The Newsletter from Narrabeen North Public School

Week 3, Term 3 Thursday, 1 August 2013

Dates to Remember - Term 3

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From the Principal's desk...

Principal awards for Week 2 - Congratulations to:
Matthew Wilson KA; Jemma Alderton KA; James Livingstone KA; Kai Hunter KA; Antonio Scalese KA; William Dean KA; Hunter Partridge KB; Malakai Mosavi KB; Nathan Marshall KB; Michelle David KB; Beau Cushway KM; Isabelle Schuppe KW; Taali Lagchie KW; Ben Walsh KW; Mahlie Gray KW; Thomas Downie-Wright 1AJ; Dom Fawcett 1AJ; Seth Martin 1O; Harry Tebble 1O; Levi Rowe 1O; Clare Powell 1R; Gabrielle White 1R; Riley Behan 1R; Ruby O'Bryan 1R; Jasmine Bennetts 1/2M; Anna Monteleone 1/2M; Sienna Russell 2CJ; Will Pampling 2CJ; Archie Eiland 2CJ; Hany Percival 2CJ; Mia McKenzie 2CJ; Bree Grainger 2CJ; Bailey Roper 3M; Samuel Marov 3M; Alex Brown 4F and Ben Donald. Well done, everyone!

Education Week at NNPS

NSW public schools celebrate Education Week 2013 this week. However, at NNPS we will be celebrating our Education Week in the week commencing Monday, 12 August (Week 5). This is to allow us to get everything up and ready as it will be a big week of events.

The proposed program for Education Week at NNPS is:

Monday 12/08 Banner assembly at 2.20pm in the JHA
Wednesday 14/08 Parents visit the Go Green Day Sculpture Walk at 12.20pm and stay on for our litter-free rainbow picnic lunch till 1.50pm
Thursday 15/08 ‘Showcase of Talent’ creative arts concert at 9.15am in the JHA
Open classrooms from 10.30am Stay on to share recess with your child till 11.30am

Currently, at Centro Warriewood there is a PCS art exhibition highlighting work from all PCS primary schools and some high schools. We are part of this community event. The event is one where there is a ‘people’s choice’ award where the public can vote for the most popular artwork on display by making a gold coin donation. Money raised will support the PCS partner remote Aboriginal schools in the Katherine area of the Northern Territory. If you are over at Centro, please cast your vote for an artwork from NNPS!

So many special events!

What a week of events at NNPS! Last Thursday I had the pleasure of attending my first ever Northern Sydney Arts Drama Festival at the NIDA theatres in Kensington. Our talented drama club under the skilful direction of Mr Brown presented their own presentation of ‘Nowhere like home’ to great applause. Many thanks to the many parents who assisted in so many ways including transport to and from the venue. Congratulations to all involved.

On Tuesday night I attended the 2013 PCS Music Festival at Pittwater HS. Again, the contribution made by NNPS students and their teachers was outstanding. The show opened with a spirited and skilful performance by our senior band, conducted by Mr Fox. Students from Year 2 made up the combined PCS primary schools choir and they looked wonderful in their ‘animal crackers’ t-shirts. They sang beautifully and seemed to really enjoy the opportunity to be involved in this PCS event. The highlight of the show was the performance by our kindergarten dance team ably assisted by Miss Beny and Ms White. The dancers looked fantastic in their creative costumes as they danced, ‘So Many Animals’. What a pleasure it was to be in the audience; well done to all!

Tonight (Thursday), Mr Fox’s senior choir is performing in the Sydney Town Hall as part of the Arts North Music Festival. Although I have had to send my apologies as I

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The Chalkboard

have a previous commitment I am sure that they will have a wonderful night and do a great job! Again, congratulations and many thanks to all involved.

**Remember road safety**
Please remember to talk to your child about the importance of road safety at all times. Yesterday, the school had a report of some NNPS students who were seen crossing in an unsafe manner at the traffic lights on Pittwater Road near the high school. Although the students were at the crossing, they were NOT waiting for the green ‘safe to cross’ sign and were running across the road while the light was still red. I was concerned and disappointed to hear that NNPS were risking their safety in this way. Pittwater Road is a very busy road!

