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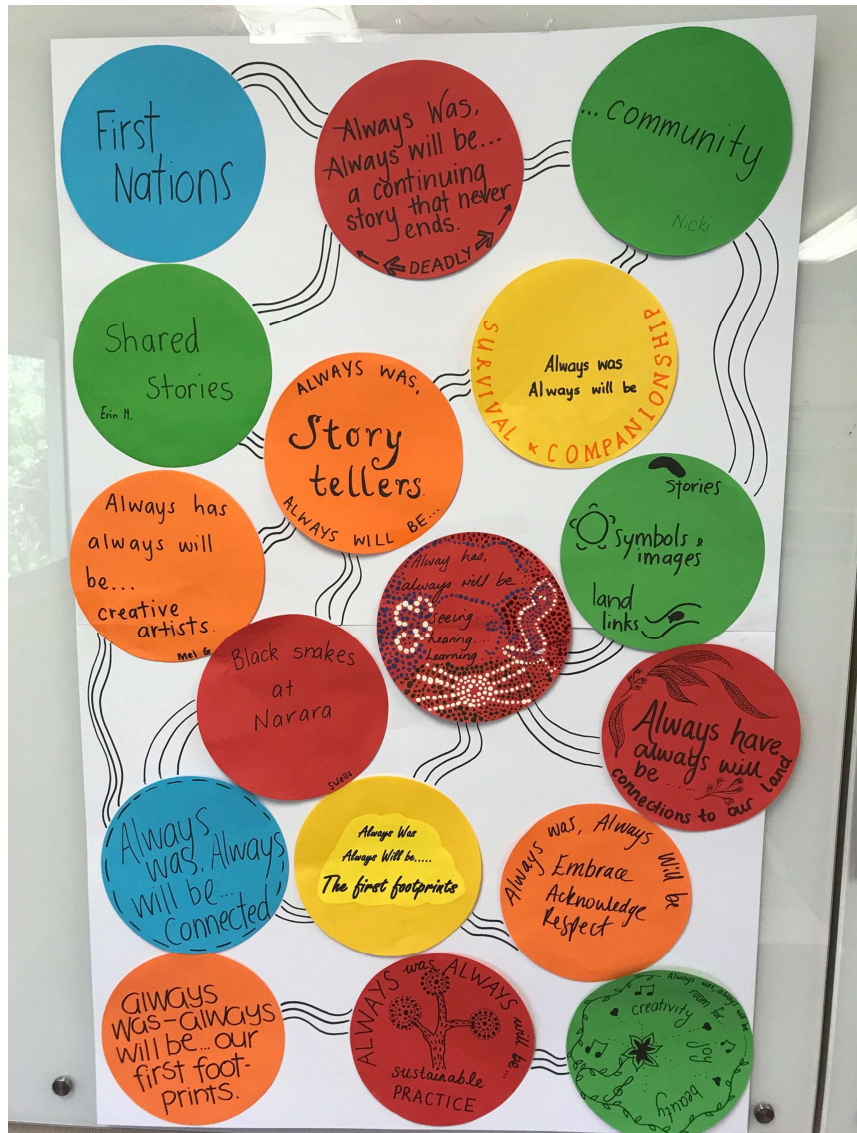


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Principal's Message

Welcome to Week 5! This week NPS is celebrating NAIDOC Week. NAIDOC Week was postponed earlier in the year (5 July – 12 July) by the National NAIDOC Committee in the interest of safety due to COVID-19. This year's theme is 'Always Was, Always Will Be'. NAIDOC Week is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and a chance to acknowledge Aboriginal history, culture and achievements. We look forward to keeping you up to date with the NAIDOC Week activities occurring throughout the week at NPS.



Student Banking: Thursday
Uniform Shop: Tuesday and Friday - 8.15am - 8.45am

2021 School Leadership Speeches

On Wednesday 18th November we will be holding our 2021 School Leadership Speeches. I look forward to listening to all candidate speeches. I have been very impressed with the number of Year 5 students who have been willing to undertake this important school role. Regardless of the outcome they should be very proud of themselves. It is wonderful to see so many candidates who follow the School's Core Values – Safe, Respectful Learners each and every day. Candidates and their families will receive further information this week. I wish everyone the best of luck!

Kinder Transition (Narara Nippers)

Thank you to those parents / carers that were able to connect with us via Zoom on Thursday 29th October. In total we had 24 families. We look forward to seeing all of 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 transition are as follows:

Wednesday 18th November 2020 (9:00am to 12:00pm)

Thursday 19th November 2020 (9:00am to 12:00pm)

The uniform shop will be open on our transition dates from 8:30am – 10:00pm 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.

