Principal's Report

Education Week Open Day on Friday was a great showcase of the many things going on at Narranga. We had a strong turnout of parents and grandparents visiting classrooms to see what goes on in the day to day learning lives of our students. Following a delicious morning tea, our visitors were then entertained and informed at our Education Week assembly, featuring dancers, choirs and the school band. Thanks to all those who worked so hard to make the day a success, and to those who were able to attend.

Don’t forget that tomorrow local schools will have a half day holiday for the Coffs Cup. Parents will need to make alternative arrangements to ensure that their children can be picked up from school at 12 noon. If you are stuck, call Out Of School Hours (OOSH) Services to arrange supervision for your child on 66589757 or 0466306220.

There was an interesting article in this week’s Sun-Herald on the importance of school attendance. More and more research is showing that regular student absence is directly linked to lower academic achievement. Even small amounts of absenteeism can have a negative impact – particularly in younger years, where lifelong learning skills and attendance patterns are being established. Food for thought.

A few children have been showing up for school wearing shoes with built-in skate wheels. I’m sure these are great fun, but they don’t fit in with either our uniform policy or safety practices. I would imagine that parents aren’t aware of this trend – please check if you suspect your child may be involved.

This Friday we will have a “Chopper Day” mufti day to raise funds for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. Please send your children to school dressed in red and yellow and with a gold coin donation to support this lifesaving local service.

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Principal

Assembly Items
K-2 Assembly Friday August 8th at 10.40am
K/1A will be presenting the class item at this week’s K-2 assembly. Parents are welcome to attend.

3-6 Assembly Friday August 8th at 11.40am
There will be no class item at this week’s 3-6 assembly. Parents are welcome to attend if they wish.

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

Principal's Award – Jordyn Carr
Bronze Certificate – Chad Bullock, Sam Carroll
Silver Certificate – Chad Bullock

K – 2 Social is on Wednesday August 6th
This will be held in the Narranga School Hall tonight from 5pm to 6pm. Cost is $2 which is payable at the door. The theme is ‘Winter Wonderland’.

REMMINDER - Coffs Cup Half Day Holiday Tomorrow - 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 organise 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.

OOSH will be running a special Vacation Day Program where students will be collected from school by 12 noon. Bookings are essential, so please phone David on 0437 033 143 if you are interested in this service.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2015 – Due Now!
Kindergarten enrolments for 2015 are now being taken. If you have a friend, neighbour or relative intending to enroll their child for Kindergarten 2015, please pass this information on to them as soon as possible. Enrolment applications must be completed and returned to school to ensure your inclusion in the Kindergarten Orientation sessions. Please collect enrolment applications from the school office as soon as possible.

Connect to Reading!
The books for our Book Week Book Fair have arrived! During their Library lessons next week, all students will be completing their Book Fair Wish Lists. No books will be for sale at this time in order to allow all students to view the Book Fair in its entirety. Each Wish List contains a Book Fair Order Form (back page of the magazine) which can be completed prior to the Book Fair to save time or if you are unable to attend the Fair with your child/children. Payment for purchases can be made in cash, a cheque made out to Narranga Public School, online using your credit card or a phone payment can be made. Again, there will a raffle drawn at the book character parade on Friday 22nd August, with three voucher prizes to be spent at the Book Fair.
District Athletics
On Wednesday July 30th 65 Narranga students travelled to the BCU Stadium to take part in the District Athletics Carnival. All children participated with great enthusiasm and were a credit to our school throughout the day. The carnival results are as follows:

