Principal’s Report
2016 at Narranga has got off to a smooth start. New classes have been formed in Years 1-6, and have jumped straight in with their studies. Kindergarten students have met with their teachers for Best Start interviews and we look forward to them starting in new classes tomorrow morning.

A list of our teaching staff is included later in the newsletter. There have been a few changes this year, with Narranga welcoming back Miss Ferrier to Year 1 after a stint teaching in Broken Hill. Ms Hood (formerly Ms Korner) has also begun her return to teaching after a lengthy absence. She will be making a gradual return to full duties, and in the meantime will be sharing teaching responsibilities on 5H with Mr Parkins. We welcome Mrs Stevens for the year as she takes the reins on 4S. Mrs Valentine has returned to her teacher’s aide role following a year away. Miss Toovey will share the teaching on both KF and 3B as Mrs Fry and Mr Britton will work 4 day weeks. Mrs Crewe’s retirement proved short-lived, as she’s filling in on 6M for a few weeks while Mr Johnston is helping his wife look after their brand new baby girl.

You may have noticed that the wall on the end of our Literacy Centre is sporting a striking new mural, complementing its neighbour overlooking the carpark. They are both the work of local artist, Ash Johnson, and not only look great, but reflect the spirit of Narranga to our community.

Many thanks to those families who helped out with watering the veggie’s in the Living Classroom over the holidays. Everything’s going gangbusters at the moment – Mr Nulty is preparing himself for significant weeding.

I know we mention it regularly, but we are in fairly desperate need of extra volunteers in the canteen. If you can help, even if only occasionally, we need you to let the canteen or school office know.

Education funding has been in the news over the summer. Let us hope that consensus can be reached to fully implement the Gonski model. At Narranga the funds that are already available this year have resulted in some fantastic programs to aid student learning and teacher development; the full amount would be another huge step forward in providing opportunities for our students.

Our first big event for the year is this Friday’s Swimming Carnival at Coffs Harbour pool for Years 3-6 (and a few strong Year 2 swimmers). Please make sure your children have slip, slop, slapped, and feel free to come and take a look if you can spare the time.

Next Monday night is our first P&C meeting for 2016 and our AGM. All parents are encouraged to attend – it is a great way to learn more about and contribute to your children’s schooling. We meet in the Library from 7pm.

M Trist – Principal

Attention Parents of Kindergarten, Yr 1 & Yr 2
Please note that the Narranga Canteen will be closed all day Friday February 5th due to the School Swimming Carnival being held at the Coffs Harbour Pool.

Parent / Teacher Nights
These will take place with class teachers next week. Please see the timetable below. During the meetings teachers will outline class programs, homework matters, student needs and classroom organisation. If you are unable to make the meeting, and you have a concern, please contact the class teacher at a later date.

Mon 8/2 Kindergarten - 5pm in classrooms
Wed 10/2
Yrs 3 & 4 - BBQ 8am then classrooms
Yrs 1 & 2 – 4pm in classrooms
Yrs 5,6 + 4/5C – 5pm in Library then classrooms

Gymnastics and Move to Learn
Classes are about to start for Kinder, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4. If you have a child in these grades, please send in payment of $18 by the end of next week for your child to continue with lessons beyond the first week. (This item appears on your student invoice.) Thank you to all the parents who have already made this payment.

What’s On!
Feb 5th Narranga Swimming Carnival
(Yr 3-6 + some Yr 2)
NB: No Canteen at Narranga due to Carnival
Feb 8th Gymnastics commences for Yrs 3 & 4
Feb 8th Kindergarten Parent Teacher Meeting
5.00pm in classrooms
Feb 9th Move to Learn commences for K – 1
Feb 10th Yrs 3 & 4 Parent Teacher Meeting
BBQ 8.00am followed by classroom meetings
Feb 10th Yrs 1 & 2 Parent Teacher Meetings
4.00pm in classrooms
Feb 10th Yrs 5 & 6 plus 4/5C Parent Teacher Meetings
5.00pm in the Library then classrooms
Mar 16th – 18th Year 6 Lake Ainsworth Excursion
Mar 17th – 18th Year 4 Port Macquarie Excursion

