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Principal's Report
I have been away after getting a few running repairs on my shoulder, but it was nice to return to a busy school running so smoothly. This week we have had the Questacon Science Show, two successful softball games, our Junior Choir performing (admirably – well done!) at the local eisteddfod, and today's NRMA Road Safety show. School photos will be held for the next two days, so please ensure everyone arrives at school spick and span in their uniforms.

We have had reports of unsafe pedestrian behaviour outside the school in the morning. In particular, some children are crossing Robin St without using the pedestrian crossing. If you are arriving to school from the western side of the road, please ensure children make their way to the crossing – even if you are with them.

Next Tuesday the Year 2-6 Public Speaking finals will be held in the hall. The best speakers from each grade will strut their stuff in this very worthwhile competition, which has developed the skills of all participants in this very important area.

We had a few disappointed students on Monday who were unable to attend the Science Show because they had not returned their money by the due date. This is an issue that arises regularly, and can only be solved by prompt action by parents. With over 600 students in 24 classes, it is not possible even for our very efficient office staff to take money on the day of an excursion or performance. This is because they must have a final class list of attendees to each teacher by the previous day, so that supervision and other arrangements can be made. Keep an eye out for notes for these events, and make payment by the due date. If this isn’t possible, let us know in plenty of time so we can find a way for your child to participate.

On a similar note, there are still a few families that haven’t returned their Cross Country-athon sponsorship money. Students are champing at the bit to find out who our prize winners are, so please get it back to school this week – the draw is on next Monday.

In all the furor about last week’s budget, cuts to school funding only received passing attention in the media. The impact of these cuts to what had been pledged means that Narranga will receive nearly $1.3 million less in 2018-2019; Orara High nearly $1.5 million less and Coffs High over $2 million less. Let us hope that political pressure makes a difference by the time the next Federal election rolls around.

M. Trist Principal

Reforms to P&C Federation
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

School Photos
School photos will be taken tomorrow and Friday and all students are requested to be in full school uniform including black shoes.

P & C Monthly Meeting – Change of Date
The June P & C Meeting will be held on Monday June 2nd at 7.00pm in the Narranga Library. This change is due to the regular meeting date falling on the long weekend.

Chickenpox Outbreak
There have been a number of cases of Chickenpox reported throughout the school, particularly in Years 1 to 3. Symptoms include slight fever, runny nose and a rash that begins as raised spots that blister and scab. If your child develops Chickenpox, they must stay at home for 5 days after the rash first appears and until the blisters have all scabbed over. The time from exposure to illness is 2 to 3 weeks. Please be vigilant in watching for symptoms and notify the school if your child develops Chickenpox.

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 PS Hall on Tuesday June 3rd. 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 June 25th. 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 30th at 10.40am
There is no class item this week’s K-2 assembly.
Parents are welcome to attend if they wish.

3-6 Assembly Friday May 30th at 11.40am
There is no class item this week’s 3-6 assembly.
Parents are welcome to attend if they wish.

What’s On!
Thurs May 29th  School Photos
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Fri June 20th  Winter Sports Carnival Years 3-6
Wed June 25th  Yrs 3-6 School Social
Thurs Jun 26th  1.45pm Narranga 800m athletics race
Fri June 27th  Last Day of Term
Tues Jul 15th  First Day Term 3
Thurs Jul 17th  Narranga Athletics Carnival

Parent Line
Free Professional Support for NSW Parents
Parent Line is NSW Government funded and managed by CatholicCare Sydney. It helps parents with a wide range of issues including behavioural problems, separation anxiety, other child mental health concerns, child development, bullying and child issues around parental separation. Opening hours are 9am to 9pm weekdays and 4pm to 9pm weekends. Counsellors are fully trained professionals with specialised experience in working with families. Parent Line NSW also manages the ADHC funded Early Childhood Intervention Information Line for families who have questions and concerns about their child’s development or who have a child 0-6 years who has been newly diagnosed with a disability. Free Parent Line publicity material is available on www.parentline.org.au and Parent Counsellors can be accessed for the cost of a local call from a landline (charges apply to mobile phones) on 1300 130 052

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

Principal’s Award – Unity O’Shaughnessy, Connor Meakins, Breanna Cleal, Maddison Johnson, Shamise Duckett, Laycie Hopkinson, Kai Mukawa, Isabella Shipman, Taylor Slattery, Chelsea Gray,
Bronze Certificate – Logan Read, Mahayla Gardner, Keeley Gardner,
Silver Certificate – Harry White, Zari Blay, Breanna Cleal
Gold Certificate – Connor Meakins

Cross Country-thon
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 delayed to allow the remainder of students to finalise their collection of money and return of sheets.

Canteen Roster:
Thurs 29th  K Plume, T Keam
Fri 30th  C Warren, Jason
Mon 2nd  HELP NEEDED
Tues 3rd  D Fahey
Wed 4th  J McCann

Urgent – 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.

Softball News
On Monday May 26th, in sweltering heat for May, Narranga Boys and Girls softball teams played a double header game against Corindi Beach Public School. The boy’s team played first and only had the bare 9 players due to illness and injuries. The team played very well and secured a resounding 31 – 1 victory. The boys all batted well with several home runs hit and they managed a great triple play in the field.
The girl’s team was very nervous yet enthusiastic as none of them had ever played softball before. The game proved to be a great learning experience with all players improving tremendously throughout. Due to an amazing batting effort, with every player scoring a home run, the girls ended up victorious winners 35 – 11. Well done to both teams who now move on to round 5 in the State Knockout Competition.

M Peake & J Leahy – Coaches

P & C Fete – Friday October 17th
Clean glass jars with metal lids 250ml size for jam and pickles are needed as soon as possible. Please leave jars at the school office. Thank You

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