Brodie Richardson – 1st 12yrs 100m, 1st Senior 200m, 2nd Senior 800m, 1st Senior High Jump, 1st Senior Shot Put, 2nd Senior Long Jump, 1st Senior Relay
Harry McMillan – 3rd Senior 800m
Troy Duckett – 2nd 12yrs 100m, 1st Senior Relay, 3rd Senior 200m
Lachlan Wallace – 1st Senior Relay
Blair Boulton – 1st 11yrs Shot Put
Courage Kpodo – 2nd 13yrs 100m, 2nd Senior Shot Put
Jake Owen – 3rd 11yrs High Jump
Christian Mirindi – 2nd Junior Discus
Emmanuel Degle – 4th Junior 200m
Noah Thompson – 1st Junior Long Jump, 1st Junior Relay
Alistair MacDonald – 1st Junior Relay
Cayden Close – 1st 9yrs 100m, 1st Junior Relay
Kobe Foukles – 3rd 9yrs 100m, 1st Junior Relay
Mason Woods – 4th 10yrs 100m
Clancy Webber – 1st Junior Shot Put
Kit Thompson – 2nd Junior 800m, 3rd Junior 200m, 4th 10yrs 100m, 3rd Junior Relay
Madi Rose – 2nd 11yrs 800m
Sarah Burnett – 3rd 11yrs 800m, 4th Senior Relay
Agnes Buzilu – 1st 13yrs 100m
Rebecca Booth – 2nd 11yrs Discus
Jordan Maddalena – 4th Senior 200m, 4th Senior Relay
Chelsea Gray – 2nd 12yrs 100m, 4th Senior Relay
Kate Hansen – 3rd Senior Long Jump
Emma Wellington – 3rd 11yrs High Jump
Bella Degallerie – 2nd Junior Discus
Phoebe Baptiste – 1st Junior Discus, 3rd Junior Relay, 1st Junior Shot Put
Kaysha Hargans – 3rd 11yrs Shot Put
Siera Poynter – 1st 9yrs 100m AWD
Aysha Tobin – 4th Senior Relay
Hayley Milne – 3rd Junior Relay
Hayley Bye – 3rd Junior Relay
Rachael Booth – 4th 9yrs 100m
Jessica Franklin – 3rd 8yrs 100m

Please note that only the first two place getters in relays progress to the next level.

A special mention for Brodie Richardson who was named Senior Boy Champion for the day – outstanding effort Brodie!!!

Narranga won the carnival overall and were named the champion school in the district. This is the 6th year in a row – what an amazing effort – Well done to all the athletes. Thirty children will now go on to represent in the Mid North Coast Carnival to be held at BCU Stadium on Friday August 15th. We wish all students every success at this carnival.

M Peake - Organiser

What’s On!
Thurs Aug 7th Coffs Cup Half Day Holiday
Fri Aug 8th “Chopper Day” Multi Day
Aug 11th 12th Toonschool Workshop Yr 3-6
Sun Aug 31st Year 5 leave for Excursion to Snow
Fri Sept 5th Year 5 return from Excursion
Sept 11th 12th Year 3 Excursion
Fri Sept 19th Last Day of Term 3
Tues Oct 7th First Day of Term 4

Fri Oct 17th Narranga School Fete
School Banking Rewards now available!!!
New reward items for the School Banking program are now available for Term 3! Term 1 and 2 items can also still be ordered. The items currently available are:

SWIMMING BAG – NEW! MONEY BOX – NEW!
SCENTED PENCILS HAND BALL
PENGUIN OR SHARK KEYRING
WHALE SHARK PENCIL CASE

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive an electronic credit. Once students have individually collected 10 electronic credits they can redeem them for these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are two new items to come in Term 4 as well!!

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2014 School Banking program information pack from the school office. Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don’t forget that Friday is School Banking day!

Canteen
Thurs 7th G Hughes
Fri 8th E Gardner
Mon 11th Debbie
Tues 12th K Ruhle
Wed 13th S Morgan, E Saggus

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.

P & C Fete – Friday October 17th
Fete Passports
Students will be bringing home their Fete Passports this week. Send your donations in and get your passport stamped to get your free turn on a Side Show Alley Game.

Showbag Stall
Showbag order forms and envelopes are being sent home with students this week. Completed orders and money must be returned by Friday August 22nd.

Curry Stall
If anyone is able to assist by donating a large quantity of beef for our curry stall, please contact the school if you are able to help.

Face Painting
This is always a very popular stall and we need any talented parents who are able to run or assist at the stall. Please leave your name at the office.

Wristbands
Pre Purchase Wristbands are available this year for $20 to cover admittance to the following rides and activities. Chair-o-plane, mechanical bull, dolphin slide, jumping castles and disco room. A note and order form has been sent home with students.

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