So How Was School Today?

Like most parents when mine used to ask me "How was school?" I always gave the stock standard answer "good" or "boring". Whether it was in fact good, bad or indifferent. And now I am receiving the same answers when I ask my son the same question.

As parents this does not tell us a whole lot and I am sure, like myself, some of you would like to know more. Taking an active interest in your child's / children's education is extremely important. I came across an article where a parent made a list of more engaging questions to ask her children about their school day.

The parent from the article reports as a result of this she has had some interesting conversations with her children and a better insight into how they feel about school. Some of the questions include:

What was the best thing that happened at school today? (What was the worst thing that happened at school today?)

1. Tell me something that made you laugh today.
2. Tell me a weird word that you heard today.
3. If I called your teacher tonight, what would she tell me about you?
4. How did you help somebody today?
5. When were you bored today?
6. If an alien spaceship came to your class and beamed someone up, who would you want them to take?
7. If you got to be the teacher tomorrow, what would you do?

The article is available at http://www.huffingtonpost.com/liz-evans/25-ways-to-ask-your-kids-so-how-was-school-today-without-asking-them-so-how-was-school-today_b_5738338.html

P&C

The next P&C meeting is Tuesday 10th November at 7:00pm. This meeting will be via zoom. Please ensure you RSVP by no later than 4.00pm on Tuesday 10th November 2020 to nararapublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au so that the meeting link can be sent to you. Look forward to seeing you then!

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

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
All student	KB	Writing
Ivy W Isley A Harper L	K1M	Fraction Robots
Hayley M Saxon M	2R	Robot Narrative



Kind regards
Grant McFarland
Principal

School Development Days 2021

The Department of Education has 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 27th and 28th of January will be SDDs. This means that students first day of school will be Friday 29th January which is also the date of our School Swimming Carnival.
- A decrease from two to one SDDs at the end of Term 4.

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 are available 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.

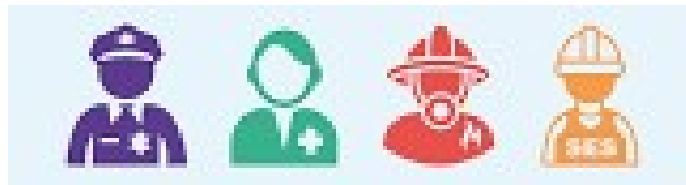
To allow this change to be made, the test date is now 18 November 2020.

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.



K-2 Safety Day: Wednesday 25th Novmeber

On Wednesday of Week 7, all students from Kindergarten to Year 2, will participate in our annual Safety Day. Students will learn strategies to stay safe in multiple settings and situations. Guest presenters from local emergency services will visit the school to share their specialised knowledge and skills.

Students are invited to dress up as essential services workers who help keep us safe e.g. police officers, firefighters or lifeguards.

NAIDOC Week

This week we will acknowledge NAIDOC week, which was delayed from earlier in the year. The National Aboriginal and Islander Day of Observance Committee (NAIDOC) week celebrates the culture, history and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This year's theme is 'Always Was, Always Will Be' acknowledges the connection to land for Aboriginal peoples and their custodianship of land for more than 65,000 years.

Students will be involved in activities to raise awareness of Aboriginal culture throughout the week.

As a school we recognise our Aboriginal students and their families for their contribution to our school and assistance in building our knowledge and appreciation of culture. We pay our respect to elders past and present.

Library News

Over the next few weeks notices will be sent home for any outstanding loans. If a book has been misplaced, or you believe you have returned it can you please write a message on the overdue notice and return to the library.

Borrowing will finish by the end of Week 6 Friday, 20th November.

Karen McMahon
Teacher/Librarian

The Snack Shack-ph 0418238775

Wednesday 11th November -Special Afternoon Tea - Naidoc Week - Aboriginal Symbol cookies \$1.00

Fresh made items available every day from 50c-\$2.00

Thank you to Coles & Woolworths Lisarow for donating bread products and fruit & veg. Please support our local supermarkets.

The Canteen has a Facebook group page-The Snack Shack-please join to keep up to date with canteen news.If you know a new Family to NPS please add them.

Thank you
Nicola(Canteen Supervisor)

Special Afternoon
Tea



11/11/2020



Welcome to
NARARA PUBLIC SCHOOL
Parents and Citizens Association

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Phone: (02) 4328 3024

Email: nararapublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/849536305446645/>

GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Tuesday 10 November 2020 | **TIME:** 7.00pm |

VENUE: Ring Central (Zoom) Call – Link emailed to all members. Non-Members please RSVP for link.

