



# **Narara Public School**

## **Monday Mumbles**

Weekly Newsletter

### **Dates to Remember**

**11 Nov**  
**Hunter Valley Zoo**  
**(Year 1 & 2)**

**7 Dec**  
**Presentation day**

**8 Dec**  
**Year 6 Graduation**

**Year 6 Farewell**

**16 Dec**  
**Last Day of Term**

### **Notes You Should Have**

**Hunter Valley Zoo**  
**Stage One**  
**(Year 1 & 2)**

**Year 6 Farewell**

### **Principal's Report**

Happy Wellbeing Week! Each student has received a homework grid with fun wellbeing activities included. Please return the grid to school by Friday 11 November so it can be included in our Wellbeing Week draw. We hope you enjoy these family activities.

### **2023 School Leadership Speeches**

On Wednesday 16 November we will be holding our 2023 School Leadership Speeches. I look forward to listening to all candidate speeches. I have been very impressed with the number of Year 5 students who have been willing to undertake this important school role. Regardless of the outcome they should be very proud of themselves. It is wonderful to see so many candidates who follow the School's Core Values – Safe, Respectful Learners each and every day. Candidates and their families will receive further information this week. I wish everyone the best of luck!

### **Safety Day**

Last Friday students in Kindergarten to Year 4 enjoyed participating in Safety Day. Students and staff that dressed up looked amazing! A big thank you to Wyoming Fire and Rescue that attended and did some awesome interactive demonstrations on fire safety



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**Student Banking: Thursday**

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

## 2023 Classes

In the coming weeks we will begin to look at class structures for 2023. 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 2023, please let us 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 2023 please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible.

## Kinder Transition

We look forward to seeing our new Kinders when they visit for Kinder Transition. If you have not brought back your enrolment form, please do so as soon as possible. The dates and times are as follows:

Wednesday 23 November (9:00am to 12:00pm)

Thursday 24 November (9:00am to 12:00pm)

There is a parent information session scheduled for 23 Wednesday at 9am in the school hall. At this session we will cover a variety of topics including uniform shop, learning support, before and after school care, canteen, P&C and office procedures. There will also be an opportunity for parents / carers to ask any questions.

The uniform shop will be open on our transition dates from 8:00am to 9:00am to allow Kinder parents the opportunity to purchase uniforms. The uniform shop is also open every Tuesday and Friday morning 8:15am to 8:45am. Parents / carers are encouraged to attend the uniform shop prior to the transition dates where possible as these days are very busy.

## School Development Days (Monday 19 & Tuesday 20 December)

As part of the NSW Department of Education's Quality Curriculum Reform roll-out (2023-2025), the state Minister for Education has announced an additional School Development Day at the end of this year (Monday 19 December) for NSW teachers to participate in professional learning sessions to engage in the implementation of the new curriculum.

The NSW Government is reforming the curriculum from Kindergarten to Year 12 by 2024 so that every student is prepared and ready for their future. During this time, teachers can engage in activities that will deepen their understanding of the new syllabuses, and to strengthen teaching and learning practices to facilitate their delivery.

**The last day for all students will be Friday 16 December 2022.**

## Regular Attendance = Better Outcome

Regular and punctual attendance at school is important. Attendance patterns affect students learning.

Students miss out on valuable content which includes valuable information, discussion and skills development that are the pathways to success and the development of high self-esteem.

The following chart highlights the impact of non-attendance and partial attendance over time. Viewed in this context, the implications of regular absenteeism is startling.



## P&C

The next P&C meeting is Tuesday 8 November at 7:00pm. This meeting will be held in the staffroom. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Selective High School – 2024

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.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and no longer takes into account school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 4 May 2023.

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2024 are accepted from Tuesday 18 October 2022 to Wednesday 16 November 2022. You must apply before the closing date as no late applications will be considered. Please note, there are no paper application forms.

Further information has been sent home to all Year 5 students and is included in this newsletter.

## Quality Workers

| Students                        | Class | Work Sample  |
|---------------------------------|-------|--|
| Lauren M<br>Tullia S            | 2/3   | Weekend Recount  |
| Rhys W<br>Hope R<br>Alana W     | 4/5P  | Big Write  |
| Ayden D<br>Olivia B<br>Archer M | K1B   | Bee Information Report<br>Halloween<br>Tree Information Report |
| Imogen M<br>Archy B<br>Abbie W  |       | Art  |
| All students                    | 4/5P  | Amazing Foyer display  |

Grant McFarland  
Principal





### 2023 Student Leaders

Starting Week 4, we will be discussing the leadership process with all Year 5 students, bearing in mind that students who aspire to leadership positions must consistently demonstrate Narara Public School's core values by being Safe, Respectful Learners at all times.

