Narranga students have benefited over the past few years from access to new and improved learning programs and school facilities. These include Quicksmart Maths, Learning and Support sessions, Gifted and Talented activities, the outdoor Living Classroom, iPad activities, Minilit literacy and a range of classroom learning initiatives.

These and many other school improvements have been made possible by the arrival of Gonski funding. As this is National Gonski Week, we join schools, teachers and parents around Australia in spreading the word on how these funds have enriched our children’s education. We are doing all we can to ensure that the funding is implemented in its intended six year model, which will mean even greater benefits at Narranga and at schools around the country. Stay tuned.

On Monday night our choir and dance groups joined performers from neighbouring schools for the annual Lighthouse Community of Schools Concert at C.ex. I know that parents who attended were very impressed by the quality of the performances, and by the obvious enjoyment of the performers. It was a night that showed the strengths of our public schools – open to everyone; students, teachers and parents working hard together; a great outcome.

Next Tuesday morning will be the official opening of our Living Classroom, situated near the K-2 playground behind the Early Intervention preschool building. Incorporating vegetable garden beds, compost bins, a garden shed, watering systems and more, the Living Classroom is a great addition to Narranga’s educational resources. Costa Georgiadis from ABC TV will be our special guest on the day. Come along to the morning assembly for a look if you’re free.

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Next year’s Kindergarten students settled in very quickly during their orientation sessions over the past two weeks - our 2016 Kinder classes will be happy and productive places. Unfortunately demand has exceeded supply as far as enrolment numbers are concerned, and some applications from outside our zone will not gain a place at Narranga next year. Parents who are waiting for news will be notified this week.

The school has some custom made student backpacks for sale, priced at $35 (small) and $45 (large). They are black, embossed with a gold Narranga crest, and have received very positive feedback from parents and students regarding their sturdiness and practicality. Samples can be viewed and purchased at the school office.

M Trist – Principal

Narranga P & C Family Fun Night

BIG BANANA WATERSLIDE – MORE INFORMATION

As mentioned in Mr Trist's Report, the Waterslide Note has been re-issued today with further information to assist you. If you have already paid, kindly complete the second note as it will give the P&C an indication of which coloured wristbands to send home to you and whether a partial refund may be required.

The P&C will be having a sausage sizzle and drinks will be available to purchase on the night. BE QUICK numbers are limited to approximately 200 ‘sliders’ and are filling fast so “first in best dressed”. Wristbands (different colours for slides or aquaplay) will be sent home a few days before the event and these must be worn on the night. Orders close on November 6th unless sold out prior.

Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students:
Principal’s Award – Finlay Ruhle, Sarra Senise Chetty, Georgia Silvy, Siera Poynter, Sunny Loughlin, Emma Purves, Nate Rose
Bronze Certificate – Caitlin Kavanagh, Jaen Mason-Dhamala
Silver Certificate – Bella DeGallerie
Gold Certificate – Reagan Popplewell

Assembly Items

K-2 Assembly Friday October 30th at 10.40am
2P will be presenting a class item at this week’s K-2 Assembly. Parents are welcome to attend.

3-6 Assembly Friday October 30th at 11.40am
There will not be a class item at this week’s 3-6 Assembly. Parents are welcome to attend.

2016 Prefect/Captain Speeches

The speeches for students to vote for our 2016 captains and prefects will be held in Week 5 in the School Hall.

Girls – Wednesday November 4th
Boys – Thursday November 5th

Parents of students involved in these finals are welcome to attend.

Student Banking

The final day for Student Banking in 2015 will be Tuesday December 1st.
What’s On!

Nov 3rd NSW Library Show (Yr 3 and 4)
Nov 11th 2016 Kinder ‘Story Time’ Session
Nov 13th P & C Waterslide Night at Big Banana
commencing at 5.30pm
Nov 20th Last day to hand in awards for 2015
Nov 25th Year 6 Bike Ride
2016 Kinder ‘Story Time’ Session
Nov 30th Medallion Ceremony
Dec 1st Final Student Banking for 2015
Dec 3rd Yr 6 Orientation Day (Coffs HS & Orara HS)
Dec 7th Narranga PS Presentation Assembly
(Canteen closed all day Dec 7th)
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
Canteen: snacks available – no lunch orders
Jan 28th Students Yr 1 to 6 return to school
Best Start appointments begin - Kinder 2016
Feb 4th Kindergarten students first day

Canteen
Thurs 29th HELP NEEDED PLEASE
Fri 30th M Duckett, S Bray
Mon 2nd Tracy
Tues 3rd Debbie (½ Day)
Wed 4th Susan

HELP! The Canteen is in desperate need of more helpers, especially on Thursdays and Fridays. If more volunteers are not forthcoming then the fresh food menu may not be available on these days. Please consider helping out, even if only for a few hours. Please see Alison at the canteen for more information or to add your name to the roster.

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.

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.

November is Sustainability Month in Coffs Harbour
As part of our involvement in this local project, Narranga will officially open our “Living Classroom”. Many students and staff, particularly Mr Nulty and class 4N, have transformed our neglected vegetable garden into a great learning environment. Costa Georgiadis, host of the Gardening Australia television program will be attending our school on Tuesday November 3rd to address the school assembly at 9.10am and then officially open our “Living Classroom”. Parents are invited to attend the opening which will be held after the morning assembly at approximately 9.20am. This will be followed by a tour, for parents, of our new outdoor learning area. We hope to see you there.

Music Lesson Program
A reminder that music lessons will not be conducted for 2 weeks due to our involvement in the Intensive Swimming Program and the unavoidable timetable clashes. Lessons will resume the week commencing Monday November 9th.

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.

Let’s Look at Lunches
Inspiration for fresh, fast and budget friendly lunchboxes from your local health service.

Take the challenge out of packing a healthy lunchbox thanks to a new initiative from Northern NSW Local Health District. They have created a fortnightly e-newsletter that will be delivered straight to your inbox full of lunchbox inspiration, tips, recipes, ideas and competitions. Our school encourages healthy lunchboxes so we recommend you subscribe if you haven’t already. All you need to do is send us your first name, email address and postcode by:

- Email to lookatlunches@gmail.com or
- Text to 0429 033 517

Coffs Harbour High School Important Dates
Parent Information Night- November 10th – 5.30 to 7.00pm
- This is your chance to learn more about the school, our programs, structure and activities, as well as a chance to meet key staff including the 2016 Year 7 Adviser. Afternoon tea provided.
- If parents would like to purchase uniforms or book packs ($85) the canteen will be open from 4.00pm
- Tours of the school will be provided by the SRC from 5.00pm

Orientation Day for ALL students – December 3rd
- Students will engage in activities with their peer support teams and have sample lessons
- Please ensure students bring morning tea, a drink, (lunch is provided) and covered shoes
- Parents are welcome to join children from 9.00 – 9.30 in the hall
- Students may be collected from 3.00pm or go home on the bus from 3.20pm

Christmas Shoeboxes
A huge Thank You to those who contributed items for the shoeboxes. We have filled 40 boxes. That is 40 children who have very little to call their own who will receive their own shoebox filled with gifts. The shoeboxes leave Coffs Harbour this week to begin their journey.

Jo Butler - Organiser