From the Principal’s Desk…

Enhancing Your Child’s Writing

This year our literacy team, led by Mrs Reid and Mr Fox, has worked with staff to implement the Seven Steps to Writing Success program.

Our main focus has been to develop the children’s ability to use a variety of strategies to engage the audience right from the very beginning in their writing. These are called ‘Sizzling Starts’.

I have been very impressed with the work that I have seen from the children. This week some children from KC came to share their work. Their progress was outstanding.

Included in this week’s newsletter are examples of ‘Sizzling Starts’ and some further information for parents. Please take the time to read how you can help develop your child’s writing.

Inspiring Author and Illustrator Visit

Our Years 4-6 students had the opportunity this week to listen to well-known author of Deltora Quest and other children’s books, Emily Rodda.

Emily spoke on her love of writing and how she developed the ideas behind her books. She shared with the children on the importance of utilising their imagination when writing. To ask the question: ‘What if…?’

Also joining Emily was Marc McBride, illustrator of over 50 books, and in particular Deltora Quest. The children loved watching him create a special art work for the school (pictured below).

K-2 Athletics Carnival

Our K-2 students are very excited about participating in their athletics carnival tomorrow. The events will start at 9.20am on the back field. Parents and family members are welcome to attend and cheer on the children!

Children Leaving or Returning Late in 2016

At this time of year we start to plan arrangements for 2016. It is very important that the school is able to confirm the accurate number of student enrolments as this impacts on the number of classes for the following year.

If your child is leaving Narrabeen North at the end of 2015 or will be returning late after the school commencement date in 2016, could you please complete the form attached to the newsletter and return to the office.

Supervision

A reminder to parents that there’s a teacher on duty each morning from 8.30am to provide supervision when students arrive to school. During the week some groups of students are required to be here prior to this time due to extra-curricular commitments.

To ensure your child is supervised when coming to school please ensure they don’t arrive before 8.30am.

Ryan Shepheard
Principal

Dates to Remember - Term 4

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Selective High School Applications

All Year 5 students will receive a note home today regarding applications for selective high schools for 2017.

This year all applications must be completed online. Online applications are available at

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

No paper copies will be available. Applications for entry in 2017 can be made online between 13 October 2015 and 16 November 2015.

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday, 10 March 2016. If you are intending to apply please complete the note sent home and return it to Miss Russell.

Tanya Russell
Deputy Principal

Sizzling Starts

The Seven Steps to Writing Success program has been a focus of our writing strategies this year. One important step is to make our written introductions more engaging by using ‘Sizzling Starts’. Please take the time to read the parent information sheets that are electronically attached to this newsletter. Here are some of our ‘sizzling’ examples:

Scatter! I heard something. Was it what I think it was? Yes, it was the Komodo Dragon. It was giant. It had giant, laser-sharp teeth. It was scary. Toby F KC

I was in my bed. I was trying to fall asleep, an owl was hooting, the clock was ticking, the wind was howling. Then my door opened and a mysterious shadow crept up to my bed. It was a scary monster. I screamed with fear and then crash, he fell. Ben 1M

The fan slowly flickered to life in the dim-lit room. I shuddered in the early morning breeze, it made me think of my warm bed at home. I yawned in the silence. “No distractions”, I thought to myself. Tyler N 4S

Every step resembles the sound of a keyboard clicking. Every noise is like a phone ringing in your ear. Every graphic pixel is so lifelike. Unless, it is in fact reality and you are just trapped in cyberspace. Mackenzie P 5/6B

Principal Awards for this week

KA Caylie B; Cyrus P; Brent S; Ben S; Daniel R; Madison F; Tahilia F; Eamon C; Kahn P; Surya Z; Willo S; Oscar K; Olive F; Clodagh C; Tim A; Jake H
KC Edie N
KW Isaac H; Mahli H; Finn E
1J Luca H
2H Jemma A; Catriona S
2SG Xavier T
3P Seth M; Michael A
4B Dylan S
4S Zara O

Well done everyone!

K-2 Athletics Carnival

TOMORROW
Friday, 16 October

The K-2 Athletics carnival will commence with running races on the back oval starting at around 9.20am. This will be followed by some tabloid activities until about 11.00am. Parents are welcome to attend and follow the children through the fun and games for the morning.

Microsoft & Adobe software for students

All NSW DEC students are eligible to download and hold a licence for Adobe and Microsoft software onto personally owned devices. Students will need to use their @education.nsw.gov.au student email address to register. One download per application only.

https://nsw-students.onthehub.com/WebStore/Welcome.aspx

Michelle Wineberg
Computer Coordinator
## School Invoice for Term 4

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### Payment Options

1. Only when paying the full amount of the Term 4 fees you may pay directly into the school's account but **please send in the green payment envelope indicating that you have done so**.

   When using this method each child is to be paid separately please. Your reference must be **CHILD’S SURNAME, INITIAL, CLASS**.

   **Bank Name:** Westpac  
   **Account name:** Narrabeen North PS Admin Account  
   **BSB:** 032-001  
   **Account No:** 146091

2. If paying by cash, cheque or credit card you may pay for all your children on the one envelope—please list all names if doing so.

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**SPOOKY FOOD DAY**

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 27TH IN THE CANTEEN**

Fun Halloween inspired food will be sold over the counter for recess & lunch

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