

**Term 4, Week 5**  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021**

### **Dates to Remember**

### **Notes You Should Have**

**Year 6 Farewell**



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# **Narara Public School**

## **Monday Mumbles**

Fortnightly Newsletter

### **Principal's Message**

It has been wonderful seeing all of our students transition back to face to face learning. Students are commended on how they have returned to school. Thank you to staff and parents for ensuring the successful return of all students. The school is once again a hive of activity.



### **Parent Pickup**

As previously mentioned, parents / carers are not allowed to be on school grounds unless given permission by the principal. In the event that parents / carers need to drop off or pick up children outside of regular times, for example a medical appointment or unforeseeable occurrence, they are asked to drive up to the top carpark and call the administration office on 43283024. Parent / carers are asked to remain in their car and a staff member will assist with collecting / delivering your child/ren to you. Parents / carers should not be accessing the administration office unless authorised to do so by the principal. An exception to this rule is if families are accessing OSH. These parents / carers are allowed to be onsite when dropping off and picking up their child/ren.

If visitors are required to be on school grounds they must adhere to vaccination requirements, wear a mask, adhere to social distancing and sign in and out using the Service NSW QR code when entering and exiting the school.

### **Tell Them From Me Surveys**

This Term our school will be taking part in the Tell Them From Me Parent / Carer Survey. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. This survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school



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

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are greatly appreciated. Thank you to the 18 parents who have already completed this survey. Last year we had 68 parent responses which was fantastic. Let's see if we can surpass this number. We really appreciate the time taken to complete this survey.

Please follow this link to complete the parent survey:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/nararap2021>

In the coming weeks students in Years 4 to 6 will also be completing the Tell Them From Me Student Survey. This survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them.

Like the parent survey the results of this survey are confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form for parents/carers about the survey will be sent home today for students in Years 4 to 6.

### **2021 Classes**

In the coming weeks we will begin to look at class structures for 2022. 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 2022, please let the front office know as soon as possible as we require accurate enrolment figures to determine how our classes are structured. If you are aware of any families moving into the area who will be enrolling at NPS in 2022 please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible.

### **Wellbeing Week**

We are excited to participate in Wellbeing Week with all students during Week 5 of this term. Students are encouraged to complete the school wide wellbeing homework and return it to school on Friday 5th November. Those who return the homework will go into a raffle with lots of prizes to be won.

### **World Teachers' Day**

Thank you to our amazing SAS staff and P&C who spoiled our teachers last week with morning teas, lovely messages and special gifts. The World Teachers' Day video on our Facebook page is definitely worth a look. We are so lucky to have such a dynamic, fun and caring teaching staff at NPS!



## Quality Workers

Students	Class	Work Sample
Summer M Thomas M Jonathan S Charles K	KB	Writing
Charlie T	1J	Reading
Madison B India K Monique F Lola I	5/6N	Spelling
Cooper O	2P	Writing

Regards,  
Grant McFarland  
Principal

### Student Banking

Due to the decision made by ASIC, CommBank School Banking program will not be returning to schools beyond 2022. Therefore Narara Public School has ceased all School Banking as of 28th October 2021. We thank you for your understanding. A huge thank you to Amy Keegan and Sherri Rixon.

### Application for Placement in Year 7 Selective High School in 2023

Applications for placement in Year 7 selective high schools in 2023 opened on **19 October 2021** and close on **17 November 2021**.

Application information can be downloaded from <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>. The online application link is available from this website from 19 October 2021.

### Opportunity Class Placement Test 2021

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, this year's Opportunity Class Placement Test has been rescheduled to Wednesday, 17 November 2021. It has been agreed by the Minister that the test will be administered as a computer-based test in a process similar to the Check In assessments.

The change of date will require students attending NSW public schools to be tested at their own schools with teaching staff administering the test. This approach will ensure placement of students in opportunity classes on Day 1, Term 1, 2022.

Schools with test candidates will soon receive correspondence from the High Performing Students team to advise on key activities that are required to help prepare for the test date.

### K-6 Child Protection Program

During Term 3 each year all classes at Narara Public School participate in the K-6 Child Protection Program. This program is designed to protect young people from various forms of abuse and is a component of the PDHPE Syllabus.

