



Dates to Remember

24-25 Nov

Narara Nippers
9am-12noon

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

Notes You Should Have

Year 6 Farewell



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Remembrance Day

Thank you to our School Leaders and Mr Ramm for coordinating a very special service for Remembrance Day on Thursday 11th November. Thank you also to Mr Jason Baldwin (Director Educational Leadership) who kindly attended our service.



Staffing Update

Mrs McKinnon will unfortunately not be with us next year. I want to thank Mrs McKinnon for everything she has done at Narara PS. She is an exceptional practitioner and will be missed by both staff and students. We wish Mrs McKinnon all the best with her future endeavours.

The permanent position that was advertised earlier this term is progressing and the short-listing process has been undertaken. The interview process is next. Once this process has been completed and the most suitable applicant has been offered and accepted the position we will make an announcement to our community.

Guidelines Update

All schools in NSW have moved to Level 3 settings which brings us in line with updated community settings guidelines. A snapshot of these guidelines is as follows:

- All students are expected to be at school unless they are unwell. Students must not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms. If students feel unwell, they are required to get tested for COVID-19 and follow NSW Health directions.



Student Banking: Thursday

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

- If students display any COVID-19 symptoms they will be sent home and must not return to school unless they have either: isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available or a negative COVID-19 test result is supplied to the school and they are symptom free.
- In circumstances where a student has other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.
- Self-isolation periods and testing requirements differ for close contacts based on their exposure and vaccination status.
- A combination of layered safety measures – vaccination, wearing masks, student cohorting, physical distancing, ventilation, hygiene and cleaning - allows us to prioritise student and staff wellbeing to keep schools operational.
- To provide a safe learning environment for students and staff, schools will be implementing a cohort model to reduce interaction between students in different groups and minimise physical interaction between students on school grounds.
- All staff on school sites must be fully vaccinated.
- All parents and carers, volunteers and providers who are permitted to come onto school sites must be fully vaccinated.
- Masks are required indoors for all staff, visitors and students in Year 7 or above, and strongly recommended indoors for primary students.
- Teaching and learning in indoor spaces will be well ventilated and as large as possible for the number of participants.
- Outdoor settings for activities and events should be prioritised wherever practical as these represent a lower risk than indoor settings.
- Where activities or events will proceed indoors, organisers will ensure the space is well ventilated and as large as possible for the number of attendees.
- Schools will continue enhanced cleaning for high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. Enhanced cleaning is delivered as part of the daily cleaning of schools.
- Assemblies and presentations will be allowed outdoors on site. Cohorts will be separated with physical distancing in place where practicable
- Bands, ensembles, music classes and music tuition will be allowed within cohorts and only for instruments that do not rely on breath, as these pose a higher transmission risk.
- School performances, productions and concerts are not permitted

Tell Them From Me Surveys

Thank you to the 64 parents / carers that have completed the Tell Them From Me Parent / Carer Survey. We only need 6 more responses to surpass our 2020 total. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. We really appreciate the time taken to complete this survey. Please follow this link to complete the parent survey:

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

Students in Years 4 to 6 will also be completing the Tell Them From Me Student Survey. A consent form for parents/carers about the survey has been sent home if you would like to opt out of the survey. This survey will be administered in the coming weeks.

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

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.

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:

- 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
2M students	2M	Foyer Display
Year 1	Year 1	Amazing creations

Regards,
Grant McFarland
Principal





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. Mrs Hills will be administering the test for the students whose parents completed the application form. Further information and updates regarding opportunity class placement are available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>.

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 16/11/21.

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 24th November 2021

Thursday 25th November 2021

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



The Snack Shack - phone 0418238775

Sydney Markets 'Eat fresh & win Fresh for Kids Campaign'-This promotion will be running for the next 2 weeks. Lots of fresh fruit & vegetables items available at afternoon tea from 50c. Children will be given an entry form when they purchase a fresh item. Once they have 2 stamps please return the form to the canteen & they will receive a reusable straw. Entry forms will be posted to Sydney markets for major prize draw by the canteen.

Menu 2022 - does your child have a favourite food they would order regularly from the canteen, fitting within the Healthy School Canteens guidelines & egg/nut free? We are looking for new menu items that may be added to next year's menu - please send a note to the canteen or ask your child to pop over & let me know.

