The Chalkboard

The Newsletter from Narrabeen North Public School

Week 7, Term 4
Thursday, 21 November 2013

From the Principal’s desk...

Principal awards for Week 7 - congratulations to:

KB: Jonah M, Max R, Nathan M


KW: Dustin H, Lily T

1R: Mackenzie W, Emilio J, Drew C, Eliza H, Nathan T, Mason B

1/2M: Murphy T

2H: Troy W, Aiden P


5M: Tai R, Max C, Piper S

5/6B: Kara M

6D: Talia W, Ethan R

Well done and great work all award winners!

Annual school report surveys

It is that time of the year again when parents are asked to contribute to the writing of the Annual School Report (ASR) via the school satisfaction survey and an evaluation of a key school program. This year we are evaluating the use of technology in teaching and learning at NNPS. Two surveys have been developed specifically for parents and the links are listed below. Similar surveys have also been written for staff and students. The parent surveys are now open and will be until Friday, 13 December. I would ask all parents to access the ‘Survey Monkey’ site and complete the survey, please. Paper copies of the surveys are available from the office for those families without internet access.

Thank you.

School satisfaction survey for parents:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8RYW26K

Technology survey for parents:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7BBLHLG

Numbers for 2014

To help us in preparing an estimate of our student enrolment for next year, the school would appreciate it if you would let us know if you are planning on moving away from NNPS. Just let Gail in the office know … many thanks. It now looks like we might make our 22nd class in 2014 but I would like a firmer picture of the projected enrolments as it involves the installation of a new demountable too and the appointment of an extra teacher. If you are moving on, we offer our best wishes for a successful move and the very best of luck for the future.

An emergency drill practice

We had planned to conduct an emergency drill evacuation last Tuesday but the weather was such that it was postponed. The plan was for a variation on our previous classroom drills whereby this time the drill would take place from an assembly while we were all in the JHA. Our evacuation route would take us out of the back gate and over the back field near to the council block. If the weather is favourable, we will try again next week. (Of course, in a REAL emergency we would evacuate no matter the weather conditions at the time. Touch wood, this never has to happen!)

Excitement for our school leaders

After a wonderful Year 5 leadership program this term, the waiting begins! The group of students who now know the outcome of the prefect elections can celebrate their success. Some may be hoping on going one step further and being rewarded the role of either school captain or vice-captain. For these students the waiting might seem endless. I am sure that all members of the NNPS school community would understand that the results are currently secret and confidential and not to

Dates to Remember - Term 4

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believe any rumours or stories out there that may say the outcome is known. Miss Dickson assures me that the results are locked away and are safe until the formal announcement is made on the 12th December. It may be stressful enough for those students ‘wishing and hoping’ – let’s not make their stress any greater by spreading rumours of the supposed outcome. We all will know on the 12th!

Y6 camp next week
The Y6 camp is just a few more ‘sleeps’ away! The excitement is palpable in all of the senior classes. Special thanks to our wonderful teachers for organising this event for our students and for giving so generously of their time.

A request to all Y6 parents: Last year, when the buses returned from camp, they could not navigate the turn-around area in Namona Street for all the cars parked there. This caused a problem for the bus drivers and delayed the actual return. This year, we ask that no one parks in the turn-around area so that the buses can pull up in the bus zone at the front of the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dance concert parking
It is not long now till our evening dance concerts on the Monday, 9 and Tuesday, 10 December. These events can cause neighbouring streets to become quite crowded and parking not always easy to come by. It is important to remind all members of our community that parking for evening school events is not available at the NBISC. The parking area at the NBISC is used for their own scheduled events and Monday and Tuesday nights are busy times at the Centre. Those parents and friends of NNPS attending the concerts will need to source other parking areas on those nights other than the NBISC. Thank you.

Cybersmart Outreach - Internet Safety Awareness Presentation for Parents
Many thanks to all of our parents who have indicated that they plan to attend the Cybersmart Outreach talk on Tuesday, 3 December from 5.30pm. There are now 29 parents attending. It promises to be a very informative session for all.

Robert Blanchfield

**Our Rhino Calf has a Name!**

It will now be known as RAFLKI which means ‘friend’ in Swahili. Congratulations to Holly M in 2SG who received a family pass to Taronga Zoo. Thank you to our school community for generously supporting our Rhino Conservation fundraising efforts in both the naming competition and mufti day. RAFLKI is still being painted by some 55 students and we look forward to unveiling the completed artwork shortly.

**Beyond the Board with Miss Dickson...**

**A classroom is four walls with tomorrow inside!**

Beaches to Broadway and Beyond!
The Narrabeen Stars of Broadway are all in mega rehearsals to ensure you have a night or day to remember. The evening tickets are virtually sold out. A note concerning the logistics of times, meeting points and holding rooms will be sent home next week. Stay tuned.

A reminder to all parents that parking will be difficult at the evening performances due to sporting events on the new fields. We advise where possible you walk to the concert.

