From the Principal’s desk…

Principal’s Awards: Congratulations to Lily Taylor KW; Soloman Pittard 1AJ; Thomas Downie-Wright 1AJ; James Van Dyk 1M; Wil Day 1M; Lachlan Cooper 1M; Kade Bauchop 10; Tahila Bray 10; Chloe Nichols 10; Levi Rowe 10; Max Barbour 10; Clare Herben 10; Coen Spoljaric 10; Jack Bell 1AJ; Bella Morris 1R; Polly Webster 1R; Tahmea Peacock 1R; Clare Powell 1R; Charli Gilmore 2SG; Makayli Byrne 3L; Aiden Cimariosti 3L; Mackenzie Papageorge 3L; Angus Carille 3L; Laila Gadoonl 3L; Kalo Humphrey 3M; Nasara Lagchi 3M; Paris McCrory 3M; Jayd Waters 3/4G; Jasmine Kirkland 3/4G; Riley Hottes 3/4G; Ruby Webster 3/4G; Isabelle Schubert 3/4G; Dylan Couts 4F; Jayden Foster 4F; Tia Robertson 5M; Emily Berry 5T; Ethan Carille 5T; Isabella Rawson 6D; Eden Miller 6D; Daniel McKay 6W and Charli Smythe 6W. Well done, everyone!

Please note: The Y3-Y6 Principal Awards will be presented at the primary assembly on Friday mornings, after recess (weather permitting). The K-Y2 awards will continue to be presented at the infants’ assembly after lunch on Wednesday as they are currently.

A chance to meet Cathy Freeman!

On Tuesday, two of our prefects, Indyah Burton and Rory Kissane represented our school at a PCS function at Bilgola Plateau PS. The function was in recognition of the 2012 Coles Sports in Schools program where most PCS schools donated their vouchers to remote Aboriginal schools in the Katherine area of the Northern Territory. In her role as an ambassador for Coles, Cathy Freeman along with rugby league great, Preston Campbell accepted the huge amount of sports equipment earned at the start of its long journey to Katherine. It would be a wonderful thing if the vouchers we collect in 2013 in the Coles program are contributed to the PCS pool to further help our PCS partner schools in the Northern Territory. I was very proud of the way in which both Rory and Indyah represented our school at the event; well done and thank you!

It is time to enrol for 2014

How fast time flies! It is now time to start the enrolment process for our new kindergarten students for 2014. Our first Kindy 2014 information session is planned for Thursday, 30 May at 6.30pm in the library. Please let your friends, neighbours and relatives know about this session if they have a child who is starting school in 2014. Also, we are happy for prospective NNPS families to arrange for a private school tour if they are unable to attend any of the day or evening sessions in the coming months. Just contact the office to arrange a time. Thank you.

NBISC Expo

The annual Northern Beaches Expo is on the weekend of 25 and 26 of May. In preparation for the Expo the NBISC car park WILL BE CLOSED to school traffic on Friday, 24 May, all day. On that day you will need to make alternate arrangements for the morning drop-off and the afternoon pick-up. The car park may also be unavailable for school use on Monday, 27 May as part of the packing up process after the Expo.

Term 2 invoice

The Term 2 invoice has gone out to all NNPS families. Thank you to those families who have already settled their accounts. We certainly appreciate your support. As I have written about in previous newsletters, the school is heavily dependent on the payment of these accounts to offer the range of programs that we do. We are not able financially to offer 100% subsidies on fees to any one family. Especially for those events and activities where the school has to pay an outside provider such as in gym, dance, excursions and camps, the school may need to restrict the attendance of students where the account remains unpaid. The school is willing to assist families experiencing financial difficulties with a tailored payment plan to avoid students missing out. Please contact me at school for further information.