For a student to be eligible to run for a school leadership (School Captain and Prefect) position during the current year they must have attended at least 2 out of 3 PBL Reward Days in the first 3 terms and had minimal visits to the planning room. Students who have received a warning of suspension or who have been suspended are ineligible to stand.

Successful candidates are asked to prepare a speech (maximum of 3 minutes), which should include an outline of how they meet the three requirements of Safe, Respectful Learners. This will be presented to the school community on **Wednesday 16 November (Week 6)**. We were required to change the date due to a clash with a rescheduled Lisarow High School Creative Arts Rehearsal. It is acceptable for a candidate to speak of their achievements both within and outside the school to support their nomination.

Further information will follow for suitable candidates.

Mr Ramm  
Coordinating Teacher

### PAYMENTS DUE

- Hunter Valley Zoo (Year 1) Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - **Payment due 11/11/2022**
- Year 6 Farewell (Years 5 & 6) Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – **Payment Due 25/11/2022**
- School Voluntary Contribution 1<sup>st</sup> Child \$40, 2<sup>nd</sup> Child \$25, each other child \$15

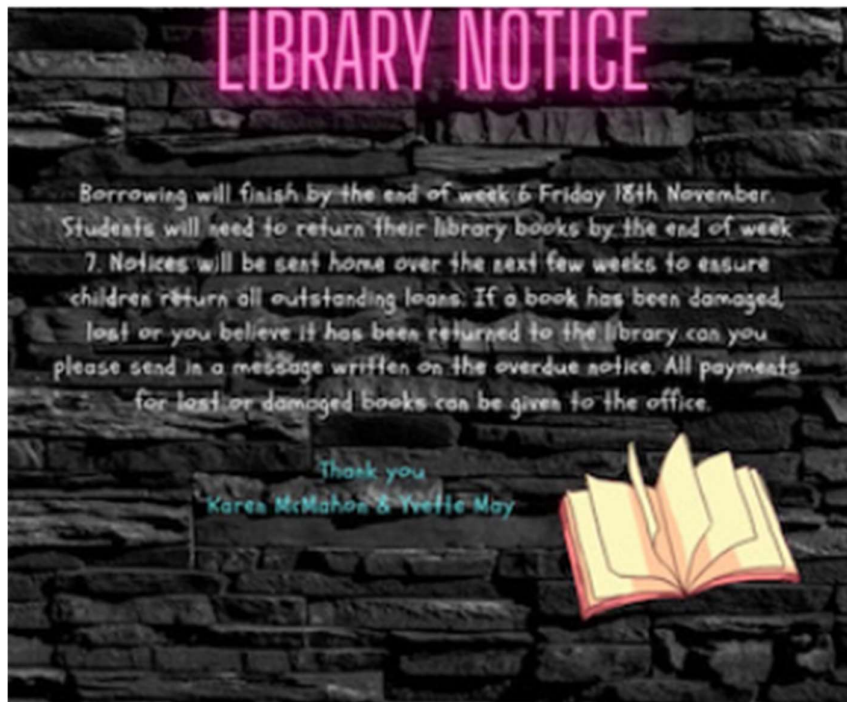
Please remember, when paying for an excursion, send in the permission notes to the office. This is as important as paying for the cost.

### Car Parking

The Car park is for STAFF ONLY. This is for the safety of our students and school community.



## Library News



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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 reg



# Narara Public School

Parents and Citizens Association (P&C)

WE CARE

## Tea Towel Fundraiser for school laptops

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term the P&C team are raising money towards replacing the school's student laptops which are reaching end of life. The laptops are used daily by the children for everything from online assessments to project research.

Over the last two weeks the children and staff have been busy drawing self-portraits. These pictures will be incorporated onto one very special Narara Public School 2022 tea towel. These quality tea towels with high-grade printing will make a beautiful keepsake and is a unique reminder of your child's (rens) time at Narara, and the friends they shared it with.



