From the Principal’s desk…

Principal awards for Week 3 – congratulations to:

KA: Christian P; Imogen C; James G; Ewan W; Koby B; Elle W; Catriona S; Ella R-H

KB: Krista R; Rio W

KM: Louella K

KW: Nathan B; Sasha C; Georgie G; Laura B

1O: Riley S; Ethan R; Seth M; Orlando S; Max B; Toby M

1R: Walt E; Toby D; Tara W; Riley B

1AJ: Jack L

1/2M: Anna M; Jasmine B

2CJ: Kiara P; Ethan M

2SG: Tex R; Rocky Y; Jesse M

3L: Ethan B; Emma T; Giselle M; Matthew D-W

4F: Hayleigh G; Ava J; Hunter W

4P: Levi S; Kaan A; Katie A; Harvey P

5M: Kai M; Zoe A; Monica C

5/6B: Taylor D

Well done and great work all award winners!

World Teachers’ Day

Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers’ Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers. It is a day on which students and parents can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made in the classroom and to their community. World Teachers’ Day is this Friday, 25 October. I am sure you will join with me in congratulating the brilliant teaching staff at Narrabeen North Public School who continue to inspire, nurture and motivate our students to learn in the classroom and in extra-curricular areas. Thank you to all our teachers!

NAPLAN 2013

NAPLAN results for our Y3 and Y5 students were recently sent home. Our full results will be available with the 2013 Annual School Report when it is published next year and via the My School website. On the whole, the school can be pleased with the results earned by our hardworking students. In Y3 the girls tended to be a little better generally than the boys, while in Y5 the boys achieved slightly better results than the girls. Areas of particular achievement in Y3 included girls reading, writing and spelling; boys and girls results in grammar and punctuation and overall numeracy. In Y5 the boys did very well in reading and spelling and boys and girls performed well in grammar and punctuation and measurement.

A pleasing outcome from the 2013 NAPLAN was the big improvement in the growth shown from Y3 to Y5 by our Y5 students in reading. Their rate of growth was the third highest in the district. Very well done! There was also strong growth shown in the numeracy results with overall student growth being well above the state average. There was a significant increase in the percentage of Y3 girls scoring in the top NAPLAN spelling bands and an increased percentage of Y5 girls showing improved growth in numeracy from Y3 to Y5.

In the spelling test, Y3 were tricked by the words;’ technology’ and ‘parrot’. They found it easy to spell the words ‘battery’, ‘glitter’ and ‘leaf’. In Y5, the tricky words were ‘documentary’, ‘citizenship’ and ‘stretch’. The words Y5 found easier to spell included, ‘brief’, ‘average and ‘loose’.

Areas for continued work include further development to improve the results of Y3 boys in reading comprehension (they all need to be engaged in the Premier’s Reading Challenge!) and writing. In Y5, we need to continue to improve overall student writing results.

Building works at NNPS

Currently work is underway to replace the roof on Block N – the 1R and 1AJ classrooms. It has taken some time to get this work started but I am pleased that it has finally commenced. Work is expected to take two weeks to complete. During the building, 1R has relocated to K block and 1AJ has relocated to B block. Our RFF teachers who work out of these blocks, have kindly

NO SPORT TOMORROW

Friday, 25 October

Due to a departmental directive there will be no school sport or PSSA sport this Friday because of poor air quality in the Sydney metropolitan area.

Dates to Remember – Term 4

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agreed to become ‘travelling-RFF teachers’ for the duration of the work. Once the roof is done, it will then be a case of trying to get extra funds to repair the ceilings in both classrooms. At least the crucial step one is happening and I am very grateful to the Department for funding this long awaited work.

Selective high school for 2015
Applications are now open for Year 5 students wishing to apply for a selective high school in 2015. The online application process is open until Monday, 18 November. The placement test is scheduled for Thursday, 13 March 2014. For more information please go to:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Paper applications are also available on request from the school office.

Library helpers requested
Our school librarian, Mrs Karen Koprivec is currently on long service leave and while she is away, Miss Danielle Nero has been our casual teacher/librarian. Miss Nero is asking for assistance from anyone who could help with book covering so that she can surprise Mrs Koprivec with a big pile of covered books on her return. If you are able to help, please see Miss Nero in the library either before or after school for details. Thank you.

