



Dates to Remember

**Every Thursday is
student banking**

**27 Nov
4 Dec
Sport in Schools**

**3 Dec
Last day for Student
Banking**

Notes You Should Have

Sport in Schools

Year 6 Farewell

Year 5 & 6 Camp 2021

2021 Swimming Carnival



Narara Public School
Newling Street,
Lisarow NSW 2250

Phone: (02) 4328 3024

Fax: (02) 4329 1472

Email: narara-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Principal's Message

End of Year Events

Recently the Department revised its guidelines. Some of the changes impacting on key end of year activities are as follows:

- Whole school assemblies can recommence for students and staff only.
- Year 6 graduation assemblies and formals can be held with restricted access to visitors based on the physical distancing regulations (4 square metres p/person including all staff, students and visitors).
- End-of-year activities, including award ceremonies, school performances and class party days can proceed for staff and students only as long as they align to the NSW Health and Department of Education guidelines.

As such, we will be holding our Presentation Day for K-2 and Yr 3-6 on Wednesday 2nd December without parents or carers. We sincerely apologise for this, but we cannot abide by the 4 square metre rule that still stands with current COVID-19 restrictions. After the event we will be compiling iMovies which we will share on our social media platforms so families can view a summary of this event.

A similar approach will occur for the Year 6 Graduation Assembly. This again will be a student and staff only event but we will be using Zoom to connect with Year 6 families so they can view this event. We will however be inviting one representative from each Year 6 family to attend their graduation ceremony on the 9th of December as we will be able to accommodate the smaller numbers. More details with times etc will be sent out closer to the day.

2021 School Leadership Speeches

On Wednesday 18th November we held our 2021 School Leadership Speeches and all of our students spoke beautifully. Teachers and students that were in attendance were extremely impressed with the calibre of the candidates. Regardless of the outcome all students should be extremely proud of their efforts. By the end of this week, I will make contact with all parents to inform them of the result. Our 2021 Student Leadership Team will be announced on Presentation Day. Once again congratulations to all students who participated in the School Leadership Speeches.



Student Banking: Thursday

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

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day (11th November) marks the anniversary of the armistice which ended the First World War (1914–1918). On Remembrance Day our School Leaders ran a special assembly to commemorate this day. It was pleasing to see the high level of respect shown by all students. Thank you to our Student Leaders for running this special service and to Mr Ramm for co-ordinating this years' service.



NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week is traditionally held earlier in the year, however it was postponed this year in the interest of safety due to COVID-19. As a school we were able to celebrate NAIDOC Week in Week 5 this term. Our students and teachers participated in a range of class and stage-based activities to help celebrate this special event. Some of these activities included making johnny cakes, boomerang throwing, indigenous games, ochre painting and engaging in a range of literature linked to Aboriginal heritage and culture. Thank you to Mrs McMahon, Tom Kelly (Aboriginal School Learning Support Officer) and all staff for organising and supporting this important week!



Hospital Visit

On Thursday 12th November our school captains visited Gosford Hospital Emergency Department to present the donation raised from PJ Day. They met some of the ED staff and were lucky enough to receive a tour and be shown how to use some of the lifesaving equipment. The photo below shows our Captains Tahliya and Bryce presenting the gift to Dr Pip Keir (Director Gosford ED), Dr Jessie Biles (Deputy Director Gosford ED) and John Bredenkamp (Nurse Unit Manager, Gosford ED)



Kinder Transition (Narara Nippers)

Last week we welcomed our 2021 Kinders to big school! Although there were a few tears to begin (mainly from proud parents) all children settled in nicely and seemed to have a great time. There is a huge amount of planning that goes into organising Kinder Transition and it is very much a team effort putting it all together. Thank you to Mrs Gibbons and Mrs Hills who coordinated this event. Also, thanks to Mrs Wells, Mrs Bond, Mrs Kirk and Mrs McKinnon who supported with organisation. We look forward to seeing our Kinders join our school in 2021.

Student Academic Reports

On Monday 7th December, all students in K-6 will receive their Semester 2 report. Teachers spend many hours preparing your child's report and work hard to ensure that it is a true and accurate reflection of your child's progress in their learning over the semester. Please take the time to discuss the report with your child to reflect on their achievements and where there may need to be a greater focus for improvements to occur. I encourage all parents to read the front cover of your child's report as this gives an overview of the effort and achievement scale that is used in the report.

