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Principal's Report

Year 5 had an enjoyable and educational week away on their Canberra trip. Highlights included Sydney Aquarium, the Storm v Cronulla NRL game, Questacon, Parliament House, the War Memorial and of course a great day's skiing. I was proud of their manners and behaviour at the various attractions – they were very good ambassadors for Narranga. The trip also gave students valuable opportunities to socialise and develop their ability to organise themselves and their possessions – some of them for the first time. They should be nearly recovered from a week of sleep deprivation – something that I know the Year 5 teachers, Mrs Burmester and I can relate to.

Year 1-6 students will participate in our Maths Master competition that starts next week. With a similar format to a spelling bee, students in each class will compete to identify who has the most accurate number crunching ability. A pair of representatives from each class will go on to compete in stage finals in Week 10.

Also next week we will be asking parents to complete an online survey that asks questions about how the school and home contribute to children’s learning. The Partners in Learning survey requires a specific username and password, which can be requested via the school email (narranga-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au). In addition, the computer room will be set up each morning after assembly for parents to access the surveys, and they will be available at our next P&C meeting.

The Primary Ethics program is a non-religious alternative to Scripture classes which is presently only offered to Narranga's Year 5 & 6 students. The program’s organisers have asked the school to distribute a letter and information sheet which includes an offer to parents to be trained as an Ethics teacher. These are attached to this newsletter. Feel free to contact me if you wish to know more about Narranga’s involvement.

Thanks to everyone who has nominated Narranga as the beneficiary of their Community Kickbacks points from Amart Sports. At last count this has resulted in the school receiving a total of $20937 in credit at the store, which has translated to a fantastic supply of equipment for our various sporting programs.

Our boys’ soccer team showed plenty of grit in the heat during their game against Tacking Point yesterday. After a mighty struggle Narranga were striving for an equaliser before a goal in the final minutes sealed the game for Tacking Point 4-2.

Don’t forget that for Book Week our students can come dressed as their favourite book character this Friday. We look forward to seeing some interesting ideas represented.

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2016 Kindergarten Enrolments

Due Now!

Don’t miss Orientation

Invitations are being sent out soon. If you have a friend, neighbour or relative intending to enrol their child for Kindergarten 2016, 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.

Book Week Celebrations – Friday August 28th

- To celebrate Book Week there will be a raffle drawn at the Friday morning assembly. For every $10 spent at the Book Fair students will receive a raffle ticket. There are 2x$30 prizes, 2x$20 prizes and 1x$10 to be won at the Book Fair.
- Students will be sharing a book with their buddy class at some stage during the day.
- We will not be holding a book character parade this year but students are welcome to come dressed on the Friday as their favourite book character. This is OPTIONAL. Students may choose to dress up as their favourite fictional or nonfiction book character.

Year 5 NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy)

Results were sent home earlier this week with Year 5 students. 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 completed the NAPLAN tests. Additional information to assist in understanding your child’s test results can be found at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/naplan and at www.nap.edu.au/Test_Results/Student_reports/index.html.

2015 ICAS Spelling Competition Results

Last term students in Years 3 to 6 participated in the University of NSW Spelling Competition. The following students achieved some very pleasing results:

- Distinction: Kirra Taylor
- Credit: Miranda Holmes, Kyarna McKell
- Kai Mukawa, Noah Hubbard
- Emily Nielsen
- Merit: Sadie Williams, Emma Wellington

Congratulations to these students, and the other boys and girls who have a solid effort. Certificates were presented at morning assemblies.

R Johnson – Co-Ordinator
Visiting Performances
Ugly Snow-Rella & Netiquette

On Wednesday September 9th the Young Australia Workshop will present two fantastic shows at our school, ‘Ugly Snow-Rella’ (Kinder to Year 3) and ‘Netiquette’ (Year 4 to 6). These shows will complement our class personal development and school welfare programs.

The cost for the show is $5 per student. Notes have been sent home with students earlier in the week. Payment is due by Tuesday September 8th.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

When shopping at Woolworths, ask for your Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator. Simply place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and drop them into the collection box at school office, or hand in the stickers to office staff if you don't have a Sticker Sheet. You get one Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Sticker sheets are available from the school office or by downloading at woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn. The rewards we earn from these allow us to purchase equipment for our classrooms each year. Thank You.

Softball Equipment

We had a clean out of our sports storeroom and found a lot of obsolete softball equipment. We have distributed it to Year 4 and 5 children who are keen to try out for next year’s team. If your child turns up at home with a mitt or a bat etc today it is okay.

What's On!

Aug 24 -27 Book Week
Aug 28 North Coast Athletics Carnival
Sept 7 K-2 + 2/3J Meal Deal at Canteen
Sept 8 3-6 Meal Deal at Canteen
Sept 9 Visiting Performances for K-6
Sept 10 Yr 2 Excursion
Sept 10-11 Yr 3 Excursion
Sept 15 Art Show
Sept 18 Last Day of Term 3
Oct 6 First Day of Term 4 for students

Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students:
Principal's Award – Caitlin Kavanagh, Halle Craw, Layla Maryvale, Cooper O'Brien, Ethan Andrews, Tyler Creswell, Alicia Saggus, Ellie Gallagher, Jacob Gleeson, Tiah Johnson
Bronze Certificate – Levi Johnson, Mia Skountouroglou, Cooper O'Brien, Paige Veitch, Jacob Gleeson
Silver Certificate – Ethan Andrews

Assembly Items

K-2 Assembly Friday August 28 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 August 28 at 11.40am
There will not be a class item at this week’s 3-6 Assembly. Parents are welcome to attend.

Donations

At this time of year we often need ‘emergency clothing’ for our young students. Donations of second hand black shorts or skorts/culottes would be greatly appreciated. Please leave any donations at the school office. Thank you.

Canteen Meal Deals

Monday September 7th
Kinder, Year One, Year Two and all of 2/3J

Tuesday September 8th
Years Three to Six

There will be a selection of hot foods and drinks available. Pre-order forms were sent home with students on Monday. Please note that orders and payments must be delivered to the Canteen by Wednesday September 2nd for inclusion in the Meal Deal Days.

Please note that there will be no other lunch orders available on this day.

Term 3 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 September 4th. The Medallion Ceremony will be held at the morning assembly on Thursday September 17th.

Emergency Clothing

If your child has been sent home wearing ‘emergency supply clothing’, you are asked to please wash and return the clothing to the school office as soon as possible as supplies are limited.

Lost Property

Please label your child’s property to assist us in returning lost items to you. A large amount of lost property is sorted at the office each week and unfortunately many items have no names on them.

School Banking Reward

The Commonwealth Bank has withdrawn the Cosmic Light Beam Torch from their rewards list due to a safety issue with access to batteries. Please delete this reward from your ‘wish list’ sheet.

Canteen

Thurs 27 K Gray
Fri 28 A Buckley, E Gardner
Mon 31 D Fahey
Tues 1 M Lynch
Wed 2 S Kiniazis

Headlice

A number of cases have been reported this week. Please be vigilant and if you find eggs or lice in your child’s hair, treat with a pharmacy recommended product. It is important to do the follow up treatments as per directions on the treatment to kill any remaining eggs or lice.

Ryans Bus Service

Ryans are pleased to announce that their partner, transportme, has now released the transportme Passenger App on the Apple App store. The free app is available for download which allows you to track Ryans Buses in real time. Please note that the app is for use with smartphones, not iPads. To look for your child’s school bus to track, use the Route Number. (Eg if they catch Bus 52 in the morning, please look in the app for ‘Route 52am’.)