RSVP REQUIRED: Please ensure you **RSVP by no later than 4.00pm Tuesday 10 November 2020 to nararapublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au** so that we can send out the meeting link.

We welcome all parents, carers, family and community members. Attend as an observer or join our P&C as a financial member for \$0.50 each year to enable you to vote. Membership is due for renewal at each Annual General Meeting.

AGENDA

- **Welcome and apologies**
- **Minutes of previous meeting**
- **Business arising**
 - Outstanding/Action Items from October 2020 meeting
 - Asset management visit in relation to power supply
 - Bunnings Gift Voucher
 - Policies and Procedures (to be held over to AGM – executive still reviewing and amending)
 - Community libraries for children and parents including motion to expend money for paint
 - Working with Children Check Procedure – Appendix 11
 - School Speed Zones
 - Crossing near school and Pacific Highway
 - Rewards Day/PBL System
 - Fundraising Goal
 - * Motion to expend approximately \$5,000.00 on canteen equipment to be raised, exact amounts and items to be disclosed at meeting.
- **Correspondence**
- **Reports**
 - i. President
 - ii. Treasurer
 - iii. Uniform Shop
 - iv. Canteen
 - v. Fundraising
 - vi. Principal
- **General business**
 - Presentation Day
 - Permission to Publish
 - There will be some executive/committee roles that will need to be filled at the AGM in March 2021. At each AGM every position is vacated and either the same or new people are elected in by vote. In order to take a position you need to be a member of the P&C. If anyone is interested, please let us know and arrange your membership now.

Date of Next Meeting 9 February 2021 at 7.00pm and Close



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Primary Ethics seeks volunteers to deliver weekly ethics classes to children across NSW. While close to 40,000 children in government primary schools currently benefit from ethics education, with more volunteers it could be made available to many more.

Primary Ethics is the not-for-profit organisation that is authorised to develop and deliver special education in ethics to children in NSW.

We rely on parents, grandparents and community-minded people to become volunteer ethics teachers in their local primary school. It is a rewarding way to be involved in your local community, learn new things and help children develop skills for life.

Comprehensive training, access to lesson materials and classroom support are all provided. Previous teaching experience is not required.

Opportunities are also available for behind-the-scenes roles including coordinators and regional managers.

“In time, not very much time at all, it will be the decisions of the children we teach today that will shape the world.”

*– Dr Simon Longstaff
The Ethics Centre*

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Primary Ethics classes

Helping children develop skills for life

Primary Ethics' program gives children the opportunity to discuss ethical issues with their peers while developing important thinking, reasoning and discussion skills. Our innovative curriculum was developed by Dr Sue Knight, a specialist in both philosophy and education. Primary Ethics is a not-for-profit organisation approved to provide ethics education in NSW public schools.

Ethics in the infant years

Ethics classes in years K-2 focus on developing core skills such as listening to others, taking turns to speak and giving reasons.

Stories, poems and rhymes prompt children to discuss ethical issues such as hurting someone without meaning to, telling the truth, being kind, forgiving, ownership, fairness and empathy.

Our skills-based topics for this age group include asking and answering questions, disagreeing, changing your mind, working out what is true, giving and evaluating reasons as well as giving examples and counter examples. Logic is also introduced, with topics touching on inductive inference and deductive reasoning.

Ethics in the primary years

In years 3-6, ethics students develop their critical thinking and discussion-based skills.

Stories, contemporary issues and real life scenarios form the basis of discussions on ethical issues such as selfishness, how we should treat living things, promises, greed, friendship, cheating, voting, punishment, homelessness, teasing and fairness in society.

Skills-based topics for this age group include respectful disagreement, inferring or figuring things out, validity, generalising, proving claims, structuring arguments, identifying incorrect conclusions, identifying faulty reasoning, evaluating the strength of evidence and thinking about thinking. Primary aged students are encouraged to develop their community of inquiry skills by asking each other well thought out questions and challenging each other's arguments.

Questions? Call 02 8068 7752 or email info@primaryethics.com.au



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Enrolling your child

Ethics classes run weekly during the school year within the Special Religious Education/Special Education in Ethics (SRE/SEE) timeslot.

Primary Ethics classes are free of charge.

If you'd like your child to attend ethics classes, advise the school office via a note or email. Your child can start as soon as an ethics teacher is available and a minimum of eight students have enrolled in a class.

