The Chalkboard

The Newsletter from Narrabeen North Public School

From the Relieving Principal's desk...

Banner Recipients
Ash Adams 1/2M; Jamie Dickason 1R; Ethan Gautrey 1R; Declan Bradford 3/4G; Imogen McKenzie-Neill 3/4G; Tenell Cushing 3L; Sam Silberberg 3L; Emma Todd 3L; Julius Kristie 3M; Aiden Williamson 3M; Jayden Foster 4F; Jared Bell 4P; Ella Williamson 5/6B; Lillian Antonio 5M; Kai Major 5M; Darcy Hoy 5S; Marlee Hottes 6D; Isabella Rawson 6D; Daniel McKay 6W; Jamie-Lee Rooke 6W and Chantai Williams 6W. Congratulations!

Principal Awards
James Larsen KB; Joshua Sheals KB; Ben Watson KB; Krista Rogers KB; Hayley Clough KB; Harry Laing KM; Lucy Bramwell KM; Matilda Beard KW; Henry Rumler KW; Hunter Walsh KW; Will Bosward KW; Cohen Griggs-Bufton 1AJ; Jack Lea 1AJ; Bridgette Waller 1AJ; Eva Leon de la Barra 1AJ; Toby Smith 1AJ; Lily Taylor 1AJ; Clare Powell 1R; Walt Earnall 1R; George Kirkham 1/2M; Noah Peacock 3/4G; Zac Downs 3/4G; Caleb Gallant 3/4G; Ryan Dening 3/4G; Phoenix Bizarre 4P; Kiara Harrison 4P; Max Davies-Seale 5S and Chelsea McCabe 5M. Well Done!

Sentence a day
This term 3L has been looking at creative thinking for our sentence a day. We have been using starters to spark their creative thinking skills and get them writing about crazy and unique situations. Below are some examples of our creative sentences:

If Spongebob square pants lived in a tree...
If Spongebob square pants lived in a tree his name could be Spongebob tree pants! By Tenell Cushing

What if a dog began to yell in a movie theatre?
What if a dog began to yell in a movie theatre people would think the dog really loves the movie! By Natalie Connors

What if a fork hid in a chocolate factory?
What if a fork hid in a chocolate factory it would probably get splashed in chocolate. Hopefully it wouldn’t run into a pig because it might think that it’s yummy mud! By Giselle Mirosh

What would happen if a piece of chalk drew a person on a bus?
What would happen if a piece of chalk drew a person with blue spots on a bus, it would fade away. By Ben Couper

Why can’t you have....
I believe you should have mentos as earplugs so your ears can taste the flavour. By Ella Pittard

Banner Assembly
Our NAIDOC week banner assembly was disrupted due to wet weather this week. We did however manage to hold a mini assembly in our domes. Our NAIDOC Week assembly promotes and celebrates the contribution that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders make to our community, culture and country. Thank you to all the parents for your flexibility in changing days; we were just very unlucky with the weather this week. Our next Banner assembly will be in Term 3 in Week 5.

Walk-a-thon
Due to wet weather our annual P&C walk-a-thon has been postponed to Tuesday, 16 July. This is the first day of term 3 for our students. New permission notes went home on Monday. The notes had two dates on them in preparation for another reschedule in case of bad weather. Please return the new notes to your child’s class teacher as soon as possible. Students are required to wear their sports uniform on this day.

Woolworth Points
Thank you to everyone who continues to bring in their

Dates to Remember - Term 2

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Second hand clothing pool is open on the first Friday back, Friday 19 July at 8.45am.
Woolies stickers so that NNPS can collect the points. As of Wednesday, 26 June, we have a total of 23207 stickers collected. The Woolies box is just inside the office if you have some to pass on to us. I would also like to say a BIG thankyou to Jamie-Lee and Yazmin for helping me collect and count all those stickers!

Lost Property
There is a lot of lost property in our office for you to collect. Any items that are left over on Friday afternoon will be donated to the second hand clothing pool for sale. Please make sure that you label all your belongings and make sure that you check lost property every now and again to see if your items have found a home there.

Kindergarten information tour
Thank you to our parent helpers Gai, Mel and Jeanette for volunteering their time to take a school tour for me last Thursday. It is always a great opportunity to open our school to parents of the community just to show the locals how fabulous our school is. The feedback from our visitors was that our parents just love our school and are very proud of it. So again, thankyou, without you these events just can’t happen.

Kindergarten 2014 Enrolment
Our next Kindy 2014 Information Session is on Thursday, 7 August from 6.30pm in our library. This information night is for new families that would like to hear about what Narrabeen North Public School can offer their child. There will be an orientation session for all those students starting in 2014 in November. All siblings who are starting next year should have now received an enrolment form. I would encourage any outstanding enrolment forms to be completed during the holidays and returned early next term. Your prompt attention to this is appreciated.

