



### **Dates to Remember**

**Every Thursday is  
student banking**

**28 Oct  
Stage 2 (Yrs 3 & 4)  
Safety day**

**30 Oct  
Sport in Schools  
World Teacher Day**

**6 Nov  
Sport in Schools**

### **Notes You Should Have**

Sport in Schools

Year 6 Farewell

Year 5 & 6 Camp 2021



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### **Principal's Message**

It is hard to believe it is already Week 3 of Term 4! Students have made a fantastic start to the term displaying our core values safe, respectful learners.

### **World Teachers' Day**

This Friday (30<sup>th</sup> October) we will be celebrating 'World Teachers' Day'. On this day we acknowledge teachers and share our appreciation for the invaluable work that our educators do. The impact that a teacher can have on the life of a student can stretch far beyond the doors of a classroom. The staff at our school do a marvellous job each and every day. This year they have gone above and beyond, particularly during remote learning. Teaching is a very rewarding but also busy profession. Teachers are always working after hours: planning lessons, marking books, developing individual learning plans, planning extra-curricular activities and special events. Teaching is definitely not just a 9am to 3pm job. I thank the teaching staff of Narara for their dedication and hard work. What an amazing team!



### **Staff Update**

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that Miss Coleman was recently diagnosed with Meningioma, a rapidly growing brain tumour. Thankfully the tumour is benign and surgery has been organised for the coming weeks. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Miss Coleman all the best with her upcoming operation and a speedy recovery. Our thoughts are with Miss Coleman and her family. Mrs Austin and Mrs May will be continuing with Miss Coleman's programs in her absence.

### **PJ Day**

Thank you to our school leaders Bryce, Tahliya, Koby, Gemma, Christian, Amelia, Declan and Jessica who organised PJ Day on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. This initiative raised \$570. All money raised will go towards a coffee / hot chocolate tab at the Gosford Hospital Emergency Ward Café for nurses and doctors to purchase a beverage. Thank you to Mr Ramm for supporting and mentoring our leaders throughout 2020!



**Student Banking: Thursday**

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



DAYS ABSENT	TOTAL DAYS	NUMBER OF TERMS	NUMBER OF YEARS MISSED
1 day per week	451	9	2 years 1 term
1.5 days per week	676.5	13.5	3 years 1.5 terms
2 day per week	902	18	4 years 2 terms
3 day per week	1353	27	6 years 3 terms
5 days per week	1127.5	22	5 years 2 terms
Average 5 days per term	220	5.5	1 year 1.5 terms
Average 10 days per term	440	8.8	2 years 1 term
Partial Absences			
1 hour late per week	75 days	1.5 terms	
0.5 hour late per day	188 days	3.75 terms	Almost a year
1 hour late per day	376 days	7.5 terms	1 year 3 terms

### Regular Attendance = Better Outcome

Regular and punctual attendance at school is important. Attendance patterns affect students learning. Students miss out on valuable content which includes valuable information, discussion and skills development that are the pathways to success and the development of high self-esteem.

The following chart highlights the impact of non-attendance and partial attendance over time. Viewed in this context, the implications of regular absenteeism is startling.

The chart shows the cumulative effect of persistent non-attendance over the period of compulsory schooling from Kindergarten to the end of year 10.

### Kinder Transition (Narara Nippers)

We look forward to seeing our new Kinders when they visit for Kinder Transition. If you have not brought back your enrolment form, please do so as soon as possible. The dates and times for Orientation are as follows:

- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (9:00am to 12:00pm)
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (9:00am to 12:00pm)

As the Kinder Transition dates above are student only events we will be hosting a parent zoom information session this Thursday (29<sup>th</sup> October) at 6:30pm to 7:00pm. Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions at the end of this session. The zoom link is:

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/67384488560?pwd=SjRJVTNQSjdMeWIPWkpzNzhCMW9aUT09>

The uniform shop will be open on our transition dates from 9:00am – 12:00pm to allow Kinder parents the opportunity to purchase uniforms. The uniform shop is also open every Tuesday and Friday morning 8:15am to 8:45am.

## Development Days 2021

Last week the Department announced changes to School Development Days for 2021. This is to allow schools to engage in meaningful professional learning and ensure a smooth start to the year.

The following amendments to School Development Days (SDDs) will take effect from the beginning of the 2021 school year. The amendments will impact the number of SDDs occurring in Terms 1 and 4, while SDDs occurring in Terms 2 and 3 will remain the same. The total number of SDD remain at 5 days. This is the same number as previous years.

Commencing at the start of 2021, the changes include:

- An increase from one to two SDDs at the commencement of Term 1. The 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of January will be SDDs. This means that students first day of school will be Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January which is also the date of our School Swimming Carnival.
- A decrease from two to one SDDs at the end of Term 4.

