Principal’s Report
We’ve had plenty of positive feedback about yesterday’s Cross Country Carnival. On a beautiful day, it was terrific to see our students enjoying their races and showing such positive and sensible behaviour. Organisation by Mrs Mallet and her many helpers was first rate. It was a great day for the school and those who were able to attend as spectators. Now don’t forget to get sponsorship forms and money for the Cross Country-athon back to school asap.

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday our Year 3 and 5 students will join peers across the country as they sit their NAPLAN tests in literacy and numeracy. No preparation beyond a good night’s sleep and a healthy breakfast is required. Parents will receive a report on each child’s achievement in the tests later this year. School based reports will come home for all students later this term, and teachers can be contacted throughout the year if parents have concerns or questions about their children’s general progress.

It has been a successful transition to Narranga’s new school uniforms. Over the past 18 months or so a lot of work has gone into the process of selecting, acquiring and selling the uniforms, and the resultant lift to our school image has been significant. As we have now passed on uniform sales to Slick Sportswear in Lawson Cres, I would like to thank all our families for your support of the transition process. In particular, I would like to recognise P&C members Jenny Moppett, Linda MacKenzie, Angelique Buckley, Alison Haley and Michelle Graham who were particularly active in this process, as well as school admin staff Carol Grant, Vicki Barrett and Suzanne Wiltshire, who as usual contributed above and beyond the call of duty.

Don’t forget that this Friday is a mufti day in support of Stewart House. A $2 donation for each child in the envelopes supplied last week will also give you a chance of winning a $4000 family holiday. Gold coin donations will also be accepted if envelopes have gone missing. High bounce handballs are still available before school this week for $3.

I am mindful that the school regularly requests money from parents for a variety of reasons. We try to limit these costs to events that provide meaningful benefits to our students. Please keep in mind that families experiencing financial difficulties are encouraged to approach the school for assistance if it is required, rather than have children miss out.

Check out Zoowhiz, the valuable new online learning resource that Mr Bullivant has acquired for our students – details in this newsletter. It would be perfect for parents looking for extra learning activities to help their children at home. Students are being provided with their free membership details – if you haven’t received them, please contact your child’s class teacher.

Have a lovely day on Sunday mums. Hopefully you will score a great gift from tomorrow’s P&C Mother’s Day stall.

M Trist – Principal

ZooWhiz
Our school has been selected as a member of the ZooWhiz pilot program, developed by EdAlive. This means our students will receive twelve months of premium access with their unique username and password they will receive from school. ZooWhiz is an online learning website where students have access to more than 17000 maths, reading and English activities while at school, or at home. As motivation, students will become virtual zoo keepers and earn coins as they answer questions. These coins can be used to buy animals to build their own unique zoo.

P&C Meeting
A reminder that the P&C Meeting will be held in the School Library next Monday, May 12th from 7.00pm. All parents are invited to attend.

NAPLAN Testing – May 13th, 14th and 15th
All Year 3 and Year 5 students have received individual notes regarding NAPLAN Test dates. Please ensure you are aware of all details.

Parent Involvement
Here are some more ideas to help you participate in your child’s education in positive ways:

- Find out what your school is trying to achieve for your child and show your support for its aims. Discover what sets your child’s school apart from others.
- Support a broad, balanced curriculum that offers children a variety of educational experiences rather than a program that focuses narrowly on the traditional 3 R’s.
- Direct conversations through the correct channels such as your child’s teacher, the principal or the school’s governing body. Gossip or thoughtless criticism within the general community can easily tarnish a school’s reputation.
Assembly Items

K-2 Assembly Friday May 9th at 10.40am
1/2F will be presenting the class item at this week’s K-2 assembly. Parents are welcome to attend if they wish.

3-6 Assembly Friday May 9th 11.40am
There is no class item at this week’s 3-6 assembly. Parents are welcome to attend if they wish.

Narranga PS Uniforms
We wish to advise that all Narranga PS uniforms (including jackets) are now available through Slick Sportswear, Unit 4, 37 Lawson Crescent, Coffs Harbour.

Life Education for Kinder, Year 1, 2 and 3
All students in Kinder, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 have the opportunity to attend Life Education programs this term, at a cost of $5 per student. (This cost has been reduced with assistance from WESTPAC Funding.) The program addresses many components within the NSW curriculum for Personal Development / Health / Physical Education. Notes have been sent home with students. Time is running out so please return notes and $5 payment by this Friday, May 9th.