Health Care Plans
For those families who have received paper work from me regarding your child’s health care plan need to have these returned to me by Friday, 19 July. In November 2012 the Department of Education and Communities added some legislation that requires additional paper work to be included in your child’s health care plan. This paper work is vital for your child’s records. Thank you to those families who have returned them for me.

It is time to check for… head lice
It is always a good time in the school holidays to check your child for head lice and treat them in the holidays. This way we can all come back to school head lice free!!! Please do not forget to regularly check your child’s hair throughout the year for any sign of head lice. If you find any signs of head lice please follow the guidelines for treatment from NSW Health:


Staff Development Day Term 3
The talented staff at Narrabeen North will participate in our Professional Learning/staff development day on Monday, 15 July. On this day we will be updating our CPR certificates with Life Saving Australia. We will also be working with the new English Syllabus and getting ready for the implementation for next year.

Mobile Phones at School
The school finds it unnecessary for students of primary school age to carry mobile phones whilst at school. Parents who require children to carry a mobile for safety reasons whilst travelling to and from school are advised to refer to the school policy attached to this newsletter and discuss this with your child. All children MUST sign in their mobile phones to the office before school begins. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Social Media
A reminder to all our parents to be vigilant in your supervision of your children and their cyber use at home. A reminder also that Facebook and many other social media applications are only for children that are 13 years or older. No primary school child should have an account with these age restrictions.

I would like to take this time to wish all our Narrabeen North community, students and staff a safe and happy holiday and I will see you on your return to school on Tuesday, 16 July.

Tanya Russell
Relieving Principal

ArtsNorth Festival of Drama
For the first time in Narrabeen North history, we have been invited to participate in the ArtsNorth Festival of Drama for 2013. It is a great honour and a testament to the hard work that the drama group has put in over the past 6 months, and an indication of the talent that we have within our school. Our performance will be part of the matinee show, starting at 11:00am, on Thursday, 25 July at the Parade Theatre NIDA. Tickets to the festival are available through Ticketek and the Parade Theatre Box Office.

Congratulations ‘Dramalades’. I am so proud of you all.

Simon Brown
Drama Group Coordinator
Beyond the Board with Miss Dickson...

‘A classroom is four walls with tomorrow inside.’

We’ve made it and the holidays are only a sleep away. As the term ends I would like to thank everyone for their wonderful support of our students, programs and teachers in the first semester. We are all in this together and it is a 3-way partnership. Enjoy a well-deserved holiday. Stay safe, stay happy, enjoy the sleep ins, choose kind and return to us ready for the tem of ‘Go Green Day, Stage 3 Gym, Book Week, Education Week, PCS Music Festival, Legends of League, Town Hall Choir and to kick it off, the Walkathon.

Sydney North Performance Dance Groups
Well this has been a week filled with happy feet and amazing performances. Our Stage 3 and Stage 1 Performance Dance Groups have truly delighted the audiences at Glen Street and receive rave reviews from all involved. Mrs Williams and I have also been so proud of our students’ exceptional behaviour and attitude in the holding room and behind stage. All dancers are a credit to our school and a joy to be with.

I have been involved with the Sydney North Dance Festival for 15 years and have been privileged to manage groups from not only NNPS but my previous two schools as well.

This year however, I was so touched to see another side and benefit that the festival and dance experience can provide for students. It has been so special to watch our senior students work with, and look after, their Year 1 and kindergarten colleagues. Parents of our younger dancers have commented on how wonderful and important the older students have become to their younger counterparts. The Year 6 boys and Year 5 and 6 girls are to be commended for being such sincere, reliable and caring role models – I am ever so proud of you all for choosing and being kind.

Stage 2 and 3 Multicultural Speaking Competition
Zach, Max and Lily, you were truly stars at the Multicultural Speaking finals at Collaroy Plateau on Tuesday. Not only did you all do an exceptional prepared speech but also all rose to the occasion with the impromptu component of the competition. Stage 2 student representatives had a limited time to prepare a speech on the topic of ‘Heroes’ whilst the Stage 3 students had the impromptu topic of ‘3 short words’. Some interesting speeches emerged including one titled ‘Ready, Set, Go!’ – love it Lily!

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, 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!

Year 5 WINGS Program at Narrabeen Sports High
Next term, beginning in week 2, a selection of Year 5 students will have the opportunity of attending a session at the high school each fortnight. The subjects on offer include: mathematics, science, drama, music, art and history. Only four places are available per subject. A note was sent home this week to all students nominated by the GATS Committee or their class teacher. If you received a note and are interested in your child taking part in the program, please return the note to me (Miss Dickson) by the first week of term 3.

