The Grapevine

Week 8, Term 2  Thursday, 20 June 2013

The P&C Newsletter from Narrabeen North Public School

From the P&C President...

Walk-a-thon
On Tuesday, 25 June our wonderful Narrabeen North community will put their walking shoes on for our annual Walk-a-thon. The walk-a-thon will take place just after lunchtime and will involve students walking around the school, surrounding streets, reserves and wetlands and will finish at 2.45pm.

Sponsorship forms have gone home and I would ask for your support in ensuring that all sponsorship forms and money be returned to the P&C box located in the office on or before the day of the walk-a-thon, 25 June. All funds raised from the walk-a-thon will go towards enhancing and expanding the technology available to our students. If you are able to assist on the day could you please let your class parent know. Let’s all work together to make our walk-a-thon a wonderful event!

Volunteers Wanted
The P&C is looking for volunteers to form a subcommittee for Before and After School Care. If you are interested in being involved in this wonderful committee please let me know via email

nnpspandc.president@gmail.com

All of these wonderful events would not happen without the support of our dedicated P&C who so generously give of their time. Could I especially thank Rebecca Sharp for her coordination of our walk-a-thon, members of the P&C who have supported Rebecca and all the parents who have so willingly agreed to assist on the day of the walk-a-thon. I would also like to thank Vanessa Tucker who has coordinated all the Red Nose Day activities and to all members of the P&C who are so willingly offering assistance to raise funds for SIDS. It is wonderful to see and experience the community that is Narrabeen North.

Red Nose Day
Members of the P&C will also be working hard to raise funds for SIDS by selling Red Nose Merchandise on Wednesday 26, Thursday 27 and Friday, 28 June from 8.30 - 9.00am. Red noses and wrist bands will be available to purchase for $2.00 and yummy cupcakes will also be on sale at recess for 50c.

Next Meeting
Finally, a reminder that our next P&C meeting is Wednesday, 26 June at 7.30pm in the Dome. It would be wonderful to welcome some new faces to the already committed and vibrant team that is the P&C.

Regards
Adrienne

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From the Principal's desk...

Principal's Awards: Congratulations to Laura Bell KW; Ethan Russell KW; Tai Rickenbach KW; Lily McNamara KW; Nathan Bray KW; Dusty Hill KW; Louella Kelly KM; Mitchell Dew KM; Esme Rhodes KM; Lily-Grace Connor KM; Kaile Mathieson KB; Ruby Gadsdon KB; Max Ryan KB; Deziel Ensor KB; Bodhi Lazich KB; James Livingstone KA; William Dean KA; Jye Woromleaton KA; James Grant KA; Koby Birkett KA; Jayden Thomas 1/2M; Beau Lambert 1/2M; Poppy Tonello 1/2M; Toby Smith 1AJ; Dylan Schmidt 2H; Teyen Smith 2H; Madison Rogers 2H; Annabelle Norton 2H; Gully Downs 2H; John Havili 2H; Ella Pittard 3L; Caitlin Hickey 5M; Zoe Ashton 5M; Therese Pikulich 5S; Monique Black 5/6B; Ella Williamson 5/6B; Ethan Couch 5/6B; Maia Moffat 5/6B; Carly Abbott 6D; Jack Catterall 6D; Ella Bullock 6W; Jasmine Harris 6W; Byron O'Mahony 6W; Brittany Vince 6W and Indyah Burton 6W. Well done, everyone!

Semester 1 reports
I have had the pleasure of reading all of our student reports this week and it was wonderful to see so much hard work and success from NNPS students. Thank you to all of the teachers for their hard work over many weeks in preparing these reports. The reports will go home on Monday of next week.

Exercise book reviews
Over the term I have also had the chance to review the exercise books of several classes, including 6W, 1O, 6D, 5/6B and 1AJ. I have seen sentence books, spelling books, handwriting books and literacy books. Again, so many students worked hard to maintain a good standard of bookwork and they deserved to be congratulated. Some students displayed bookwork of a truly high standard and they received special recognition. This group of students included Jorja, Ella, Maia, Sarah and Willow in 5/6B; Jaden, Indyah, Jasmine, Natalie, Skye, Nic and Kade in 6W; Levi, Jessica, Orlando, Liam and Sophia in 1O; and Sophie, Chloe, Eden, Ryan, Zilla and Carly in 6D. A small number of students had bookwork that was not reflective of their best efforts and these students will be bringing me their books early next term for another review. Hopefully, we will all see an improvement! I look forward to seeing the bookwork from 2CJ, 4P, 2H, 3/4G, 2SG, 4F, 3L, 5M and 3M during Term 3. Keep up the good work in producing bookwork of a high standard. This is part of our Nara Value of ACHIEVEMENT.