## Uniform Survey

The results from our uniform survey have been completed and were tabled at the last P&C meeting. In total we had 360 responses to the survey which included over 150 parent / carer responses. A snap shot of the results is as follows and a more comprehensive outline, including photos, accompanies this newsletter:

- 72% of people surveyed like having a separate senior uniform for Year 5 & 6
- 93% liked the special Year 6 shirt with student names on the back
- 92% want students to continue to wear their sport shirt on sport days and sport carnivals
- 45% would like a dress to be part of the uniform, 27% said no and 28% had a response of not applicable. With these results a dress will continue to be part of the school uniform, however, a new dress will be decided upon with community consultation to be worn all year. The winter pinafore will be phased out in the coming years and new stock will not be purchased for current dresses.
- 64% agree to changing the red zip jacket to a polar fleece material

## 2021 Classes

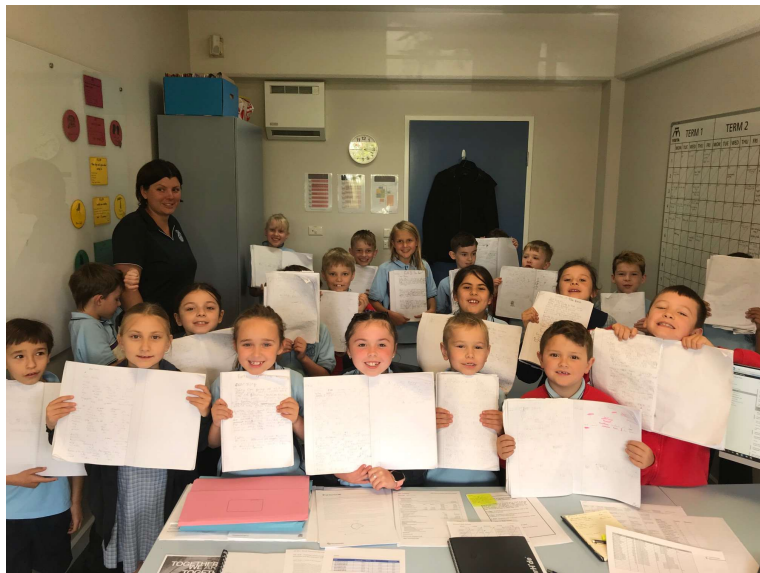
As we near the end of the year we are beginning to look at class structures for 2021. If you have anything that you feel would be beneficial for us to know about your child moving into next year, please email the school at: [narara-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:narara-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

If you are leaving the school in 2021, please let the front office know as soon as possible as we require accurate enrolment figures to determine how our classes are structured and our staffing entitlement. If you are aware of any students moving into our area who will be attending our school in 2021 please ask the families to contact the school as soon as possible.

## Quality Workers

Students	Class	Work Sample
Chaise B Chev K Bryson R	3/4M	Blue Whale Big Write
Charlie C Jack K Elyjah S Layla H Jessica B	1N	'V' Words  Planet Earth
Ruby G Keira S	5/6R	Creative Writing Prompts
Rhys W Hayley M	2R	Mathematics
Oscar VH Sebastian B	KB	Tree Writing

Channing M Alexis S		
Declan B Thomas W Logan P Ruby H Daniel K Isley A	K1M	Alien School
All students	2N	Persuasive Writing
All Students	1F	Space Art



Kind regards  
Grant McFarland  
**Principal**

## **Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022**

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 11 March 2021.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2022, parents / carers need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available in late September 2020 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opened at that link on 6 October 2020 and closes on 16 November 2020. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after 6 October 2020.

All parents / carers of students in Year 5 will receive a note this week which will provide additional information.

## **Opportunity Class Placement Test**

To comply with the latest advice from [NSW Health](#) to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmissions, the annual Opportunity Class Placement Test will now take place at a student's own school rather than in examination centres which bring students from across settings and sectors together.

To allow this change to be made, the test date is now 18 November 2020.

Marking of tests and student placements will continue to be managed by the High Performing Students Team.

Only students whose parents have received a confirmation email from the High Performing Students Team are eligible to sit the test on the new date of 18 November. The application portal will not be re-opened for new applications.

Placement in an opportunity class will be based solely on the results of the test to ensure the fair and consistent assessment of students across all schools and regions of NSW.

Parents can continue to monitor the [department's website](#) for the latest information relating to high potential students.

# **NARARA PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Uniforms can be ordered via Flexischools or purchased from the School Uniform Shop on Tues and Fri 8.15-8.45am.

