The Chalkboard

The Newsletter from Narrabeen North Public School

Week 5, Term 1 Thursday, 25 February 2016

From the Principal’s Desk....

Banner Award Recipients

1/2M Finn E; Kobe M
1B Alice M
1C Will M; Lucy P
1H Ashley S
1K Sage H; Izzy S
2C Owen W
2H Mia A; Ben G
2SG Aiden B
3/4G Seth M
3B James L
3F Sian C; Luca M
3M James G
4E Nate J; Aingeal S
4M Liam W; Tara W
4S Nirvana G; Toby J
5/6D Patrick F; Alec R; Bree W
5M Kiara P
5T Amber B; Ava B; Holden K; Jesse M
Will P; Sienna R
6B Caleb G; Beau R
6W Natalie C

Principal Awards for this week

1B Poppy F; Arlo J
1H Chelsea B; Cyrus P
1/2M Lenny K
2H Temrell J; Braden M
2SG Maiya G; Bailey N; Kobi W
3/4G Dustin H; Dylan K
4M Noah E; Jasmine B
5M Henry P
5T Oliver L
5/6D Gilly D
6B Mia V

Building Confidence in Children

Building self-confidence in children is a process that takes time and is more than continual praise and encouragement. It is specifically developed through a range of strategies that enable children to grow into confident young people.

Often teachers are asked about the ways parents can help to build a child’s self-esteem, as with this, the child would feel encouraged to take educated risks, try new things and believe in their ability.

In classrooms, teachers focus on how a positive mindset, combined with consistent effort, can lead to improvement. Goal setting is an important part of this process, where students identify specific areas they would like to develop and the strategies they will use to achieve them.

Michael Grose is a well-known professional who helps parents in educating children. In his ‘Parenting ideas insights’ newsletter, Michael offers 10 confidence-building strategies for parents.

For your interest, the newsletter is on the school website:


How To Write An Awesome Story

What’s the difference between a boring story and an awesome one?

Our Years 3 and 4 students had the opportunity this week to find out!

They heard from author Ged Gillmore, on the six magic steps he uses to write children’s books. He outlined to the children that it all starts in the planning; you need main characters with strengths

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and weaknesses, obstacles to overcome, key questions to answer and wants to achieve.

This session linked well with the work our students are doing in classrooms focused on writing.

All classrooms are implementing the ‘Seven Steps to Writing Success’ program and we are already seeing some terrific written pieces. I was impressed with the Year 3 extension writing group who explored ways to ‘ban the boring’ and extend their vocabulary.

**P&C Meeting**

Last night was the first meeting for the year and also the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C). The P&C plays a very active and important role in our school community and is the major link between the school and our families.

The P&C manages very important services for parents and students:

- Canteen
- Before and After School Care
- Uniform Shop
- Band/Music Program

Thank you to Duncan Smith, President, for his work in leading the committee in 2015. With his team they have continued to support the school in providing the best opportunities for children.

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of all the committees over the past year. As well as managing services for students and parents, they have coordinated fundraising activities, the class parent breakfast, working bee and welcome to Kindergarten morning tea.

Thank you to Danielle Taylor who has filled the role of Secretary for the past three years. She has been an integral member of the executive team – being a key contact for parents, an important link with the school and a friendly, helpful community member. Thank you Danielle!

This position is now vacant as the P&C constitution requires that after three years a new person is elected. If you’re interested please email nnpspandc.secretary@gmail.com

Thank you to all parents who volunteered to be part of a committee in 2016. With your support, we will continue to provide a great school for children.

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**Congratulations to our Banner and Value Award Recipients**

**Ryan Shepheard**
Principal

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**Term 1 School Fees are now overdue!**

- Kinder $199.00
- Year 1 $194.00
- Class 1M $159.00
- Year 2 $165.00
- Year 3 $178.00
- Year 4 $208.00
- Year 5 $268.00
- Year 6 $298.00

- If paying on-line, each child must be paid separately please, this assists with reconciling your payment.
- Your reference must be: CHILD’S SURNAMe, INITIAL, CLASS
- BANK: Westpac ACCOUNT: Narrabeen North PS Admin Account
- BSB: 032-001 ACC NO: 146091

Don’t forget! 😊
**Stage 2 Story Planning Session**

This week Year 3 and Year 4 students attended an interactive story planning session with the author of ‘Cats on the Run’, Ged Gillmore. Students were introduced to the ingredients of good story-telling, by analysing elements in a range of good stories.

Ged’s suggestions for writing a great story include:

- Strengths and weaknesses to make the main character likeable and believable
- The importance of a ‘desire line’ – what the main character wants
- An enemy with their own strengths and weaknesses who challenges the main character
- A series of obstacles or difficulties
- A good battle scene
- The main character overcoming their weakness to triumph.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the session and will be able to use the useful techniques in class writing tasks. Ged Gillmore’s ingredients for good story-telling links in nicely with our whole school writing focus using the ‘Seven Steps Writing Program’.