Our sentences of the week program - guest class: 2CJ

One fine day a bee saw a flower. It flew down to it and made lots of pollen into honey. By Mia Mackenzie.

I took a nice stroll in the park and I saw a purple monarch butterfly. By Sarah Palangio.

The butterfly flutters along the grass. By Archie Earland.

The bumblebee ate honey every day and made honey every day. By Jonas Speyer.

One day a bee saw a flower and had a sunbake on it. By Dane Bums.

One day a monarch butterfly called Molly became the music butterfly of the singing school. By Ava Beveridge.

Dragonflies are very fast and cool because they have four wings and two eyes. By Zara Osborn.

Well done 2CJ! Next week our guest class will be 3L.

Statewide email problems
The Department's email system across the entire state has been 'off the air' since Tuesday. At the time of writing, it is still down. Please accept the school's apologies if you have tried to contact us by email recently and have not received a reply. DEC technical staff are working hard to re-establish the email system but it has made us all think about those days, not that long ago when email did not exist in the workplace! Whatever did we do then??

Term 3 school development day
Teachers return for Term 3 on Monday, 15 July for a school development day. The day will feature three sessions.
Session 1: - the annual update of first aid and CPR skills
Session 2: - continuation of the process of the implementation of the new Australian Curriculum's English syllabus
Session 3: - stage and team planning for class programs for Term 3

All students return for Term 3 on Tuesday, 16 July.

An early happy holidays
Next week will be taken approving leave and travelling to Italy for three weeks. I will return to school on Thursday, 18 July (Term 3 Week 1). While I am away, Miss Russell will be the relieving principal and Mrs Mulkeen will be the non-teaching assistant principal. Mrs Williams will stand in for Miss Russell as assistant principal with responsibility for early stage 1 (kindergarten). I would like to thank the school community for the support of and commitment to our students during Term 2. It certainly has been a busy term. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing everyone again in Term 3.

Robert Blanchfield

Canteen News
The Healthy Hut would like to thank the mums from 2H and 2CJ for their help last week, and look forward to working with the mums from 3L and 3/4G next week.

In addition we would like to thank all the extra parents who came in to make our Red Day a big success.
Beyond the Board with Miss Dickson…

‘A classroom is four walls with tomorrow inside.’

And so there are only two weeks to go but so much to learn, experience and enjoy!

Sydney North Performance Dance Groups

‘Dance is man’s oldest and most fundamental art form and a feature of all societies and cultures. Dance as art attempts to convey images, ideas and emotions to the audience. Some Dance is thoughtful, serious and abstract. Some is frivolous, joyous and narrative in form.’

All Dance celebrates health, vitality, creativity and a shared humanity.’

We are so glad our students have the opportunity to dance! We wish our two fabulous performance dance groups the best of luck at their performances next week and know they will steal the show! Miss White, Miss Dickson and Mrs Williams are truly proud of the dedication and effort you have all displayed over the last two terms and also greatly appreciate the assistance of your wonderful parents. Without their ever reliable support it would be impossible for us to give our students such very memorable experiences.

Notes have gone home this week with last minute reminders and information concerning transport to our rehearsal and matinee. Any questions or queries please contact Mrs Williams or Miss Dickson directly.

‘On Our Way’ Stage 3 Group

Dress Rehearsal:
• Tuesday, 25 June 1.00pm (we need to be at Glen Street by 12.45pm and will be relying on private transport)

Performance Dates:
• Tuesday, 25 June at 7.30pm (evening performance)
• Wednesday, 26 June at 5.00pm (twilight performance)
• Friday, 28 June at 11.30pm (matinee performance)

‘Pocketful of Dreams’ Stage 1 Group

Dress Rehearsal:
• Tuesday, 25 June 1.00pm (we need to be at Glen Street by 12.45pm and will be relying on private transport)

Performance Dates:
• Wednesday, 26 June at 7.30pm (evening performance)
• Thursday, 27 June at 7.30pm (evening performance)
• Friday, 28 June at 11.30pm (matinee performance)

Mrs Mulkeen is organising an excursion for students to attend the matinee performance on the last day of term. We really hope many students attend the festival to support our students and experience a stage performance under lights! They may just be inspired to try out the groups for next year!

Stage 2 and 3 Multicultural Speaking Competition

Good luck Zach, Max, Lily and Zilla next Tuesday at the regional finals. We will be with you in spirit and sending lots of good vibes and persuasive thoughts your way! We know you will be fabulous ambassadors for our school and wish you every success.

The NNPS Drama Group

The Creative and Performing Arts are alive and well at NNPS. Congratulations to the Stage 2 and 3‘Dramalades’ who have been successful in their selection into the state Drama Festival. This is a new initiative for the NNPS CAPA Team and we appreciate the exceptional efforts of Mr Brown in making it happen and of course our oh so dramatic young students.