Dates to Remember - Term 2

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Zone Cross Country (NNPS back field)
NAPLAN 2013
The NAPLAN tests for Y3 and Y5 students were completed this week. The tests were in Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. With the increasing media attention this week on the tests, it is important to keep them in perspective as just one measure of an individual student’s knowledge at one point in time. At NNPS, we believe that it is very important to maintain the correct balance in the curriculum we offer and to use the NAPLAN results as just one part of our assessment process. Parents should receive individual reports for their children in September.

Our sentences of the week program – guest class: 1AJ
Mother’s Day writing with a ‘starter’ sentence to get things going...

We spoilt mum yesterday. We went out for dinner and my cousin came too. We had lemonade and we had good fun. By Lily T

We spoilt mum yesterday. My mum loved her pyjamas. She loves me too. By Samantha E

We spoilt mum yesterday. I got her a makeup set and a card for her. By Dom F

We spoilt mum yesterday. We went on a bushwalk and on the beach. When we got home we watched some T.V. Then mum had a rest and I looked up snakes. By Sol P

We spoilt mum yesterday. We gave mum a Mother’s Day hunt for her presents. By Darcy W

Well done 1AJ. You have some very lucky mums! Next week our guest class will be 1R.

Peninsula Community of Schools Newsletter
An electronic copy of the latest PCS newsletter is attached to our school’s newsletter this week. There are many interesting articles highlighting the exciting things occurring in our local PCS schools including using iPads at NNPS.

Robert Blanchfield

Miss Russell’s Wrap Up...
Kindergarten Information
Early stage one had our planning day on Friday. We have planned our term 2 programs and updated our scope and sequences. There is a lot happening this term so it is vital that you read our newsletters to keep in touch. Any correspondence coming home with your child is placed in their home reader bags. Teachers are finding a lot of notes and completed work in their student’s bags when they are changing their home readers. It is important for you to check your child’s home reader bags for any notes going home. All our kindergarten classes sent home their new timetables for this term. These will tell you which days your child is wearing their sports uniform. If you have not received your new timetable please check your child’s bag.

Two new programs start this term for kindergarten. We have fundamental movement skills on Wednesdays and a 30 minute dance lesson (please check your child’s class timetable for your dance day).

A reminder coming into winter to make sure that you have your child’s name clearly marked on your jumpers, hats, drink bottles etc. Thanks for helping us with this.

English News
In 2014 all schools will be implementing the new English Syllabus. All our teachers are involved in professional learning this year in preparation for its implantation. Attached is a link that has information for parents and community members about this change. Later on in the year I will present, with members of the English team, to the P&C information about the new curriculum. I will advertise this in our newsletter when we have set that date. In the meantime feel free to check out this information.


Health Care Plans
For the parents with children that have allergies and require medication at school, I will be sending home some letters over the next few weeks for those parents that need to update some information. Please complete this and return it to me as soon as you can. Thanks for your cooperation with this. Also a general reminder to please inform the office if your child’s health care needs change.

PBEL
In term 2 at NNPS we are implementing a Warning Slip into our School discipline system. The Warning Slip will be yellow in colour and is given when students are not following our Nara School Values. A student could receive a Warning Slip if their behaviour consists of:

- Persistent talking in class and at assemblies
- Consistently exceeding the classroom rules
- Consistently out of bounds
- Disruptive behaviour
- Swearing
- Disrespect towards teachers
- Unsafe Play

At the next P&C meeting I will be presenting the Warning Slip and will provide more information. All our students have been involved in lessons about the Warning Slip and how it is used in our school.

Until next time.

Tanya Russell
Non-Teaching Assistant Principal
Literacy, LST, Welfare and ESL Leader
**Healthy Hut News - Help Needed.**

The Healthy Hut is starting a new rostering system to ensure that we have enough volunteered help to make and serve students at recess and lunchtime. The roster will request that each class is to volunteer volunteers for a nominated week. K-4 will be asked to find volunteers three times from now until the end of the year and 5-6 asked to find volunteers twice. When it is your week your class contact will be in touch to see who is available to fill the spots. One person per class will be requested for Monday-Wednesday and two people per class Thursday-Friday. We are hoping that this ensures that we have enough help in our canteen. Thanks in advance.

