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Principal’s Report
Tonight we will welcome parents of our 2016 Kindergarten students to our 2016 Kindergarten Expo in the School Hall from 6.30pm. There will be lots of information to help them navigate this most important step in their children’s education.

Don’t forget that this Friday morning we are offering an opportunity for parents to learn some new ideas and strategies on how they can help their children learn at home. Come along to the Library after morning assembly.

As you are probably aware, Narranga now offers parents the option of making payments electronically for school expenses. Just a reminder that this option is only available for payments over $20, due to the associated bank fees that we incur for small amounts.

The school’s living classroom has produced another bumper crop of vegetables. Mr Nulty and his band of helpers harvested a nutritious and delicious selection of carrots, radishes and lettuce this week.

On a related note, our canteen continues to do a great job of supplying healthy meals and snacks for Narranga students. Its financial position is only just in the black – partially because it has a policy of keeping prices down for our families. You can help out by taking every opportunity to give your children a lunch order or money to spend at recess. As always, extra helpers are also sorely needed.

M Trist – Principal

2016 Kindergarten Enrolments – Due Now!
A reminder that enrolment applications must be completed and returned to school now to ensure your inclusion in the Kindergarten Orientation sessions.

School Swimming Scheme
The Department of Education and Narranga School are providing swimming classes over 10 days, October 26th to November 6th. The cost is $56 which covers daily bus fare and entry to the pool. There is no cost for the lessons. The scheme concentrates on those students in Yr 2 to Yr 6 who can’t swim at all, through to children who can only swim a short distance in shallow water. If your child’s ability falls within this range then the Intensive Swimming Scheme is appropriate for your child. It is expected that all Yr 2 students will attend. Advanced swimming abilities will be catered for. If you are interested please see the office or Mr Weiley for a permission note.

M Weiley – Swimming Scheme Organiser

What’s On!
Oct 14th Kindergarten 2016 Parent Expo 6.30pm
Oct 16th K-2 Parent Workshop 9.30am
Oct 19th Kindergarten Orientation Group A
Oct 20th Kindergarten Orientation Group B
Oct 21st Final day for inclusion in Intensive Swimming
Oct 22nd Surf Safety (Yr 5 and 6)
Oct 23rd Surf Safety (Yr 5 and 6)
Oct 26th Kindergarten Orientation Group B
Intensive Swimming Program commences
LCOS Concert 7pm C.ex Coffs Harbour
Oct 27th Kindergarten Orientation Group A
Nov 3rd NSW Library Show (Yr 3 and 4)
Nov 6th P&C Bingo Night
Nov 11th 2016 Kinder ‘Story Time’ Session
Nov 20th Last day to hand in awards for 2015
Nov 25th Year 6 Bike Ride
2016 Kinder ‘Story Time’ Session
Dec 1st Final Student Banking for 2015
Dec 3rd Yr 6 Orientation Day (Coffs HS& Orara HS)
Dec 7th Narranga PS Presentation Assembly
Dec 9th K-2 Social 5pm
Dec 14th Yr 6 Farewell
Final Canteen lunch order day
Dec 15th School Picnic Day (No Canteen)
Dec 16th Last day of term for students
Jan 28th Students Yr 1 to 6 return to school
Best Start appointments for Kinder 2016
Feb 4th Kinder students commence at Narranga

Parent Workshop
You are invited to attend a workshop on Friday 16th October in the School Library from 9.30 – 11.30am.
The workshop will be split into two sessions,

Session 1: Sami Small (Movement Practitioner) will explain the importance of the schools move to learn program and how the mind and the body connect when children begin to learn at school.

Session 2: Melissa Fenton and Julie Moore (K-2 Assistant Principals) will guide you with some helpful hints and tips to help your child to read with fluency, expression and comprehension.

These sessions are aimed at parents with students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2, but all parents are welcome.

We hope to see you there.

Melissa Fenton and Julie Moore
K-2 Assistant Principals

Assembly Items
K-2 Assembly Friday October 16th at 10.40am
2N will be presenting a class item at this week’s K-2 Assembly. Parents are welcome to attend.

3-6 Assembly Friday October 16th at 11.40am
4M will be presenting a class item at this week’s 3-6 Assembly. Parents are welcome to attend.
**Award Winners**

Congratulations to the following students:

*Principal’s Award* – Jenna Pengelly, Clover Bourne, Mason Meehan, Faith Wear, Joshua Richards  
*Bronze Certificate* – Ella Howard, Lara Parmenter, Joshua Richards  
*Silver Certificate* – Jake Ball, Lara McMillan

**Gymnastics**

Students in KC, KF, KH, KM, 1A and 1P will commence their sessions on Monday October 12th. If you have not already paid, Friday October 9th is the final day for payment. Please contact the school office if you need to make alternative payment arrangements.