**Term 3 invoice**
Our Term 3 invoice has now been sent home. Many thanks to those NNPS families who settle their term accounts as a priority matter. The school is very aware of the financial demands on our families and tries to make the fees and charges as fair as possible. When there are major events such as the Year 6 camp, the costs do, of course, rise. However, in most grades the costs are often less than $2 a day. In the event of a family experiencing financial difficulty, the school is happy to consider a structured payment plan. You are welcome to make an appointment to discuss this with me.

**Tree Day at NNPS**
Last Friday we celebrated Tree Day at school with help from staff from Bunnings Narrabeen. Five new trees were planted in the playground near the herb garden. You may have seen the report in last Saturday’s Manly Daily with a great photo of two of our hardworking student helpers. Thanks to Ms McKenzie for organising the event and to Bunnings Narrabeen for providing such generous support to our school.

On the next day, Saturday, we held our Term 3 P&C gardening working bee from 11am to 2pm. We had a great team of parents, students and teachers working together in the Carinya area tackling the invasive weeds and re-planting the area with some native grasses and shrubs. Thanks to Mrs Mulkeen for coordinating this event.

**Enrolments for 2014**
Next week I have to send in to the Department the anticipated enrolment numbers for NNPS in 2014. These numbers are crucial as they determine the amount of teachers the school is entitled to, overall class structures as well as our funding and resourcing levels. For this reason, we need to know as soon as possible what our expected kindergarten 2014 enrolment might be. If you have not yet finalised enrolment with the office, please do so as soon as you can. Thank you. Also, please encourage your friends, neighbours and relatives to come and see us if they are seeking a great school for their child/ren in 2014; their first stop should be NNPS!

Robert Blanchfield

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**Miss Russell’s Wrap Up…**

**Australia Reads**
On Wednesday all of NNPS were involved in Read for Australia as part of National Literacy and Numeracy Week. This meant that at 2pm on Wednesday, 31 July all participating schools read the book Herman and Rosie written by Gus Gordan. Gus Gordan lives on the Northern Beaches and writes and illustrates all his own books. At Narrabeen North we used video technology with Max and Jamie Lee filming Mrs Koprivec reading the story so that our 3-6 years could watch the reading in our classrooms. Our K-2 students had Mrs Koprivec read them the story before we had assembly. It was great to see all the activity happen throughout the school. Well done NNPS and a big thank you to Max and Jamie Lee for their help to make this happen.

**Kindergarten Perform**
Congratulations to our Kindergarten dance group who performed at our PCS concert on Tuesday night. They were just fantastic and they also looked adorable. A big thank you to Miss Beny who worked very hard with Miss White to make this happen. This dance will be on display at our CAPA concert in week 5.

**Health Care Plans**
Thank you to those families who have returned the information sheets that were handed out last term. I am, however, still waiting on a few families. It is very important that that information is returned to the school so that your child’s health care is up-to-date and current. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

**Kinder Information night and enrolment forms**
I will be hosting our last Kindergarten information session for new parents on Wednesday, 7 August at 6.30pm. Please let any families at your preschools know about this. Also any siblings that have not returned their enrolment form for 2014 could you please do so as soon as possible. Thanks for your help with this.

**Life Education**
All our classes K-6 have been involved in Healthy Harold Life Education lessons over the past two weeks. The response to the van has been very positive with our students really engaging in the lessons. No matter what the age they all love Harold visiting NNPS.

Tanya Russell
Non-teaching Assistant Principal
Literacy, Welfare, Early Stage 1 Leader
Beyond the Board with
Miss Dickson ...
‘A classroom is four walls with tomorrow inside.’

Stage 3 classes are on the creative trail and presently all working hard on our Book Week and Go Green Day displays. A reminder that on Go Green Day all Stage 3 students will be doing a session with the Field of Mars where they make an individual worm farm. All students will need a large plastic bottle cut in half and labeled with their name and class for this activity. Please ensure your child has this bottle on Wednesday, 14 August.

