



Narara Public School

Monday Mumbles

Fortnightly Newsletter

Dates to Remember

16 Dec

Last day for students

Tue 1 Feb 2022

Students Return

Years 1-6

Wed 2 Feb

Kindergarten students
start

Notes You Should Have

Swimming Carnival

Years 5 & 6 Camp



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Principal Message

As this will be the last newsletter for 2021, I would like to say a huge thank you to our community. It has been a difficult year to say the least. The way we have negotiated the years challenges, changes and restrictions together is a testament to all. I truly appreciate your support, understanding and patience. I am very appreciative to be leading such a dynamic school community.

I would like to thank the staff of NPS. The way our staff have dealt with the complexities of COVID-19 including at home learning has been truly inspiring. Teachers, support staff and administration staff all willingly go above and beyond each and every day to ensure the success and wellbeing of our students ensuring that they are all known, valued and cared for each and every day. I hope the NPS staff enjoy their well-deserved break.

Thank you to all parents and carers. The way you supported your child/ren with home learning ensured it was a success. We could not have done it without you. Thank you also to the parents and carers who volunteered throughout the year in various capacities including canteen and uniform shop. I also want to thank Tiffany Smedes (President) and the P&C executive committee for their ongoing support of our students throughout a very unique and disjointed year. Education these days is a partnership, and that has certainly been the case this year. We have continued to work together to try and navigate the changing COVID restrictions to ensure the safety, health and wellbeing of all.

Finally, I would like to thank the students of Narara Public School for their positive and happy approach to life and learning. The way they handled the complexities of COVID-19 is also inspiring. Seeing them engage and adapt to home learning was a major achievement and one they should all be very proud of. It was so rewarding and heart-warming seeing them return to face-to-face learning. Whilst this return was at first met with apprehension by some staff, students and parents it was definitely the right decision which saw our students reconnect with friends, teachers, support staff and the familiar routines of the classroom.

I trust you will have a happy holiday and enjoy spending quality time with your family. I look forward to seeing you all again next year and working hard to offer your child / children the very best educational experience and opportunities we can provide.

School Security

If you hear or see anything of concern during the holiday period, please contact school security on 1300 880 021. OOSH will be operating throughout the holiday period on weekdays.



Student Banking: Thursday

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

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.

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 highly thoughtful task. We have taken into account many factors and as a result will not be accepting any more requests past this point.

Staffing Update

Due to a large Year 6 Cohort exiting to high school and a smaller intake of Kindergarten in 2022 it means that some of the temporary staff who have been working at NPS will not be working in 2022 on a temporary contract at this point in time. I would like to thank Mrs Fiene, Miss Chiliberti and Mrs Cooper for their dedication, hard work and care to all students. As previously mentioned, Mrs Cooper has accepted a permanent part time position at a local independent school. I am sure we will see them all in 2022 working casually at NPS.

Presentation Day

On Wednesday 1st December we held our annual Presentation Day Assembly. Although it was a little different due to parents and special guests not being allowed to be in attendance it was still a wonderful assembly. Thank you to parents and carers for your understanding with this being a student and staff only event. Student behaviour was exceptional during this event. Thank you to Mrs Doherty and Mrs Hills for coordinating Presentation Day. Congratulations to all award winners and to students who performed on the day.

On Presentation Day we announced our 2022 School Leaders in their respective positions. They are as follows:

Captains

- Courtney C
- Harry B

Prefects

(alphabetical order by surname)

- Ebony B
- Maisie C
- Taj E
- Greg Q
- Izelle R-P
- Callum W

Our 2022 Leaders have big shoes to fill but I know they are up for the challenge. Thank you to our 2021 Leaders who have done an amazing job this year and fulfilled their role with diligence.



AECG Awards

On Wednesday 1st December we also celebrated the Cooinda AECG awards. Congratulations to the following students who received an award:

- Bentley F
- Vienna E
- Alexis D



Student Academic Reports

Last Monday all students in K-6 received 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.

