



Dates to Remember

- 23/11 Headstart BBQ 5.30pm
- 24/11 Stage 2 Science
Excursion
- 1/12 Grandparents Day
- 1/12 Christmas Concert 5:30
pm
- 2/12 NVHS Band
Performance

Notes You Should Have

- 2017 Swimming
Carnival
- Year 6 Farewell
- Stage 3 Camp 2017
- Stage 2 Science Day
- Christmas Concert
- Grandparents Day RSVP



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Recently we have discovered that some of our students are regularly using Social Media accounts with the latest popular one being 'Musical.ly'

Regardless of your child's age, the world may already know a lot more about them than you suspect. According to recent research:

- 92% of children under the age of two have a digital presence (it starts with proud parents posting newborn baby photos on Facebook or Instagram)
- a quarter of Australian children aged between eight and 12 use Facebook, despite the minimum age for a user being 13
- more than 20 per cent of tweens publish photos of themselves on the photo-sharing website Instagram
- young people between the ages of 14 and 19 have an average of 453 fans, friends or followers on social media.

Even if you don't know a lot about social media yourself, you can help your child stay safe online simply by asking them about the social media accounts they are using, and regularly reminding them the importance of keeping their personal information private.

The Information and Privacy Commission NSW has created a lot of [practical information](#) for parents and children, to support [2014 Privacy Awareness Week](#).

It includes:

- security tips for parents and teens
- resources to help prevent identity theft
- information on cyberbullying
- guides to protecting your digital reputation
- information about mobile apps and the data they may collect.

You can also find a parent's guide to social media – including Kik Messenger, Instagram, Vine and Facebook - in the [School A to Z technology glossary](#)

We have attached an information guide for parents to this newsletter as well.

School Hall

This weekend Ben Starr and I installed our new Audio Visual gear for the school hall. This is part of the Year 6 gift for 2016. This installation consists of a large electric screen, new mounted projector, which can be all coordinated from our Sound Cupboard. This will allow for better presentations from our students and an opportunity to develop a new skill in Audio Visual representations and coding. We thank Ben for his assistance with this project especially with sourcing the hardware and installation. My help consisted of, 'I'm not very bright, but I can lift heavy things!'

Student Banking: Thursday

Uniform Shop: Tuesday and Friday - 8.15am - 8.45am

Grandparents Day

Our inaugural Grandparents Day will be held on Thursday 1st December, beginning at 8:45 am. This gives the school an opportunity to thank the involvement of all of our grandparents and the important part they play in assisting to raise our students. Grandparents will be treated to a free dress rehearsal of our Christmas Concert and a morning tea in the hall. Mrs Jones's class will also be demonstrating their space projects. Please note Concert rehearsal starts at 9:00am not 11:15am as previously advertised.

Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert is also on December 1st but at 6:30pm. We expect all children to be part of the event as all classes have been working hard on the music and dances. Information around times, and costumes went home last week.

Prefect Speeches

Last Friday I had the pleasure to listen to 15 young leaders present their leadership speeches. Unfortunately we can only have 8 of these students represent us, yet I would be confident in saying all of them would do a fantastic job. I would like to congratulate how well these young students spoke and how they seemed to understand the enormity of the task and situation. Leaders for 2017 will be announced at the presentation day assembly.

HeadStart BBQ

This Wednesday we take the time to welcome our new Kindergarten students into our school community with a BBQ get together at the school. The event will begin at 5:30pm. Students will complete some activities to keep them engaged and give parents time to get to know each other.

Stage 2 Excursion

This Thursday Stage 2 will be off to Lisarow High to conduct some Science experiments as part of their Science Week activities. We thank Mr Ben Surwald and his team of teachers from Lisarow for giving us this opportunity.

Staffing News

We welcome Mrs Helena Powell to our school community. Mrs Powell will be taking on board the Library role for Terms 1-3 and then share it in Term 4 when Mrs McMahon returns. Mrs Powell is currently completing her Masters in Librarianship and is eager to continue the fine work undergone by Mrs McMahon

'til next time
Dave Stitt
Principal

Merit Awards

KR Tyren E, Leah M
KG Courtney C, Wil D, Benjamin P
K/1K Callum W, Lytiarna B
1L Tyron B, Monique F
1M Lila D, Kaelan S
1P Erin S, Brett T
2B Harrison D, Lily M
2P Hepi F, Corey T
3C Lilly F, Logan S
3S Owen B, Darren S
4N Opal N, Liam W
4/5F Ethan w, Jasper H
5/6D Eugene Y, James L
5/6J Elise B, Dion H
5/6W Taylah C, Ilaisaane F

Year 6 Farewell

If there are any year 5 parents available and willing to help during the day or night for the year 6 farewell would you please contact or text Helen on 0412 347 310.