Ms Sarah Brown
Stage 2 Assistant Principal

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**Shave and Colour Day**

**Tuesday, 15 March**

Information regarding this year’s Shave and Colour fundraising event will be going home this week.

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**School Photos**

**Wednesday, 9 March**

Envelopes and information for school photos are going home this week. If you would like to purchase these photos, please return the envelope to the class teacher as soon as possible. Note that the envelopes are personalised for each student.

Order forms for sibling photos can be obtained from the school office.

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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.

For further information visit:  
http://www.primaryparentplanner.com

For Phone Set Up Guides go to:  
Microsoft & Adobe software for students

All NSW DEC students are eligible to download and install Adobe and Microsoft software onto personally owned devices. Students will need to use their @education.nsw.gov.au student email address to register.

Please go to the following website for further information. https://nsw-students.onthehub.com/WebStore/Welcomes.aspx

Mrs Michelle Wineberg
Computer Coordinator

Stewart House and Smith Family
Clothing Appeal

Bags went home last week to the youngest child to be filled with good, clean, wearable clothes (suitable for adults or children), accessories and manchester you no longer require and returned to the office no later than Friday, 26 February (tomorrow).

2016 Harmony Day
Poster Competition

Theme: “Stop, Think and Consider Others”

Entries should reflect one or more of the following principles:
✓ Our society is made up of people from diverse backgrounds.
✓ Most people want to live together in Peace & Harmony, and this is the focus of our creative project. This naturally needs consideration, respect and understanding for others’ gender, race and religion.
✓ We must not accept hate, violence or unfair treatment of any person or group.
✓ As global citizens, we can help in some way to make the world a better place.
✓ We must strive to give all Australians equal opportunities and assist those who are less fortunate than ourselves. We are proud to be Australian.

On Harmony Day this year, why not express the benefits of harmony in our society by entering this national competition.

$500 Prize Money!!

Junior Category Prizes (K-6)
State Winner $500 Regional Winner $500

DESIGN

All entries MUST be A3 paper size and any medium is acceptable (You may collect an A3 piece of paper from the office).

Please write your full name and class on the back.

Open to ALL students at NNPS K-6
Closing Date Friday 18 March 2016

We look forward to seeing your creative, harmonious entries!
Ms Stewart & Mrs Hendricks (Harmony Day Coordinators)

OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday, 2 March 2016 6.00-8.30PM

At Narrabeen, we look at your child’s future like you do and know the importance of a well rounded education. We invite you to experience the vibrancy and essence of our school community.

Open night highlights:
Experience guided tours of the schools facilities
Watch Music and Drama performances
Participate in Academy Sports Program
Enjoy Light refreshments provided by our senior hospitality students

Please RSVP at: narrabeen-hschooldet.nsw.edu.au

For more information about Open Day or enrolments, please contact the school Office or visit the website.
www.narrabeen-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
10 Naluna St, North Narrabeen, NSW 2101 PH: 9913 7620
Happy St. Patrick's Day!
Canteen Theme Day, Thursday, March 17th!

Order on www.school24.net.au by Tuesday, March 15th at 5:00pm

Volunteers Needed!

Menu
Irish Potato Skins - online
Shepard's Pie - online
Rainbow Fruit Cups
Leprechaun Jelly
Green Apple Ice Cream
And much much more...
(50c - $2.00) over the counter

NNPS P&C K-Y2 DISCO
Friday 4th March
5:00pm-6:30pm
@ Warriewood Surf Club

Hosted by DJ Kit Kat
Ticket price includes drink & ice block.
BBQ & refreshments (at extra cost) available for parents.
Fun & prizes!

Tickets $5
Purchase at www.trybooking.com/172817
From 22/02/16
(NNPS P&C K-2 Disco)

NNPS P&C PRESENTS:
YEARS 3-6
MOVIE NIGHT
TED BLACKWOOD HALL
FRIDAY 11th MARCH 2016

Venue: Ted Blackwood Hall
(cnr Boondah & Jacombe Rd Warriewood)
Time: Doors open at 6:00pm
Movie starts at 6:15pm
Pick-up at 8:30pm
Tickets: $10.00
(including popcorn & an ice cream)
Bookings: From 29/2/16
www.trybooking.com/187460

Dress: Pyjamas/Onesies
B10 pillow

THE THREE STOOGES MOVIE (2012)
**VOLUNTEER CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 1**

*Please email us at thehealthyhut@gmail.com or call/text Emma at 0431 614 737*

See you at The Healthy Hut!

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**Clean Up Schools Day is Friday, 4 March.**

Please send some gloves to school on that day so your child can help us clean up our environment.

Thank you.

Mr Cook

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