Term 4 invoices
The Term 4 invoice has been sent home last week. Many thanks to those families who have settled their accounts so quickly. Final payment is due this Friday – Friday, 25 October. In the case of unpaid accounts, students may be unable to participate in an activity, particularly in the case of an event being provided by an outside provider. For families experiencing financial difficulties, the school is happy to develop with you a payment plan. However, please understand that the school is not in a position to offer a 100% subsidiary to any family. This term we have added an ‘approximate cost per day’ to the invoice to show that the fees at NNPS are generally less than half a cup of coffee a day!

Soon - new sign-on procedures for all visitors to NNPS
In late November, our school will be undergoing a financial audit and a workers health and safety (WHS) audit. In preparation for the WHS part of the audit, I had a meeting with the Department’s WHS consultant, who suggested one or two changes to our current procedures. One change with some impact on visitors to the school relates to our ‘induction’ procedures. What this means is that ALL visitors to the school MUST be ‘inducted’ to the emergency, evacuations and safety procedures and take a brochure outlining these procedures. Further, visitors must note in the sign-on book that they have received the safety induction from a member of the office staff. This induction only needs to happen ONCE during the visitor’s first visit to our school. Subsequent visits just need to ‘sign-on’ as usual. This change will be starting in the next week or so, so please assist us with meeting our WHS requirements by allowing us to ‘induct’ you appropriately. Many thanks!

Sentences of the week – guest class - KB
Last Friday Kindergarten had a great day at Taronga Zoo. KB have been writing about their favourite part of the day.

‘My favourite animals were the seals in the seal show.’
By Ruby R

‘I liked the tigers the best because they were friendly.’
By Hayley C

‘I liked the meerkats. I liked the one that was sunbaking.’
By Charley D

‘I loved the sky safari because we got to go up in the sky.’ By Joshua F

‘My favourite bit was when the seal jumped up and touched the ball on the roof.’ By Ruby T

Circus tickets
If your child turns up at home with a ticket to the Great Moscow Circus, don’t worry. The school was given one free ticket for each class (21 tickets in all) and class teachers were then devising ways to fairly award the ticket to one student. Your child may have been the lucky child in that class. The circus will be over at Boondah early in November.

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. A note detailing the session has been sent home to all NNPS families today.

Robert Blanchfield

PCS Youth Eco Summit
On Tuesday, 22 October some Narrabeen North students participated in the PCS Youth Eco Summit at Homebush. Thirteen schools took part and it was the organisation’s first year. We participated in a variety of different activities like ‘A Day in The Life of a Worker’, where we dealt with real and fake explosives and weapons, but they were not live, and we travelled in the last type of old train which had been modified. It was nice to know that our school is already doing all the things that they suggested. We participated in a Take 3 “For the Sea” workshop which was very fascinating. We learnt about the Great Pacific Garbage Patch (Great Pacific Gyor), and received Ecological Footprint Education. We had so much fun, met new people and learnt new things.

'NAME OUR RHINO CALF' COMPETITION

Our rhino calf has arrived and to celebrate we are having a 'Name our Rhino Calf' competition to raise money for critically endangered rhinos. It is $2 per entry and you may enter as many times as you like for your chance to win a FAMILY PASS to Taronga Zoo (for 2 adults and 2 children). Simply fill in the form attached below and bring your entry money to the Rhino table in front of KW.

My Rhino Calf name is _______________________________

This means (optional) __________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________

Student name: _______________________________
Class: ____________

P&C Second Hand Uniform Shop
CALL FOR SECOND HAND DONATIONS

Please remember when you go through your old uniforms to donate anything that doesn’t fit your family to the P&C Uniform Shop.

These can be given to the office in a plastic bag and we will sell them on in the shop.

The money collected goes to the P&C and you are also helping other parents to save some money.

Canteen News

Credit Card payments are now accepted at Canteen Online Ordering. If you use a credit card to top up your account, it will be topped up straight away. Please note, using bank transfer with Paypal will cause a 2 or 3 day delay, however Credit Cards are instant. I believe you can also use credits in your Paypal account if you have one.

Bank Transfer to the Canteen account is still accepted.

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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This means (optional) __________________________________________________________
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Class: ____________
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