Student attendance, both partial and whole day, are included. The attendance cut-off date for this semester is Friday 27th November. The reason for this is reports need to be printed off and signed by teachers and myself. This process takes a number of days.

If you have any questions in relation to your child/ren's report, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher.

Textbooks for 2021

In order to make the process of ordering student textbooks for 2021 more efficient for families and the school, families will now order textbooks directly from the supplier, L.J.Harper.

Textbooks can be ordered from now until Monday 8th February 2021 and will be delivered directly to the school the following week with names attached and given directly to teachers to begin using with students.

NOTE: Any books NOT ordered before the cut-off date will incur a delivery fee in addition to the price of the textbooks.

2021 Classes

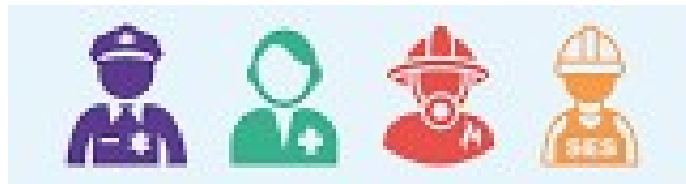
As we near the end of the year we are beginning to look at class structures for 2021. If you have anything that you feel would be beneficial for us to know about your child moving into next year, please email the school at: narara-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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
Lauren M	1F	Space Walk Writing
Abel H Teleah J	KB	Weekend Recount
Layla C	2N	Letter to an Alien
Thomas W Daniela CR	K1M	Alliteration
Piper L	1F	Letter to an Alien

Kind regards
Grant McFarland
Principal



K-2 Safety Day: Wednesday 25th Novmeber

On Wednesday this week, 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.

Library News

Thank you to all the students that have returned their library books.

Borrowing for this year has now finished.

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.

Karen McMahon
Teacher

PBL Rewards Day Information

As has occurred in previous years, this term students will have the opportunity to earn “Sammy Tokens” for displaying our school expectations by being safe, being respectful and being learners.

Tuesday, 15th December will be a mufti day. All students who have received 15 or more Sammy Tokens will be rewarded for their efforts this term.

Number of Sammy Tokens received this term	Activity 1: Superstar Fete	Activity 2: Movie K-2: The Lorax (G) 3-6: The Greatest Showman (PG)
15-19	Students attend the Superstar Fete, with a card to participate in 8 activities	Students attend a movie
20-24	Students attend the Superstar Fete, with a card to participate in 12 activities	Students attend a movie and receive a snack
25+	Students attend the Superstar Fete, with a card to participate in 15 activities	Students attend a movie, receive a snack, can bring a pillow from home.

Superstar Fete Extra Information:

Similar to the “Year 6 Mini Fete”, the Superstar Fete will have a variety of activities set up for students to participate in. These activities include: Treasure hunts, NERF battles, guessing competitions, bubbles, face painting, temporary tattoos, beat the goalie, technology corner, sock wrestling, crafting and handball. Students will have free choice over what activities they want to participate in, spending their allocated number of activity points as they choose.

Students who do not receive 15 Sammy Tokens, or who have not shown consistent, appropriate behavioural expectations, will participate in Positive Behaviour for Learning activities, which focus on developing personal behaviour goals for the future and discussing strategies to reach their set goals.

Kind Regards,

PBL Team



Visit
PrimaryEthics.com.au
to learn more

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*

Do something life-changing today.
Apply at **PrimaryEthics.com.au/volunteer**



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



Primary Ethics Limited is a registered charity ABN 25147104349
Suite 405, 24-30 Springfield Avenue Potts Point NSW 2011 Australia



Enrolling your child

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

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
ETHICS



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://appls.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.

