Principal’s Report
We enjoyed a great range of NAIDOC Week activities at school today. We were visited by local elder Uncle Mark Flanders, who spoke to the school at our morning assembly, and then both he and John McQueen from Cascade Environmental Centre ran a variety of Aboriginal cultural activities. It was a good opportunity for our students to learn about and celebrate the world’s oldest living culture.

If you’d like to get involved yourself, attached to this newsletter is a sheet listing NAIDOC Week activities in our community during the second week of the holidays. If you’re looking for some interesting activities to do with your kids during the holidays it might be worth a look. In particular, the Planting the Seed project at Diggers Beach on Thursday July 10 is worth considering - Bush Tucker, a tour, a jumping castle, tree planting and lunch are all on offer between 11.00am and 2.30pm.

Some weeks at Narranga get a bit hectic. This week we have hosted the Life Education van for Years, K-3; tonight we have our Year 3-6 “Favourite Movie Character” School Socials ($2 entry - Yr 3&4, 5-6pm; Yr 5&6, 6.15-7.30pm); the various “O” Sessions for positive behaviour are being held; today Year 4 went on a local walking excursion; Orara High’s debating team performed for Years 4-6; and on Friday we will hold a Mufti Day to raise funds for Stewart House – gold coin donation required. On top of all that, we have still been squeezing a few lessons in.

With today’s newsletter is your child’s Semester 1 student report. They provide a summary of academic and social progress so far this year. I encourage you to take the opportunity to fill in and return the accompanying invitation to attend a parent-teacher interview after the holidays so you can discuss this progress and plan to extend it.

Today a student handed in a cold & flu tablet he’d found in the playground. Please be aware that all medication to be taken at school must be held and distributed at the school office (asthma sprays being the exception). For obvious safety reasons, we don’t want children carrying potentially harmful tablets in their pockets or bags.

Have an enjoyable holiday break. We will see everyone again in the new term, with our Athletics Carnival on July 23rd and 24th. For each performance there is a 300 ticket limit. There will be a large number of students participating including actors, choir, dancers, crew and sound technicians. We urge you to take this opportunity to see the students perform and show off their talents, as future School Musicals will only occur every second year. Ticket order forms have been sent home with students. Order forms are also available from the school office.

Assembly Items
K-2 Assembly Friday June 27th at 10.40am
There will be no class item at this week’s K-2 assembly. Parents are welcome to attend if they wish.

3-6 Assembly Friday June 27th at 11.40am
Year 5H will be presenting an item at this week’s 3-6 assembly. Parents are welcome to attend if they wish.

Narranga Athletics Carnival
On Thursday July 17th our annual school Athletics Carnival will be held in the school grounds from 9.00am. Parents are welcome to come along and support students. There will be a BBQ and limited canteen facilities available. Students are reminded to wear house colours and bring a safety pin for their name tag to be attached to their shirt. We hope to see you there.

Narranga Gymnastics Program
The following classes will begin their Gymnastics sessions on Monday July 21st, 1P, 1J, 1/2F, 2M, 2N and 2W. Payment of $18.00 needs to be made by Friday July 18th to ensure inclusion in the program. Please contact the school office if you need to discuss alternative arrangements.

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

Principal’s Award – Chad Bullock, Luke Smith, Kyarna McKell
Bronze Certificate – Lily Atkin
Silver Certificate – Hayden Cross, Ethan Turner

Term 2 Medallions
The Medallion Ceremony for Term 2 will be held tomorrow Thursday June 26th at the 9.10am assembly.

Fundraising Trivia Night
Karangi Sleeping Angels are holding a trivia night to raise funds to replace the plaques stolen by vandals from the headstones of children’s graves at Karangi cemetery.

When: July 12th at 7.00pm
Where: Club Coffs
Tickets are $15 and must be pre purchased at Club Coffs or contact Melissa Gleeson 0412 739 080.
Coffs Cup Half Day Holiday
Thursday August 7th
A reminder to all parents regarding the part day holiday for Coffs Cup. The school will be closed from 12.00 noon and buses will not be available to take students home. Parents need to organize alternate transport for their children and ensure that they are picked up at 12.00 noon as there will be no buses and no teacher supervision after this time. Further details will be published in the newsletter early in Term 3.

