The Newsletter from Narrabeen North Public School

From the Principal’s Desk…

Principal Awards for this week:

1B Olive M
1C Samuel B
1K Izzy S; Jonathan H; Caylie B; Brooklyn J; Ben H; Van W
1/2M Charli B; Blake C
2C Charlie I; Olivia G
2H Lachlan F; Oscar N; Charlie S
3B Paris M
4S Alexa S; Cohen G-B
5T Jacob M
5/6D Byron V; Maggie Y
6W Riley H; Callum C-L

‘The Exchange’ - Writing Project
Narrabeen North Public School has partnered with Narrabeen Sports High School to establish a new initiative focused on writing.

The project entitled ‘The Exchange’, is targeted towards Year 5 and Year 9 students where they build a learning platform for sharing ideas and opinions and transform these into writing.

After an initial pilot in 2015, this year all Year 5 students will be mentored by students from the high school over 3-4 sessions as they write their own piece for the ‘What Matters’ competition.

This exciting new partnership further develops the learning hub with Narrabeen Sport High School.

Congratulations to Mitch Morris who was awarded the Richard Hoskins Trophy for Outstanding Swimmer of the meet. A special recognition of his achievements!

Thank you to Miss Russell and Miss Dickson for supporting our swimmers on the day.

Zone Swimming
Congratulations to our zone swimming team on their outstanding success at the carnival. As a result of the combined efforts of the team, Narrabeen North was the champion school, winning the handicap trophy which takes into account our school numbers. The second year in a row; a great achievement!

Well done to all swimmers on their efforts in the pool. Thank you to our cheering Narrabeen North parents who encouraged all our competitors.

Dates to Remember - Term 1

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The Chalkboard

**K-2 Disco**
It was great to see so many K-2 children come along and dance away to the latest songs at the K-2 disco. The children had plenty of fun grooving and shaking with their friends.

Thank you to our parent coordinators who ensured the children had a most enjoyable time!

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**
Information regarding our Term 1 parent/teacher interviews will be coming home shortly. This year K-4 bookings for interviews will be made online. This system will make the process more efficient for parents and teachers. If parents don’t have access to an internet connection the class teacher or office can assist.

For students in Kindergarten – Year 4 interviews will be 10 minutes each and will be held on either Monday, 4 April or Tuesday, 5 April. Please see below the allocated day for your child’s class:

- **Monday, 4 April** – KW, KR, 1B, 1H, 2SG, 2C, 3F, 3M, 3B and 4M
- **Tuesday, 5 April** – KA, KC, KF, 1K, 1C, 1/2M, 2H, 3/4G, 4E and 4S

Those children in Years 5 and 6 will participate in student-led conferences on either Monday, 4 April or Tuesday, 5 April. Further details will be sent home with students.

The interview is an opportunity for the teacher and parents to discuss their child’s progress so far this term and address any important issues with academic progress or social development. It is only a short timeframe as a comprehensive report on your child’s achievement is sent home to parents at the end of Term 2.

**Native Stingless Bees**
Last year our Years 1 and 2 students studied the themes of conservation and sustainability through a unit of work on bees.

The students learnt many facts about bees and the important value they add to our environment. Part of their challenge was to persuade the school on the importance of bees and why we should protect them.

With the help of a parent, David Finch, we now have a hive for native Australian stingless bees. The bees are safe to keep at school with the hive kept in the nature area at the front of the school.

**Working Bee**
A reminder the P&C is organising a working bee for this Saturday, 12 March to help improve our gardens and school grounds. We are seeking support from the community and would greatly appreciate any help you can provide on the day.

Please email David Finch if you can assist: finchdavid@hotmail.com

**NAPLAN**
Each year students in Years 3 and 5 participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). This test assesses the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. A report on your child’s progress is returned later in the year.

The assessment dates in 2016 are:

- **Tuesday, 10 May** – Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Writing
- **Wednesday, 11 May** – Reading
- **Thursday, 12 May** – Numeracy


**Whooping Cough – Message from NSW Health**
This week a student who attends Narrabeen North Public School has 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.


**Ryan Shepheard**
Principal

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UNSW International Competitions and Assessment 2016

Students in Years 3-6 are invited to enter the 2016 International Competitions in Science, Spelling, Writing, Mathematics, English and Computer Skills. These examinations incur an entry fee and are not run by the Department of Education but by EAA - Education Assessment Australia, an independent organisation owned by the University of NSW. Your child will compete against students in Australia, New Zealand, Asia, South Africa and the Pacific Region. The exams provide an opportunity for students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly, their total score, as well as their average, compared with the rest of the students in the state.

