Principal's Report
In the midst of organising our end of year events we are also preparing our 2015 school plan. It is important to us that parents have an opportunity to state what their priorities are for the school next year. To this end, I have created a very brief online survey that asks you to rate the importance of items in the draft plan. It is available at www.surveymonkey.com/s/VZX7XXM, and needs to be completed this week. We will also have senior students in the playground for the next two mornings offering parents the chance to complete the survey on school iPads.

Tomorrow students will bring home their Semester 2 reports. As I have read through them, it has been lovely to see so much positive feedback on student achievement in academic, social, sporting and cultural spheres. I encourage you to spend some time analysing the reports with your children, and perhaps identifying some goals for 2015.

Our softball boys are in Sydney preparing for tomorrow’s State PSSA Finals. No doubt a steady stream of scores will be texted to us during the day – we wish them well.

On Monday night the P&C held its final meeting for 2014. The office bearers and committee members have done a fantastic job for Narranga this year – organising fundraisers and social events, and giving valuable feedback on school operations via their meetings. On behalf of the school I would like to thank all who have contributed their time and expertise to this success.

This will be our final newsletter for 2014 – don’t forget to check out the “What’s On” section for upcoming events. For those of you that I don’t see at our Presentation Assembly, Year 6 Farewell or other end of year happenings, thank you for your support during the year, and I hope that you and your families enjoy the holiday break. I look forward to working with you again in 2015.

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K-2 Twilight Christmas Social
This will be held in the Hall from 5-7pm tonight. There will be Pizza $2 per slice from 5pm plus soft drink $2, Poppers $1, Lolly Bags $1. Dancing commences 5.45pm. Parents are encouraged to join in the fun with the children. The children should wear party clothing with a Christmas theme (no fancy dress required). The following day, Thursday Dec 11th, is K-2 O Session. Participating children can choose to wear either their party clothing or standard mufti on this day. NB: Children MUST be accompanied by an adult during the evening.

2014 Narranga PS Annual Presentation Assembly
Parents are invited to attend the Assembly which is to be held at Coffs Harbour High School Hall on December 15th from 10.00am.

Please note that all Narranga students are expected to attend this Assembly as there will be no supervision available at Narranga. The permission note plus bus fare of $2 per student needs to be paid by this Friday, December 12th.

Stage 3 Sex Education/Child Protection
Part of the school’s Personal Development program is a K-6 series of lessons on child protection, which are designed to provide awareness and strategies for students in keeping themselves safe. By the time they reach Years 5 and 6, these lessons quite openly address some of the real life dangers that exist, including in the online world.

In addition, Year 5 and 6 sex education lessons are very factual. Human anatomy and reproduction is described using the correct anatomical language, which may be challenging for some students and parents.

The message for parents of our older students is to initiate discussions at home with your children on these important subjects, and to contact your child’s teacher if you require details on the content to be covered in class. We will address this further in 2015.

Assembly Items
K-2 Assembly Friday December 12th at 10.40am
There is no K-2 Assembly this week.
3-6 Assembly Friday December 12th at 11.40am
There is no 3-6 Assembly this week.

NARRANGA'S GIVING TREE
As is tradition at Narranga, our Christmas ‘Giving Tree’ will be in the foyer until Friday December 12th. Children are encouraged to donate unwanted toys or books, in good condition, which will be given to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy families. Please wrap gifts and label them boy/girl and appropriate age group. Please support this very worthwhile cause.

6C Reports
Mr Leahy has not been able to sign the 6C student reports as he is in Sydney with the softball boys. 6C’s reports will be sent home when he returns to school on Monday. If any parents particularly need their child’s report earlier, please send us a note tomorrow and we’ll be happy to send an unsigned version.
Term 4 ‘O’ Sessions
Students who have remained on Level ‘O’ of the Student Welfare and Behaviour Policy this term will be rewarded by enjoying an ‘O’ Session. Participating students may wear mufti clothing to school on the day (sensible closed in shoes and sun smart clothing please) OR their outfit worn at the K-2 Social if they prefer. There is no cost for this activity. Students who are not eligible to take part have been given letters to notify parents of their exclusion from the activities. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will have their session Tomorrow, December 11th.

