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Principal’s Report
Kindergarten students and parents all seem happy with their initial taste of big school. Kindergarten teachers are also very positive, but a bit tired. It has been a pleasure to visit their classrooms and see so many happy and engaged littlies – well done everyone!

Monday night’s first P&C meeting was very productive. A good crowd contributed lots of ideas that will improve our school throughout the year. Biggest news so far is the School Fete in Term 4, which is always worth the wait. Before that is a family night at the Big Banana Waterslide on Friday March 11 – stay tuned. Another notable item from the meeting was the P&C’s donation of $2500 to fund the establishment of a school band for our talented young musicians – Mr Johnson was very happy.

The P&C also decided to invite all parents and particularly those new to Narranga to a Welcome Breakfast on Wednesday February 17. A note with details and an RSVP slip will come home this week. We hope to see you there.

Last Friday’s Swimming Carnival was remarkable for a variety of reasons, chief of which was the fact that Red House finally won after a gap of over 30 years! Given that students are allocated randomly to our 4 sports houses and they have roughly even numbers, this run of outs in any of our 3 annual carnivals has been hard to fathom – but is thankfully over. As always, there were plenty of noteworthy individual performances, the weather cooperated, Mrs Peake and her helpers organised everything thoroughly and last but definitely not least, our students’ behaviour and participation marked them as excellent role models for Narranga.

Please be aware of both council regulations and our school neighbours’ needs when parking. Council Rangers have been active recently, and I sometimes get negative feedback from local residents who are inconvenienced by restricted access to their properties. We also ask all parents and students not to enter the school car park for safety reasons.

M Trist – Principal

Gymnastics and Move to Learn
Classes have started 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 this 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.

Student Banking
Student Banking for 2016 has commenced. Narranga’s Student Banking day is every Tuesday. Children wishing to start Student Banking for the first time can collect an information package from the school office. For every 10 deposits made through the program, students can redeem a reward from the Outback Savers range. The first two reward items released in Term 1 include Flying Snake Tails and Wildlife Writer Sets.

What’s On!
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
Feb 12th K, Yr 1, Yr 3 and Yr 4 Gymnastics $18 due
Mar 16th – 18th Year 6 Lake Ainsworth Excursion
Mar 17th – 18th Year 4 Port Macquarie Excursion

Parents – Change of Details
It is very important to promptly advise the school of any changes to your personal details. eg – address, phone numbers, custody, emergency contact numbers, etc.

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 on Tuesdays.

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.

Narranga Music Tuition Program – Update
Our music tuition program provided by the Coffs Harbour Conservatorium is still in various stages of organisation for this year. At this stage first lessons are planned to begin in week 5 (Monday February 22nd – February 26th). Please check your child’s bag for music newsletters and timetable notes during next week. In the meantime, contact me at school if you require more information.

R Johnson – Co-ordinator

Parent / Teacher Night – Wednesday February 10th
Years 1, 2, 5, 6 and 4/5C Parent Teacher Night is tonight. 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.

Yrs 1 & 2 – 4pm in classrooms
Yrs 5,6 + 4/5C – 5pm in Library then classrooms
Narranga Swimming Carnival
On Friday February 5th we held our annual swimming carnival. The weather decided to be kind to us and we happily missed the predicted rain and enjoyed a patchy yet comfortable day at the pool. All children participated with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the day in races, novelties, cheering and a free swim. The manners and behaviour displayed by all students during the carnival was wonderful – well done. I would like to thank the parents and family members who turned up to cheer the students on during the carnival. A special mention to those who volunteered to time keep throughout the day – you are wonderful.

Records: A fantastic effort from the junior girls from Gold House who swam a scrunching 3:08:17 to beat the old record by more than 5 seconds – awesome job by these students.

Congratulations to the following students who will represent Narranga at the District Swimming Carnival to be held at the Coffs pool on Monday February 22nd.

Boys
Open 100m Freestyle – 1.Trey Jurd, 2.Hayley Kitching, 3.Isabel O’Garey
9yrs 50m Freestyle – 1.Kai Mukawa, 2.Jacob Cross, 3.Isabel O’Garey
11yrs 50m Freestyle – 1.Aston Jackwitz, 2.Trey Jurd, 3.Max Ellison
12yrs 50m Freestyle – 1.Clancy Webber, 2.Bailey Winkler, 3.Taj Buck
13yrs 50m Freestyle – 1.Illia Chapliiov
Senior Backstroke – 1.Bailey Winkler, 2.Clancy Webber, 3.Chad Bullock
Senior Butterfly – 1.Illia Chapliiov
Junior Medley – 1.Jade Kitching

Girls
8yrs 50m Freestyle – 1.Molly O’Connell, 2.Lani Cooper, 3.Alexis Brennan
9yrs 50m Freestyle – 1.Molly Williams, 2.Chloe Millington, 3.Georgia Silvy
10yrs 50m Freestyle – 1.Isabel O’Garey, 2.Charlie Serg, 3.Keeley Gardner
11yrs 50m Freestyle – 1.Jazz Porter, 2.Emma Purves, 3.Rachael Booth
12yrs 50m Freestyle – 1.Hayley Kitching, 2.Kit Thompson, 3.Hayley Milne
Junior 50m Breaststroke – 1.Isabel O’Garey, 2.Molly Williams, 3.Charlie Serg
11yrs 50m Breaststroke – 1.Jazz Porter, 2.Sadie Williams, 3.Emma Purves
Senior 50m Breaststroke – 1.Hayley Kitching, 2.Kit Thompson, 3.Ava Chadwick
Junior Butterfly – 1.Molly Williams, 2.Isabel O’Garey, 3.Georgia Silvy
11yrs Butterfly – 1.Jazz Porter, 2.Sadie Williams

Well done to the following fantastic swimmers who were awarded age champions on the day.
Junior – Jade Kitching & Isabel O’Garey
11yrs – Trey Jurd & Jazz Porter
Senior – Clancy Webber & Hayley Kitching

The overall house champion for the day was RED House. Fantastic news as the drought has finally been broken – the last time they won a swimming carnival was 1983 – well done Red House!!!

What a wonderful carnival. Well done to everyone and best wishes to those 37 students who will compete at the district carnival.

Mrs Peake - Organiser

Headlice
A few cases have been reported in the past week. Please be vigilant in checking for headlice on a regular basis and, if necessary, treat with the appropriate products.
**Coffs Harbour Basketball Association**  
Are you interested in learning to play basketball or playing in the School Basketball Competition? For further details on registration etc. please call Coffs Harbour Basketball Association office on 6651 1452 or email carlee@coffsharbourbasketball.com.au

**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.

**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 Melesa Bennett on 0437 579 528 or David Wilson on 0434 037 543.

**Judo Classes at the PCYC**  
This is a not for profit club taught by volunteer coaches at the PCYC in Bray Street. Buses are available from most schools to Orara High School which is just across the road. Learn how to defend yourself and fall safely while having fun in both recreational and competitive judo. Judo is a martial art and Olympic sport, for both males and females. Judo has a strong emphasis on safety. Improve your flexibility, balance, posture and co-ordination and build confidence, self-esteem, discipline and self-control. Join PCYC Judo Club and the first two lessons are free. Lessons are conducted on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and cost $8.00 per lesson.