Principal’s Report
As always, there was a wide range of topics discussed at Monday night’s P&C meeting. The upcoming School Fete on October 17 looks like being a beauty; there will be a Father’s Day Stall on September 4 (with an opportunity for Year 5 to get in early before they go to Canberra) and another Movie Night way off at the end of November. We are fortunate to have such an industrious group of parents doing so much for our school community.

The School Canteen is a wonderful resource for our school, providing healthy and affordable food for our students every day. This is largely due to the excellent work done by Canteen Supervisor Alison Haley and her hardworking volunteers. It has also been a result of the behind the scenes efforts of Jenny Moppett, who has organised the Canteen’s financial records. Jenny will not be able to continue in this role next year, so we are looking for someone to be trained by her in 2014 before taking over. This role is not overly time consuming, and requires someone with the organisational skills to keep the existing system running. If you are interested in more details, please contact the Canteen or School Office.

One of the major benefits for Narranga as “Gonski” funding has started to trickle into schools has been the introduction of a Mathematics team teaching model throughout the school. Students are really benefitting from having a weekly session with an additional teacher in the classroom. The new ideas that are being spread throughout the school are making a real difference to how our students learn in this vital area of study.

Many of our Year 3 to 6 students participated in the “ToonSchool” cartooning workshops this week. All who attended were mightily impressed with the new skills they learned, and teachers have reported that lots of students have been busy drawing in class ever since. It was disappointing that approximately half of our students did not attend, as they missed a great opportunity and the school lost money due to lower than expected numbers. As always, contact the school office if you need financial assistance for your children to participate in any school activity.

Lost Property
We are having large amounts of un-named lost property (including jackets) coming to the office on a daily basis. We are fortunate to have such an industrious group of parents doing so much for our school community.

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

Principal’s Award – Jacob Gleeson, Chloe Millington, Levi Johnson, Taj Buck, Abbie Fox, Molly Williams, Keeley Gardner, Hayley Milne, Eve Tedeschi
Bronze Certificate – Jake Ball

Assembly Items
K-2 Assembly Friday August 15th 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 August 15th at 11.40am
There will be no class item at this week’s 3-6 assembly. Parents are welcome to attend if they wish.

Connect to Reading!
During Library lessons this 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 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. Books will be available for purchase from 18-22nd August 8:30-3:30.

Again, there will a raffle drawn at the Book Character Parade at 12:30 on Friday 22nd August, with three vouchers won to be spent at the Book Fair.

P Deagan - Librarian

Garden Makeover
If anyone has any spare bromeliads in their garden and would like to donate some to our school, could you please contact Ms Blevin. Many thanks to 6F who assisted in planting trees on National School Tree Day and who are continuing to care for these plants.

Narranga Boys Softball
The Narranga Boys’ Softball team has progressed to the North Coast Final after a strong win over Kempsey East last Thursday. The boys won 39 – 3 and as the scoreline indicates the Narranga batters were very dominant. There were a number of home runs and all players scored multiple hits. With only 4 walks conceded in the game, all boys can certainly be proud of their batting. In the field the boys looked sharp and made many fine plays as the Kempsey boys certainly went down hitting. Harry McMillan pitched well and he was well supported by Blair Boulton who came on as the relief. Well done to all players in the team, it was a very impressive win but the North Coast Final promises to be a more difficult encounter. The final will be played in Lismore, probably before the end of this term but as yet a date has not been finalised.

J Leahy & M Peake – Coaches

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What's On!
Sun Aug 31st Year 5 leave for Excursion to Snow
Fri Sept 5th Year 5 return from Excursion
Sept 11th 12th Year 3 Excursion
Thurs Sept 18th Kinder + K/1A Excursion
Fri Sept 19th Last Day of Term 3
Tues Oct 7th First Day of Term 4
Fri Oct 17th Narranga School Fete

Canteen
Thurs 14th M Garner
Fri 15th S Bray, M Bray-Duckett
Mon 18th Tracy B
Tues 19th D Fahey
Wed 20th C Harris

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.

Quiksilver Vegemite Surfgroms Spring/Summer Programs
Lee Winkler’s Surf School is celebrating the opening of Coffs’ new Skate Park!!! Book in a Surfgrom course before Sept 12 and go in the draw to win a brand new Element (Hatched) skateboard. September School holiday program starts Sept 22nd. Term 4 programs start October 25th. Book into both programs and double your chance to win the skateboard! Ages 5yrs to 12yrs – beginners to intermediate Weekends and week days after school and school holidays during the day. All registrations receive a free Surfgrom Quiksilver pack
Book with www.surfgroms.com/surf_schools/lee-winkler-s-surf-school. Further enquiries phone 6650 0050 or lwss@bigpond.com
Learn to surf with the best surfing program on offer!!

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. Please return items to Mrs Maybury in KM.

Showbag Stall
A reminder that completed order forms and money must be returned by Friday August 22nd.

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.

See the Fete Newsletter which is being sent home today for further details and ways you can help. If you need more information about the Fete please contact Leanne Cross on 0428 438 148.

What’s the go with Go4Fun???
It’s on in Term 4 in Coffs! It’s Fun! It’s FREE! It’s a family healthy lifestyle program! It’s for 7-13yo children who are above a healthy weight range! Now offering awesome prizes for attendance! If you want to make a change and get fit and healthy with your family call 1800 780 900 NOW!!!