Band 2017

If your child is interested in joining our band in 2017 and you were unable to attend the information evening, here is some important information.

1. The cost per term is \$170 for tutorials (\$17 per week).
2. Instrument hire through the conservatorium is \$50 (plus GST) per term (minimum of two term hire). These will be hired out on a 'first in, first served' basis.
3. Payments will be made directly to the conservatorium.
4. The string program will be available for years 1 to 6.
5. Instrument preference forms will be handed out to interested students and they will be due back to the school office or Mr Ramm by **Friday the 2nd of December**.

If you have further questions, please contact Mr Ramm or the Central Coast Conservatorium.
Telephone: (02) 4324 7477

Band information

Current members of the band that are intending to continue next year will be required to fill out a new Expression of Interest form. This is due to the Central Coast Conservatorium being directly involved in the Band Program and they will need to have your contact details. All forms are due at the end of week 8, Friday the 2nd of December. Please see Mr Ramm for an EOI form.

Mr Ramm
Band Coordinator

Library News

Congratulations to all the students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. Certificates will be handed out shortly. Don't forget to keep a record of any books you read over the school holidays as they count towards the 2017 challenge.

This week is the end of borrowing for the year. It is important we get all books returned to the library so they can be ready for next year. If you have any books at home can you please return them to the library.

Karen McMahon
Librarian

KidsMatter

Our KidsMatter lesson focus for this term has been....

Cooperation

It is important to cooperate.

Cooperating means working together to achieve something that you both want. Cooperation means sharing, listening, encouraging, everyone having a say and doing your share of the work and making decisions that are fair to everyone. When you don't fully agree about something, you need to negotiate solutions so that everyone gets some of what they want.

Acceptance

It's OK to be different.

Everyone is different and that's OK. If you feel OK about differences in people, then you get to know people who are different to you, you include them in activities and conversation. You don't tease or exclude them.

Respect

It is important to show respect to others

Respecting other people means treating others as you want them to treat you. It means you have to stop and think about the feelings and rights of others. Respect involves being polite and using good manners, not insulting or hurting others, not getting in the way of others when they are trying to do something, looking after shared property and the property of others and asking permission to use things that belong to someone else. Self-respect is when you like and accept yourself. You believe that you matter and should be treated well by others. If you self-respect, you speak up when someone doesn't treat you respectfully.

Friendliness and Inclusion

It is important to be friendly.

Being friendly means being kind, welcoming and including others even if they are not your friends or they are people who are hard to like. This means looking into their eyes and smiling, saying hello and talking to them, being kind to them and inviting them to join in activities and conversations. Being friendly towards strangers is not a good thing until you are sure they are safe people.

Mrs Skehan and Mrs Doherty
KidsMatter Co-ordinators

Narara Public School Cubbyhouse

Out of School Hours Care is provided before and after school on each school day and pupil-free days.

Hours: 6:30am to 8:30am; 2:30pm to 6:00pm

Permanent and Casual bookings available.

On site for over 20 years, experienced Cubbyhouse staff provides high quality, safe, secure and enjoyable care for our children.

Activities for the children include sport, indoor and outdoor games, reading, electronic games, board games, art, craft and homework supervision.

Commonwealth Childcare benefits apply providing substantial reduction in cost.

Enrolment Enquiries: 1300 553 583 (Head office);
0419 164 647 (Centre Supervisor)

Central Coast Women's Health Centre

Create what you want in Your Life!

When: Thursday 24th November to 8th December

Time: 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Where: Wyoming community Women's Health

Centre 37 Maidens Brush Rd, Wyoming

Cost: \$5 donation

Bookings are Essential Ph: 4324 2533

Gosford Brickfest

Rainbow Bricks LUG presents Gosford Brickfest
Sunday 4th December 2016.

Rainbow bricks is teaming up with Holgate Public School to present a huge Lego display, amazing creation from Lego builders all around NSW.

There will be displays, guessing and colouring in competition, interactive and building areas and of course Lego for sale!

Where: Niagara Park Stadium

16 Washington Avenue

Niagara Park

Time: Sunday 10:00am – 3:00pm

Cost: \$4 each or \$10 Family