Leadership Program
Congratulations to our 2014 Student Leadership team for 2014. Last Friday the prefects were announced. After house meetings, an SRC Meeting and student preferences were considered, we were also able to determine and announce, to all our wonderful students who completed the Leadership Program, their role for 2014. Whilst there was inevitably some disappointment I was extremely proud of the acceptance that all students exhibited and their attitude regarding the success of their peers. Narrabeen North is in safe hands with student leaders such as these. I would also like to clarify for everyone that school captains will be announced at Presentation Day and that despite any rumours that may be circulating, that information is ‘in the vault’ with Mr Blanchfield. If you have any queries or concerns please pop in to see me and discuss them.

Intemlate Program
On Tuesday Year 6 attended a half day workshop entitled ‘Moving into the Teen Years’. The program is designed to enhance self esteem, consolidate sexuality and relationship education and help develop communication and decision making skills. The entire workshop was engaging for students and I was so impressed with their openness, maturity and ability to share in the activities. I was also thrilled with their behaviour and think it was incredibly valuable and worthwhile in helping our young people understand the changes that they are experiencing. We hope to extend the program next year. If you still need to send in your payment for this program please do so immediately.

Year 6 Camp
On Monday Year 6 head off for our three-day camp at the Great Aussie Bush Camp. If you are still to return any notes or payment please do so immediately. If your child is away or somehow misplaces the notes please remember they are available via the website, office or class teachers. Please be at school by 7.40am, buses leave promptly at 8.00am.
Parents please be considerate when picking up your child on Wednesday afternoon and refrain from parking in the bus zone and turning circle. In the interests of student safety disembarking we need this area clear.

**Yr 6 Fundraising, ‘The Bizarre Bazaar’**

On Monday, 2 December Year 6 will be running their mini fete in order to leave the school with a gift to remember them by. Of course we will be running a trash and treasure stall so if you have any toys, books or ‘bric a brac’ in good condition please send it in to us (6D classroom). Start saving your coins everyone for a day of fun games, great treats and yummy food! The Bizarre Bazaar will begin at 11.00am. Parents and preschoolers are of course welcome. There will be lots of fun games from sponge throwing to slime bucket and of course lots of yummy things to eat and drink. For a gold coin donation (we use this as our float) students are encouraged to wear mufti. You may like to get in the Christmas spirit as there will be a prize for the best Christmas costume.

**Swimming Carnival 2014**

Remember our school swimming carnival will be the Friday, 31 January, Week 1, Term 1. All students in Years 3 to 6 are expected to attend the carnival. 2014 Year 2 students who turn eight in 2014 and are competent swimmers may also attend the carnival. A blue note with all the details will be sent home next week. Please fill in the necessary permission note and return it to school as soon as possible. Please include a $12 payment if necessary. For this carnival we are encouraging all swimmers to support their house by wearing a swimming cap in their house colour. If you would like to preorder a cap in your house colour please check out next week’s Grapevine. Caps will be available for purchase via the P&C Uniform Committee. Thank you for your support with this school event.

**Cybersafety Program**

On Tuesday, 3 December Stage 3 students will be attending the Australian Communications and Media Cybersafety workshop in our school library. The program will provide our students with valuable information about the risks that may confront them online and offer tools and tips to make their internet experiences safe and positive. The students’ session will be conducted from 2.00pm until 3.00pm. Teachers will attend a workshop after school and a parent session is also being held at 5.30pm. Parents would have received information about a session designed for them earlier in the term. We encourage all parents to attend and ask that you notify Mr Blanchfield if you will be joining us.

Carpe Diem

Michelle Dickson
Assistant Principal Stage 3 (teaching)
Student leadership Coordinator

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**Robotics**

Congratulations to the two Narrabeen North Robo Group teams after their great efforts at the First Lego League Tournament last week. The teams were judged in four areas including teamwork, research project, technical skills and of course the energetic robot challenge. Both teams placed mid-field overall. This is a fantastic effort as we target skill building for students from years 3 to 6 at Narrabeen North, while most groups in the competition consist of one team of older students only. Thank you to Narrabeen Sports High School for hosting such a well organised event. We are very proud of you Team OGEL and Team RENDS. Well done!

Mrs Reid and Mr Fox

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**The K-6 PHOTO COMPETITION**

is about to close!

Please collect an entry form from the office or download it from the school website along with ‘Miss Hartman’s tips for keen young photographers’. Children can submit 5 of their best photos, each labelled on the back with name and class and the device the photo was taken with – all in a labelled zip lock bag please with $1 coin donation attached to help cover the cost of the winners’ framed photos and trophies. The absolutely final day for entries has been extended to Monday, 2 December.

Please encourage your child/children to get clicking this weekend at the rock platform, with friends and pets, anywhere or year 6 at camp next week! I have 90 McDonalds Encouragement Awards (with a free wrap and drink and special deals for bowling and Luna Park) and Participation certificates for all entrants. I’m hoping to get lots of entries from every grade from Kinder to Year 6!
Sea Eagles NRL ‘Come and Try Clinic’ at our school on Monday, 2 December from 3.30pm—4.40pm.

For registration forms please see the calendar on our school website.