Principal’s Report
Welcome back to Term 3 at Narranga – as always we’ve hit the ground running. The first big event of the term will of course be our school fete on Friday next week. The P&C fete committee has been in a frenzy of preparations, as have teachers and students as they prepare class stalls. We will need to identify more volunteers to assist on some of the P&C stalls, so please let the office know if you can spare an hour or so to help on the day. Fete details follow in this week and next week’s newsletters – we’ll see you there.

Orientation for 2015 Kindergarten students will kick off in earnest with our Kindergarten Expo for parents on Wednesday night next week. It will provide parents with lots of important tips about what to expect next year. Parents who have notified us that their little ones are enrolling will have already received their invitations. If you or anyone you know hasn’t yet done so, now is the time to contact the school office.

This morning I showed the students 8 large bags full of balls for various sports that will be used to give every class a set for children to borrow during lunch. These are only a fraction of the many sporting items that we have received free of charge from Amart Sports via their Community Kickbacks scheme. The scheme involves shoppers nominating to support Narranga, and then each time they make a purchase from the store we receive credit to make purchases. If you haven’t already done so, please sign up for it next time you’re in the store.

Our boys’ soccer team travelled to Taree today to play in the quarter finals of the State PSSA knockout against Gosford PS. Unfortunately they went down 2-0, but Mr Johnston reports that they played well against some exceptional opposition.

Congratulations to our Year 6 student Brodie Richardson, who played for NSW in the recent National Rugby Union championships. Not only was Brodie a part of the winning side, but he received a glowing report from his coach not only for his excellent play, but also his sportsmanship and positive behaviour. What a great ambassador for our school. Brodie was also Age Champion at the North Coast Athletics Carnival last term, and will travel to the PSSA State Carnival next week with Jake Franklin, Troy Duckett, Jake Hines, Siera Poynter and Blair Boulton – good luck one and all.

On a more cultural note, we currently have choirs and a dance group practicing for their involvement in the Lighthouse Community of Schools joint concert at CEX on Monday October 27. Also, artwork completed in Mrs Neans’ art extension group has been submitted to a national art competition. Narranga kids are certainly not lacking in opportunities, both in and out of the classroom.

M Trist – Principal

Award Winners
Congratulations to the following students who have been presented with awards in the last week:

Principal’s Award – Tiah Johnson
Silver Certificate – Chelsea Gray, Miranda Holmes
Gold Certificate – Chelsea Gray

Kindergarten Expo 2015
A reminder to all parents of 2015 Kindergarten students that our annual Kindergarten Expo is happening next Wednesday October 15th with a tour of the school beginning at 6.30pm followed at 7.00pm by a presentation in the hall. This will be an informative evening where you can come along and find out all about “Big School” at Narranga Public School. We look forward to seeing you there.

2014 K-2 Gymnastics Program
Notes have been sent home to KC, KF, KM, KN, K1/A and 1N regarding their 8 gymnastics sessions which commence on October 13th. Payment of $18 needs to be finalised by this Friday October 10th to ensure inclusion in this program.

Student Invoices
Today we are sending home student invoices to all those families who still have outstanding balances. Please pay these invoices at the school office as soon as possible. To all the families who have paid their 2014 student invoices, Thank You!!!

What’s On!
Wed Oct 15th Kindergarten Orientation Expo
Fri Oct 17th Narranga School Fete
Tues Nov 11th Year 2 Dolphin Marine Magic Excursion
Fri Nov 28th Narranga P & C Movie Night
Wed Dec 3rd Orara & Coffs High School Orientation
Fri Dec 5th Last Student Banking for 2014
Mon Dec 15th Presentation Assembly
Mon Dec 15th Year 6 Farewell
Tues Dec 16th Narranga Picnic Day
Wed Dec 17th Last Day for Students

Intensive Swimming Scheme
Notes and money for the Intensive Swimming Scheme for all Year 2 students are due to be returned by Wednesday October 22nd. There are still some places available for students in Years 3-6 who also struggle with swimming. Please see Mrs Fenton for further details.

Junior Choir
The Junior Choir is looking to borrow some flags from different countries to use in their performance in the up and coming Lighthouse Concert on Monday October 27th. If you have a flag of any size that you could lend us please contact Mrs Fenton as soon as possible.

M Trist – Principal
Picking up / Dropping Off Students in School Hours
Parents must come to the office and sign children in/out before they go to the classroom to drop off or to pick up. The late arrival/early departure slip issued by the office advises the teacher why the student is late or why the student is leaving early. Thank you for your co-operation with this request.

Assembly Items
K-2 Assembly Friday October 10th at 10.40am
There will not be a class item at this week’s K-2 assembly. Parents are welcome to attend if they wish.

3-6 Assembly Friday October 10th at 11.40am
There will not be a class item at this week’s 3-6 assembly. Parents are welcome to attend if they wish.

