From the Principal’s Desk…

My Weekly Highlights

This week I’ve had a couple of very rewarding experiences that have been a highlight of my week.

On Monday I was fortunate to spend most of the afternoon teaching KF whilst Miss Fewtrell held parent teacher interviews. What a delightful class! These children have been at school for only nine weeks but they were brilliant, displaying excellent behaviour and manners!

Together we worked on visual literacy skills, exploring how when we listen as readers, we develop a picture in our minds of what the author is describing. The children listened to a poem, and then drew a picture representing their ‘Green Giant’. The photo shows the children showcasing their work. Well done KF!

The other special opportunity I had this week was to accompany Mr Holliday, Jackson and Ethan to Westmead Children’s Hospital to present the cheque for the money raised by our community to the Oncology Unit.

We were very fortunate to be given a special tour of the hospital’s facilities and to also visit the Oncology Unit. The daily work of the dedicated and caring staff in supporting children and families is inspiring. They bring a smile to so many faces when children are facing some difficult times.

Every contribution to the hospital makes a difference, and the Narrabeen North community can be proud of their efforts!

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/teacher interviews were held for K-4 students this week, and the feedback from staff and parents has been very positive.

Each child has varying academic, social and emotional developmental needs and interviews were an opportunity in Term 1 to discuss any particular details.

From discussions with colleagues it was positive to hear feedback on:

1. children going home and being excited about sharing stories of their learning at school.
2. programs being adapted to extend children in curriculum areas.
3. new students joining our school and loving being here.
4. the positive outcomes for students who have been receiving additional learning support.
5. children experiencing a successful start to the year and being happy and engaged learners.

Thank you to the teachers for their efforts in preparing for the interviews and providing important feedback to parents.

Evacuation Drill

It is mandatory in all NSW DEC schools for regular drills to be held to practice responses to an emergency evacuation.

On Wednesday this week our school conducted an evacuation drill where children moved to the designated safe area on the back field.

Evacuation drills are monitored and reviewed by the school’s work, health and safety committee.

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Dates to Remember - Term 1

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**Principal Awards for this week are:**

2H  Esme R; Jemma A  
2SG  Rio Wong  
2W  Tai R; Krista R; Bodhi L  
4B  Bree W; Dylan J  
4S  Emily L; William D  
5T  Axel G  
5/6B  Lily C; Emily R  

Well done!

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**Special Religious Education and Ethics**
Each week 30 minutes is allocated for Special Religious Education (SRE) or Special Education Ethics (SEE). Parents are able to make a choice regarding their child attending scripture, ethics or non-scripture.

SEE is only available in primary schools and the only approved provider is Primary Ethics. SEE classes are an option for students whose parents/caregivers have chosen to withdraw their child from Special Religious Education (SRE).

There is a limit to the number of students who can be provided a placement in SEE. Under policy, if a student is currently attending a scripture class and parents are considering a placement in ethics, they must first opt-out from SRE and advise the school in writing.

The school is required to fill any vacancy in ethics from non-SRE.

**School Grounds**
Last week we cordoned off a small area of the school grounds near the NBISC entry gate. There was a small amount of some unidentified material apparent and as a precautionary measure this area was closed. This section of the school is not a play area for students.

Throughout the process the Department of Education guidelines have been followed as student safety is of the highest importance.

If parents have any concerns please contact me so that I can provide an accurate clarification of any questions.

**Cross Country Carnival**
Our annual cross country carnival for K-2 and Years 3-6 will be held next Wednesday. Information has gone home to parents with the specific details.

The K-2 event will start at 9.45am and Years 3-6 at 11.30am.

Ryan Shepheard  
Principal

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**Premier’s Sporting Challenge Learning to Lead Program 2015**

Our school has continued its participation in the NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge Learning to Lead program. It is a program designed for those students who have an interest in sport and/or sports coaching. We took 23 students from Years 5 and 6, and they were taught the fundamental skills of various sports and instructed on how to teach these skills to others. They also learnt the importance of leadership skills not only for sport but for life in general.

The coaching workshops were conducted by Year 9 and 10 students of Narrabeen Sports High School and our school participated alongside students from Elanora Heights and Narrabeen Lakes. It was a fantastic day for all and we now look forward to utilising the skills learnt by running sporting skills workshops with the younger students of our school. Congratulations to all participants. You were all terrific ambassadors of our school.

Simon Brown  
PSC Leadership Program Coordinator
**Fun Run Organising Committee**

**Fun Run - We Need Your Help**

One of the events the P&C is currently considering to help raise funds for the school is a community Fun Run. It will take a lot of work to organise this event and so we are putting the call out to parents to see who is able to help. There are lots of different roles available (including course design, event registration, marketing and promotion, web and graphic design, risk management, budget setting, engaging sponsors, managing volunteers, administration and lots of others). You will be welcome no matter what your skills, knowledge and experience are. We recognise your time is precious and whether you can spare an hour or want to join the organising committee, we have a role for you. All help will be gratefully appreciated and you’ll be able to tell your kids that you helped organise the school’s greatest fun run.

Please contact Russell Wolfe 0481 011 661 or russwolfe@hotmail.com if you can help or want to know more.

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**Second Hand Uniform Shop**

The second hand uniform shop will open on the last Thursday of this term, Thursday, 2 April 8.45 – 9.15am

Donations of winter uniforms before next Thursday would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be left at the office.

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**TAX DEDUCTIBLE LIBRARY DONATION**

Don’t forget to get your tax deductible donation in soon. This is the only source of income for the library. In order to keep updating books and providing all that is wonderful in the library your donations are needed.

Thanking you in advance.

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**Term 1 fees are now well overdue.**

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**(FOE) Family Occupation and Education Index**

Recently some families received a letter asking for an update of missing occupation and education information. If you happen to be one of those families it would be sincerely appreciated if you could return the updated information by Tuesday, 31 March at the latest, as it must be updated in our system by the end of term. Thank you.

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**Primary Parent Planner**

We now have available for you a smart phone application called **Primary Parent Planner** which allows you to download all important school dates to your smartphone, synchronise them to your calendar and receive regular alerts before they each occur. Additionally, Primary Parent Planner allows us to send messages to your smartphone regarding any important information as well as upload our school newsletter. This app will be used in conjunction with our current communication methods of the weekly newsletter and the school website.

If you have an iPhone, iPad or iTouch simply go to Apple App Store or if you have an Android device visit the Google Play Store and follow the prompts. It is simple, easy to use and will help schools and parents develop a closer working relationship. Access and use of the app is $2.49 (Aust)

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