What’s On!
Thurs May 8th Mother’s Day Stall
Fri May 9th Stewart House Mufti Day
Fri May 9th Last Day to return Life Education notes and money for K-3
Tues May 13th Yr3 & Yr5 NAPLAN Language Conventions and Writing.
Wed May 14th Yr3 & Yr5 NAPLAN Reading
Thurs May 15th Yr3 & Yr5 NAPLAN Numeracy
Thurs May 15th Life Education arrives at Narranga
Fri May 16th P & C Movie Night – ‘Turbo’
Fri May 23rd Walk Safely to School Day
Mon May 26th K-2 Questacon Science Circus
Tues May 27th 3-6 Questacon Science Circus
Wed May 28th Last day for photo orders & money
Thurs. May 29th School Photos
Fri May 30th School Photos
Thurs Jun 26th 1.45pm Narranga 800m athletics race

School Photos
Advance Notice – Order envelopes will be sent home shortly. All orders and payments must be returned to school by May 28th. The photographers will be here on May 29th and May 30th.

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

Principal’s Award – Jordyn Carr, Layla Olive, Jasmine Carroll, Damien Carter, Mason Woods, Sam Carroll
Bronze Certificate – Archie Moon

Stewart House
A reminder that this Friday May 9th is Stewart House Mufti Day. Stewart House fundraising envelopes were sent home last week and need to be returned with a donation of $2 per student for the privilege of wearing mufti on Friday and also gains you entry in the holiday competition. Stewart House provides positive learning and social experiences for disadvantaged students from across NSW – including from Narranga and is the major charity supported by our school.

Narranga Athletics Carnival
The Narranga Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday July 17th, week 1 of Term 3. During weeks 4, 6, 7 & 8 of this term students from years 2 to 6 will be participating in a series of athletic eliminations involving High Jump, Long Jump, Discus and Shot Put in order to prepare for our Athletics Carnival. Seniors and 11years will take place on Wednesday afternoons while juniors (8, 9 & 10) will take place on Thursday afternoons. If you could please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing and footwear on these days it would be appreciated. Please enter the following information in your dairy:
• Thursday 26th June at 1.45pm 800m event
• Thursday 17th July Narranga Athletics Carnival

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

M Peake – Organiser

Questacon Science Circus
Today, students will be bringing home notes about an upcoming visit to Narranga by the Questacon Science Circus. This visiting performance will provide stimulating science experiences that explore the relevance of science and technology in everyday life. One hour presentations will be given to each grade on Monday May 26th (K-2) and Tuesday May 27th. The cost per student is $5. Attendance at the school shows will also give each child free entry to the public exhibition of the Science Circus to be held at Sportz Central on Saturday May 31st from 11.00am to 4.00pm.

R Johnson – Organiser

Narranga Cross-Country and ‘Athon’
Students participated in their Annual Cross Country yesterday. All students (including non-participants) must return their sheets and money by Tuesday May 20th for recording purposes. (If you have already finished collecting your sponsorship, please return completed form and money to the school office as soon as possible.) There will be some fantastic prizes available. Prizes will be given to the INDIVIDUAL children who raise the most money.

Application for Opportunity Class Placement in Year 5 2015
Parents seeking Opportunity Class Placement for Year 5 in 2015 are required to submit an application by May 16th 2014. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2014 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2015. This class is conducted at Toormina Public School and parents are strongly encouraged to give careful consideration to the time taken and modes of transport involved when choosing a school with an opportunity class. Check the following website for information: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/placement. If you are considering this option, please contact Mr Trist or Mrs Moore for details.

Gymnastics Program – Kindergarten to Yr 6
All students are expected to participate in the Gymnastics Program during 2014. This year all gymnastics classes will be held at Narranga School Hall on Mondays. We have a qualified gymnastics instructor, Tracey Ingram, who will be teaching along with each class teacher for every session. The cost ($18 for 8 sessions) has been included in your 2014 invoice.
P & C Mother’s Day Raffle
Thank you to Harbour Sweets at Coffs Central for kindly donating a “Mum’s Bag” of goodies containing Rocklea Road, Honeycomb, Bullets, Orange Balls, Peanut Brittle and Nougat Bar. Many thanks also to Priceline at Park Beach Plaza for kindly donating several gift packs. Tickets were sold at the Cross Country Carnival yesterday and are available for purchase from the school office until 11.30am this Thursday May 8th. The prize draw will take place at 3.00pm on May 8th. Winners will be notified by phone.

P & C Mother’s Day Stall
The Narranga P & C are holding their Mother’s Day Stall tomorrow Thursday May 8th.

