have an anaphylactic reaction while not at school.
The school can only respond to risks it knows about. Please keep us informed so that we can plan to support your child at school.

Why you need to provide the school with your child’s current ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis and an EpiPen® or Anapen® signed by their doctor.
The plan sets out the steps the school needs to follow in an emergency. It is essential for us to have this to keep your child safe.

We will keep a copy of your child’s ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis stored with your child’s EpiPen® or Anapen®.

Why it is important to talk regularly with your child about some simple steps to help keep them safe.
It is important to regularly talk with your child about when and where they are at risk of contact with the things they are allergic to and how to avoid this. If you have told them not to take part in sharing food at school, regularly remind them of this.

Reassure them that if they do come into contact with something they are allergic to or they feel unwell at school they won’t get into trouble.

They need to tell a teacher immediately.

Consider whether your child should carry their own EpiPen® or Anapen®

If your child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis you can request that they carry their own EpiPen® or Anapen® to school and at school. A request form is available from the office.

If you request that your child carry an EpiPen® or Anapen® with them to school and at school you will still need to provide the school with at least one additional EpiPen® or Anapen® for storage in a central location within the school and for access by staff in an emergency.

The school will contact you about any request you make for your son or daughter to carry their own EpiPen® or Anapen®.

Why does the school need to know if your son or daughter is carrying their own EpiPen® or Anapen®?
Staff need to know your child carries an EpiPen® or Anapen® in an emergency. For this reason this information will be included in your child’s individual health care plan.

They also need to be able to find it quickly so it is important that it be in an easily identifiable and accessible spot (eg. not a locker).

To find out more go to the Department’s public schools website:


School Banking Day Reminder

Don’t forget that Thursday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit on Tuesday or Wednesday.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollamites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Narrabeen North.

If you require any information about school banking, please contact Gail in the office.
Get in shape for Summer!

NEW 8 WEEK TERM
OF PILATES CLASSES
COMMENCING 17 OCTOBER!

WHEN: Thursdays, 7pm – 8pm
WHERE: Mona Vale Surf Club

8 week term $80
Casual class $15

Catering for all levels of fitness
Beginners to experienced
Men and women

To book your place call Alison on 0425 267 577

KID’S SPINES
NOT COPING

The increase in poor posture among school children is causing concern.

Heavy school bags, long hours in chairs and lazy postures often leads to headaches, neck pain, back pain and fatigue. Long term these every day activities may impact your child’s future spinal health and wellbeing.

Whether children have symptoms or not, they should have their posture reviewed every year because spinal problems often go unnoticed.

As a community practice, ChiroSports - Spinal Health & Sports Injury Clinic is offering complimentary 15 minute “Spinal Health & Posture Checks” to school children as well as a few good tips to empower your child to own better posture.

Bookings are essential on 9970 7611.
Dr. Alfie Arcidiacono and Dr. Anton Gillezeau

BROOKVALE SHOW
SAT 19 OCT
10AM - 5PM
BROOKVALE OVAL
FREE ENTRY

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- Year 1-Year 6 students return on WEDNESDAY, 29 January
- Kindergarten students commence on MONDAY, 3 February

(Teachers return on Tuesday, 28 January for a School Development Day)