



Dates to Remember

Nov 24

Major Fundraiser – Colour Run

Nov 28

Year 6 Graduation
Assembly 9 am

Nov 29

Grandparents Day

Dec 1

Christmas Concert

Dec 5

High School Orientation

Dec 6

Presentation Day

Notes You Should Have

Colour Run Major
Fundraiser

Year 6 Farewell

Grandparents Day

2018 Swimming Carnival

2018 Stage 3 Camp

Year 5 Lisarow High
School invitation

Principal's Message

Sometimes it is difficult to understand where the year has gone. We now have just 4 weeks to go and it will certainly be a busy 4 weeks.

School Leaders Speeches

Congratulations to all of the young men and women who spoke in front of teachers, parents and the 2-6 cohort. We were extremely impressed with all of the speeches and the honesty from which all nominees spoke. The 6 school leaders will be announced on the presentation day, December 6.

Major School Fundraiser – Colour Run

Our Major School Fundraiser is on this Friday. This year is a Colour Run. All parents are invited to attend and help out with the day. A quick rundown is as follows:

8:45 – 9:30 am	Kindergarten
9:45 – 10:30 am	Stage 1 (Includes Year 2 students from 2P)
11:00 – 11:45 am	Stage 2 (Includes Year 4 students from 4/5F)
12:00 – 12:45 pm	Stage 3

We request that all monies raised be returned to the school this Wednesday. We thank all of the families for their involvement with this fundraiser.

Uniform Review

Thank you to all of the families who have been part of our uniform review. Currently 80 families have responded. Please have your say by following the link.

<https://goo.gl/forms/c3LGZkVFt9JfBiQq1>

The survey closes this Wednesday.

Christmas Concert – A Timey Wimey Christmas

This year we will be having our Christmas Concert on Friday 1st December from 6:15-7:30pm. All students will be performing in the concert and families, carers and friends are invited to attend. There will also be a morning performance for our 'Grandparents Day' on Wednesday 29th November starting at 9:30am. During our Wednesday performance, students will wear their regular school uniform.

All students will be expected to attend the evening concert and arrive at 6:15pm.

The P & C will be holding a sausage sizzle if people would like some food.

What: Christmas Concert

When: Friday 1st December 6:15 pm – 7:30 pm

Cost: \$5 per family (plus any food or drink you wish to purchase)

An information note about costumes will go home today.

Student Banking: Thursday

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



Kindergarten 2018

We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2018. If you know of anyone interested in enrolling at NPS for 2018 could you please refer to the office for information.

The Real Game

On Tuesday December 5th and Friday December 8th Year 10 students from Lisarow High School will be working with our Year 5 students on 'The Real Game'. It is an innovative, interactive and experiential career exploration program in which students will play adult roles. Through this they will learn about many aspects of real life that they will one day face as adults - working, earning money, budgeting for housing, groceries, transportation and other needs and planning for the future. The game teaches them to assess personal strengths and weaknesses and evaluate job satisfaction. Participating in *The Real Game* allows students to assume and explore some of the realities of adult life in a safe, supportive environment.

Til Next Time...

Dave Stitt
Principal

'Did you hear Mick Jagger got a nose job! He wasn't very happy. Apparently he couldn't get nose satisfaction!'

Book Club

Today we have sent home the last book club for 2017(issue 8). If you require any purchases to be held at the office please attached a note requesting so.

Book Club issue 8 is also **due back Friday 24th November 2017.**

Thank you for your support in 2017.

Jenny Davis
Book Club Co-ordinator

Merit Awards

KK	Braelyn D, Flex W
KM	Evie-Rose B, Xavier G
KR	Aleeah J, Levi M
1G	Liam B, Bryson R
1M	Georgia D, Rubi W
2B	Cody J, Chance R
2C	Bayley F, Adam D
2/3P	Olivia C, Bodhi S
3/4C	Jaylan D, Xavier G
3/4N	Koby A, Lauren S
3/4S	Ella W, Kane D
4/5F	Cohan E, Jasmine D
5/6D	Lachlan D, Shaun D
5/6J	
5/6W	Liam H, Jivesh S

KidsMatter

The KidsMatter focus for the next two weeks is -

Recognising how other people are feeling helps you to understand them.

Trying to understand how someone else is feeling is called 'empathy' and it is vital for good relationships, for caring and compassion.

You can have mixed feelings about something.

'Ambivalent' is a word that means having positive and negative emotions in response to a situation. For example, if someone says, 'I had mixed feelings about winning the prize', they might mean that they were scared by it in some ways but pleased by it in other ways.

Jodee Skehan and Anne Doherty
Coordinator

Grandparents' Day

Following on from last year's successful Grandparents' Day, we would like to again offer our Grandparents a special morning tea at our school. We are asking the parents of our students to help us out with this and bake a treat for this morning tea.



All cakes and biscuits should be brought to school on Wednesday, 29th of November

Each treat brought to school on the morning of Grandparents' Day will receive free raffle tickets for the students' raffle. The students' raffle prizes will be drawn at lunch on Grandparents' Day.

There will also be a large Christmas hamper raffle on the day for grandparents, filled with yummy Christmas delights. This raffle is for the visiting grandparents and will be drawn at the completion of the morning tea.