## **SUMMER UNIFORM – Term 1 & 4**

<p><b><u>Years K-4</u></b></p> <p><b>Junior Skort</b> paired with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sky Blue Short Sleeve <b>Polo Shirt</b> or</li> <li>• Short Sleeve <b>Peter Pan Blouse</b></li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <p><b>Navy Microfibre Shorts</b> paired with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sky Blue Short Sleeve <b>Polo Shirt</b> or</li> <li>• Short Sleeve <b>Peter Pan Blouse</b></li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <p><b>Summer Tunic</b> (until Dec 2024, only size 12 &amp; 16 available or as seconds. New dress coming Term 2-3 2021)</p>	<p><b><u>Years 5-6</u></b></p> <p><b>Senior Skirt</b> OR <b>Senior Skort</b> paired with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short or Long Sleeve <b>Peter Pan Blouse</b></li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <p><b>Navy Microfibre Shorts</b> paired with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sky Blue Short Sleeve <b>Polo Shirt</b> or</li> <li>• Short Sleeve <b>Peter Pan Blouse</b></li> </ul>
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## **WINTER UNIFORM – Term 2 & 3**

<p><b><u>Years K-4</u></b></p> <p><b>Navy Gaberdine or Long Pants</b> paired with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sky Blue Long or Short Sleeve <b>Polo Shirt</b> or</li> <li>• Long or Short Sleeve <b>Peter Pan Blouse</b></li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <p><b>Junior Skort</b> paired with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sky Blue Long or Short Sleeve <b>Polo Shirt</b></li> <li>• With Navy Blue <b>Stockings/Tights</b></li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <p><b>Winter Pinafore</b> (this version until Dec 2024, only size 14 available/seconds. New dress Term 2-3 2021) paired with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long or Short Sleeve <b>Peter Pan Blouse</b></li> <li>• Navy Blue <b>Stockings/Tights</b></li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Years 5-6</u></b></p> <p><b>Navy Gaberdine or Long Pants</b> paired with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sky Blue Long or Short Sleeve <b>Polo Shirt</b> or</li> <li>• Long or Short Sleeve <b>Peter Pan Blouse</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Senior Skirt</b> OR <b>Skort</b> paired with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long or Short Sleeve <b>Peter Pan Blouse</b></li> <li>• With Navy Blue <b>Stockings/Tights</b></li> </ul> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>EXTRA: <u>Plain</u> sky blue or navy blue long-sleeved t-shirt can be worn under school Polo shirts/Peter Pan blouses.</p> </div>
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## **SPORTS UNIFORM | SHOES | OTHER**

<p><b><u>Summer- Years K-6</u></b></p> <p>Navy Microfibre <b>Shorts</b> paired with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• House Coloured <b>Polo Shirt</b></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Winter - Years K-6</u></b></p> <p>Navy Blue <b>Trackpants</b> paired with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• House Coloured <b>Polo Shirt</b></li> <li>• White or Black Joggers with White Socks</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>All Year Round – Years K-6</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navy Blue School Hat</li> <li>• Red Zip Jacket</li> <li>• Bomber Jacket</li> <li>• Navy Windcheater (limited sizes, will not restock)</li> <li>• Black Low-heeled Leather Shoes or Joggers with White Socks</li> </ul> <p><b><u>House Colours</u></b></p> <p>Gavenlock - Green</p> <p>Hely - Red</p> <p>Kendall - Blue</p> <p>Dobell - Yellow</p>
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## Summer Uniform (term 1 & 4) for Years K-4

**Junior Skort** paired with:

- Sky Blue Short Sleeve **Polo Shirt**



**OR**

**Navy Microfibre Shorts** paired with:

- Sky Blue Short Sleeve **Polo Shirt**



**OR**

**Summer Tunic** (this version until 12/24, only size 12 & 16 available or seconds. New dress coming Term 2-3/21)



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**Junior Skort** paired with:

- Short Sleeve **Peter Pan Blouse**

## Winter Uniform (term 2 & 3) for Years K-4

**Navy Gaberdine or Long Pants** paired with:

- Long or Short Sleeve **Peter Pan Blouse** or
- Sky Blue Long or Short Sleeve **Polo Shirt**



*Peter Pan blouse*

EXTRA: Plain sky blue or navy blue long-sleeved t-shirt can be worn under school Polo shirts/Peter Pan blouses.



