Term 1, Week 9 Monday 25th March 2024

Dates to Remember

28 Mar
Easter Hat Parade
Easter Raffle Draw

3 Apr Year 6 Transition Day at Lisarow High School

11 Apr ANZAC Assembly

12 Apr Rewards Day Last Day Term 1

30 Apr School Resumes Term 2

Notes You Should Have

5/6 Camp

K-2 The Alphabet of Awesome Science

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Uniform Shop Tues & Fri 8:15am – 8:45am

Narara Public School Monday Mumbles



Principal's Report

School Improvement Plan 2024 - 2027

This term staff have been working on the School Improvement Plan (SIP). Executive members of staff completed a rigorous situation analysis that looked at a range of internal and external data including NAPLAN and the suite of Tell Them From Me surveys that have been completed by students, staff and parents for the past 4 years.

During the term executive members of staff undertook a number of professional learning opportunities to ensure this plan meets the needs of our school and community. The SIP will be finalised by the end of this term and will be available on our school website in Term 2.

An overview of the SIP, including the School Vision Statement and the Strategic Directions are as follows:

School Vision Statement

Narara Public School is committed to providing high quality cross curricular teaching and learning programs that challenge and engage all learners to succeed. Teachers, parents and students work in partnership to maintain high expectations and a safe, respectful, learning environment where every student is known, valued and cared for.

Strategic Direction 1: Student Growth and Attainment

Purpose:

In order to maximise student learning outcomes in literacy and numeracy and to build the capacity of staff in utilising effective teaching pedagogies across Kindergarten to Year 6, we will use data informed practices that are tailored to suit the individual learning needs of all students.

Strategic Direction 2: Wellbeing and Sense of Belonging

Purpose:

In order to increase student and staff wellbeing and sense of belonging, we will implement a planned approach to wellbeing, attendance, classroom management and individual learning and support needs to ensure all members of our school community are able to connect, succeed and thrive.

Strategic Direction 3: Partners in Learning

Purpose:

In order to strengthen community spirit and ensure students, staff and families feel valued and respected, as equal partners, we will ensure a positive school culture through community satisfaction and engagement.

This is only a snapshot of the SIP. It also includes Progress and Improvement Measures, Key Initiatives, Success Criteria, Evaluations and explicitly mentions the activities and funding that will be undertaken and utilised to achieve the school's targets.

Road Safety

Safety is priority when dropping off students for school. It can get very busy at the Newling Street entry particularly in the mornings. The Kiss & Drop zone is a short-term stopping area. Drivers are allowed to stop and park their vehicle for a short amount of time while a student exits the vehicle from the kerbside doors. Driving to the end of the Kiss & Drop zone and not stopping directly outside the school also ensures more cars can fit in this zone at the one time.

U-turns can be performed across a single unbroken dividing line or double unbroken dividing line, however, a driver must not perform a U-turn or 3-point turn on a road in a school zone during the times indicated on the school zone sign. Illegal U-turns in a school zone are dangerous and drivers can receive a fine of \$387 and 3 demerit points.

Your cooperation and patience with this is greatly appreciated. Safety for all is paramount.



Parent / Teacher Check-ins

Parent / Teacher Check-ins commence this week and continue until Friday 5 April. Thank you to the overwhelming parent response and to our incredible teachers that facilitate these meetings. These meetings are extremely important in helping us know your child better and assisting with how we can best meet their educational, social and emotional needs.

Year 7 2025

Year 6 Parents please complete the expression of Interest for Year 7, 2025 on-line. Due date for this to be completed is 9th April 2025.

Mr Ramm Assistant Principal (Relieving)

Easter Hat Parade and Crazy Hair Day

The K-2 Easter Hat Parade will be on this Thursday (28 March). We are looking forward to seeing our community support this event. Younger siblings are welcome to attend and can wear an Easter hat to the parade if they wish. On this day students in Years 3-6 have the option to come to school with crazy hair. Students in Years 3-6 will come down at the end of the parade for the Easter Raffle. Thank you in advance to our community for supporting the Easter Raffle.



P&C Annual General Meeting

My sincere thanks to all the parents and staff who attended our last P&C meeting and those parents who have kindly volunteered to take on one of our very important executive positions or community roles. Also, a huge thanks to those parents who filled these positions in 2023 – your hard work and support is greatly appreciated!