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



LISAROW HIGH SCHOOL

2 The Ridgeway, Lisarow, NSW, 2250
P: (02) 4328 4569 F: (02) 4329 1416
E: lisarow-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
www.lisarowhigh.nsw.edu.au

Respect Responsibility Integrity Commitment

Principal: Mrs Nicole Hunt

Deputy Principals: Mrs Bertha Coose

Mrs Ilanah Forrest

Mrs Katrina Walsh

Lisarow High School Experience Invitation to Year 5 Students

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is with great pleasure that we invite your child to attend the Lisarow High School Experience. Year 5 students from Lisarow, Ourimbah, Narara, Valley View, Niagara Park and Wyoming Public schools who are in the zone for Lisarow High School are invited to come to High School for the day on:

Thursday 3rd December 2020 from 8:30am to 2:40pm

High School teachers will teach a variety of classes on these days. Students may be involved in Science, Music, Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, Technology (such as Food or computers) and PDHPE lessons. Students are asked to make their own way to and from high school under their parent's care on these days. Students will be placed into groups and rotate through the different activities on this day, providing them with a brief opportunity to experience some of the programs currently offered to Year 7 students:

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| • Enrichment Class | • Dance Academy |
| • Technology Opportunity Class | • Netball Academy |
| • Creative and Performing Arts Academy | • Rugby Union Academy |
| • WICOR Strategies | • Soccer (Football) Academy |

Thursday 3rd December 2020 will commence with an informal welcoming assembly in the hall at 8:30am. Parents are welcome to observe this assembly and the organisation set up for the day. During the morning, students will meet the Lisarow High School executive staff, meet the subject school teachers and begin their lessons.

Transport to and from Lisarow High School may be by bus, walking, or parent drop off and pickup by car. The most important thing in relation to this is for parents to communicate accurately with their child what the planned method of transport is and where the pick-up place for the end of the day will be. Students travelling home by:

- **bus** will be escorted to the bus bay by staff. Options for bus travel may be found at: https://www.busways.com.au/sites/default/files/school_timetables/Lisarow_High_School.pdf
- **walking** will be escorted to the top or bottom gate by staff.
- **car** with their parents can be collected at the top or bottom gate. Students will be walked to the gate by staff. Parents can park in the Lisarow Precinct or outside the school gate on Newling Street. For the safety of children walking out of the school each afternoon general practice is that we do not allow cars to drive into the school at pick up time.

We look forward to working with and getting to know your child as together we embark on their secondary education at Lisarow High School.

If you have any enquiries, please don't hesitate to contact the school using the contact details above.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs N Hunt
Principal



Lisarow High School Transition and Orientation Invitation to Year 6 Students

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is with great pleasure that we invite your child to attend the Lisarow High School Transition Program, Orientation Day and Information Evening. Year 6 students zoned for Lisarow High School from Lisarow, Ourimbah, Narara, Valley View, Niagara Park, Wyoming Public Schools and other students as appropriate through negotiation with the school are invited to come and experience High School for the day. On the following days:

- Tuesday 17th November 2020, Week 6 Term 4 – Transition Day 2
- Tuesday 24th November 2020, Week 7 Term 4 - Transition Day 3
- Tuesday 1st December 2020, Week 8 Term 4 – State wide Orientation Day
- Tuesday 1st December 2020, Week 8 Term 4 - Orientation Information Evening 6:00pm

Students are asked to make their own way to and from high school under their parent's care on these days. The school day goes from 8:30am to 2:40pm at Lisarow High School. Parents can collect their children from the bottom bus bay or the top gate from 2:35pm. Staff will wait with all children until their parent arrives.

High School teachers will teach a variety of classes on these days. Students may be involved in English, Mathematics, Science, Human Society and Its Environment, Technology, Music, Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, Mandatory Technology and PDHPE lessons. On Orientation Day, students will be placed in their 2021 classes.

Students are asked to wear their Primary School sports uniform as they will be involved in sporting activities at times during the day. Year 6 students are required to bring their own lunch and recess from home. Due to COVID restrictions students are unable to access the canteen facilities.

Year 7 2021 Orientation Information Evening Tuesday 1st December 2020 6pm in the Hall

This evening will provide parents with information and resources to fully support their child's entry to Lisarow High School. All parents will enjoy a half hour presentation in the hall before moving off into specific groups to learn more about their child's Year 7 class program. Depending on the number of interested parents, we will arrange an appropriate venue which complies with COVID-19 guideline.

Please RSVP via the following link: <https://forms.gle/ESdcZQKvj9qa2CNq5>

We look forward to working closely with you and your child as together we build positive relationships and strong partnerships to best prepare your child for their exciting move into secondary school at Lisarow High School. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Vivienne Green, Year 7 Advisor 2020 or Mrs Michelle Heaps, Head Teacher Wellbeing on 4328 4599.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs N Hunt
Principal