Dance Update
Well done to our Kindergarten Dance Group who performed at the PCS Music Festival last night. Our ‘ANIMAL Crackers’ item was one of the best kindergarten items ever. Thank you to Miss White for her amazing choreography, to Miss Berry for managing the group and to Mrs Williams for her help with supervision.

Our stage 2 performance group has been selected and Miss White is beginning the choreography for their performance at the end of year dance concert. Ms McKenzie is managing this group.

Due to our ever growing numbers, OHS issues, the logistics of movement and holding rooms plus the availability of Narrabeen Sports High, the concert format this year will be slightly different. This year there will be two different programs (Program A and Program B) and each program will be performed twice. Each child will perform in one matinee and one evening concert.

The matinee for Program A will be on Friday, 6 December at 11.30am and the matinee for Program B will be on Friday, 6 December at 1.30pm. The evening performance of Program A will be on Monday, 9 December beginning at 7.00pm and the evening performance of Program B will be on Tuesday, 10 December beginning at 7.00pm.

We will provide more details early next term as to which program A or B your child is involved in.

Year 6 Yearbook
We did receive 50 orders for the Yearbook and so this initiative will be going ahead. Thank you to the wonderful parents who have volunteered to coordinate this book for us. If you did not place an order and would still like to have until the end of week 7 to do so.

We would also ask that you email directly, your child’s class parent, any group photos of Year 6 students that have been taken at school events throughout 2013. These photos will be collaged to reflect their last year of primary school. The Yearbook will also include a photo of each child in kindergarten and in Year 6 plus a written summation by the students. If your child did not begin school at NNPS we ask that you also forward the class parent a photo of your child in kindergarten. All photo contributions need to be in by the end of week 7 so we can begin the large job of collating and formatting.

Sport
Week 2 was a massive week for sporting achievements at NNPS. Congratulations to all the students who took part in the Legends of League seven-a-side competition last Thursday. All students displayed fabulous skill, sportsmanship and behaviour. Well done to the junior boys who were runner’s up in the Geoff Toovey Cup and the senior girls who were runner’s up in the Eagle Angels competition. Our senior boys are to be congratulated for defeating Cromer in the grand final to become the Cliff Lyons Cup Champions. Our senior boys and senior girls teams will now represent the Manly Warringah region at the state championships at Macquarie University on Wednesday, 21 August.

Did you know the next Adam Scott may be in our midst? A huge congratulations to Sam Bowgett who was successful at the Sydney North Regional trials and will now represent the region at the state golf championships to be held at Port Macquarie on Monday, 9 September. We wish you the best of luck Sam and look forward to hearing about the event.

Our Zone Athletics Carnival is on Tuesday, 27 August for both track and field competitors, if your child is representing NNPS at the zone carnival they will receive a permission note and we would appreciate the note and payment being returned to school by Friday, 9 August. Parents are responsible for transport of their child to and from the zone carnival.

Beyond school lots was happening as well. Last weekend Ryan Donohoe and Emerson Raper competed in the NSW State surfing titles at Maroubra Beach. Ryan surfed in the under 14’s and unfortunately had some incredibly stiff competition and narrowly missed the next round. Emerson competed in the under 12’s and made it through to the semi-finals and placed 5th overall. Well done boys.

Stage 3 gym continues next week with 5S and 5M attending on Monday and 5/6B, 6W and 6D attending on Tuesday. Please remember to bring an extra pair of socks and to wear your sports uniform. A reminder that if you have not paid your gym fees and have not spoken to us about it your child will unfortunately be unable to participate in the gym sessions.

Have a great weekend everyone
Carpe Diem
Miss Dickson
Assistant Principal (teaching)
PDHPE/CAPA LEADER
Last weekend Ryan Donohoe and Emerson Raper competed in the NSW State surfing titles at Maroubra Beach.

**Go Green Day: K-6 Sculpture Walk and Litter Free Rainbow Picnic - Wednesday, 14 August**

As part of our Go Green Day Celebrations for 2013, the students will be enjoying a litter free rainbow picnic for lunch. We are celebrating our amazing world and enjoying yummy food courtesy of our planet.

