Term 4, Week 9 Monday 29th November 2021

Dates to Remember

1 Dec Presentation Day 9am Kinder Year 1 & 2 11:15am Years 3-6

9 Dec Year 6 Graduation Year 6 Farewell

16 Dec Last day for students

Tue 1 Feb 2022 Students Return

Notes You Should Have

Year 6 Farewell



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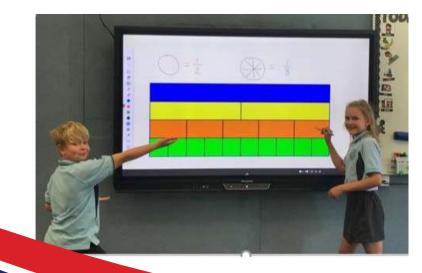
2022 School Leadership Speeches

On Tuesday 16th November we held our 2022 School Leadership Speeches and all of our students spoke beautifully. Teachers and students that were in attendance and watching via Zoom were extremely impressed with the calibre of the candidates. Regardless of the outcome all students should be extremely proud of their efforts. Our 2022 Student Leadership Team will be announced on Presentation Day. Once again congratulations to all students who participated in the School Leadership Speeches.



Upgrade of Interactive Boards

Utilising school funds and P&C contributions we have upgraded 6 interactive boards for our classrooms. This upgrade will bring direct benefit to our students and staff. Thank you to our P&C for assisting with this upgrade!



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

Kinder Transition (Narara Nippers)

Last week we welcomed our 2022 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. Thank you to Mrs Gibbons who coordinated this event. Also, thanks to Mrs Wells, Mrs Hills, Mrs Bond, Miss Coleman, Mrs Tyrrell, Jenny, Michelle and Karenza who supported our newest students at our school. Thank you also to our amazing P&C who came up with a creative way to allow parents to see and order school uniform outside the school gates. What a team! We look forward to seeing our Kinders and their colourful backpacks join us in 2022.



Presentation Day

Our Presentation Day is scheduled for Wednesday 1st December. Due to current restrictions this special event will only be for staff and students. We look forward to celebrating this special event with our community on our regular communication channels. Congratulations in advance to award recipients and thank you to the amazing NPS staff for making this special event possible under current restrictions. A video will be made shortly after the event and posted on Facebook so our community can celebrate and see all the award winners.

Olympathon

This year's Major Fundraiser for the Narara Public School P&C is an Olympathon. It will be held on Friday 3rd December 2021 (Week 9, Term 4). Children will compete in sports and novelty events and are asked to wear mufti with appropriate foot wear.

Upon completion of the events all children will receive a medal and an ice block. These have generously been donated by our sponsoring businesses listed below.

Thank you to the families who were able to contribute during the fundraising window. The class with the highest amount raised wins a special bonus prize!

We would like to thank the following businesses for their generous support of our school and local community:



Step Up Day / Staffing

On Tuesday 14th December students will have the opportunity to visit their 2022 class with their 2022 teacher (where possible). The process for class placements has been a patient and highly thoughtful task. We have taken into account many factors and as a result will not be accepting any more requests past this point.

Congratulations to Mrs Kirk who has been successful in obtaining the recent advertised position subject to the 10 days appeal process. It is very exciting that Mrs Kirk will be joining us in a permanent position in 2022.

Congratulations also to Mrs Cooper who has been successful in obtaining a part time permanent position at an independent school on the Central Coast.

Student Academic Reports

Due to COVID-19, the Semester 2 report will be a modified report. It will focus on the learning that has taken place this semester both face to face and during the at home learning period. The A-E grading scale will not be used this semester, however, the reports will provide a summative account of student progress and achievement on learning including student's strengths and any areas for further development. It will also include student effort for all Key Learning Areas.

While this is a modified report, teachers have still spent many hours preparing your child's report and have worked hard to ensure that it is a true and accurate reflection of their progress over the semester. Please take the time to discuss the report with your child and 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 effort and achievement scales that are used in this modified report.

If you have any questions in relation to your child's report, please do not hesitate to ring the school to organise a mutual agreeable time to speak to your child's teacher.

Wonder Recycling Rewards

As you are aware NPS participated in the Wonder Recycling Rewards Program earlier this year. This program saw our school community recycle over 4 kilograms worth of bread bags and tags in exchange for sporting equipment. We received our sporting equipment last week but we provided these amazing individuals for the photo. Recycling is everyone's business!



School Development Days Term 4 & Term 1 2022

Schools are required to update their community of the School Development Days for the end of year and for the beginning of the 2022 school year. The information is as follows:

 \cdot Students last day for this year will be Thursday 16th December. Staff last day will be Friday 17th December.

- · 2022 School Development Days are scheduled for Friday 28th January and Monday 31st January.
- · Year 1 to Year 6 will start school in 2022 on Tuesday 1st February.
- · Kindergarten will start on Wednesday 2nd February.

Quality Workers

Students	Class	Work Sample
Phoebe S	KB	Potion Writing
Summer M		
Austin A	1S	Pig the Pug writing
Jasmine M		
Vincent P		
Jayleigh P	3/4L	Writing
Alex W		
Owen K	3/4P	Solar Power
All students	5/6D	Stained Glass Window Foyer Display



Regards, Grant McFarland Principal

Debating 2021

This year Narara Pubic School had two debating teams competing in the Premier's Debating Challenge for years 5 & 6. Both teams worked extremely hard to develop their debating skills. After each debate they listened and applied feedback from myself and adjudicators and as a result kept improving. Both teams should be very proud of their efforts!

It gives me great pleasure to announce that our Year 5 team, Narara Public Red Bellies, were named Zone Champions for 2021! Even though the competition was cut short due to lockdown the Red Bellies remained undefeated after 3 debates which was enough for them to be made the champions. Congratulations! I can't wait to work with this team again next year.

To our Year 6 team, well done on an amazing effort. I'm sure moving into high school you will be able to use those fantastic debating skills again.

Well done!

Mrs New Debating Coordinator



The Snack Shack

Olympathon 3 Dec - special afternoon tea treats will be available (cash purchase) from \$1:00 - \$2:00. Ice blocks- currently we have ice blocks for \$1.00 (juicies, snapz sticks) & \$1.50 (moosies, juicie tubes) - the flavours may vary but we have a good supply that should get us through to end of year.

The last week of term we will be creating a lot of Christmas treats from 50c - \$2:00. Thank you

Nicola Ford Canteen Manager





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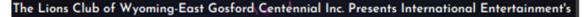
Under 6's to Under 17's Mixed teams up to U12's

Come on down to training; Monday & Friday afternoons at 4.30pm during February & March @ Narara Valley High School. Or phone Deb : 0402190282 or email gkrego@outlook.com Register at www.playrugbyleague.com/register

Registration Fees are \$120 for U6's & U7's: \$170 for U8's and above, which includes; insurance, shorts, socks and Club shirt.







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Please show your appreciation to the businesses that sponsored this event by sending a thank you email to <u>thankyou@iepty.com</u>

School Travel for 2022



2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can <u>apply</u> 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 <u>renew or update</u> 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 <u>eligibility criteria</u>, 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**. 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 <u>apply</u> or <u>update</u> 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 <u>local bus operator</u> 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 <u>Student code of conduct</u> and <u>Opal terms of use</u>.



Further information can be found at <u>transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel</u> Enquiries can be submitted at <u>transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback</u>

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Dee Green