Ice blocks - we have had a variety of different ice blocks this term - from \$1:00 - \$1:50 -due to stock availability from the suppliers these may vary for the rest of term. The current ice block favourite with the children are snapz sticks \$1 in sweet & sour flavours. We Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you

Nicola Ford (Canteen Manager)



FRESH for KIDS
EAT FRESH AND WIN!
CANTEEN CAMPAIGN

1ST PRIZE
\$300 Booktopia Voucher
Sponsored by booktopia

2ND PRIZE
Tupperware Prize Pack
Sponsored by Tupperware

3RD PRIZE
Bright Star Kids Pack
Sponsored by Bright Star Kids

4TH PRIZE
Strike Bowling Double Voucher
Sponsored by STRIKE

BONUS PRIZE
Nintendo Switch
Sponsored by Nintendo

SCHOOL PRIZE
\$1000 Booktopia Voucher
Sponsored by booktopia

CANTEEN PRIZE
Tupperware Pack
Sponsored by Tupperware

HOW TO ENTER

1. Choose an option from the canteen that contains fresh fruit or vegetables and receive a stamp for your entry form.
2. Collect 2 stamps for your entry form and receive a reusable straw.
3. Submit your completed entry form to your school canteen or supervising teacher by Friday 24th September 2021 for a chance to win!

P.s. Don't have a school canteen? We also reward healthy options brought from home!

- Please note prizes may vary from displayed picture -

SYDNEY MARKETS | @freshforkids | /FreshforKids | www.freshforkids.com.au

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. 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](#).

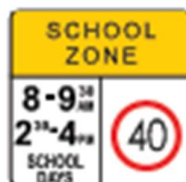


Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel
Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback

Traffic and Parking around your School

Parking rules are designed to stop vehicles from parking where it would be dangerous or inconvenient for others. Please consider the residents when parking in streets surrounding your school.

- ✓ A **School Zone** is the area around a school with a speed limit of 40 km/h. Between the School Zone and End School Zone signs you must obey the school zone speed limit. The school zone speed limit only applies on gazetted school days and during the times shown on the sign.



- ✓ **School Bus lights** – buses use signs and orange flashing 'wigwag' lights to warn motorists and pedestrians that they are picking up or setting down school children. The lights begin to flash when the bus stops and the doors are opened. They keep flashing for about 30 seconds after the doors close and continue even after the bus moves off. You must not drive past the bus in the same direction at more than 40 km/h while the 'wigwag' lights are flashing as there may be children crossing or about to cross the road.



- ✓ A **No Parking Zone** means that you must not stop for more than two minutes. You must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle. No Parking Zones are suitable for dropping off and picking up.



**THESE SIGNS MEAN YOU MAY STOP
HERE TO DROP OFF / PICK UP**

BUT YOU MUST

- stop for up to 2 minutes only
- stay within 3 metres of vehicle

**Kids look to you to keep them safe - please park legally in school zones
HEAVY FINES and DEMERIT POINTS APPLY**

- ✓ A **Bus Zone** means that the area is restricted for bus use only. If hours of operation are shown, the restriction only applies to this time. You may use this area outside of these times.



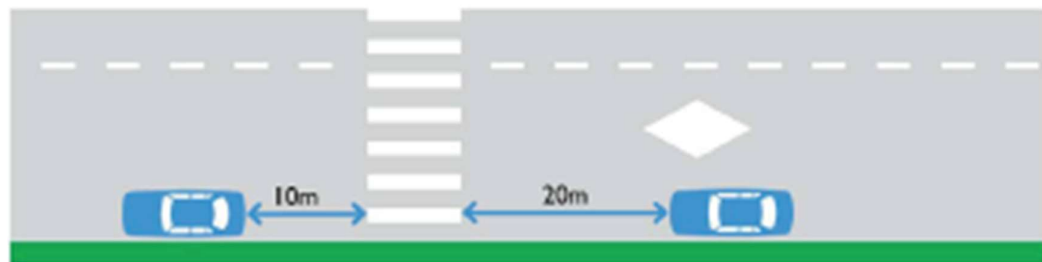
- ✓ A **No Stopping Zone** means no stopping at any time.