Stage 3 South Coast Excursion

Congratulations to all the Stage 3 students for their fabulous behaviour and efforts on our excursion last week. You were all a pleasure to be with over the two days and were great ambassadors of NNPS. At every venue I was delighted to receive compliments about our students from the various guides. Our students exhibited the NNPS values and simply took care of each other, showing initiative and engaging in all learning experiences. Five very happy teachers returned to school and yep we are ready, able and willing to take this great group of students away again. Thank you also to Mrs Drury for accompanying us and be an outstanding first aid officer. Check out the photos of us all within this newsletter!

Go Green Day

Next term we will all participate in the annual ‘Go Green Day’ that has been a tradition at NNPS for the last ten years. Stage 3 is beginning to plan their activities and would be most appreciative of any help we can get from the school community. We would love donations of the following items: bottle tops of all colours, old silver cds, recycled clear cd cases, clean soy sauce fish containers from when you buy sushi, three recycled bike rims, about 20 recycled plastic water bottles, old buttons, empty and clean tin cans, old vinyl 45’s and recycled light bulbs. Please send to the 6D classroom and be assured we will use or should I say reuse these items in a most creative way!

Choose Kind

How wonderful would the world be if we all simply
decided to ‘Choose Kind’. Often, as Stage 3 students face the many changes and challenges of becoming a young adult, issues and mixed emotions can arise. We hope to guide our young students through these changes and to assist them in being respectful to each other. With parents, we hope to give them strategies to resolving problems peacefully, learn to accept differences of opinion, make wise choices and where possible forgive, stretch and bounce back. At Narrabeen North we have a ‘No, go Tell Policy’ in regards to bullying and encourage all students to report incidents that affect their safety and happiness. We are here to support our young students but need their help and yours to do this. If it is not reported or shared with teachers it is very difficult for us to assist, solve or prevent!

**Reminders at a glance**

- Not all hurtful behavior is bullying. Bullying is any form of repeated behaviour that is intended to cause harm and involves a misuse of power.
- Cyberbullying has the potential to cause severe psychological, social and mental health problems.
- As with all forms of bullying, cyberbullying is about relationships.
- Children who bully need to be shown positive ways to be popular.
- If your child is bullied, encourage them to tell a trusted adult at school.
- No child is born a bully. Bullying is a learned behavior. Kids can learn it at home, at school, or in their neighborhood.
- Bullying can be addressed with the help and support of a caring community.
- Bystanders—those who witness bullying—have more power than they think to stop it.

And I will summate with a lovely quote from a book I would hope everybody young and old reads. The quote is perhaps advice for us all:

“If every person in this room made it a rule that wherever you are, whenever you can, you will try to act a little kinder than is necessary - the world really would be a better place. And if you do this, if you act just a little kinder than is necessary, someone else, somewhere, someday, may recognize in you, in every single one of you, the face of God.”

— R.J. Palacio, *Wonder*

Do yourself a favour, Google the ‘Choose Kind’ website, check it out with your child and make the pledge!

Carpe Diem

**Michelle Dickson**  
Assistant Principal Stage 3 (Teaching)  
PD/H/PE, Student Leadership, Public Speaking and CAPA Team Leader

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**Melaleuca Moonlight**  
PCS NAIDOC Celebration  
**Thursday 27 to Friday, 28 June**

‘Melaleuca Moonlight’ at Wheeler Heights Public School is an afternoon and evening experience in which both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students from the PCS schools will participate in a variety of activities including art, games, dreamtime stories and a sleepover in tents pitched on the school oval.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent Narrabeen North Public School:


Karen Reid  
NAIDOC Coordinator

**Message from 3/4G**

Our wonderful teacher, Mrs Graham, will be sharing her teaching skills in Cambodia in the September school holidays. Together with Ms McKenzie, she is volunteering in a Teach the Teachers program for See Beyond Borders which helps support and strengthen primary school education in Cambodia.

We are privileged to share our amazing teacher for two weeks to help support a cause which will improve so many other children's lives. If you would like to show your support for Mrs Graham and See Beyond Borders please visit

[https://give.everydayhero.com/au/joanne-3](https://give.everydayhero.com/au/joanne-3)

Thank you from 3/4G.
You are invited to attend the Peninsula Community of Schools Art Exhibition in celebration of the Guringai Festival

“Live Life Loudly”

Please come along and enjoy the “UNITY in our CommUNITY Art Exhibition” showcasing student work from Kindergarten to Year 12 of the Peninsula Community of Schools. The collection of artworks reflect the Guringai Festival’s theme: “Live Life Loudly”, the Reconciliation theme “Say Something” and the 2013 NAIDOC theme “Yirrkala Bark Petitions 1963”