What better way to feed our bodies and minds than with a healthy feast that is good for us and our planet than by enjoying it outdoors naturally!

Parents are invited to join us at 12:20 pm for a school sculpture walk (see all the amazing sculptures we have made using recycled materials) on Wednesday, 14 August. This will be followed by our celebration of good healthy food and our beautiful school environment.

**What you need**
- Sun safe gear
- Beautiful bright blanket (optional)
- Water: brought in a reusable container healthier for us and for our planet.
- Snacks: make sure they are healthy and nutritious. How many colours can you enjoy?
- Reusable containers
- A sense of adventure!

**What not to bring!**
- Litter of any kind!
- No plastic disposable cutlery or PET plastic drink bottles.
- Individually pre wrapped snacks. Buy bigger and cut it up. It’s cheaper and creates less litter!

You can find healthy rainbow food ideas at:
- [http://www.abc.net.au/newslib/201306/r1125334_13817307.pdf](http://www.abc.net.au/newslib/201306/r1125334_13817307.pdf)

**School Photos - Wednesday, 7 August**

Photo order forms have gone home to all students. If you wish to purchase photos orders must be returned by **Monday, 5 August**. Sibling and extra order forms available from the office.
Monday Bake-off for parents

Monday Bake-off is next
Monday, 5 August at 1pm.
We will be making Gingerbread men
again.
Please come and join us in the canteen
at 1pm.
From Nia and Elise.

Canteen News

Canteen would like to thank the 4F, 4P, 5M, 5S, 5/6B, 6D and 6W parents for their help in the canteen so far this term, and the Class parents for organising the individual classes. The canteen runs much more effectively with help from the parents.

The remaining roster for this term is below. Please let your class parent know which day you can help.

If you would like to volunteer outside your class week, please contact a class parent for that week and let them know.

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Uniform Sub committee

- The School Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open this Friday, 2 August. 8.45am to 9.15am.
- On Thursday, 15 August Lowes will be having a storewide sale of 20% off everything including school wear so put it in your diary, it is one day only, from 9am until 9pm and you should take your Lowes membership card.

NNPS BUSH CARE

A big thank you to the teachers, parents and students who came along on Saturday for our temly bush care meeting. We worked in the Carinya, our native bush tucker garden, and managed to weed and mulch a large area as well as plant more native grasses and ground covers to prevent the weeds retuming. Special thanks to Greta and Peter Francis, Lindsay Rawson, Alec Rawson, Aajuah Burton, Ryder Burton, Indyah Burton, Jacqui Grove, Julia McIntyre, Karen Reid, Robert Blanchfield and our Educational Officer Kathryn McConnchie.

Mrs Mulkeen
Assistant Principal.
The Newsletter from Narrabeen North Public School

NARRABEEN SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL

MUSICAL

Drama Dance Jazz

Classics

Performances by
School Ensemble Students
Years 7 to 11

Wednesday August 7th, 2013 School Hall 6.00pm – 7.30pm

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

Department of Engineering

Robotics Fun Day

As part of Australian Engineering Week, Macquarie University is hosting an afternoon of robotics fun and learning including presentations, displays, and an opportunity to drive and program robots built by students competing at an international level. Robot enthusiasts of all ages are welcome to join in the fun. If you are a school student, bring along a LEGO robot you have built and show it off at our robot display table.

When: Sunday 11 August, 2013
Time: 2pm – 4pm
Where: Building E78 Courtyard, Macquarie University, North Ryde

Find out more about
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TriviA Night fundraiser

@ Pittwater RSL

7.30pm, Saturday August 31, 2013
Tickets $20pp - form your own table of 12 or join a table!
Tickets strictly limited and on sale August 1, 2, 5, 6 & 7 outside Mr Brown’s room at both 8.30am & 2.45pm.

Silent auction and raffle.
Bottle toss and lots of fun and games.
Pizza and beverages available to purchase.
Adults only.

Rides Books Plants

Trash ‘n’ Treasure

Face Painting Disco

Arts ‘n’ Crafts

Showbags Cake Stall

Silent Auction

Spring Fair

Narrabeen Lakes Public School

Saturday, 10 August - 9am 3pm