### Cost \$15 each | Order by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

We are taking orders for a one-off print run which will be delivered in time for the holidays. They will make a special and personal Christmas gift for family/friends too.



Only ONE order per family is required for multiple tea towels, as there is only one design of the tea towel.

- **CASH orders:** Complete the return slip below and enclose with cash in a sealed envelope. Return to class teacher or the office **by Tuesday 8 Nov.**
- **FLEXISCHOOL orders:** via the Flexischool App **by 4pm Tuesday 8 Nov.**  
We will receive notification of your online Flexi order by email.

No late orders will be accepted, as these are printed to order and a one-off print run!!

Please **DO NOT** pay through the school website as this is a P&C run event.

### Return Slip for CASH Orders Only

2022 Tea Towel Fundraiser

**Return by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

*Only ONE order per family is required, as there is only one design of the tea towel.*

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ (quantity) NPS 2022 tea towels at \$15 each.

TOTAL COST: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Please send money in with this slip\*\*\***



# Information for applicants

For entry to selective high schools in Year 7 in 2024

## Ready to apply?

Apply online at:

[shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au](https://shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au)

Note: there may be changes to the dates and procedures in this document.

For the latest updates visit:  
[education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc](https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc)

## Key Dates

Application website opens

18 October 2022

Application website closes

16 November 2022

Test centre and test authority advice released

20 April 2023

Selective High School Placement Test

4 May 2023

Illness/misadventure requests submitted

11 May 2023

Placement outcome expected to be released

Mid-August 2023



## Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2024

*Please customise if you wish to use this Intention to apply note to parents.*

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 2024, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply and the link to the online form will be available in early-October 2022 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

Applications open on 18 October 2022 and close on 16 November 2022. You must apply before the closing date.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 4 May 2023**.

**The tear-off slip below is NOT an application, it is advice to the school that you intend to apply. The school CANNOT apply on your behalf.**

Yours sincerely

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by \_\_\_\_\_.

**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 GO TO THE ONLINE FORM AT: <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 2024

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

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2024 for my child through the Selective Education Unit website between 18 October 2022 and 16 November 2022. I am aware that this is not an application and that the school cannot apply on my behalf.

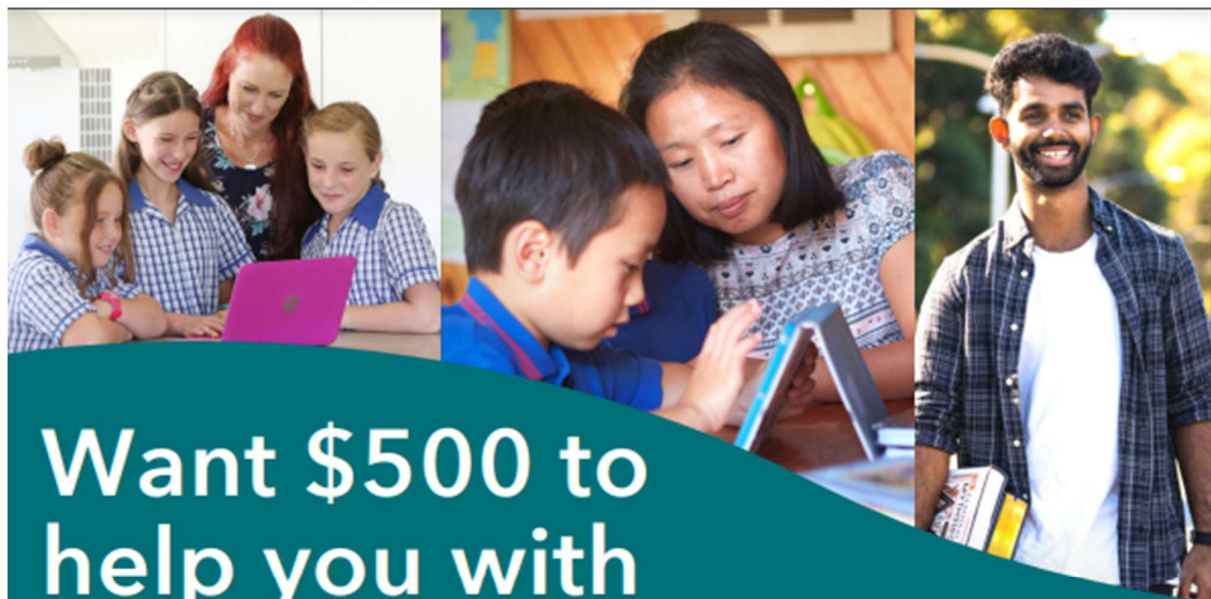
Signature of parent/carer: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join, participants must:

- ☒ Have a current health care card OR pensioner concession card
- ☒ Be studying yourself OR have a child in school
- ☒ Have regular income from work, yourself OR your partner

For full eligibility requirements, speak to a Saver Plus Coordinator.