We are looking forward to this exciting event and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Reece and Mrs Cotterill.
Grandparents Day Coordinators

Library News

Thank you to all the students who borrowed books from the library during the year. Borrowing will finish by the end of this week as it's time to collect all the books at home so they are ready for the New Year. Notices will be sent home over the next couple of weeks to ensure children return all outstanding loans. If a book has been misplaced/damaged or you believe you have returned it can you please write a message on the overdue notice and send it to the library or office please.

Miss McMahon
Teacher/Librarian

Band News

We are entering a very busy time for our bands. They will be playing at Bandfest, the Christmas Concert, Grandparents Day and Presentation Day! I am so proud of our band children for the great progress they have made this year.

BandFest

Training Band, Concert Band and Rock Band members are encouraged to participate in Bandfest on Monday November 27th. If your child does not plan to attend, please let me know ASAP as this will affect the make-up (and sound) of their band. Bandfest notes and payments are now due. Please see me if you need another note.

Please bring instruments to performance days

Please make a note in your diaries - the children will need to bring their instruments to school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday in Week 8 (Bandfest, Grandparents Day and the Christmas Concert) and Wednesday in Week 9 (Presentation Day).

Violin players will also be performing at Presentation Day and will need their violin at school on Wednesday in Week 9.

End-Of Year Band Organisation and Instrument Return

Final band rehearsals and tutorials will be held in Week 9. Please hand back your hired instruments after your tutorial on that Friday (December 8th). If your Year 3-5 child is not continuing with band next year, please notify me in writing by the end of Week 9 to assist with our planning.

School instruments - please return

Please return all school recorders, guitars, amps, etc to school by the end of Week 9 ready for our stocktake. Please also return any school copies of the Essential Elements music book.

New Band Members - 2018

All children who participated in the instrument tryouts will receive a note home soon, with a recommendation about which instrument to learn and instructions on how to enrol and hire instruments with the Conservatorium. I am just waiting on some final details from the Con before this note goes out.

If your child missed the instrument tryouts they can still join the band in 2018 - please do not hesitate to call me or find me at school.

Mrs Cooper

P&C Fundraising Committee

With our schools major fundraiser - Colour Run, fast approaching the P & C are looking for volunteers and a photographer on the day.

If you can help out please leave your name at the office or comment on our schools facebook page. (there is a post related to this). The fun run is on Friday 24th November.

Family Photo Day is on Sunday 19th November. We still have a few more places available and have opened it up to the community, so please tell your friends and family about it. These photos could make a great Christmas gift. Please head over to averandline.com.au to book now. (password to book is hooray2)

In order to go ahead with the fundraiser we need at least 18 bookings.

If you have any questions please call Hannah Benjamin on 0400375040.

The Snack Shack-ph 0418238775

Colour Run-24/11-The canteen will be having a 'special Recess day' items will be priced from 50c-\$1.50.

Presentation day 6/12-We will be selling cakes to go with your coffee from 'Good Morning Mobile Café'.

Volunteering-have you thought about helping out at the School? The Canteen is a fun, relaxed environment and a great place to meet other families at the school-please pop over to the canteen for a chat if you have any questions and would like to help out-The volunteers are what makes it possible to create so many homemade items, there are lots of different jobs during the day to cater for everyone. Thank you to our amazing parents who help out.

Moosies-until they meet the new strategy guidelines they will be unavailable-In their place we have a new item, Ice Mony for \$1.00-chocolate, strawberry and watermelon available

Thank you.

Nicola (Canteen Supervisor)

COLOUR RUN



Special Recess

GET YOUR KIDS INTO THE FUN OF **MILO T20 BLAST**

FUN, SAFE & ACTIVE
IT'S CRICKET & IT'S A BLAST!

ALL KIDS RECEIVE A BONUS PLAYER PACK WHEN THEY REGISTER

SIGN UP TO MILO T20 BLAST TODAY!
PLAY CRICKET LIKE YOUR BIG BASH LEAGUE HEROES
Cricket Clubs all over the Central Coast are offering this modified cricket program for girls & boys aged 7-12 yrs. Visit the website below for more information and to register with your local club!

VISIT PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU TO FIND OUT MORE



Canteen Events *End of Year dates*

Presentation Day
6/12/17
Coffee Van & Cakes Available

15/12/17
Last Day
2017

24/11
Colour Run
Special Recess

Ethics Classes in 2018

For those of you who have not heard of Primary Ethics, it is a charity that provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don't attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes.

This year it has been my privilege to act as both ethics coordinator and as an ethics teacher at Narara Public School. My first year mediating an ethics class has been both challenging and fascinating in equal measure. Within the stage one and stage two classes which have run this year, the children have discussed topics such as,

When is it fair?

Being similar and being different

Good reasons

Being greedy

Is lying wrong

The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgement, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. Children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence, rather than act according to blind habit or peer pressure.

Both classes are currently oversubscribed .In 2018 I would love to be able to provide classes across all stages and for all families that are interested but to accomplish that we need more teachers. Consequently I would like to hear from anyone interested in volunteering as an ethics teacher next year.

Ethics Teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, which consists of a two day workshop and short online modules. An age appropriate curriculum and access to teaching resources is provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and developing their critical thinking skills and must be available on Thursday morning every second week. From a personal perspective I can recommend it as a fascinating and rewarding way to make a valuable contribution to our school. If you or someone you know may be interested please visit www.primaryethics.com.au or contact me at nararaprimaryethics@gmail.com for more information. Thank you.

Nicki Martinson
Ethics Coordinator