Principal’s Report
This week schools across NSW are participating in SAS Staff Recognition Week. SAS includes our office staff, the SLSO (School Learning Support Officers), Aboriginal Education Officer and our General Assistant. These staff members do a range of work around the school including administration duties, meet and greet visitors at the office, assist students with disabilities in their learning, conduct programs to further student academic and social development such as tutor reading programs, Boot Camp etc. and general maintenance of the school grounds and buildings. These dedicated workers are essential to how our school functions, often responding to requests on the hop and ensuring Narranga is a welcoming school. Although we recognise and appreciate the work done by these staff members every day, this Recognition Week gives us an opportunity to thank these people on behalf of the whole school community.

Our Year 5 students headed off to Canberra and the Snowy on Sunday night. There were many excited students as they took their seat on the buses. We hope they are having a great time, probably experiencing some chilly weather and from reports are having a great time skiing at Mount Selwyn.

Our boys’ soccer team had another victory against a skilled opponent in the PSSA knockout competition. A tactile game under the coaching guidance of Mr Johnston, saw the boys win on corners after extra time. They now move forward to compete against Wyrallah Road in the North Coast final. Also our school debating team was successful last week and they also move onto the next round of the State Debating Competition.

Other events occurring this week include the North Coast Athletics Carnival where 14 students attended, competing in a range of events. Our boys’ softball team play in the North Coast final of the State PSSA knockout on Friday. We wish them luck with the game against Banora Point which they are playing at Tweed Heads. Many thanks to the parents who have assisted in transporting students for these games.

On Tuesday, our first group of Year 1 students walked up to the Community Gardens as part of their studies “From Farm to Table”. They saw how vegetables were grown and how people use worm farms, ducks and guinea pigs for a productive vegetable patch. Watch out, there might be pressure on at home to start your own! The second group of Year 1 students will walk to the gardens on Thursday.

Recently at assembly Mr Trist spoke about children playing and learning outdoors and the importance of balancing time on digital technology versus active play. This has been in a number of studies and we are all aware of the decline in hours many children spend playing in their backyard, parks or other outdoors venues. Here are some ideas you might try with your children.

10 THINGS to do BEFORE YOU’RE TEN!
1. Roll on your side down a grassy bank
2. Camp out in the backyard
3. Climb a tree
4. Make a mud pie
5. Build a sandcastle
6. Grow flowers
7. Find some worms
8. Make and fly a kite
9. Ride a bike through a puddle
10. Pick herbs or vegetables from your garden

M Trist – Principal

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2015 – Due Now!
Invitations to Orientation are being sent out soon. If you have a friend, neighbour or relative intending to enrol 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.

NAPLAN Results
Year 3 reports on your child’s performance in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests, held on May 13-15, 2014 are being sent home today with the School Newsletter. As Year 5 is currently on an excursion, their reports will be sent home next week.

NAPLAN assesses aspects of literacy including reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar and writing, as well as numeracy. The results are shown in skill bands which indicate levels of achievement. The report shows the national average and the school’s average and will allow you to see how your child’s performance compares with that of others who complete the NAPLAN tests.

P & C Monthly Meeting
The September P & C Meeting will be held in the school Library at 7.00pm on Monday September 8th. The Narranga Fete will be the main topic of discussion. Interested parents are asked to come along as your input will be greatly valued.
Award Winners
Congratulations to the following students who have been presented with awards in the last week:
Principal’s Award – Jasmine Hanson, Ethan Cary, Charize Angus, Mason Meehan, Luke McLaughlin-Ferguson, Charlotte Laidlaw-Graham, Kit Thompson, Sophie Hallam, Sadie Williams, Izak Johnson, Jack Brown, Isabella de Roy-Blair, Summa Miles
Bronze Certificate – Jordyn Carr, Mason Meehan, Natalie Townley, Lara McMillan, Kai Mukawa, Evelyn Richardson, Jasmine Hanson
Silver Certificate – Taylor Moppett

North Coast Athletics Championships
On Tuesday September 2nd 14 Narranga students travelled to Lismore to compete in the North Coast Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to the following children who have been selected to compete in the New South Wales State Athletics Championships held at Sydney Olympic Park. The results are as follows:
Brodie Richardson – 1st Senior 200m, 2nd 12yrs 100m, 3rd Senior High Jump, 1st Senior Relay
Jake Boney – 1st 13yrs 100m, 1st Senior Relay
Troy Duckett – 1st Senior Relay
Jake Franklin – 1st Senior Relay
Blair Boulton – 1st 11yrs Shot Put
Siera Poynter – 1st 9yrs AWD 100m
We wish these awesome athletes every success when they travel to Sydney on October 15th and 16th to compete in the State Titles.
Michelle Peake – Organiser

2014 K-2 Gymnastics Program
Notes have been sent home to KC, KF, KM, KN, K1/A and 1N regarding their 8 gymnastics sessions which commence on October 13th. Payment of $18 needs to be finalised by Friday October 10th to ensure inclusion in this program.