Course in Aboriginal Languages
Certificate 1 Gumbaynggirr
Aboriginal and non- Aboriginal people from and/or associated with the Gumbaynggirr nation who want to refresh or learn the local cultural language are welcome to participate. Courses start this week, and are available at Coffs Harbour during the day and at Macksville in the evening. Ring 1300 628 233 for full details.
Music Tuition Program 2016
Next Tuesday, February 9th, there will be an Information Meeting in the School Library, for parents of students who are participating in our school music tuition program this year. The meeting, which will commence at 6pm, provides an opportunity for parents to learn about instruments, timetables, tuition fees and is an opportunity to meet the Coffs Harbour Conservatorium music director Trish O’Brien. All parents who have enrolled their child with the Conservatorium are welcome to attend. At this stage timetables are still being finalized with a view to commencing lessons in the week beginning February 15th. R Johnson – Co-ordinator

Canteen
Can you please help us? Volunteers are urgently needed to help in the Canteen next week and also for the remainder of 2016. Please contact the Canteen to volunteer.

The Cheap Meal Deal is available every Tuesday and orders need to be placed by 9.30am.

We would like to let you know that Narranga Canteen is now operating a Second Hand Clothing Pool providing uniforms at greatly reduced prices. Donations of uniforms would be appreciated at any time.

Ryans Bus Service
Search for ‘transportme passenger’ on your smartphone or tablet and download to track your Ryans bus in real time for free. The App is available on both the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

Coffs Coast Tigers Football Club
Registrations are now open for Under 6’s to Seniors for the 2016 football season. Register online at www.myfootball.com.au or visit Polwarth Drive Sporting fields on Saturday Feb 13th or 20th from 1 – 3pm. We also offer girl’s only Mini Roo’s teams, as well as girls 12, 14 and 16 years teams (depending on numbers). For further information please contact Melissa Bennett on 0437 579 528 or David Wilson on 0434 037 543.

Orara Valley Tomahawks Junior Rugby League
Registration Day is Saturday February 6th at the Big Banana Water Slides from 11.45am until 1.15pm, pizza lunch included. Register your child on the day and they slide for free! The cost is $80 for the first child and $60 for each sibling. To register go to http://www.planrl.com/register/ For further information please call Naomi Crawford on 0488 002 350 or Amanda Christie on 0437 053 337.

Lee Winkler’s Surf School – Coffs Harbour
Starts – Saturday Feb 13th, Sunday Feb 14th and Friday Feb 19th.
Weekends and after school classes
Level 1, 2 and 3 Classes
8 week course for 1 hour per week
Location – Coffs Harbour Yacht Club
Receive a SurfGrom Pack including loads of Quiksilver products. Call Lee on 6650 0050 or email lwss@bigpond.com for further information. Limited spots available per class!

AMART Sports Community Kickbacks Program
If you are not a member join Team Amart today and support our school. If you are a member of Team Amart and you nominate Narranga School as your beneficiary and swipe your card 5% store credit on all member purchases will benefit our school.

2016 Narranga Teaching Staff
Principal Mr Trist
Deputy Principal Ms Blevin
KC Mrs Cross
KF Mrs Fry and Ms Toovey
KM Mrs Fenton (Assistant Principal)
KT Mrs Tolhurst
1A Mrs Amos
1F Miss Ferrier
1N Ms Nachatter
1P Mrs Phillips
2M Mrs Moore (Assistant Principal)
2N Mrs Nean
2P Mrs Prior
2W Mr Weiley
3B Mr Britton and Ms Toovey
3C Mrs Chaffey (Assistant Principal)
3G Ms Greenaway
4N Mr Nulty
4P Mrs Peake
4S Mrs Stevens
4/5C Miss Proctor
5H Ms Hood and Mr Parkins
5J Mr Johnson (Assistant Principal)
5/6M Mr Johnston
6H Mr Howard
6W Ms Wilson
Computers Mr Bullivant
Library Mrs Deagan
Learning Support Teachers Mrs Maybury and Mrs Ellicott
Reading Recovery Mrs Jenkins
Reading Recovery Mrs Fisher