University of New South Wales Maths Competition
Last term students in Years 3–6 took part in the 2014 International Maths Competition. The following students achieved outstanding results.

Merit Certificates – Lily McMahon, Brandon Daley, Finley Dowd, Mahayla Gardner
Credit Certificate – Noah Hubbard, Caitlin Nielsen, Emily Nielsen, Eriston Blackburn, Harry McMillan

Congratulations to these students and the other participants on their efforts. Certificates will be presented at morning assemblies.

R Johnson – Organiser

Canteen
Thurs 9th HELP NEEDED
Fri 10th HELP NEEDED
Mon 13th T Brandon
Tues 14th R Berry, K Ruhle
Wed 15th T Cooper, C Macauley

The Canteen will be CLOSED on Friday October 17th due to it being Fete Day. There will be NO Recess or Lunch Orders.

Urgent Message from the Canteen – The Canteen is in desperate need of more volunteers if it is to remain open 5 days per week. If you are able to help out in our School Canteen please contact the school office on 6652 1106 or the Canteen Supervisor.

Can You Help?
The canteen is in need of donations of melamine bowls and plates to use for the free breakfast. Please leave any donations at the canteen or school office.

P&C Fete – Friday October 17th
Only 9 days to go!!!! A big thank you to all the families who have donated items for our Fete. Please keep donations coming as this is a major fundraiser for our school.

KC Fete Request: KC are selling lolly cups at the fete. Our class has bought in bags of lollies to fill the cups however more lollies are needed! If you are able to donate a bag of lollies for our lolly stall we would be very appreciative. Donations can be delivered to the KC classroom or the school office. Thank you! P.S. All lolly donations will earn you a stamp in any box on your Fete Passport.

Lynn Cross – KC Teacher

Can You Help?: Class 5J is running the Putt Putt Golf Stall at our upcoming school fete. We are in need of some putters to make our stall a success. We would greatly appreciate the loan of any putters of varying sizes. Please be assured they will be well looked after and returned promptly after the fete. Thank you in anticipation of your support. 5J & Mr Johnson

Volunteers to assist on Stalls: HELP! In order for our Fete to be a success we require a large number of volunteers to help out on the stalls. If you are able to assist for a short time on one of the many stalls at the Fete, please leave your name and phone number at the office as soon as possible. A huge thanks to those who have already volunteered. A note will be sent home via your child early next week confirming the stall and time details for you.

Face Painting: We still require volunteers to assist on the Face Painting Stall. If you can help, please let the office know.

Fete Competition – Car Spotto: Children brought home a poster promoting the Narranga School Fete at the end of last term. Put your decorated poster onto your car window for a chance to be spotted and win a prize! At each morning assembly until the Fete, our Narranga spotter will announce the winning make, model and registration of the winning car proudly displaying their fete poster. Remind your child of your car details and look for the winners in upcoming newsletters…..It’s getting exciting!!!!

Cake Box Decorating Competition: All students in K-2 have been given a white cake box to decorate by painting, drawing, covering in stickers etc. The cake box is to be returned filled with baked goods for the Cake Stall i.e. cake, biscuits, slice etc. Please include a note in the box with the student name and class for identification and judging. Students in Years 3-6 also have the opportunity to decorate a cake box, should they wish to participate. They will need to collect a cake box from the office. There are 4 prizes: 1 Kinder, 1 Yr One, 1 Yr Two and 1 Yr Three-Six.

Coffee Stall: A qualified barista is needed to volunteer to make beautiful coffee at our Fete. Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

Bottle Bingo: Thank you for your donations for the Bottle Bingo Stall. We still need lots more so keep filling those bottles with great gifts – the children will love them!

Second Hand Clothing, Book/DVD/CD, White Elephant Stall: More White Elephant goods are required to fill our stall. Please bring all donations to the office. Donations of used coat hangers for the second hand clothing stall would also be appreciated.

Fete Passports: Students have been given Fete Passports. Donations of nail polish are no longer required but we desperately need more coloured hairspray donations instead. Kindly send your donations in and get your passport stamped to get your five free turns on a Side Show Alley Game. Please return items to Mrs Maybury in KM.
**Wristbands**: Last Chance to Order – 2 days to go! Pre-purchase Wristbands are available for $20 to cover admittance to the following rides and activities. Chair-o-plane, mechanical bull, dolphin slide, jumping castles and disco room. Order forms available at office. Orders close Friday October 10th and bands will be distributed via the eldest child in the family on Thursday October 16th.

**Curry Pre-Orders**: Order forms were sent home with students yesterday. This Friday is the last day for pre-orders and payments to be accepted. Please bring your order and payment to the office by 3pm Friday October 10th.

**Plastic Bags**: If you have excess supermarket plastic bags at home could you please send them to school for the fete.