P&C Movie Night Fundraiser
On Friday May 16th Narranga P&C will be hosting an open air Movie Night, featuring the recent release family movie ‘Turbo’ in Narranga school grounds. The early bird prices will be $5 per person or $20 per family (payable by May 14th). Tickets on the night will be $25 per family. (Immediate family only – maximum of 6.) Order forms have been sent home. There will be a Sausage Sizzle and soft drinks available to purchase on the night. The BBQ will operate from 5.30pm and the movie will commence at 6.30pm. This is an alcohol free event. Many hands make light work so if you are able to help on this night please contact Emma Gardner on 0408 240 695.

P & C Fete – Friday October 17th
We need the following items for the Fete, your support would be appreciated:
- Clean glass jars with metal lids 250ml size for jams & pickles
- Donations of clean second hand good quality clothing would be greatly appreciated for the “Vintage Clothing” Stall.
- “Second Hand Sport Clothing/Shoes for kids” i.e. dance clothing/shoes, footy boots, shin pads etc.
- “Trash & Treasure” – household items in clean and working order.

We will be having a Bottle Bingo Stall again this year at the Fete. We need your help to fill as many bottles as we can for this stall. To help, could you start collecting large plastic soft drink bottles and goodies to put in them. Ideas for goodies: Hair accessories (hairbands, clips, ribbons), stationery (pens, pencils, erasers, pen tops), small toys, lollies, balloons etc. Attached is an assembly instruction sheet to assist you. Please don’t send any bottles or goodies in at this stage - we will let you know via the newsletter when we are collecting.

For further information about the Fete please contact Leanne Cross 0428 438 148.

Absences from School
If your child will be absent from school for 5 days or more due to a family holiday or similar event, you will need to complete an ‘Exemption from Attendance’ form at the school office. You will then be issued with a Certificate for the Exemption. This process results in the absence not being included in the annual total for your child.

Canteen Roster:
Thurs 8th M Garner
Fri 9th S Bray, M Bray-Duckett
Mon 12th A Buckley
Tues 13th D Fahey
Wed 14th T Cooper, B Killen

Urgent - If you are able to help out in our School Canteen please contact the school office on 6652 1106 or the Canteen Supervisor.

NRMA Science & Road Safety Day – May 28th
Parent Workshop at 2.40pm in the School Hall
Our school will be hosting an NRMA Science & Road Safety Day, a new road safety program delivered by NRMA Motoring and Services as part of its commitment to road safety. Our school was chosen to take part in this free program that will visit 100 schools across NSW and ACT and educate 40,000 students. This program looks at road safety from a science perspective so that children better understand the forces that act on humans when in motion so that road safety messages such as “Wear your seatbelt” or “Wear your bike helmet” become more relevant. Parents play a vital role in keeping their children safe and so we would like to invite you to a workshop where we will review the key road safety messages that were covered on the day and also learn more about what you can do to keep your children safe on the road.

Walk Safely to School Day – Friday May 23rd
Walk Safely to School Day asks that we consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking by:
- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they usually get the bus, walk past your normal stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from school and walk the rest of the way

Regular exercise like walking with your child helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. Remember Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday May 23rd.

Student Banking
For your chance to win a share of exciting prizes, simply make three or more deposits during Term 2 and you will be automatically entered into the competition.

Major Prizes:
- Five nights’ accommodation at Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast
- VIP passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Movie World and Wet 'n' Wild Gold Coast
- A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure
- A $3000 travel gift card to get you there

Runner up Prizes:
- 130 Toys ‘R’ Us gift cards value of $250 each
- Plus a separate draw of $1000 cash for one school in each state/territory.
Kids’ Fishing Workshop
Kids 8-14 are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from Industry & Investment NSW. The day runs from 10.00am to 2.00pm on May 18th and involves fishing techniques, bag & size limits, fish handling for catch and release. The Cost is $40 per child and includes a rod and reel combination, shirt, hat, tackle box and show bag – all to take home! BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. Maximum is 25 participants. Bookings close May 15th. This workshop will be held at Lane Boulevard Park, Skinner Street, Grafton. For further information or to book phone Milan on 0458 274 876 (please leave a message).
or milan.duwenhogger@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Coffs Harbour Pipes & Drums – Free Workshop
Free Learner Workshop
When: Saturday May 24th from 9 – 10.30am
Where: Air Cadets Building, 66 Aviation Drive, Coffs Harbour.

Want to learn to play the bagpipes or the drums? Then this workshop is for you! Come along to this introductory session where you can try out the instruments. If you require further information call 6653 7188, email margnbob@optusnet.com.au
RSVP to the above email with your instrument preference by Friday May 16th.
Sponsored by Coffs Harbour City Council and NSW Pipe Band Association.