From the Principal’s Desk....

Reports
Student Semester One reports will go home with students today. These reports include a summary of your child’s learning and provide information on areas of achievement, areas for further development and comments on their social development and commitment to learning.

The teachers have spent considerable time reflecting on your child’s progress across Terms 1 and 2 and have written the reports to provide a summary to parents.

In the semester report there are two changes from those sent home to parents in 2014.

In the Mathematics Key Learning Area the report reflects the three new strands of the curriculum. Working Mathematically is now integrated across the strands.

As part of the school’s program, some aspects of Key Learning Areas (KLAs) are taught by our Release from Face to Face (RFF) teachers. These teachers have provided a brief comment on your child’s learning. This is included in the General Comment section of the report.

I would like to acknowledge the work done by staff in writing the reports for parents, as they are an important part of the reporting on a child’s learning.

Sydney North Dance Group
The lights hit the disco ball, and the show started for the first of Narrabeen North’s school dance groups involved in the Sydney North Dance Festival at Glen Street Theatre.

I had the pleasure, on Monday evening, to see our two dance groups perform on stage. These two dance troupes have been rehearsing under the watchful eye of Miss Debbie White in preparation for their chance to shine on stage.

The energy and performance style of the children was very impressive! We certainly have some talented dancers in our school. Congratulations to all children and good luck for your final two performances.

Thank you to Miss Dickson and Ms Williams for giving so generously of their time to organise the two dance groups to ensure they had the opportunity to showcase their talents on stage!

Years 2 – 6 Athletics Carnival
We were certainly blessed to have the sun shining and such warm weather for the Years 2–6 athletics carnival. Whilst it was a cool start for the competitors in the early events, by the time the majority of children arrived it was a great day for the carnival.

It was wonderful to see the children competing in the different events and also sharing in the house war cries.

Particularly impressive was the camaraderie and school spirit shown by the children. Whilst there is a competitive edge to the various events, it’s most pleasing to see children encouraging each other and showing good sportsmanship.

Such an event wouldn’t be possible without the energy, enthusiasm and organisation of Miss Dickson and Mr Brown, and their PDHPE team who all contributed to the running of the day. Thank you also to each teacher for their efforts on the day.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped throughout the day. The success of the carnival was greatly assisted by your involvement. You were amazing!

Thank you.

Stewart House and Smith Family Clothing Appeal
Stewart House and Smith Family bags have gone home with the youngest child. The holidays are a great opportunity to clean out cluttered cupboards! Please return full bags to the inside foyer of K Block (red brick building) by Friday, 17 July (1st week back Term 3). More bags are available from the office.
The Chalkboard

NAIDOC Art Show
Each year the Peninsula Community of Schools (PCS) coordinates a variety of NAIDOC Week activities. One of these events is an art exhibition which showcases 15 pieces of work created by students from each school.

Children from Narrabeen North produced a variety of artworks using different mediums e.g. painting, coloured drawings, water colours. On Wednesday evening, the work was displayed at Avalon Public School. There were individual pieces as well as two class contributions.

The exhibition will be part of a travelling art show and will be on display at our school in Term 3.

Another part of the NAIDOC week celebrations is a range of different activities for our Indigenous students. One of the most enjoyable parts is a sleep over tonight at Avalon Public School where children will hear traditional Aboriginal stories, taste some bush tucker and watch a performance.

Thank you to Miss Town, Mrs Brown and Mr Cook for their contributions to the PCS events.

Whooping Cough – Message from NSW Health
Some students who attend Narrabeen North Public School have recently been diagnosed with Whooping Cough (pertussis).

What are the symptoms?
Whooping Cough usually starts with a runny nose, followed by persistent cough -- often worse at night -- that comes in bouts. Bouts may be followed by gagging, vomiting or gasping for air.

Whooping Cough can cause a very severe illness in young children particularly those aged under 6 months.

How is it spread?
Whooping Cough is usually spread by direct contact with the droplets from the nose and throat of an infected person produced whilst coughing. People at greatest risk of getting the illness are those who have had a considerable amount of face-to-face contact with a person with the disease. Whooping Cough can occur in people previously vaccinated.