Certificates are awarded as follows:
- High Distinction top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 20% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students

All students who achieve the highest score in each state receive a University NSW medal.

Dates and cost are as follows:
- Digital Technologies Tues 17 May $8.00
- Science Tues 31 May $8.00
- Spelling Wed 15 June $11.00
- Writing Thur 16 June $17.00
- English Tues 2 August $8.00
- Mathematics Tues 16 August $8.00

Please collect the entry form from the school office, the 1C classroom or download a form from the school website. Return your form with the correct payment to the school (drop in gold box in office) no later than Monday, 4 April 2016. Entries after this date cannot be accepted.

We encourage returning students to track their progress since the last year they tested, and welcome any new students wanting to participate.

Kind regards,
Katie-Louise Clinton
Shauna Humphries
(ICAS Competitions Coordinators)

Shave and Colour
Tuesday, 15 March

Permission slips and $5 for having hair coloured are to be returned to your child’s class and student and adult sponsorship money are to be returned to the office by this Monday, 14 March.

The event will start at 2pm this Tuesday in the amphitheatre.

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 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.

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 on A3 piece of paper from the office).

Please write your full name and class on the back.

Each entry will receive a certificate of participation.

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

(No posters can be accepted after this date)

We look forward to seeing your creative, harmonious entries!
Ms Stewart & Mrs Hendricks (Harmony Day Coordinators)
K-2 Cross Country

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students are to wear sports shoes every day to prepare for the Cross Country in Week 10.

Divers

Please be advised of the opportunity for divers to enter the Sydney North dive team.


Please refer enquiries to Sue Milford, Convenor.

Band News

- There will be a cake stall on Thursday, 24 March. Donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated.
- A huge thank you to Blackmores for a donation of $500 and also a huge thanks to the P&C for their donation of $10,000 that we used to buy 10 new instruments.
- Any student who is interested in learning an instrument please pick up a form from the school office.
- Band Camp is on Wednesday, 23 and Thursday, 24 March. Forms are available from the office and on the school website.

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Autumn

Welcome to Autumn

April 17th - April 26th

Activities:
- FitNastics, Laser Tag, Sandbucket Play Centre, Outdoor Water Park, Kayaking, Wii Fun.

Please note: Whilst every attempt is made to verify bona fide advertisers, the school does not accept responsibility therefore parents should use their own discretion.
News from the P&C

I’m delighted to announce the P&C team positions for 2016.

**The Executives:** Duncan Smith, Sherry Sullivan, Peter Gledhill, David Finch, Richard Boalch

**Before and After School Care Sub Committee:** Belinda Smith, Suzy Pawley and Renata Lloyd

**The Band Sub Committee:** Bianca Bamwell, Cara McDonell, Angelina Marov, Melinda Hunter

**Canteen Coordinator:** Nia Kirkham

**Second Hand Clothing Shop Coordinators:** Nicole Amundsen and Rachel Wolfe

**Events Coordinator:** Kelly Hindman

If you’d like to help one or more of these groups in any capacity, please contact nnpspandc.secretary@gmail.com

The K-2 Disco last Friday was a huge success! Thanks to Heidi Hill and her amazing team of volunteers.

Year 3-6 Movie Night is tomorrow night. Doors open at 6pm.

The Working Bee is this Saturday – if you can help – Text David on 0414 899 775

Our next meeting is Wednesday, 30 March at 7:30pm.

All Welcome!

Duncan Smith
President

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Term 1 School Fees are now overdue!

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- 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

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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...

($50-$2.00) over the counter
Dear families,

Just a reminder that you can now order the hot food options online for St Patrick’s Day. Online ordering closes on **Tuesday, 15 March**.

Thank you to everyone who has offered to volunteer on our Theme Day. We are looking forward to a busy but fun day with you all. We are still after a volunteer for the day before (Wednesday, 16 March.)

Hope to see you all soon in the Healthy Hut,

Sherene and Emma

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We are looking for some more players in the Under 9 mixed age group to play in our Saturday morning comp and girls in the W8 age group to play on Sunday morning’s (7 or 8 year olds). For further information please contact:

**Under 9’s Mixed**
Jake Downs-
nfcunder8and9@gmail.com
or phone 0411 173 079

**Girls W8’s**
Vicki Halpin at
nfcladiescoordinator@gmail.com
or phone 0401 716 257

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**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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