The aim is to assist students to develop positive and assertive skills in:

- Recognising and responding to unsafe situations
- Effectively seeking assistance if necessary
- Establishing and maintaining non-coercive relationships and strengthening attitudes and values related to equality, respect and responsibility.

There is a natural strong link between Child Protection and the Personal Development syllabus. Both documents are available on loan from the school office if you require further information.

If you do not wish for your child/ren to participate in the Child Protection Program, please make contact with the school.

## Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

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.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2023, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 10 March 2022.

Detailed instructions on how to apply and the link to the online form will be available in early-October 2021 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Applications open on 19 October 2021 and close on 17 November 2021. You must apply before the closing date.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

The tear-off slip below is NOT an application and the school CANNOT apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Grant McFarland

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by 18/11/21.

### THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.

This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY FOR PLACEMENT YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER YOUR EMAIL AND THEN SUBMIT AN APPLICATION THROUGH THE ONLINE FORM ON THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS WEBSITE:

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

----- Cut here and return the note below to the school -----

## Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2023

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2023 for my child through the High Performing Students website between 19 October 2021 and 17 November 2021.

Signature of parent/carer: \_\_\_\_\_

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NARARA PUBLIC SCHOOL

# Narara Nippers

FOR ALL 2022 KINDY KIDS!

## Sessions

### 9am – 12pm

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**See the school office to enrol your  
child or ring on 4328 3024**



# School Travel for 2022



## 2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their 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 that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

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

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **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.

## School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to [transportnsw.info](https://transportnsw.info). This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

### Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at [transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel](https://transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel)  
Enquiries can be submitted at [transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback](https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback)

## **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](http://Oshclub.com.au) just click and register.

Dee Green

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**BEGINNER  
GUITAR LESSONS**

**HALF  
PRICE**

**PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED STUDENTS  
NEW TO ROCKGOD**

**BOOK NOW TERM 4 - CONDITIONS APPLY**

**ROCKGOD MUSIC SCHOOL - 4329 6637**





# Transport Access Program

## Niagara Park Station Upgrade

Project Update

October 2021

### Upcoming work

Finishing work at the station will be carried out over the coming weeks. This includes construction of the Boarding Assistance Zone canopy on the island platform, which was unable to be carried out during the completion stage of the station upgrade. Work will start in October and will be completed in March 2022 across two scheduled track work weekends when trains are not operating.

Work will be carried out between 7am and 6pm from **Wednesday 27 October to Wednesday 3 November** and will involve:

- site establishment of a temporary construction compound within the Kathleen Morreau Road commuter car park.

Work will be carried out between 7am and 6pm on **Saturday 30 October** and between 8am and 6pm on **Sunday 31 October**. Out of hours work will be carried out between 6pm and 9pm on **Saturday 30 October**. The work will involve:

- excavating old foundations and installing new foundations for the new platform canopy
- installing underground electrical services to support the canopy lighting and security system
- resurfacing the platform once all excavations are complete.

Equipment to be used during this work includes excavators, dump truck, concrete pump, roller, delivery and concrete trucks, surveying equipment, power and hand held tools.

### Temporary parking changes - Kathleen Morreau Road commuter car park

Approximately four car spaces will be temporarily closed from **Wednesday 27 October to Wednesday 3 November**, to allow for the temporary construction compound at the station. The remaining spaces will continue to be available for customers to use.

### Extended standard construction hours

Standard construction hours are now between 7am to 6pm every day. This is to facilitate physical distancing on construction sites and support the health and wellbeing of workers. We will notify nearby residents and businesses in advance if we need to work outside these times.

### Keeping the community informed

For further information on the project, please call the Project Infoline on **1800 684 490** or email [projects@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:projects@transport.nsw.gov.au). For all urgent enquiries or complaints regarding construction activities, please call our 24-hour Construction Response Line on **1800 775 465**.



This document contains important information about public transport projects in your area. If you require the services of an interpreter, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on **131 450** and ask them to call Transport for NSW on **1800 684 490**. The interpreter will then assist you with translation.

For more information call **1800 684 490**.

Email [projects@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:projects@transport.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.transport.nsw.gov.au/niagarapark](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/niagarapark)

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