Narranga’s Athletics Carnival – 800m
Our 800m race will be held in the school grounds tomorrow from 1.45pm. Parents are welcome to come along and support the students. Students are reminded to wear their house colours and appropriate footwear. We hope to see you there.

M Peake – Organiser

Narranga Athletics Carnival BBQ
Our 2014 Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday July 17th, (the first week of Term 3). Pre-order forms for the BBQ have been sent home with students and they need to be returned to the canteen by tomorrow June 26th to get the EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT.

Narranga Yr 3 – 6 School Socials
Venue: Narranga School Hall
Cost: $2.00 per child
Prizes: Best Costume and Lucky Door
Theme: Favourite Movie Character
Years 3 and 4: Wednesday June 25th- 5.00pm - 6.00pm
Years 5 and 6: Wednesday June 25th- 6.15pm -7.30pm
All children need to be collected promptly at the completion of the socials.
Due to limited space, parents who choose to stay may be requested to observe from the covered area outside the canteen.
NB: There will be no Canteen at the Socials.

What's On!
Wed June 25th Yrs 3-6 School Social
Thurs Jun 26th 'O' Sessions
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
Wed July 23rd Narranga Musical Performance
Thurs July 24th Narranga Musical Performance
Tues July 29th Education Week Open Day

Canteen Roster:
Thurs 26th C Warren
Fri 27th S Bray, M Bray, Jason, A Buckley
Mon 14th CLOSED
Tues 15th CLOSED
Wed 16th CLOSED

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.

Stewart House Mufti Day
This Friday June 27th is Stewart House Mufti Day. Students pay a gold coin donation for the privilege of wearing mufti on this day. All funds raised go to our chosen charity Stewart House.

P & C Fete – Friday October 17th
Donations of clean, good quality second hand clothing for the “Vintage Clothing” Stall would be greatly appreciated. “Second Hand Sport Clothing/Shoes for Kids” i.e. dance clothing/shoes, footy boots, shin pads etc. would also be appreciated.

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

Deadly Factor – Grand Final
Our top 8 face off this NAIDOC Week for the cash prizes and title of the Deadly Factor Winner for 2014.
Where: Jetty Memorial Theatre
When: July 8th at 6.00pm
Cost: Gold coin donation
The biggest twist will also be announced. There will also be special performances including the winners of the last two years Narnia Fergusson and TAKTIIX.
Come along and be ready for a rollercoaster night.
For further information please call Lockie Skinner on 0401 607 577.

Fun At The Movies
St George Bank Coffs Harbour are holding a fun afternoon at the movies. This is a fundraising event for the St George Foundation who provides funding grants to children’s charities. Last year we had the pleasure of donation $25000 to the Coffs Harbour PCYC. If you are looking for a holiday activity then join us and help raise money for the little guys. You may even win some prizes!! You may even get to meet the Happy Dragon.
Where: Birch Carroll & Coyle
When: July 13th at 2.00pm
Tickets are $13 and this includes a goody bag. Tickets must be purchased prior to the day from St George Bank Harbour Drive Coffs Harbour.
Enquiries to Jayd Urquhart (Manager) 6648 2600.

North Coast Regional Botanic Garden Holiday Program for Children and Families
Sunday June 29th 10.00am to 1.00pm basket weaving with Glen Wilkinson. Cost 1adult/1 child $20, 1adult/2children $25. Please bring two buckets, secateurs, old towels/rags, folding chair, picnic blanket or cushion, lunch and refreshments.
Wednesday July 9th Gift Box and Seeds. Take a short walk in the garden and explore the Garden trees and their seeds. Learn how baby plants move and grow. Collect leaf litter and seeds to create your own natural gift box. The cost is $5 per child or $8 for two siblings. These workshops are suitable for 5 – 12 year olds, wear a hat, sunscreen and walking shoes.
Booking are essential to Ian Corbett 6648 4896.

Coffs Harbour City Library Holiday Activities
MANGA drawing workshop by Matt Lin will be held at the Coffs Harbour City Library on Thursday July 10th from 10.20am to 12.30pm. This workshop is suitable for children over 10 years and the cost is $5.00. Bookings are essential as places are limited. Phone 6648 4900 to make a booking or in person at the library.