Where: Wheeler Heights Public School
Veterans Parade Wheeler Heights

When: Wednesday, 26 June

Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm
(Official Welcome at 5:30pm)

Admission: Gold coin donation
(Funds raised support Literacy Backpacks)

Light refreshments will be available

Enquiries: Sharon.smithies@det.nsw.edu.au

SYDNEY NORTH REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

Last week the Sydney North Regional Cross Country was held. Jamie-Lee Nix our only lonesome Narrabeen North competitor raced against the best 76 girls in the region. It was held at a gruelling course on the Central Coast. Jamie-lee ran and came in a very credible 36th position. What a great achievement! This was her first time and she is ready to go for next year! Well done Jamie-Lee, an outstanding effort! NNPS salutes you!

Mr Perrin

Calling on any budding trumpeters!!!! Would you like to give the trumpet a try? (Or even a trombone!!) Group lessons are available at school for $10 a week (if 3 students in class) on Tuesday morning in the library from 8.30-9 am. Hire is $65 a term and a beginner book for $13.50 would need to be purchased. Please contact Heidi at nnps.music@gmail.com if you would like to start next term.

There are also opportunities for Year 1 and 2 kids to join in with percussion classes for 1/2 an hour on Monday lunchtime. Cost $50 per term and taught by the very experienced Sue Rice.

There may be the opportunity to take part in small group keyboard lessons either before or after school next term. We are seeking expressions of interest for this.

A digital piano has been purchased with fundraising money from last year and is looking, as well as sounding fantastic.

If you are interested in any of the above please contact Heidi Furber at nnps.music@gmail.com

Heidi Furber
Band Coordinator

Manly Rugby League Gala Day

Last Friday The Manly Rugby League Gala Day was held at Nolans Reserve. NNPS entered a team in the juniors and the seniors. It was a great day and both teams played three games. Unfortunately the seniors did not progress through their pool, playing a very good Harbord team. The seniors produced some good form to draw with Elanora and beat Wheeler Heights. Great effort seniors!

The juniors played outstandingly. After winning a thrilling first game on the siren, the boys managed to win their pool and progress to the semi-final. In a very tough game of footy they were narrowly beaten by the eventual winners Mona Vale 2 tries to 1. The juniors showed great defence and they were like a black and gold wall.

It was excellent to see camaraderie and passion displayed by all the teams.

Thank you to all the parents that transported or helped on the day to make it so successful. Rugby League at NNPS is looking good and the boys and I cannot wait for next year!

Mr Perrin
Please note: Whilst every attempt is made to verify bonafide advertisers, the school does not accept responsibility therefore parents should use their own discretion.

Fun Holiday Care

Fri 28 - Mon 15 July

Boys & Girls—Ages 5 to 14
8.30am to 5.00pm

St Ives, Mona Vale, Freshwater, Brookvale

Phone: 9981 3472 / 0412 602 999

Star Sports is a Registered Child Care Provider

www.starsportscamps.com/specialoffer

Fun Holiday Workshops

Monday 1st July - Monday 22nd July

Activities include:
Laser Tag, Wii Fun, Mini Soccer,
Just Dance, FitNastics 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 Member)
$67.50 (PSC Member)
Prices include all meals

For more information contact Pittwater Sports Centre,
1525 Pittwater Rd, North Narrabeen Ph: 9913 7421

Goodwin's Tennis Academy

Contact Joel: 0410 523 726
ABN: 77 464 812 056

School Holiday Tennis Camp

Venue: North Narrabeen Community Tennis Centre
2-10 Woorarru Ave North Narrabeen
Date: 8th - 12th July

Programs:
Instruction on all strokes
Singles and doubles (Round Robin format)
- Final Day:
  McDonald's Lunch provided &
  Presentation of awards

What to bring:
Racquet (if you have one)
Hat and sunscreen

Food:
Recess, lunch and drinks

Fees: (Incl GST)
Full Day camp (9am-3pm) $130
Half Day camp (9am-12:30pm) $140
Daily Rate - Full Day $45
Half Day $35

Please mail to: Goodwin's Tennis Academy, P.O. Box 45 Mona Vale 2103

Enrolment Form:
½ Day camp ☐ Full Day camp ☐
Pupils Name: .............................................D.O.B: ................
Parents Name: .............................................Phone: ..................
Address: ..........................................................
Email Address: ..........................................................
Playing experience: ......................... Right Handed ☐
Amount Enclosed: ......................... Left Handed ☐

I, the undersigned, being parent or legal guardian of the above-named, hereby take full responsibility whilst attending this camp and understand that Goodwin's Tennis Academy will be the owner of their care.
Signed: ..........................................................