



### Dates to Remember

- 13/12 Step Up Day
- 14/12 Year 6 Graduation Assembly (9:00 am)
- 14/12 Year 6 Farewell (5:30 pm)
- 15/12 Talent Quest
- 16/12 Party Day  
Students last Day for 2016

### **2017**

- 27/1 Teachers return
- 30/1 Students Return
- 2/2 Kindergarten Students Begin
- 3/2 Swimming Carnival - Mingara

### Notes You Should Have

- 2017 Swimming Carnival
- Year 6 Farewell
- Stage 3 Camp 2017
- Text books 2017



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### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

This is the last Newsletter of 2017 and I wanted to take the time to acknowledge the whole community for a wonderful year. There were certainly some extremely tough times for community and staff alike, yet as always we managed to band together and carried each other through it. I thank my staff for their commitment to quality teaching and the way they have gone above and beyond for our students.

### **Class Structure**

At this point in time we will have 15 mainstream classes and the Early Intervention Unit for 2017. Currently we sit around 5 students under the 16<sup>th</sup> class so anything is possible. We don't anticipate there being a change in structure, however, if a family of 5 were to move in it would require a reshuffle at the beginning of next year. Underneath is the model for 2017.

KR	Mr Jacob Ramm
KM	Mrs Jody McKinnon
KK	Miss Rebecca Kenny
1M	Mrs Mairead Moulder
1G	Mrs Susan Wells and Mrs Melinda Gibbons
2B	Mrs Lynda Brogan (Assistant Principal)
2C	Mrs Cate Pross
2/3P	Mrs Sarah Parker
3/4N	Miss Erin Nott
3/4C	Miss Ellyse Coleman
3/4S	Mrs Jodee Skehen (Assistant Principal)
4/5F	Mrs Laura Fiene
5/6J	Mrs Jo-Anne Jones
5/6W	Mr Denis Weiss (Assistant Principal)
5/6D	Mrs Anne Doherty
Library	Mrs Helena Powell
Music	Mrs Kerry Cooper
LaST	Mrs Susan Reece and Mrs Melissa Cotterill
EI	Mrs Michelle Tyrell and Mrs Kristy Carmody
SLSO's	Mrs Jenny Davis and Mrs Jane Farrugia
Office	Mrs Helen Barnes, Mrs Janelle Trigg and Mrs Sharon Warbrick
GA	Mr Glenn Bond

In Term 1 I am taking leave for personal reasons and as a result Mrs Brogan will be Relieving Principal for that time. Mrs Deborah Darwin will be looking after 2B whilst Mrs Brogan is acting Principal. I am confident the school will run without any concerns.

### **Good Luck Mrs Lyons**

We take this time to say good luck to Mrs Lyons who will be retiring at the end of 2016. She has served many years at Narara PS and changed the life of many students. We wish her well as she spends more time with her family and grandchild.

Student Banking: Thursday

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

### Step Up Day

Step Up Day is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. This is the day when students spend some time with their new classmates and teacher for 2017. As a staff we have spent numerous hours making sure the balance of classes are right and where possible have attempted to accommodate parent requests. I stress that as a result **there will be no class changes after tomorrow.** As professionals in this industry we have made decisions around class placements and any change now has a ripple effect which could significantly alter the intended set up of the school. We thank you for your understanding with this matter.

### Welcome new staff

We welcome three new staff members for 2017. They are **Mrs Helena Powell** in the Library, **Mrs Kerry Cooper** as the Music Teacher and **Mrs Mairead Moulder** on Year 1. Mrs Powell will be filling in for Mrs McMahon who is on maternity leave until Term 4 and Mrs Cooper is filling in for Mrs Brennan whilst she is working in State Office. Both come with teaching experience from other schools and with a passion for their respective fields. Mrs Moulder has transferred from Glendale Special School and is looking forward to working back in mainstream education. She comes highly thought of from her previous schools. We welcome all of these lovely teachers into our Narara family.

### Presentation Day

Thank you to the parents who attended our Presentation Day last Wednesday. It was a large turn out and we appreciate the support you show for your students. It was extremely evident to see the recognition for each individual child and how our school is moving forward in developing the whole child. It was lovely to see Mrs Brennan on the day and we thank all of the special guests for attending. Thank you Mrs Doherty, Mr Weiss and Mrs Hills for their work in organising the event and trophies, Mrs Barnes for all of the certificates, Mrs Maloney for the choirs and our Central Coast Conservatorium for supporting the band. Also thanks to Mr Bond our GA who built our small stage for the day.