Thanks
Rebecca.

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**We are looking for prize donations for our annual NNPS Walkathon!!**

If you are able to donate any prizes so that we can reward the students with top sponsor collections, it would be greatly appreciated and it gives the kids a great incentive!

The Walkathon is our biggest fundraiser of the year and the kids really enjoy it! Please let us know by 17 May if you are able to assist by emailing Walkathon Co-Ordinator Rebecca Sharp at: becjsharp@hotmail.com

If you know a business that would donate, but needs a letter from the school, please just let us know and we can email you one!

Thanks in advance, NNPS P&C Committee

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**Winter PSSA**

The Winter PSSA Draw is attached to the newsletter electronically. It is also available on our school website—tab Curriculum and Activities/ Sport and Physical Activity/ PSSA.

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**Walk Safely to School Day**

*When: Friday, 24 May 2013*

The annual National Walk Safely to School Day will be held throughout Australia on Friday, 24 May 2013. The day aims to encourage parents and carers to walk with their children to school and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour, such as holding an adult’s hand when crossing the road for children under 10. The day also aims to:

- Promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- Help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- Reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- Promote the use of Public Transport.
- Reduce the level of traffic congestion.

**Download the Walk Safely to School Day App and Take the Challenge** - This year a new interactive App has been developed. It will map children’s walks to and from school. Participants can challenge themselves, their classmates, other classes and even other schools. Take the Challenge and download it at walk.com.au

Let’s all support Walk Safely to School Day at Narrabeen North. If you live too far away to walk the whole way, why not park the car a kilometre or so away from school and walk the rest of the way. Even better, do the same on the way home!

Walk Safely to School Day is supported by the Australian Government and all state, territory and local governments.

For more information, go to www.walk.com.au

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**Chess News**

**Interschool Chess Challenge**

**Curl Curl North Public School**

Due to the large number of entries in the above tournament we unfortunately are not able to send any students.

The $10 entry fee has been returned to affected students today.

We will keep you informed of any future opportunities.

Thankyou
Simon Brown

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Thanks in advance, NNPS P&C Committee
Rugby Union

Congratulations to the following boys who have made the Warringah Rats Representative Teams to play in the State Championships over the June long weekend.

U/11's Darcy Hoy, Nikola Ivankovic, Ryan Long
U/10's Zach Couper, Jack Chapman, Jayden Foster

Good luck boys!

Operation Art Exhibition

Congratulations to our talented NNPS artists for having their artwork selected in the prestigious 2013 Operation Art Exhibition.

Jasmine Bennetts 1/2M
Tahmea Peacock 1R
Ella PIttard 3L
Chloe Arathoon 6D

Karen Reid
GATS Coordinator

A herb patch coming soon to Narra North!

Can you help us?
This term we are looking for any herb which can be grown from a cutting (oregano, mint, etc.) Can you pot up some for us of these and send them in.

Yours in sustainability
Jules McKenzie and Team

Autumn fruits

Autumn brings delicious fruits and salad vegetables for students to enjoy during Crunch&Oip. Crunchy cucumber, crisp snow peas, sweet cherry tomatoes and delicious plums are all in season at the moment and they taste great!

A mini salad of chopped cucumber, snow peas, cherry tomatoes and carrot sticks makes a tasty and colourful Crunch&Sip snack. Small plums are great for small hands, or give your child a kiwifruit that has been sliced in half.

Guringai Festival

The Guringai Festival celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture in the Northern Sydney Region.
There are many fabulous events and activities which run from Sorry Day 26 May through to the end of NAIDOC Week, the second week in July each year.
Look out for the PCS event: Peninsula CommmUNITY of Schools Art Exhibition
Wednesday, 26 June, 5pm – 7pm Wheeler Heights Public School.
Please find the Guringai booklet attached to this week's newsletter.

Karen Reid
NAIDOC Coordinator

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