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Principal’s Report

Parents play a large role when it comes to student success, the most influential factor being parent engagement in school. Studies show that students whose parents are actively involved in their schooling earn better grades, have a higher appreciation and enthusiasm for school, exhibit better classroom behaviour, attend school regularly and often go on to pursue further education after high school. From my experience it is great to acknowledge the many families at Narranga who are interested and supportive of their child’s education. As life is busy for families, your engagement may be taking the time to reinforce work from the classroom at home by playing maths games, sharing a great book or even packing a healthy lunchbox. Nourished brains are brains that are ready to perform!

Our P&C movie night fundraiser on the weekend was a great success. A special thank you to Emma Gardner and her band of merry helpers who organised this event. Thanks to ‘Turbo’ the P&C raised over $2250, as many families supported our school by attending. If you missed out this time there might be a chance to attend another movie night later in the year when it is warmer.

Many students have told me they attended the Coffs Harbour Show last weekend. Apart from fairy floss and rides some people may have visited the pavilion with school displays. I would like to thank Mrs Fry, Ms Herbert and Mrs Valentine for putting this display together. Also the Life Education Van was at the show but unfortunately an axle broke and it was not able to return to Narranga this week for the remainder of the term. We are currently negotiating alternate days to return to Narranga this week for the remainder of the term.

At lunchtime I had the pleasure of working with some of the cast from our school musical ‘Professor Thyme and the History Mystery’. What a great effort many students have put into learning their lines and I hear the choir is fine tuning their songs as well. Our performance dates are 23rd and 24th July. Tickets will be on sale later this term.

Next week is a busy one with a focus on Science. We have Questacon Science Circus on Monday and Tuesday, with the $5 payment due by this Friday. NRMA Road Safety Day is on Wednesday where each class will attend a free Science performance. Parents are also invited to attend a session at 2:40pm in the hall. If you are able to come along a bit earlier before collecting your child at the end of the day, we would welcome your involvement. As part of this day students may choose to bring along their bike helmet which they can decorate and wear to our morning assembly.

It is wonderful to see most of our students wearing full school uniform every day. On Thursday and Friday next week, classes will be having their school photos taken and we request that everyone wears correct school uniform on this day, including black shoes. If you need new uniforms, don’t forget that uniforms are only sold through Slick Sportswear and not at the school.

Finally, thank you to Mrs Chaffey who was relieving Deputy Principal in my absence and did an admirable job. Mrs Moore is now currently relieving in this role while Mr Trist is on leave and Miss Kozik is teaching 4M.

Diane Blevin - Relieving Principal

School Photos

All orders and payments must be returned to school by May 28th. The photographers will be here on May 29th and May 30th.

Public Speaking

Public Speaking lessons are taking place in classrooms. Some students in Years 3-6 have been chosen to participate in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. They will be presenting a prepared speech in class. Some of these students will be chosen to participate in a grade final. From the grade final students will be chosen to present at the Public Speaking Showcase at Narranga Public School Hall on Tuesday the 3rd of June. Some Year 2 students will also be speaking about a class related topic on this day. The Stage 2 and Stage 3 winners will compete in a North Coast Final which will be held at Frank Partridge VC Public School on Wednesday the 25th of June. Good Luck everyone.

Julie Moore - Public Speaking Coordinator

Parking Around Narranga School

Reminder: Patrols are being conducted – illegal parking will result in infringement notices and fines issued.

Assembly Items

K-2 Assembly Friday May 23rd at 10.40am
2M will present the class item at this week’s K-2 assembly. Parents are welcome to attend if they wish.

3-6 Assembly Friday May 23rd at 11.40am
There is no class item at this week’s 3-6 assembly. Parents are welcome to attend if they wish.

What’s On!

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  NRMA Science & Road Safety Day
Wed May 28th  Last day for photo orders & money
Thurs May 29th School Photos
Fri May 30th  School Photos
Fri June 20th  Winter Sports Carnival Years 3-6
Thurs Jun 26th  1.45pm Narranga 800m athletics race
Fri June 27th  Last Day of Term
Walk Safely to School Day
Friday May 23rd is Walk Safely to School Day, and we are asked to 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. Win 1 of 10 Samsung Galaxy 3, 8.0inch tablets. Link:- www.walk.com.au/wstsd/competition.asp

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.

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

Principal’s Award – Phoebe Colley, Isabella Raciti-Brown, Harry White, Mahayla Gardner, Charlotte Gray, Kate Hansen, Kalani Burns, Logan Read
Bronze Certificate – Connor Meakins
Silver Certificate – Connor Meakins

Cross Country-athon
Thank you to everyone who has participated in the fundraising associated with the 2014 Cross Country. A number of children have not returned their sponsor sheets and money, which were due by May 20th. It is necessary for all students to do this (even if no money has been collected). Therefore the announcement of prizewinners has been put back to allow the remainder of students to finalise their collection of money. Reminder notes have been sent home to the students whose forms remain outstanding.

Schubert 7’s Rugby League
Yesterday our Years 5 and 6 Rugby League players attended the Schubert 7’s Gala Day. Team 1 lost the major semi-final, 5 – 4 in a strong display, they showed lots of heart as they were missing three key players due to injury and another away due to North Coast AFL representation. The team had no reserves and although not victorious all players from both teams are to be congratulated on a tremendous effort. Thank you to Mr McCourt for coaching the team and thank you also to the parents who provided transport to and from the venue.

Televisions for Sale by Tender
We have three older flat screen televisions for sale by tender. They will be sold in “as is” condition and there are no remote controls with them. The televisions would be suitable for use attached to a set top box, DVD player or gaming device. Details are: 2007 model 51cm Sony, 2007 model 81cm Panasonic and 2009 model 66cm Daewoo. If you are interested in making a tender please put details (name, contact number and tender price) in a sealed envelope and hand it in to the front office. Tenders close at 3.00pm on Tuesday May 27th.

Questracon Science Circus
Last week, students were given 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 Questacon timetable is as follows:
Monday May 26th
9.15am to 1015am Kindergarten
10.20am to 11.20am Yr1 & Yr2 (non- choir students)
11.35am to 12.35pm 1/2F plus choir students

Tuesday May 27th
9.15am to 10.15am Year 6
10.20am to 11.20am Year 5
11.35am to 12.35pm Year 4
1.50pm to 2.50pm Year 3
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. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Canteen Roster:

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

NSW State of Origin Meet the Players Today from 4.30pm
Amart Sports Store in the Bailey Centre, Pacific Highway, Coffs Harbour will be holding a MEET the NSW State of Origin Blues players from 4.30pm today May 21st. Amart will be offering some attractive price reductions on equipment and merchandise. Come along and support the mighty Blues in their quest to conquer the Queenslander and also support our local Amart Sports Store.