Unfortunately, we were unable to fill all the positions that make our P&C a successful and essential part of our school community. It would be a shame for the Narara parent community to lose this 'voice' in the broader educational context.

Congratulations to the following parents who were elected to the following positions:

- President: Scott Loy

Senior Vice President: Nicki MartinsonJunior Vice President: Josie Stanford

Treasurer: Currently VacantSecretary: Currently Vacant

Uniform Shop Coordinator: Maya Manju Bash
 Uniform Shop Treasurer: Currently Vacant
 Fundraising Coordinator: Josie Stanford

The next P&C meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 14 May. We look forward to seeing you there!

P&C Uniform Survey

Every three years the P&C undertakes a uniform survey as part of its commitment to facilitate communication between school and community. Your feedback will help inform future decision making and allow us to continue to improve our service. It would be great if you can submit your response by Thursday 11th April 2024. Forms completed by this date will win an ice block for each child in the family. The survey can be accessed via ClassDojo or the following link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UAFgAoIMdkGpEdreVMBalSZXw3X541JPg7OJonTEcexUNjINMVJPN1NKNERaMVJINIVDMkFXN0VCMS4u



The NSW Primary School Mobile Dental Program (PSMDP)

PSMDP provides free dental check-ups and basic dental care for children in public primary schools. It has been great seeing this program operating at NPS and so many families taking benefit of this service. In this newsletter is information related to a survey. Participating parents / carers are eligible to a \$25 Coles Voucher. The staff operating this service have commented multiple times how well-mannered and behaved our students have been and what a lovely school we have. Well done NPS!



Quality Workers

Students	Class	Work Sample
Hunter A, Harry M,	K1B	Mathematics
Amelia D, Grace D		
Olivia B, Gemma S	2/3B	The Missing Kid (Narrative)
Hunter H	KG	Weekend Recount
Charity	1/2J	Triantiwontigongolope
		(Description)
All students	2/3B	Foyer Display

Grant McFarland Principal



SRC Semester 1



Semester 1 Student Representative Council (SRC) members have been hard at work making changes around our school. These students were selected by their peers to represent the voice of the students to make suggestions on how to improve Narara Public School.

Psalm S., Elliot F., Hemi K., Jasmine D., Isabelle C., Fynn J., Taiga P., Grace H., Skyla G., Aiden C., Eva H., Ethan B., Ayla G., Kai V., Charlie M., Lucas G., Jaxon H., Nicholas S., Blake S. and Joseph M.

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

Mrs Beatty, SRC coordinator.



Payments Due

Stage 3 Camp 2024 (Years 4 & 5 2023)

\$50:00 7th Instalment due Friday 5th April 2024 FINAL PAYMNENT DUE 10TH MAY 2024 \$50:00

ALL CAMP PAYMENTS SHOULD BE PAID BY 10TH MAY 2024

Also, please pay by the due date as there is a substantial amount of organisation that goes into the activities and some activities have to be paid for a month in advance.

If you are having difficulties in paying please see the office.

Free podiatry consultations for children

The University of Newcastle Podiatry Clinic at <u>Wyong hospital</u> is offering children age 0-17 free lower limb assessments. Children will be assessed by final year students, supervised by a podiatrist. Children and their families can receive advice on footwear, flat feet, and normal development, and receive treatment of foot warts, foot and leg pain, walking problems, and night-time 'growing pains'.

When: Monday afternoons from 4th March to 27th May 2024

To make a booking, or for more information, call 4394 7280

Dr Fiona Hawke Senior Lecturer in Podiatry

School of Health Sciences, College of Health, Medicine and Wellbeing MP214 Ourimbah Campus, The University of Newcastle





OSH CLUB at NARARA.

Come along and meet our staff.

We pride ourselves on providing your child/ren with fun, play based learning experiences before and after school as well as during the school holidays. Whether your child attends OSHC daily or only occasionally, each visit is an exciting and engaging adventure.

We also fuel their curious minds and growing bodies, helping to shape your child's understanding of health and wellness positively.

On our menu we have (Gluten free), and Vegan options.

We have qualified staff so as a parent you can be confident that your child/ren are always safe.

For bookings.

Oshclub.com.au just click and register.