The Newsletter from Narrabeen North Public School

From the Principal’s Desk…

Principal Awards for this week are:

KR  Joseph H
KW  Imogen S; Isaac H; Will M; Amahlia P; Finn E; Kai M; Mahli H
1B  William J; Mia A; Isabella T-C
1J  Luca H; Eden D
1M  Bruna C; Alexa B; Tahj P
2H  Usha A
2SG  Allegra N
2W  Tom C; Impgen C
4S  Aimee T; Troy W; Dmitry V
5M  Sam C

Well done!

Helping Your Child with Mathematics

At the beginning of this year, teachers were required to implement the new Mathematics syllabus which contains the Australian curriculum content. The new syllabus reorganised the content into three main areas: number and algebra, measurement and geometry and statistics and probability.

Stage statements that summarise the knowledge, skills, understanding, values and attitudes that students develop as they achieve the outcomes in K–6 were also included.

To assist parents in developing an understanding of the new mathematics curriculum, how maths is taught in the classroom and practical ways to help at home, the school will hold an information session for parents.

Details: Monday, 15 June at 6.30pm in the library.

A flyer containing further details is attached to the newsletter.

Staff Development Day

Each year the Department of Education schedules five staff development days. These days are used by staff to complete mandatory training requirements, engage in professional learning on curriculum and to work collaboratively with colleagues on programming, assessment and reporting.

Two of the staff development days are scheduled at the end of Term 4, however, the school is able to complete these days at alternate times during the year. Last Saturday, the staff completed one of these days and focused on assessment and reporting practices. They worked in grade teams to discuss consistent teacher judgment practices, develop assessment tasks and began working on student academic reports.

Student reports for Semester One will come home on Thursday, 25 June.

Special Religious Education (SRE)/Special Education in Ethics (SEE)

A review is currently being conducted into the provision of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) in NSW Government schools.

The review will assist in the ongoing improvement of these programs to students. The current review is not being conducted to determine if these services should be offered in NSW Public Schools.

Parents may contribute to the review by completing the developed survey. Please access it by this link:


NAPLAN

Well done to Years 3 and 5 children who completed their Nplan assessments this week. They were very busy each morning but gave the assessments their best effort which is all that we can ask.

Ryan Shepheard
Principal

Dates to Remember - Term 2

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Miss Russell’s Wrap Up...
Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

Between May and July this year, our school will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC), which is a nationwide census of early childhood development and helps our school and community understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well, and what can be improved. The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and Training.

Children do not need to do anything to be included in the census and will attend class as usual. During the census, teachers record information (including children’s names and dates of birth) based on their knowledge and observations of each child in their class. For your information, the questions to be used by the AEDC in the upcoming collection are available at www.aedc.gov.au/instrument.

Once all schools participating in the AEDC have provided their information, and the AEDC is completed, some of the data collected is compiled and made available publicly as de-identified data, i.e., data that does not include any children’s names, ages, addresses or schools.

This data can be very useful for a wide variety of policy, analysis and statistical research purposes, so it is provided to a number of bodies, including government and non-government education departments and organisations, independent school systems and researchers. Some of these organisations may also link AEDC data with information from other organisations (such as health departments) to improve programmes and policies for young children. When the data is linked with other data, extreme care is taken to ensure individual children cannot be identified.

As so much can be learned about children’s development through the AEDC, the privacy of children participating in it is of paramount importance. To ensure that all of the information collected is handled properly, the AEDC is managed in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs). The APPs regulate the collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information by Australian government agencies and some private sector organisations and is part of the Privacy Act 1998 (Cth). APPs also form part of applicable state and territory privacy legislation and policies.

The system used by the AEDC to collect and collate the information is a secure site and children’s information is kept secure at all times. Your child’s data will not be used for any other purpose than described in this newsletter and the Privacy Statement contained on the AEDC website at www.aedc.gov.au/privacy. You can see how data was collected and presented in 2009 and 2012 by visiting www.aedc.gov.au/data. Data from the 2015 collection will be presented in a similar way.

This year’s AEDC is a great opportunity for everyone including parents, local communities, schools and other agencies to work together to bring long-lasting benefits to children and their families. If you would like more information about the AEDC, please refer to the frequently asked questions section on the AEDC website at www.aedc.gov.au, or phone 1800 092 548.

The AEDC is voluntary and is not a school test, so should you wish for your child/children’s information to be excluded from the census, please contact Tanya Russell, Deputy Principal on (02) 9913 7928.

Tanya Russell
Deputy Principal

ICAS University Competitions

The first round of the ICAS University competitions will start next week with Digital Technologies taking place first.

It will be held in 5T classroom at 8am, Tuesday, 19 May.

Students need to bring a pencil, sharpener and eraser with them. I will be supervising them.

Sophie Town

School Second Hand Uniform Shop

Donations of any second hand winter uniforms would be greatly appreciated. They can be left at the school office.

Sibling Enrolment Forms
For Kindergarten 2016

Enrolment Forms for children starting school in 2016 are being sent home with their sibling this week. Please look out for the pack. We ask that the forms be returned to the office with the completed documentation as soon as possible.

If you have a child starting in 2016 and you haven’t let us know yet please contact the office so we can arrange for the documentation to be forwarded to you.

Are you interested in getting a foot in the door working in a school?

Manly West Public School is looking for someone to work Mon-Thurs and every 2nd Friday until lunch to work initially in their print room for terms 3 and 4.

If you are interested please call Kay Parker on 9948 2257 to discuss.
The Healthy Hut

New Canteen Winter Menu

As advised in our email on Wednesday the new Canteen Winter Menu will commence next Monday, 18 May.

To avoid extra work in the canteen please ensure you start using the new menu from Monday when ordering. A copy of the new menu can also be found on the website under P&C – Canteen and on the Parent Planner phone app.

NNPS Snowsports team

Any experienced skiers or snowboarders who are interested in joining the NNPS Snowsports team, the Northern NSW Interschools championships will be held at Perisher from 1st to 4th July.

Please see www.interschoolssnowsports.com.au for all event information and costs. If you would like to compete please contact Leanne Tosi at leanne.n.bell@det.nsw.edu.au as soon as possible for team entries.

School Invoice for Term 2, 2015

Now overdue

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Payment Options

1. Only when paying the full amount of the Term 2 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.

Mathematics Information Session

for Parents

We will be running a Mathematics information session for parents on Monday, 15 June at 6:30pm in the library. Please see the information page electronically attached to this newsletter for details and please complete the form if you wish to attend.

Any questions, just ask.

Ms Sarah Brown
Stage 2 Assistant Principal
Numeracy Team Leader
The Pittwater Short Story Award 2015

Berkelouw Books is pleased to announce the opening of the Pittwater Short Story Competition for 2015.

We are inviting the creative writers of Pittwater aged 9 and up to join the competition by submitting a story that is identifiably set in Pittwater and which makes a reference to something fishy.

Visit our websites where you will be able to download and print the pdf www.berkelouw.com.au/stores/mona-vale

Library

We are desperately needing volunteers to help this year to cover library books at home. Materials are supplied.

We are also desperately needing volunteers to help this year to shelve library books on either Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays from 8.30am to 9.00am.

Thank you.

Karen Koprivec

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Studio K Dance

Now Enrolling for Term 2!

Classes available:
Ballet, Contemporary & Jazz
Pittwater Sports Centre, Narrabeen

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