### Year 6 Graduation

In a break from tradition we are holding a small Graduation Assembly for Year 6 on Wednesday morning at 9am. We invite all parents of year 6 students to attend this assembly and see Year 6 receive their certificates of graduation. The assembly should run for approximately 40 mins.

### Year 6 Farewell

This will be on Wednesday evening beginning at 5:30pm. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Invitations and information has been out for a number of weeks now.

### Til next year (Term 2)

Dave Stitt

### Year 6 Farewell

Volunteers are needed to assist setup/ decorate/ assist with meal preparation, packing up etc for the Year 6 Farewell dinner Wednesday 14/12/16.

Setting up will commence at 10.30 am Wednesday morning.

If the morning does not suit we also need helpers after 4pm for meal preparation.

Thank you in anticipation

Year 6 Farewell Committee

### Christmas Greetings

To celebrate the festive season this year the Christmas Elves from 4/5F will be delivering Christmas cards daily to classrooms starting Tuesday 6th December. If your child would like to give another student or teacher a Christmas card they will be collected from the classrooms each morning by the elves. During the day the elves will make a delivery to each classroom.

Please clearly write the student's name and class on the front of the envelope so the elves know where to take the cards.



### Band Information

If your child is not going to be continuing their current instrument in 2017, they will need to leave it at school after their tutorial this week to be collected. For those that are continuing with their instrument in 2017, they can keep it over the break.

### Band Information

String Group Recital

We would like to invite family of students who are in the string group this year to attend the String Group end of year recital on the 12th of December at 1:30pm

Mr Ramm

### **Uniform Shop**

Please be advised that flexischools order cut off date is 16/12/2016. Uniform flexischools will re-open for orders 23/1/2017.

Uniform shop hours remain the same, and will also open on 27/1/2017, at 9am – until 10:00 am (only teachers are back that day). If you have any good second hand uniforms that you are willing to donate please send into the uniform shop.

Kate & Caz

### **The Snack Shack-ph 0418238775**

Wow, this year has flown by, I would like to thank all the wonderful Families and Staff at NPS for your continual support. The children for always being polite, friendly, funny & willing to try new foods.

Thank you to the Bech Family (Bakers delight Lisarow) for supplying the Canteen with all our fresh bread products, please visit Bakers Delight Lisarow for some yummy treats.

Thank you to Woolworths Lisarow for supplying our fresh fruit & vegies, please support woolies. Thank you to the amazing canteen committee, Kelly, Megan, Nikki, Ange, Jaci & Mel F for always coming up with great ideas and your support this year.

The wonderful Volunteers that make our School Canteen a fun place to be, we couldn't run a successful canteen without you. If you would like to join the roster for 2017 please let me know.

To the Year 6 children, enjoy the next chapter in your lives, we will miss you.

Finally, wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday. Thank you again for an awesome 2016.

Nicola Ford  
Canteen Supervisor

### **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)

### **Firies & Salvos Kids Christmas Appeal**

It's almost Christmas again and this year Fire & Rescue NSW on the Central Coast will be collecting gifts for kids on behalf of the Salvation Army. This appeal has become a vital part of the Salvo's collection each Christmas

Every FRNSW fire station will be a collection point!

The Appeal will begin on Thursday 1st December and run through to Wednesday 21st December. We ask that the gifts provided be for children up to 13 years. All gifts will be passed on to deserving kids on the Central Coast.

Fire-fighters are asking Central Coast schools to drop gifts in to their local fire station, however, fire fighters can pick up the gifts if dropping them off is an issue. Please contact the Station commander to arrange a convenient time to do so.

Fire and Rescue NSW greatly appreciate the support of your school to help make Christmas a happy one for many more kids this year.

Season's Greetings  
FRNSW

### **Wyoming Narara Netball Club**

Wyoming Narara Netball Club is looking for more players to join their small, friendly club next year. We have quite a few Narara pupils and parents already playing with us so come and join your friends for some fun and competition with your local club. Ages welcome, anyone turning 7 next year all the way to seniors. Registration needs to be completed by the end of January so do it now!

Any local businesses or companies willing to donate (large or small amount) are very welcome and much appreciated.

Please contact secretary Mikala on 0487 464231 or email [wncsec@gmail.com](mailto:wncsec@gmail.com); or president Cheryl on 0414 533452 for details. Thanks!