What’s On!
Wed Dec 10th K-2 Social
Thurs Dec 11th K-2 O Sessions
Fri Dec 12th Last Day for Canteen in 2014
Mon Dec 15th Presentation Assembly 10.00am at Coffs Harbour High School Hall
Mon Dec 15th Year 6 Farewell (For Yr 5 and Yr 6 only)
Tues Dec 16th K-2 at Park Beach Reserve
Wed Dec 17th Last Day for Students
Tues Jan 27 Staff return for 2015
Wed Jan 28 Students in Yr1 to Yr6 return for 2015
Tues Feb 3 Students in Kindergarten first day

Can You Help Us?
We are in desperate need of spare clothing to put on students in emergency situations. If you have any small sizes in girls or boys uniforms that you no longer require we would be very grateful if you could donate them to the school office.

2015 Music Tuition / Band Program Registration – Action Required
A message to all parents who are seeking instrument tuition for their child in 2015. On line registration with the Coffs Harbour Regional Conservatorium must be completed by the end of this week. It is vital that this registration is completed so your child can be included in the planning and timetable organisation for next year. Please visit the site: www.coffscon.org.au and click on the Registration link to access the Registration document. It is also important that you ensure that Narranga School Music Program is typed into the General Comments section when completing the form. Please note that payment is not required at this stage. Please contact Mr Johnson if you have any problems accessing the site or queries regarding the program.

2014 School Hire Instrument Return
All school hire instruments must be returned to Mr Johnson this week so they can be collected for their yearly maintenance schedule over the holiday period.

Lost Property
We have numerous items appearing in lost property with no names on them. If items are unnamed we cannot return them to their owners. Please put the students first and last names and class on all items. Hint: To assist with marking names on dark coloured clothing, you can purchase white marker pens from stationery suppliers.

Canteen
Thurs 11th N Yeoman + anyone else who can help.
Fri 12th HELP – We desperately need some volunteers to help on this day.

The last day of trading for the Canteen in 2014 is this Friday, December 12th. There will be some extra treats for sale on Friday at lunchtime. These will include: Poppers $1.50, Soft Drink $2.00, Lollies 20c to $1.00, Smiths Chips $2.00, Chocolate Cake $1.00, Hot Chips $2.50, Gaytime Ice Cream $3.00, Splice $2.50. Please note that some Canteen menu items may not be available on Friday due to stock limitations.

Parents please note that there will be NO CANTEEN and NO LUNCH ORDERS next week.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to help out in the Canteen during 2014. We appreciate your support and wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Scrooge the Musical
The Coffs Harbour Arts Council Inc presents the 55 minute adaptation of Scrooge the Musical, directed by David Quinn, at the Jetty Memorial Theatre. Performance times: Wed Dec 10th 6.00pm, Fri Dec 12th 6.00pm, Sat Dec 13th 3.00pm, Sun Dec 14th 3.00pm, Mon Dec 15th 6.00pm, Wed 17th 6.00pm. All individual tickets are $11, Family tickets are $35 plus booking fee. Tickets are available online at www.jettytheatre.com for telephone enquiries 6652 8088 between 12pm and 4pm Tues to Fri.

Go4Fun – Healthy-Happy-Active-Kids
Go4Fun is a free program which aims to teach kids how to be healthy and fit and stay that way! The program runs during the school term and has been specifically designed for above healthy weight children aged 7 – 13 years and their parent or carer in a relaxed atmosphere with trained nutritionist and exercise leaders. Go4Fun provides a fun approach to learning skills for life. Each week involves fun non-competitive games and activities. Mid North Coast families highly recommend the program, describing improvements in their children’s fitness, physical activity levels, nutrition and self-esteem. A parent or carer must attend with their child. Take part in a free Go4Fun program in Term One 2015, Mondays 4.00pm to 6.00pm at Narranga Public School. Register Now! At Go4Fun on 1800 780 900 or text 0409 745 645 for a call back. Register online at: www.go4fun.com.au or email: go4fun@chwhc.com.au for further information.

News from Coffs Harbour Library
The Coffs Harbour City Library is conducting its Summer Reading Club again. The theme for this year’s Summer Reading Club is “Adventure” and we are encouraging all school aged children (including those starting Kindergarten in 2015) to join in the fun. All members will receive a kit containing summer reading ideas, a reading log and activities to guide children in preparing a storyboard for their ultimate adventure story. You can join at Coffs Harbour, Toormina or Woolgoolga libraries. All of this will culminate in the publication of your own adventure story at the special celebration party to be held on Jan 21st 2015. There is also the option of joining online at www.summerreadingclub.org.au for a range of online activities and prizes. For further information please contact the library on 6648 9000 or coffs.library@chcc.nsw.gov.au.