Getting involved

Ethics classes are taught by specially trained volunteers who are mostly parents or carers. Becoming an ethics coordinator or ethics teacher can be a very rewarding way to be involved in your school community. Volunteer ethics teachers are always needed to ensure that there are adequate classes to meet demand. Experience is not required, comprehensive training and access to lesson materials is provided.

Primary
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Transport Access Program

Niagara Park Station Upgrade

Project Update

November 2020

Artist's impression of Niagara Park Station Upgrade, subject to detailed design.



Upcoming work

Construction of Niagara Park Station Upgrade is progressing well with construction of the foundation piles for two of the new lifts underway during October. Activities will continue in November and include:

- excavation and construction of lift pits
- installation of underground services within Washington Avenue commuter car park
- surveying the station precinct.

Equipment to be used includes excavators, dump trucks, vacuum trucks, surveying equipment, delivery trucks, concrete trucks, power and hand held tools.

Temporary changes to Kathleen Morreau Road commuter carpark

Approximately 10 car spaces are temporarily closed until August 2021 to allow for station upgrade work within the Kathleen Morreau Road commuter car park (near the new lift). The remaining spaces will continue to be available for customers.

For more information call 1800 684 490.

Email projects@transport.nsw.gov.au or visit transport.nsw.gov.au/niagarapark

For urgent enquiries or complaints regarding construction activities, please call 24 hours 1800 775 465



Transport Access Program

Narara Station Upgrade

Project update

November 2020



The Narara Station Upgrade is part of the Transport Access Program, a NSW Government initiative to provide a better experience for public transport customers by delivering accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure across the state.

Construction on the Narara Station Upgrade is progressing well with site establishment, investigation and enabling activities underway during October.

Upcoming work - November

Work will continue in November and includes:

- utility investigations and site surveying work
- site establishment and office set up
- vegetation trimming at the entrance to Goonak Parade commuter car park
- removal of four trees next to Narara Valley Drive commuter car park
- hoarding installation around lift shaft area locations.

For more information call 1800 684 490.

Email projects@transport.nsw.gov.au or visit www.transport.nsw.gov.au/narara

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GOSFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Consider public education at the No.1 High School on the Central Coast.

Applications open NOW for 2022



Key Dates

Application website opens
13th October 2020

Application website closes
16th November 2020

You must apply before this date.

Test centre and test authority advice
released 25th February 2021.

Selective High School Placement Test
11th March 2021

Placement outcome information
released 2nd July

For any enquiries, call GHS on
(02) 4325 2048

Virtual tours will be available on the
GHS website soon.



Application website:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

School Travel for 2021



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 16 years. Students 16 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.

School travel application endorsements

It is not uncommon for applicants completing the online form to make mistakes, particularly entering their name or date of birth instead of the students. This may be due to an auto-fill function on a device or just human error. We ask that school administrators be cautious of this and do not endorse applications with incorrect information.

If you are aware of or see an obvious error, you can amend the first name, date of birth or grade of a student's travel application by clicking in the relevant row on the portal. Please ensure you have confirmed the information before making any changes. Refer to page 16 of the *School Portal User Guide* for further instructions. The latest version of the user guide is accessible within the School Portal by clicking the arrow next to your username.

If a student's details cannot be confirmed or they are not yet enrolled, please do not endorse the application. By selecting 'no' the application will be rejected and the applicant will be informed. They will then need to submit a new application.

In the event that school administrators endorse an application in error, it would be appreciated if you could advise our SSTS team as soon as possible so the application can be intercepted before an Opal card or travel pass is issued.

To contact us about an endorsement error, please go to: <https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback> and select feedback about: '*school student transport scheme*' and then select '*application updates*'.

If school administrators require access to the School Portal, please request an account at <https://applan.transport.nsw.gov.au/portal/requests/account/school>

If you have staff that have left the school recently and had access to the school portal, please let us know at <https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback> and select '*school/operator portal*' and then '*remove existing user access*' so their access can be removed.

New Concession Entitlement Cards

You can now order the new Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) through the Transport for NSW School Portal.

The Transport Concession Entitlement Card will replace the following cards:

- 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.

Refer to the information pack provided by email on 21 September 2020 for guidance and frequently asked questions. If you have any issues please [contact us](#).

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 OSH daily or only occasionally, each visit is an exciting and engaging adventure.

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Dee Green
Coordinator



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NOVEMBER 8TH TO DECEMBER 20TH 2020

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