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Principal’s Report

Today we had a visit from the Camp Quality puppet show. Our students not only enjoyed the show, but also gained an appreciation of the challenges facing boys and girls with serious illness.

We’re in the lead in the Park Beach Plaza Recycled Sculpture competition! You can add your votes for our Fish and Chips sculpture either via the Park Beach Plaza app, which you can find on Play Store or iTunes, or go to http://www.parkbeachplaza.com.au/information.php?tscid=NDE0ODM=&ciid=72265. You can vote every day – there’s $10000 at stake!

Monday’s P&C meeting once again made some important decisions to help the school. These included approving $1700 to subsidise a computer coding course for Years 4 & 5 next term. They approved some big changes to our school newsletter, plus the creation of a parent communication app. There will also be a chance for families to purchase personalised pavers for our playground. Stay tuned for more information on all of these soon.

The Big Banana Waterslide night was a great family occasion on Friday. It was wonderful to see so many kids and adults enjoying each other’s company. I had a slide - who knew you could get so dizzy on such a short ride?

Year 6 are off on their camp to Lake Ainsworth today, and Year 4 will head to Port Macquarie tomorrow. I’m sure they will all return with memorable stories to share.

Parents of Kindergarten to Year 3 students have already received notes inviting students to participate in the important Life Education sessions in Weeks 10 and 11. Parents of Year 1-6 students will soon receive a note for Joffa’s Cartooning Sessions in the same week. As always, we fully understand that some families will find it difficult to afford both shows, and remind you that financial assistance is available from the school office.

Grandparents’ Morning – Kinder to Year 2

This will be held on Thursday March 24th starting at 10.00am. Grandparents are invited to spend an hour in their grandchild’s classroom before attending a morning tea in the K-2 shelter (or alternatively spend time with their grandchild in the school grounds). At 11.45am students will return to class. Grandparents are then invited to join us for the Easter Hat Parade which will be held at the 3-6 shelter from 12.00noon.

Easter Hat Parade – Kinder to Year 2

On Thursday March 24th students in Kindergarten to Year 2 will take part in the Easter Hat Parade which will be held in the 3-6 shelter from 12.00noon. Parents and grandparents are invited to attend.

Harmony Day – Years 3 to 6

Students in Years 3 to 6 will celebrate Harmony Day on Thursday March 24th. The children can wear something orange or clothing from their origin country. Morning assembly will be extended for Harmony Day Awards. The Student Representative Council will collect gold coin donations for schools in Fiji.

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 and you have not paid the fee, please send in $18 now for your child to continue with lessons. (This item appears on your student invoice.) Thank you to all the parents who have already made this payment.

What’s On!

- Mar 16th to 18th Year 6 Lake Ainsworth Excursion
- Mar 17th to 18th Year 4 Port Macquarie Excursion
- Mar 21st Final day to return Easter Raffle tickets and money to school office
- Mar 23rd P & C Easter Raffle Drawn
- Mar 24th Grandparents Morning & Easter Hat Parade (Kinder to Year 2)
- Mar 29th Life Education starts (Kinder to Yr 3)
- Apr 8th Last Day of Term 1
- Apr 26th First Day of Term 2 Staff Return
- Apr 27th First Day of Term 2 Students Return
- Apr 28th Narranga Cross Country

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. This is particularly important when the school is trying to contact the parents or emergency contacts of a sick or injured student.

Face Book Page

Just a reminder to check the Narranga Public School P & C and Narranga Public School Canteen Face Book page to keep up to date with what is happening.
Canteen
Thurs 17th  K Gray
Fri 18th  M Bray-Duckett, S Bray
Mon 21st  To Be Advised
Tues 22nd  K Ruhle, N Pollock
Wed 23rd  V Veitch

Can you please help us? Volunteers are urgently needed to help in the Canteen. 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.

Narranga Canteen has a Second Hand Clothing Pool which provides uniforms at greatly reduced prices. Donations of uniforms would be appreciated at any time.

Can You Please Help Kindergarten?
Kindergarten are looking for donations of quality girls toys, eg. dolls, barbies etc. for the students to play with during co-operative play time in class. Donations can be left with Mrs Fenton and Mrs Kowald in KM classroom.

Award Winners
Congratulations to the following students:
Principal’s Award – Audrey Howard, Joel Oliver, Lexi Weiley, Melinda Lucas, Hugo Weiley, Paige Ellison, Charlotte Gray
Bronze Certificate – Tysen Stratton

Assembly Items
K-2 Assembly Friday March 18th at 10.40am
There will be no class item at this week’s K-2 Assembly. Parents are welcome to attend.

3-6 Assembly Friday March 18th at 11.40am
There will not be a class item at this week’s 3-6 Assembly. Parents are welcome to attend.

Music Tuition
This week music tuition timetables for Wednesday Thursday and Friday have had to be altered due to the Year 4 and 6 camps. All music students in Years 2, 3 and 5 will have their lessons albeit at adjusted times. Year 4 and 6 students have not been charged fees for this week and your invoice from the Conservatorium should reflect this variation. Parents should also note that students who miss lessons due to the Easter holiday have also had their invoices adjusted to reflect these variations.

There will also be no band sessions this Friday with the large number of musicians away at camp.

Coffs Harbour Community Pre School
On Saturday March 26th at 11 Brodie Drive Coffs Harbour the annual Previous Pre Schooler’s Picnic Day will take place from 10.00am to 2.00pm. An invitation is extended to anyone who has had an association with the Pre School since it began in 1953 to come back and see what has changed. Activities and food will be available on the day for a small cost. Please phone 6652 1064 for further information.

Music Instruments For Sale
If anyone is interested in purchasing the following instruments please contact Joy on 0448 526 280.
Keyboard in good working condition $100.00
Clarinet in good working condition $80.00

P & C Easter Raffle
We Need Donations Please.
Tickets for the Easter Raffle have been sent home please return them as soon as possible. Additional tickets can be collected from the school office. We urgently need donations of chocolate Easter Eggs for our prize baskets and it would be appreciated if you could deliver your donations to the school office by this Friday, March 18th. Tickets and money need to be returned by March 21st for the raffle to be drawn on March 23rd.

A Message from Ryans Bus Service
Children travelling on Ryans School Bus Services are not permitted to have anything with them that cannot fit in their school bag, or cannot be held safely in their lap without interfering with other children. Guitars, surfboards, skate boards that are not secured to school bags, or other large items are not permitted. Luggage bins are unable to be used on school buses due to WH&S for school children.

The Smith Family – Saver Plus Program
Would you like $500 to help pay for school uniforms, excursions, sports, music and swimming lessons, tuition, speech therapy, an iPad plus more? Saver Plus is a community program and will match your savings dollar for dollar, up to $500, to help with these costs. Simply save $500 over 10 months then receive another $500 to use towards education or extracurricular costs. To be eligible you need to:

• Have a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card
• Have a child at school now or starting school next year
• Have the capacity to save up to $12.50 per week

For further information please contact Graeme Grice on 6651 3378 or 0428 428 444. Saver Plus is funded by the Australian Federal Government, Department of Social Services.