What should parents do?
Anyone developing symptoms should consult their local doctor and mention that there are cases of Whooping Cough in the school. Children who are diagnosed with Whooping Cough need to stay away from school until they have taken 5 days of a special antibiotic.

For further information please refer to NSW Health http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/Information-for-childcare-and-schools.aspx or contact the Northern Sydney Public Health Unit on 9477 9187.

End of Term
Another very busy term comes to an end on Friday afternoon. There have been so many fabulous events that have happened for the children, and I’m sure they are looking forward to a holiday.

Students return to school on Tuesday, 14 July. I wish all families an enjoyable break!

Ryan Shepheard
Principal

Our Banner Recipients

1B  Mia A; Will J; Bella T-C; Kobi W; Reef W
1F  Zachary A
1J  Eden D; Luca H; Henry P
1M  Mahlie G
2C  Charley D; Joseph G; Dustin H; Ella R-H
2H  Alyssa B; Will B; Dylan K; Alexandra O; Catriona S; Sonny W
2W  Imogen C; Krista R; Rex S
3P  Jack R
4M  Holly M; Madison R; Jake W
4S  Isla S
5M  Sam C; Ryan D; Jamie-Lea N
5T  Taira M
6W  Dylan C

Congratulations to these students!

Principal Awards Recipients for this week are:

KC  Sage H; Isla G; Alba C
KR  Cooper T
1B  Tommy G; Aden G; Amelia B;
1J  Eden D; Evie P; Jasman H
2H  Antonio S
2S  Jonah M; Caitlin D
2W  Joshua S; Nathan B
3G  Bonnie C; Liam W
3M  Eliza H; Annika S; Millicent D
3P  Ash A
4B  Tia S; John H; Corin M-S; Gully D
4M  Jasper T; Maggie Y
4S  Tyler N
5M  Teneil C; Brodie F; Nyla B; Lachlan B; Darce C
5T  Jake M; Bailey R
6D  Ben F; Katie A; Jasmine K; Breyton M-S;
    Marcus P; Kiara H
6W  Nathan F; Emma G; Tom C

Well done everyone!
Beyond the Board with Miss Dickson...

‘A classroom is four walls with tomorrow inside.’

Sydney North Performance Dance Groups
Well this has been a week filled with happy feet and amazing performances. Our Performance Dance Groups truly delighted the audiences at Glen Street on Monday night and received rave reviews from all involved. Ms 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 younger colleagues. Parents of our younger dancers have commented on how wonderful and important the older students have become to their younger counterparts. The senior girls are to be commended for being such sincere, reliable and caring role models – I am ever so proud of you all for choosing being kind.

Stage 2 and 3 Multicultural Speaking Competition
Corin, Gabi, Mackenzie and Taira were truly stars at the Multicultural Speaking finals at Collaroy Plateau on Tuesday. Not only did they all do an exceptional prepared speech but also all rose to the occasion with the impromptu component of the competition. Corin is to be commended for coming third and narrowly missing out on reaching the next level of the competition!

Athletics Carnival
We were blessed by sunshine and I was thrilled to see so many students participating, showing sportsmanship and supporting their house. Thank you to the many parent volunteers who assisted on the day and helped our carnival run so smoothly. The first set of results is published in this newsletter. The field events results will be published after we complete the junior girls’ high jump next term. The remaining ribbons for the track events will be given out in Week 1 Term 3.

Carpe diem
Miss Dickson
Assistant Principal

From the Office

Anyone who dropped an envelop into the gold box in the office on Thursday morning (today) would you kindly contact the office as we have one without a name on it.

Many thanks.
SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP
Venue: Narrabeen Community And Tennis Centre
2-10 Woorara Ave North Narrabeen

Date: 6th-10th July 2015

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 – Pull Day $50, Half Day $40

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

Enrolment Form:
- ½ Day camp □ Full Day camp □
- Pupils Name: ........................................ D.O.B: ................
- Parents Name: ............................... Phone: ........................
- Address: ........................................................................................
- Email Address: .................................................................................
- Playing experience: ........................................................ Right Handed □
- Amount Enclosed: ........................................................ Left Handed □

I, the undersigned, being parent or legal guardian of the above-named, hereby take full responsibility whilst attending this camp and understand that Godwin’s Tennis Academy will do the utmost for their care.

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