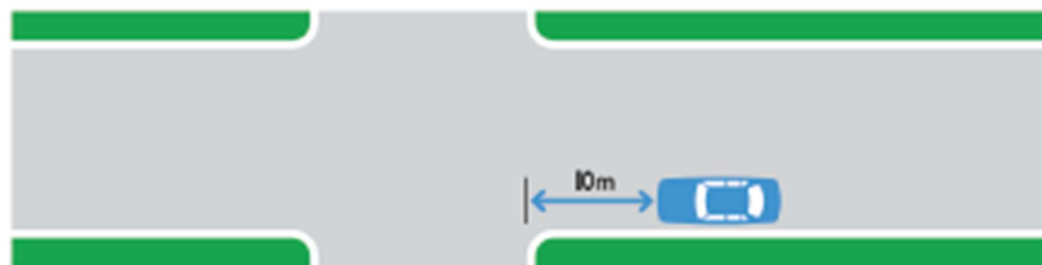
Other times when you must not stop

You must not stop your vehicle (that is, bring it to a stop and either stay with the vehicle or leave it parked) in the following circumstances:

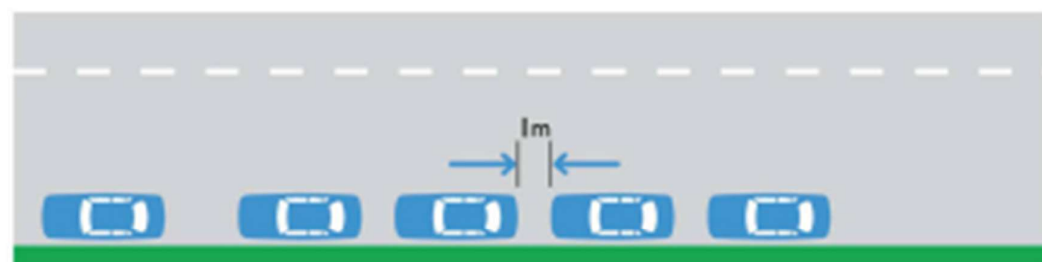
- ❑ Double parked (that is in the road alongside a car that is parked)
- ❑ Across a driveway or footpath
- ❑ On a median strip or traffic island
- ❑ On footpaths and nature strips
- ❑ On or within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a children's crossing or pedestrian crossing



- ❑ Within an intersection
- ❑ Within 10 metres of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights unless signposted otherwise



- ❑ In Bus Stop, Bus Zone, Taxi Stand or Taxi Zone signed areas
- ❑ At least one metre from any other parked vehicle, close as possible and parallel to the kerb, and facing the same direction as the traffic lane



- ❑ Within three metres of any double centre lines
- ❑ Within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a bus stop

Adherence to signposting, linemarking and road rules around your school will assist in providing a safe environment for the school community and residents.



Ethics

Want to do something life-changing in 2022? Why not volunteer at Narara PS as an ethics teacher!

Ethics classes can only be offered as an alternative if we have volunteer teachers. Volunteers can come from our parents, grandparents, friends and local community, from every walk of life. Primary Ethics offers full, free training, lesson scripts and teaching support.

Ethics encourages children to listen closely and to develop their opinions through ethical reasoning. Ethics helps kids develop confidence and empathy. As an ethics teacher, you'll get a lot out of it too!

If you have an hour a fortnight and want to ensure children at our school can access this valuable program, go to: <https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/ethics-teach>



Come teach ethics at Narara Public School

We are building an ethics program at Narara Public School with lessons delivered by Primary Ethics volunteers.

Ethics lessons are now offered to students in years Kindy, Stage 1 and Stage 3. In ethics, students explore everyday issues suitable for their age. They learn to listen closely to each other, to disagree without putdowns and to think carefully as they form their opinions.

We have children on waitlists for years Stage 2 and want to give them the opportunity to take part in ethics. To do that we need more volunteers to teach.

You can teach ethics if:

- You're interested in what children think and you have an interest in learning
- You're willing to learn how to use our lesson scripts to ask children ethical questions
- You can remain neutral and give the children space to think
- You're available every other school week on Thursday morning – you'll need about an hour each week to prepare and give the scripted lesson
- You complete our free training and pass background checks.

You will join a great community of Primary Ethics volunteers – at Narara Public School and across NSW. You'll have the rewarding opportunity of listening to the fantastic students at our school and helping them grow. You'll develop new skills yourself – facilitation skills, plus skills in communication and active listening.

Primary Ethics provides free, comprehensive training with online self-paced learning plus trainer-led workshops (by Zoom or face-to-face).

Curious?

Visit www.primaryethics.com.au Or contact Nicki at NararaPrimaryEthics@gmail.com



**Want to make changes
in 2022?**

**Volunteer as an ethics
teacher**

"I'll keep working from home
some days, which gives me
more time to be involved
with my kids' school"

**Primary
ETHICS**
www.primaryethics.
com.au/volunteer

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

**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. 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 or visit www.transport.nsw.gov.au/niagarapark

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