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Principal’s Report
Yesterday was another fantastic day with everything happening at once. Swimming lessons, a visit from the State library with a display of historical artefacts, visiting Resourceful Schools educators giving classroom sustainability lessons and of course our Living Classroom official opening. There was a horse race on too.

The Living Classroom festivities were particularly memorable – great work Mr Nulty. Costa Giorgiadis from ABC TV gave students some memorable and valuable presentations on the benefits that your own vege garden can bring. He was also raving about the positive vibe of the school. Parents who were able to attend loved the chance to look around the gardens and to sample some of the home grown produce that was prepared by Alison from the canteen.

The P&C’s Big Banana fun night on November 13 has proved too popular for its own good. The bad news is that we received far more applications than there were spaces available. The good news is that the P&C have been able to make a second booking for Friday November 20. See details later in this newsletter. Our apologies for the convoluted process this has become – the P&C have already got streamlined plans in place if we repeat this outing next year.

Our 2016 Student Leader elections are on today and tomorrow, preceded by speeches in the hall. As always we have some excellent candidates, any of whom I’m sure will fill the leadership roles admirably.

Thanks to all parents who showed their support in last week’s Gonski Week activities. The extra money we are already receiving is already making a real difference for Narranga’s students. Happily, the popularity of the Gonski funding scheme is resulting in increasingly supportive noises coming from both sides of politics.

Our next P&C meeting is on next Monday at 7pm in the library – all are welcome.

Don’t forget that the school has a few custom made student backpacks still for sale. 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.

Student Banking
Thank you to all the students who have banked this year. The school receives a small commission for processing the banking. A reminder that the final day for Student Banking in 2015 will be Tuesday December 1st.

Narranga P & C Family Fun Night
BIG BANANA WATERSLIDE
SECOND SESSION NOW AVAILABLE November 20
Due to the overwhelming response to our Waterslide Night on November 13 we are over-subscribed. We have now booked a second Waterslide Night for November 20. Families who have already ordered tickets and missed out for November 13 will receive a note via their child today advising of the option to automatically be transferred to November 20 or they may provide a written request for a refund. Anyone wishing to order tickets for November 20 can use the existing order form (and alter the date) or collect another copy from the school office. Please note that there are limited spaces left so be quick as it will be on a ‘first in’ basis and we expect all places to fill by this Friday. In fairness to all, we ask that families participating in the November 13 session please not book for a second session on November 20.

The P&C will be having a sausage sizzle and drinks will be available to purchase on the night. Wristbands (different colours for slides or aquaplay) will be sent home a few days before each event and these must be worn on the night.

Award Winners
Congratulations to the following students:
Principal’s Award – Lillyahna Shelley, Jesse James, Izack Wilson, Joseph Mills, Joshua Lindley, Jackson Smidt, Solomon Raphael, Summa Miles, Sailor Rose, Ruby Martin, Taj Buck, Harrison Mitchell, Isabella Shipman
Bronze Certificate – Siera Poynter, Joshua Lindley
Silver Certificate – Emma Purves, Sunny Loughlin

Assembly Items
K-2 Assembly Friday November 6th at 10.40am
There will not be a class item at this week’s K-2 Assembly. Parents are welcome to attend.

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

Term 4 Medallions
Students who are eligible for a Bronze, Silver or Gold Medallion need to send in their red folder, including Principal’s Awards by 3.00pm on Friday November 20th. (Please note we cannot accept late orders). The Medallion Ceremony will be held at the morning assembly on Monday November 30th.

2016 Prefect/Captain Speeches
The boys’ speeches for students to vote for our 2016 captains and prefects will be held on Thursday November 5th in the School Hall. Parents of students involved in these finals are welcome to attend.
**Student Invoices**
Parents will receive family invoices today to confirm the balance owing for each student. Prompt payment would be appreciated. If you do not receive an invoice, you do not have an outstanding balance and we thank you for your prompt payment.

**What’s On!**

- **Nov 13**
  - P&C Waterslide Night 1 at Big Banana commencing at 5.30pm
- **Nov 20**
  - Last day to hand in awards for 2015 P&C Waterslide Night 2 at Big Banana
- **Nov 25**
  - Year 6 Bike Ride
  - 2016 Kinder ‘Story Time’ Session
- **Nov 30**
  - Medallion Ceremony
- **Dec 1**
  - Final Student Banking for 2015
- **Dec 3**
  - Yr 6 Orientation Day (Coffs HS & Orara HS)
- **Dec 7**
  - Narranga PS Presentation Assembly
- **Dec 9**
  - K-2 Social 5pm
- **Dec 14**
  - Yr 6 Farewell
  - Final Canteen lunch order day
- **Dec 15**
  - School Picnic Day (No Canteen)
- **Dec 16**
  - Last day of term for students
  - Canteen: snacks available – no lunch orders
- **Jan 28**
  - Students Yr 1 to 6 return to school
  - Best Start appointments begin - Kinder 2016
- **Feb 4**
  - Kindergarten students first day

**Year 6 Farewell Planning Meeting**
There will be a meeting next Monday November 9th at 2.30pm in the staffroom, for any parents of Year 5 students who would like to help out with the organisation of this year’s Year 6 Farewell. Please let Mr Johnson know if you are interested in attending.

**Canteen**
- **Thurs 6th**
  - HELP NEEDED PLEASE
- **Fri 6th**
  - HELP NEEDED PLEASE
- **Mon 9th**
  - Debbie
- **Tues 10th**
  - M Lynch
- **Wed 11th**
  - Neville

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 not 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.

**Music Lesson Program**
A reminder to music students that normal music lessons will resume next week following the completion of the Intensive Swimming Scheme.

**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

**National Aboriginal Birth Certificate Project**
The Pathfinders National Aboriginal Birth Certificate Project is proudly delivered by Pathfinders Inc. and proudly supported by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet via the Indigenous Advancement Strategy. The FREE Birth certificate is available for Aboriginal applicants who meet the following criteria:

- Are preparing to attend primary school
- Are preparing to attend secondary school
- Are transitioning from school to the workforce
- Are transitioning from school to further education
- Were born in NSW, QLD, ACT or VIC.

Parents/Guardians and young people 16 yrs and over must bring 3 forms of ID from the following.

**Category 1 (You need one from this group)** – Driver’s License, Passport, Firearm’s License, RTA or RMS Photo Card, Centrelink Benefit Card, Certificate of Aboriginality, Marriage License.

**Category 2 (You need 2 from this group)** – Medicare Card, Credit or Debit Card, Proof of Age Card

**Proof of Guardianship (You need one from this group)** – Child’s name on Medicare Card, Child’s name on Centrelink Card, Letter from GP, Letter from Centrelink.

This service is being offered from 10.00am to 3.00pm at the Coffs Harbour Local Aboriginal Land Council at Wongala Drive near the Pacific Highway and Arthur Street (as this street is newly named it will not appear on GPS).