*Long Sleeve Polo*

**OR**

**Junior Skort** paired with:

- Long or Short Sleeve **Peter Pan Blouse** or
- Sky Blue Long or Short Sleeve **Polo Shirt**
- With Navy Blue **Stockings/Tights**



**OR**

**Winter Pinafore** (this version until Dec 2024, only size 14 available/seconds. New dress Term 2-3 2021) paired with:

- Long or Short Sleeve **Peter Pan Blouse**
- With Navy Blue **Stockings/Tights**



Preference for wearing long or short sleeve; shorts or pants during summer and winter is at the child/parents liking



## Senior Uniform, Summer and Winter Years 5-6

**Senior Skirt or Skort** paired with:

- Long or Short Sleeve **Peter Pan Blouse**
- With Navy Blue **Stockings/Tights** (for winter)



*Senior Skirt*



*Senior Skort*

**OR**

**Navy Microfibre Shorts** paired with:

- Sky Blue Short/Long Sleeve **Polo Shirt** or
- Short/Long Sleeve **Peter Pan Blouse**



**OR**

**Navy Long/Gaberdine Pants** paired with:

- Sky Blue Long or Short Sleeve **Polo Shirt** or
- Long or Short Sleeve **Peter Pan Blouse**



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## Sports Uniform Years K-6

Summer

**Navy Microfibre Shorts** paired with  
**House Coloured Polo Shirt**



Winter

**Navy Blue Trackpants** paired with  
**House Coloured Polo shirt**



## House Colours

Gavenlock    Hely    Kendall    Dobell

Winter

**Navy Blue Trackpants** paired with  
**House Coloured Polo Shirt**

**All Year Round**

hat



bomber jacket



red jacket



*Windcheater*

## Narara Public School: Uniform Review Q&A

### **Q: Can we have caps or bucket hats with underside in house colours?**

**A:** The current slouch hat was selected due to its quality, cost and because it provides the greatest sun protection over other styles ensuring our children's neck and face is shielded for maximum coverage.

Our current hat is available in three sizes – S, M, L. It is not feasible financially nor do we have physical space in the shop to stock 12 different hat items (four colours in three sizes). The coloured hats are also more expensive per unit.

### **Q: Can our Red Zipped Jacket be changed to a navy colour?**

**A:** Red is our primary colour along with navy for our school. The Red Jacket is the only uniform item in 'red' to represent our school song and brand.

### **Q: Can we have hoods on our Red Jacket?**

**A:** Hoods on the Red Jacket would present a safety risk on the likes of playground equipment and also look too informal.

### **Q: Why are our Polo Shirt and other items expensive, when they can be purchased in retail for much cheaper?**

**A:** School uniform items are sourced from specialist uniform suppliers. Uniform items are manufactured with specific consideration for the school environment, whilst being cost-effective for long term use. These include, but not limited to:

- Secure stitching, in some cases up to 4 rows for durability
- UPF Rated Australian Government tested
- Moisture management for breathable fabric to keep them cool. Where we can, we consider garments with higher cotton count over garments with high polyester material.
- Crease resistant to help them look wrinkle free throughout the day

All shirts, blouses, jackets and hats are also embroidered with our school emblem, which adds additional cost to each item.

### **Q: Why is the long sleeve polo cheaper than the short sleeve polo?**

**A:** The long sleeve polo is one tone, thus production is cheaper than manufacturing of the short sleeve polo with two tone (sky blue with navy accents).

### **Q: The special Year 6 shirts are see-through.**

**A:** Future shirts will see the colours reversed, so darker shirt with white accents.

### **Q: The Peter Pan blouse are see-through**

**A:** Peter Pan blouse (short/long sleeve) for K-6 will continue to be a current uniform item, but no further stock will be ordered in the future as the sizes run out.

### **Q: Why is the Junior Skort front with the button not tight in the front?**

**A:** The Junior Skort is manufactured to fit all body sizes and shapes. The elasticised waist means it has give to expand and contract, thus sometimes leaving the front panel of the skort looking loose.

No one uniform item is going to be a perfect fit for every child. Majority of purchases by parents/guardians are bought on the premise that the item will get minimum of one to two years wear. This means in the beginning clothing can look too large on the said child, but it allows for growth.

## **Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop will open for an extra day and longer hours to accommodate for the new Kindergarten Students 2021.

As of the second week of Term 4 for two weeks the Uniform Shop hours will be:

Tuesday October 20th 8:15am – 9:00am

Thursday October 22nd 8:15am – 9:00am Friday October 23rd 8:15am – 9:00am

Tuesday October 27th 8:15am – 9:00am

Thursday October 29th 8:15am – 9:00am

Friday October 30th 8:15am – 9:00am

If you have any queries please contact Hashila at [nararaps.uniforms@gmail.com](mailto:nararaps.uniforms@gmail.com)

## **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.

Dee Green  
Coordinator

# School Travel for 2021



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## 2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

\*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 18 years. Students 18 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2020 to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.



Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

### **New Concession Entitlement Cards**

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
- Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

Enquiries regarding school student travel can be submitted to Transport for NSW at:

<https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback>