



## Dates to Remember

<b>10th Dec</b>	Reports Home
<b>11th Dec</b>	P & C AGM
<b>12th Dec</b>	Year 6 Farewell 5:00pm - 8:30pm Gosford Golf Club
<b>13th Dec</b>	Parent Helper Morning Tea
<b>14th Dec</b>	Party w/Principal
<b>17th Dec</b>	Class Party Day
<b>18th Dec</b>	Step Up Day
<b>19th Dec</b>	Talent Quest (Last Day)

## Notes You Should Have

Year 6 Farewell

Swimming Carnival 2019

Stage 3 camp 2019

## **Principal's Message**

Thank you to the many people who attended our presentation day assemblies. It was wonderful being able to congratulate the incredible effort of so many people. The day was aptly topped off by Mr Weiss receiving his 50<sup>th</sup> year teaching medal from Mr Jason Baldwin our Director of Teaching. Congratulations Mr Weiss.

With one and a half weeks to go we are really down the slippery slope towards the end of year.



*Mr Jason Baldwin and Mr Denis Weiss*

## **Parent's Helpers Morning Tea**

Our Parent Helper's Morning Tea will be on **Thursday 13th December**. Teachers should have contacted parent helpers to attend the morning tea which begins at **10:30am** in the staffroom. If you did assist our school in any way this year and have not received an invite, please attend the morning tea as we would love to thank you for your efforts.

## **Grandparents Day**

It was great to see the outstanding turnout for both events. We thank Mrs Susan Reece, Mrs Helen Barnes, Mrs Kerry Cooper and Mr Jacob Ramm for their contributions in making this event a wonderful success.



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**Student Banking: Thursday**

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

## P and C AGM

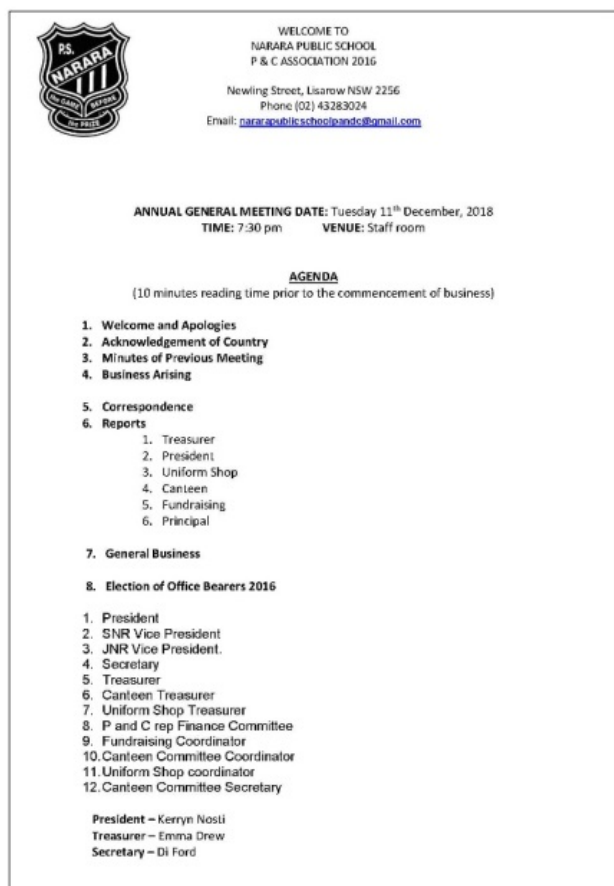
**The AGM will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December ready for 2019.**

The meeting begins at 7:30pm and all interested parties are invited to attend. If you would like to add something to the agenda please email.

At this meeting there will be elections for the following positions.

President  
SNR Vice President  
JNR Vice President.  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Canteen Treasurer  
Uniform Shop Treasurer  
P and C rep Finance Committee  
Fundraising Coordinator  
Canteen Committee Coordinator  
Uniform Shop coordinator  
Canteen Committee Secretary

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Please see attached note for more information about how you can get involved.

## Year 6 Farewell

This will be held at the Gosford Golf Club beginning at 5:00pm Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December with photographs in the garden.

## Next Week

Next week the last three days will be extremely busy. Monday will be the Class Party day. A note went out last week in regards to information for the day. We have included this information in this news letter also. Tuesday will be Step-Up Day where children will be informed of their teacher and classmates for 2019 and the Wednesday will be Talent Quest Day and final day for students

Til next time  
Dave Stitt  
Principal

## Library News

Just a reminder to bring all books borrowed from the library back to school this week.

Karen McMahon  
Librarian

## Absences

Starting this week, in preparation for next year we will be sending an SMS to parents for partial unexplained absence. A partial unexplained absence is when a student arrives to school after the morning bell and require a late note. If there is not a parent present or note/phone call explaining the lateness when they arrive it is considered unexplained. The partial SMS will be sent at the same time as the whole day SMS. Please be aware that any messages that are sent to the school number are only received in response to school messages that were sent out. Any messages that are sent and are not sent in conjunction with the school message are not received or recognised by the school's SMS program.

Please remember to answer all attendance messages you receive. If they are not replied to the non attendance will be marked as an unjustified absence against the student's name. Any absences must be justified within 7 days of the absence to avoid it being an unjustified absence. If a student is absent for more than 3 days due to an illness they should return to school with a doctor's certificate.

If a student is absent due to an event, eg. a family holiday for 5-9 days they are required to supply a note explaining the absence. This is then sent to the Principal to approve. If the student is going to be absent for 10 or more day there is a travel form that is required to be filled out including an itinerary. This also goes to the Principal to be approved.

If there are any further questions surrounding absences please contact the office for clarification.

Kristie Jones  
School Administrative Officer

### **Grandparents' Day**

Thank you to all the Grandparents' that came to our school on Monday, we hope that you had a lovely time.

A HUGE thank you to the parents who generously sent in the cakes and treats. The children enjoyed the raffle after lunch and we gave out lots of great books and prizes.

Narara Public School would also like to sincerely thank Masterfoods, Coles and Woolworths for their continuous support, the hampers that were supplied were fabulous. We are very grateful to have such wonderful community support for our school. Once again a big thank you!!!

Mrs Reece and the Office Staff.

### **Final Band Rehearsals and instrument hand-back**

Tuesday marks our last ordinary training Band rehearsal this year. On Friday morning, Training Band students are invited to come and jam with the Concert Band and enjoy a sausage sizzle to celebrate a fantastic year for our bands.

If your child is continuing next year, they may keep their instrument over the holidays. Please complete an online 2019 enrolment with the Central Coast Conservatorium (no payment necessary until 2019).

If your child is finishing up with the band program this year, please hand in their instrument to me on Friday and notify myself and the Conservatorium.

### **Rock Band last hurrah for 2018**

Brace yourself Narara - our own rock band will perform for the final time this year under the cola at recess on Friday, with their tutor Mr Sean Steele.

### **Strings in 2019**

Our strings program is open to all children who will be in Year 1 or above in 2019. Mr Adrian Bendt and the current strings players will host a violin demonstration on Monday (week 10) for any students who are interested in taking up violin next year. Written permission will be required - look out for a permission note later this week.

### **Thank you tutors!**

Thank you to all our talented and dedicated conservatorium tutors in 2018 - Mr Sean Steele, Mr Brendan Berlach, Ms Rosalie Bourne, Mr E-Yang Liu, Dr Phillip Rutherford and Mr Adrian Bendt. These people are top notch musicians and we are so lucky to have them at our school.

Kerryn Cooper  
Music and Drama

### **Piper and Coast Shelter**

One of our Year 5 students Piper L wanted to help people in need this holiday season and has chosen to work with Coast Shelter. Along with Piper, Narara Public School is collecting for Coast Shelter for their 2018 Christmas Appeal.

[www.coastshelter.org.au/christmas.html](http://www.coastshelter.org.au/christmas.html)

We will have a collection box in the office until Thursday 13th December 2018.

Please help Piper help people of the Central Coast

### **DONATION IDEAS:**

- Canned and non-perishable food.
- School stationery and books.
- Arts and crafts, and activities.
- Toy items that are great for stocking fillers.

ANYTHING that comes to mind that would help

Kristie Jones  
School Administrative Officer

### **Canteen News**

Congratulations Narara Public School on having a NSW Healthy School Canteen two years in a row.

Congratulations to Mrs Nicola Ford for all of her tireless effort in getting our school accredited as a NSW Healthy School Canteen.

As a school operating a Healthy School Canteen, we know we are providing students with a menu that supports good health and good choices by offering, as a minimum, 75% of everyday foods and drinks.

We are ensuring your students have this choice.

Kristie Jones  
School Administration Officer





## Class Party Day



All students K-6 will be participating in class party day on **Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> Of December**. We are asking all children to bring a **small plate of food** to share with their class. Food can be taken to classrooms in the morning. If you are making food, please include the ingredients list. Each class will choose a time throughout the day to have their class party.

Please pack your child's recess, lunch and fruit as normal and all children require their water bottle and are to wear **School uniform**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please see your child's class teacher,

Thank you

Narara Public School Teachers



# LOOKING FOR A UNIQUE CHRISTMAS GIFT?

WITH OVER 100 TRIED  
AND TESTED FAMILY  
RECIPES THE NARARA  
PUBLIC SCHOOL  
FUNDRAISING  
COOKBOOK IS SURE TO  
MAKE A PERSONAL  
AND TREASURED  
CHRISTMAS GIFT

Available from the school  
office (cash only), on  
flexischools or from the  
uniform shop (Tues and  
Fri mornings).

### Our Families Our Food



tea time

Favourite recipes from the families & friends of  
Narara Public School

**\$25**





### **\$100 VOUCHER FOR CHILDREN'S SPORT AND FITNESS FEES**

Parents in NSW can claim \$100 towards extra-curricular sport and other physical activity fees thanks to the NSW Government's Active Kids program. This program will provide a \$100 voucher for parents to put towards sporting fees and registration costs for each school-aged child in NSW.

Families can use the voucher for registration and membership costs, as well as fees for activities such as swimming and dance. The annual voucher will not be means tested because the NSW Government wants every child from every family to get active and involved in community sport and fitness.

The health of our children is a priority for the NSW Government, and it is hoped that this makes a difference in enabling you to enrol your child in the sport or physical activity of your choice.

More details about the program and how to download your voucher is available at [sport.nsw.gov.au/active-kids](http://sport.nsw.gov.au/active-kids) or by phoning Service NSW on 13 77 88.

### Fees and session times

Many families are eligible for Child Care Subsidy, which reduces the out of pocket cost of school hours care. The following three key tests are used to determine the amount of subsidy for each family:

- Combined family annual adjusted taxable income - the percentage of subsidy a family will be entitled to will be based on their combined annual income.
- Activity test - the number of hours of subsidised child care that families will have access to per fortnight will be based on the activity level of both parents in the workforce or other recognised activity.
- Service Type - the type of child care service a family uses for child care.

To establish what level of CCS you may be entitled to please contact the Centrelink Family Line on 13 61 50.

The following table outlines the full fee with no subsidy, for one child, per session. Please use the <sup>1</sup>[Governments Estimator Website](#) to obtain an estimate that is based on your individual details

Care Type	Hours	Full Fee (excluding CCS Subsidy)
Before School Care	6:30 AM - 8:30 AM	\$ 16.00
After School Care	2:30 PM - 6:00 PM	\$ 21.00
Vacation Care	-	

*The fees and rebate levels are subject to change each financial year and are based on the hours of operation as shown above. Child Care Subsidy is available on a sliding scale for families with a combined annual income of less than \$351K, subject to Centrelink Assessment.*

*Late pick-up fees of \$1 per minute per child may apply. If a child that is booked for a session does not attend, and no cancellation is provided, an additional 'No Show' Fee of \$5.00 will be charged (per child). Incursions and excursions during Vacation Care program incur an additional cost.*

### How to pay

Fees can be paid by credit card (VISA or MasterCard) or by direct debit from your nominated bank account. Your account will be automatically charged every two weeks for your attendance fees. As part of the online enrolment process, you will be required to complete an online iDebitPro Direct Debit form. Please note that a penalty fee will be charged by iDebitPro to your credit card or bank account if a transaction is declined.

If you have any questions regarding your account, please contact our Customer Service and Billing Team on **1300 395 735** (8am–8pm Monday – Friday) or email [oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au](mailto:oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au).

### Complaints

Please refer to our Grievance and Complaints Policy (Policy 4.2 in the Operations Policy and Procedures Manual). Any complaints or concerns regarding this service should be addressed to the Coordinator in the first instance. If you would like to escalate your complaint, please contact our **Customer Service and Billing Team on 1300 395 735** and they will direct your complaint to the appropriate person in Management. We also display the Regulatory Authority contact details in service should you have any concerns you feel have not been addressed adequately.

### Policies

All policies and procedures are available at the service. Please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns with your Service Coordinator.

### Medical Management Plans and Children's Information

Please be aware that we have legal requirements under our legislation regarding children who have any additional medical or behavioural needs. Parents are required to provide staff with any information required for the safe care of their children as well as others who attend the program. Children will not be able to attend the service until all requested information or medication is provided.

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.centrelink.gov.au/custsite\\_pfe/pymtfinderest/paymentFinderEstimatorPage.js?prg\\_id=5149990e08794b87af5b9ca370466154&wec-appld=pymtfinderest&page=18F1428590974A038CAC81731B7C70C56&wec\\_locale=en\\_US&stay](https://www.centrelink.gov.au/custsite_pfe/pymtfinderest/paymentFinderEstimatorPage.js?prg_id=5149990e08794b87af5b9ca370466154&wec-appld=pymtfinderest&page=18F1428590974A038CAC81731B7C70C56&wec_locale=en_US&stay)