Year 6 Professional Year book
If you are interested in purchasing a Year 6 Yearbook please return your note and payment to school by the end of term. If we do not receive at least 50 notes and payment we will unfortunately not be able to go ahead with the project this year.

Tweens and PRC
If you’re familiar with Sims and Wii and know their ‘bestie’, then your child has probably grown into a ‘tweenager’ or ‘tween’.

It’s that weird and wonderful time the experts say occurs
between ages nine and 13, but which experience suggests, can stretch out to anywhere between ages eight and 15.

With the holidays approaching it is a great time to make sure your stage 3 child or ‘tween’ takes the time to read and complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Here are some tips to help encourage your child to read, read!

- Give your tween books as presents to reinforce the value of reading.
- Try buying your tween books based on popular movies.
- Purchase a magazine subscription that caters to their interests.
- Use the local library to source captivating books for your tween.
- Ask your tween to read to younger siblings or neighbours.

If you read regularly, you are modelling good habits for your tween.

And so I will end with a quote from one of my favourite books and one I would recommend for young and old:

"And now here is my secret, a very simple secret: It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye." — The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Carpe diem

Miss Dickson
Assistant Principal (Teaching)
Stage 3, Student Leadership, PDHPE and CAPA Leader

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**Scots College Chess Challenge**

On Friday, 21 June, our school entered two teams in the Scots College Chess Challenge. Both teams competed to the best of their ability in a highly competitive tournament. I am proud to say that Team A finished 21st and Team B 27th. Thank you so much to the parents who gave up their time to transport our students to and from Scots College Preparatory School and for supervising the teams on the day. Congratulations to our competitors. I am so proud of you all.

Simon Brown
Chess Coordinator
**SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP**

**Venue:** North Narrabeen Community Tennis Centre
2-10 Woorarra Ave North Narrabeen

**Date:** 3rd-12th July

**Program:**
- 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): $180
- 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

**Enrollment Form:**

- Full Day camp □ Half Day camp □

Pupils Name: .......................................................... D.O.B: ....
Parents Name: ............................................. Phone: .................
Address: ..........................................................................
Email Address: ..............................................................
Playing experience: .................................. Right Handed □
Amount Enclosed: .............................. Left Handed □

1. 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 do the utmost for their care.

Signed: ..............................................................

**Sausage Sizzle & Drink**

**School Holiday CAMP**

Includes 5 hours Supervised

**FUN, Coaching and Activities**

*MON & FRI, JULY 1st – 12th*

- 10.30am – Table tennis
- 11.00am – Squash
- 11.45am – Morning tea
- 12.15pm – Basketball
- 12.45pm – Volleyball fun

**Bookings Essential!!**

9913 9003/0407 958 669

1.15pm – LUNCH
2.15pm – Indoor soccer
2.45pm – FREE TIME PLAY
3.30pm – Parent Pick up

50 Kalang Road, Elanora Heights 2101

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Whilst every attempt is made to verify bonafide advertisers, the school does not accept responsibility therefore parents should use their own discretion.
Mobile Phone Policy

Background:

The school considers it unnecessary for students of primary school age to carry mobile phones whilst at school. Parents who require children to carry a mobile phone for safety reasons whilst travelling to and from school are advised to refer to the school policy below and discuss this with your child.

Policy:

1. The school actively discourages students from bringing mobile phones to school at any time.
2. Parents are advised to contact the school office on 9913 7928 if they wish to make contact with their child. Such messages should be of an important or urgent nature.
3. Parents who consider it necessary for children to carry mobiles for safety reasons whilst travelling to and from school should advise the school using the form below.
4. Mobile phones should be switched off and handed into the front office at the beginning of the school day. Phones will be safely stored and available for collection at the conclusion of each school day.
5. The school does not accept responsibility for the safekeeping of phones stored in the office however they shall be stored securely. Students who store phones in their school bag do so at their own risk and against school policy.
6. The school will store phones found on students during the day for safe keeping and will make them available for students to collect at the end of the school day.

NNPS MOBILE PHONE POLICY
Parent Request for mobile Storage

I have read and understood the school’s Mobile Phone Policy and wish to request the storage of my child’s mobile phone.

Student Name: ___________________________ Mobile Number: ___________________________

Parent Name: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________ Date: __/__/__

This policy is effective from the date below. Any enquiries regarding this policy at the school should be directed to the Principal: POLICY EFFECT DATE: Thursday 27 June, 2013