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

Quality Workers

Students	Class	Work Samples
Kaleb S	2M	Tiger Information Report
Lazarus H Jonathan S Evie B	KB	Santa Writing
All students	3/4P	Visual Art





Kind regards,
Grant McFarland
Principal

External Provider Information for 2021

All External Providers offering support to students during school time will need to update service schedules and ensure mandatory requirements are adhered to, in line with the Department of Education's guidelines. We will be meeting with External Providers to update information in Weeks 3 and 4 of Term 1, 2022. Due to these meetings, no therapy will take place until Week 5 of Term 1. Please note that therapy cannot commence until a meeting between the External Provider and Narara Public School has taken place. More information regarding this will be sent home in the coming weeks.

The Snack Shack

What an unusual year we have had, we would like to thank all the families & staff of Narara Public School for your understanding and support. To our amazing volunteers, thank you for all your help during 2021. A special thank you to Karyn McKenna for your many many hours of volunteering, we will miss you.

We are so grateful for our major upgrade and renovation, thank you to all involved for making this possible. It is an awesome space.

To the Year 6 students, it has been a pleasure watching you grow, from small kindergarten students to confident year students, Dream, Believe, Achieve & enjoy your High School chapter.

To the Canteen Committee, you are all amazing, your help & support is above & beyond.

Wishing everyone a safe, relaxing and happy holidays.

Nicola Ford
Canteen Manager

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

Play Football at Gosford City FC in 2022!



Registrations Open January 10th 2022

Check out our website for details www.gosfordcityfc.org.au

PRE-SEASON TRAINING * LEARN TO PLAY PROGRAM 5-10 YEARS * TRY FOOTBALL SESSIONS

OCCI-CC is a volunteer marine conservation organisation based in NSW. It aims to promote and educate the community on marine and coastal environmental issues. It also participates in programs that conserve and protect these spaces



Why not Join our FREE SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



Come and explore, **rock pool and saltmarsh** environments with OCCI guides this **December/January** school holidays, and learn about the fascinating creatures that live there including the birds of our waterways.

We have a **Maximum of 25 people** per walk **so bookings are essential**.

Most suited to ages 5 years to adult. **All Children** need to be accompanied by **an adult**, who will be responsible for them.

All participants are required to wear **closed in shoes** for protection (which will probably get wet!). Covid safety measures will be in place.

Dates, walk types and 'venues':

TUESDAY, 21.12.21 @ 10am Salt Marsh discovery/pond dip, Tuggerah Parade/Salt Water Creek

TUESDAY, 4.1.22 @ 4pm Rock pool Walk, Terrigal Haven

TUESDAY, 11.1.22 @ 10am Salt Marsh discovery/pond dip, Tuggerah Parade/Salt Water Creek.

TUESDAY, 18.1.22 @ 3.15pm Rock pool Walk, Terrigal Haven

To book, please text Linda on 0404 450 429 - You will need to write:

1. Your name,
2. Phone No. Preferably mobile;
3. Children's names,
4. Children's names and ages.
5. Date & walk location you wish to join.
6. Source of information.



Gosford Regional Gallery School Holiday Workshops

4th January - 25th January



Colour Weaving with Vanja

Book now

<https://www.trybooking.com/BWEKW>

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Holiday Break Camps.

Experience a **FREE** Holiday Break Camp at Milson Island this School Holidays.

Holiday Break is a series of **FREE** camps for children in regional NSW aged between 12-15 years that have been impacted by COVID-19 border restrictions, bush fires and drought, offering a much-needed break.

Inclusions

- Residential camps are inclusive of all meals, accommodation and activities.
- Open to boys and girls 12-15 years
- 40 places available per day

Camp dates Jan 2022

- Tuesday 4 - Thursday 6 January (residential)
- Wednesday 12 - Friday 14 January (residential)

Activities can include

Archery, Bushwalking, Kayaking, Fishing, Cooking,
Craft and much more!

More information

sport.nsw.gov.au/holidaybreak or 13 13 02

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Inclusions

- Day camps are inclusive of morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and activities.
- Open to boys and girls 12-15 years
- 40 places available per day

Camp dates Jan 2022

- Monday 10 January
- Tuesday 11 January
- Wednesday 12 January
- Thursday 13 January
- Friday 14 January
- Monday 17 January
- Tuesday 18 January
- Wednesday 19 January
- Thursday 20 January
- Friday 21 January

Activities can include

Archery , BMX, Kyaking, Orienteering, Problem Solving Activities,
Cook out or Survival Skills!

More information

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