School Breakfast Program
Our first FREE Breakfast program successfully commenced this week and will continue every Wednesday until at least the end of Term 3. Our Canteen Supervisor, Alison, with helpers from Year 6, will be providing a free breakfast every Wednesday 8.30am to 9.00am for students. Narranga PS would like to thank Oz Harvest and Woolworths for their kind donation of food for this program.

Lost Property
We are having large amounts of un-named lost property (including jackets) coming to the office on a daily basis. Could you please ensure that all your children’s belongings are clearly labelled with their full name.

What’s On!
Thurs Sept 4th Father’s Day Stall
Fri Sept 5th Year 5 return from Excursion
Sept 14th & 12th Year 3 Excursion
Thurs Sept 18th Kinder +K/1A Dinosaurs Alive Excursion
Fri Sept 19th Last Day of Term 3
Fri Sept 19th Mufti Day for Stewart House
Tues Oct 7th First Day of Term 4
Fri Oct 17th Narranga School Fete

Picking up / Dropping Off Students in School Hours
Parents must come to the office and sign children in/out before they go to the classroom to drop off or to pick up. The late arrival/early departure slip issued by the office advises the teacher why the student is late or why the student is leaving early. Thank you for your co-operation with this request.

Assembly Items
K-2 Assembly Friday September 5th at 10.40am
KC will be presenting the class item at this week’s K-2 assembly. Parents are welcome to attend if they wish.
3-6 Assembly Friday September 5th at 11.40am
Year 3 will be presenting the class item at this week’s 3-6 assembly. Parents are welcome to attend if they wish.

Canteen
Thurs 4th G Hughes
Fri 5th E Gardener
Mon 8th N Raciti
Tues 9th R Berry, Michelle L
Wed 10th Cherronne

Urgent Message from the Canteen – 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.

Updating Information – Permission to Publish
Last Friday students were given a green note with information regarding “Permission to Publish”. This is part of the departmental updating of student information. Please complete and return this information as soon as possible.

Parking in and around Narranga
As there is very limited parking in and around Narranga School please be mindful of the following:
- Only park in appropriate parking areas
- Do not park in bus zones
- Do not park in driveways or on residents lawns
- Be aware of leaving proper space for others

Coffs Coast Little Athletics Registration
Registration days for Coffs Coast Little Athletics are as follows:
Thursday Sept 4th – Toormina Oval, 4.00pm to 5.30pm
Thursday Sept 11th – Toormina Oval, 4.00pm to 5.30pm
 Ages 5 to 17 are welcome. Proof of age (birth certificate, baby book etc) required for all new athletes. For further information please contact Greg Robson 0407 882 460 or gregrobyn2@bigpond.com

Orara High School – CAPA Night
Orara High School wishes to invite you to their Creative and Performing Arts Night to be held in the Orara High Shelter Area on Thursday September 4th at 7.00pm. Finish time is approximately 8.30pm. Refreshments will be served at interval. Entry is $2 and everyone is welcome.

Girls Quick Kicks
A fun, relaxed football experience for Girls Only aged 5 – 12 commencing in Term 4! All skill levels are welcome and you receive a free football and a unique design Quick Kicks Jersey. Registrations opened on August 1st at www.quickkicks.com.au Quik Kicks will be held at McLean Street fields in Coffs Harbour.
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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!!

P & C Fete – Friday October 17th
A big thank you to all the families who have donated items for our Fete. Please keep donations coming as this is a major fundraiser for our school.

Cake Box Decorating Competition: This year we will be conducting a Cake Box Decorating Competition as part of our Cake Stall. Next week all students in K-2 will be given a white cake box to decorate by painting, drawing, covering in stickers etc. The cake box is to be returned filled with baked goods for the Cake Stall ie. cake, biscuits, slice etc. Students in Years 3-6 will also have the opportunity to decorate a cake box, should they wish to participate. They will need to collect a cake box from the office from next Monday. 4 prizes will be awarded: 1 Kindergarten, 1 Year One, 1 Year Two and 1 Year Three to Six.

Coffee Stall: A qualified barista is needed to volunteer to make beautiful coffee at our Fete. Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

Bottle Bingo: Thank you for your donations for the Bottle Bingo Stall. We also need empty, clean 1.24lt or 2lt soft drink bottles with lids. If you can help please send your empty bottles to the school office.

Second Hand Clothing Stall: Donations of used coat hangers for the second hand clothing stall would be appreciated.

Fete Passports: Students have been given Fete Passports. Kindly 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.

Face Painting: This is always a very popular stall and we need any talented parents who are able to 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. Order forms available at office.