**Music Tuition Program Term 4 Organisation**

The following information is provided to assist students/parents involved in our music tuition program. This term students will only be invoiced for 7 lessons. Lessons will not be conducted in Weeks 4 and 5 (October 26th to November 6th) due to the many students involved in the Intensive Swimming Program during this period. Lessons will also finish in Week 9 (November 30th to December 4th) of this term.

R Johnson – Organiser

**Canteen**

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HELP! The Canteen is in desperate need of more helpers, especially on Fridays. If you can help out for a day or part day please contact the canteen supervisor or the school office.

**Parent Online and EFTPOS Payments**

A reminder to parents that there is a $20 minimum for Parent Online Payments and EFTPOS Payments. Please remember this when making these payments as the bank fees for small transactions are unaffordable.

**Student Banking**

Children who have completed their savings mission by making at least 25 School Banking deposits in 2015 are now in the running to win a family trip to Disneyland. The final day will be announced on January 12th 2016.

**Bus Pass Applications for 2016**

Parents of students in Year 2 2015 have been sent bus pass applications for 2016. If your child is progressing to Year 3 in 2016 and you reside more than 1.6 kilometres (radial distance) from the school your child is entitled to free bus travel if you complete and submit the new bus pass application. Please return completed forms to Narranga office as soon as possible.

**P & C Bingo Night**

“Save the Date” for a fun filled night at the Narranga P & C Bingo. November 6th is the date to enter into your diary. More information will be sent home with students shortly.

**NSW Health Child Dental Services**

All children under 18 years of age can receive free dental care through the Mid North Coast Local Health District. Parents do not need to hold a Pension or Health Care Card for their children to be eligible. Please call 1300 651 625 if you would like your child to have a FREE check-up. The Coffs Harbour Clinic is located at the Coffs Harbour Health Campus.

**Cricket NSW Plan B Regional Bash**

The Plan B Regional Bash is coming to the Coffs Coast on Sunday October 18th. It is a community event that students and families are invited to come along and be a part of the fun and excitement.

9.30 to 11.00am - Free MILO T20 Blast and MILO in2CRICKET Come and try (5 – 12 year olds)  
10.00am to 2.00pm - FREE Jumping Castle  
Special guests – Aussie cricket legend Doug Walters and the Sydney Sixers Mascot.

This will be a great community day out including a public BBQ and bar where friends and family can come along and watch your local T20 stars in action as they bash their way to the SCG.

**Online Safety Tips For Parents**

Come along to a FREE community evening on October 21st at 7.00pm at Lifehouse Coffs Harbour. The focus of the evening is in the world of technology how can we keep our kids safe? The internet has become a necessary form of communication and gives access to information from a very young age. But are your kids safe online? Do you know what safety measures to take or how to spot a problem even before your child does? Cyber safety advocate “Cyber Mum” Caroline Bleechmore and columnist of Focus Magazine, mother of two, blogger of cybersmamaus.com has more than 20 years’ experience in using computers, online marketing and use of social media. Caroline will be giving insights into the internet world and present information, tips and valuable knowledge on how to keep your kids safe on the internet.

**How You Can Help Your Child Read**

Tuesday October 20th at C.ex Club Coffs Harbour.  
**Parent Talk:** 1pm to 2pm – ‘The Parent Perspective’  
**Teacher Talk:** 4pm to 5pm – ‘The Teacher Perspective’  
**Public Talk:** 7pm to 8.30pm – The above 2 topics plus ‘The Dyslexic Perspective’.

Registration: Online at dyslexia.com.au/register OR on the day at the event.

**Summer Hockey for Juniors**

Fun, safe and affordable summer sport for Under 10’s and Under 13’s. Hockey is for both boys and girls, come along on Wednesday evenings and make new friends, learn new skills and the cost is only $2 per session. Visit www.hockeycoffscoast.com.au

**Family Day Care Vacancy**

Small groups with one on one care. Lots of outdoor play in a lovely garden. Excursions to Library, playgroup, etc. Place available now on Mondays. Bookings being taken for 2016. Close to Narranga PS for pick up. Child care benefits available. Contact Anne on 0409 512 343.