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



laptops & tablets



uniforms & shoes



books & supplies



sports fees & gear



lessons & activities



camps & excursion

For more information, please contact Saver Plus:



saverplus@bsl.org.au



saverplus.org.au



1300 610 355



@SaverPlusAU

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.



Sunday, 13 November 2022 - 9:00am to 2:00pm

'Colour Our Coast' the 5km run/walk and festival is coming!

Expect a colourful fun filled day promoting positive health and wellbeing for young people.

Open to all!

Wear white at the start and see what colours you finish the course in!

Central Coast Council, Youth for Youth (Y4Y) youth action team and Colour Frenzy, invite Central Coast young people to join in with the fun as part of the Lakes Festival at Picnic Point Reserve, The Entrance on Sunday 13 November 2022.

There will be two sessions of the fun run/walks held throughout the day;

**Wave one:** 9am

**Wave two:** 12pm

- Warm up with our personal trainer 10 mins prior to each session.
- Once the fun run/walk is completed, young people and families can visit a variety of stalls.
- Live music featuring young local artists showcased throughout the day.
- Food and drink stalls also will be there for you to fuel up after the run/walk.
- With 'Colour Me Happy' photo opportunities to showcase all the colour splashed over everyone.

#TheLakesFestival

[Book now](#)

**Pricing** - Each entry \$6.00 This is a ticketed event costing \$6. Registration pack will include safety glasses, race wrist bands, the event terms and conditions and a media consent form.

### Contact Information

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# School Travel

Term 4 2022



Thank you for your assistance in making school travel in 2022 as smooth as possible.

Below is some useful information to assist with student travel enquiries. We have also attached a newsletter-friendly version you can share with parents/carers and students.

## 2023 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2023 opened from **Monday 10 October 2022**.

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2023 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying 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, 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 entitlements remain valid for the start of the 2023 school year. 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 (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send 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 2023.

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 travel application endorsement

Occasionally, applicants completing the online form make mistakes, so we ask that school administrators be mindful of this and only endorse applications with correct information.

If you identify an 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 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.

If a school administrator endorses an application in error, please advise our Concessions team as soon as possible [here](#).



If school administrators require access to the School Portal, please request an account [here](#).

If you need to remove school portal access for staff members who have left the school recently, please let us know via a [feedback form](#) and select 'school/operator portal' and then 'remove existing user access'.

## Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCECs)

Schools applying for Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCECs) for senior students are advised to submit applications at least four weeks before the end of Term 4. This will allow time for processing and delivery to the school before the holiday period commences. Applications scheduled for delivery during the holiday period will be held and delivered when school recommences from January 2023.

When applying for TCECs before the end Term 4 2022, ensure you enter the grade the student is in this year, not the grade they will be in during 2023. E.g., year 11 students who have commenced year 12 studies are still considered as being in grade 11 until the end of 2022.

## Travel from Term 1 2023

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 2023 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 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 busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations 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 with 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.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they 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/)



Central Coast  
Conservatorium  
Of Music

# School Band Program 2023

Join more than **600**  
young musicians from  
**23** schools across the  
Central Coast

## Register your interest

To register your child's interest in our School Band program send a text with their details to 0402 000 757. Alternatively scan the QR code (below), phone 4234 7477 or visit our website.

## Want to know more?

Join our online parent info sessions at 7.30pm on

- Thursday 10 Nov
- Monday 14 Nov
- Wednesday 16 Nov

Scan the QR code for info.



SCAN ME

Do you want to learn an instrument and play in a band? Come and be part of a fun and engaging learning environment while experiencing the educational benefits of learning a musical instrument.

## Program includes:

- One-to-one or small group lessons at school with Conservatorium teachers
- Whole band rehearsals with Conservatorium conductors
- Performance opportunities at school and external events

[www.centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/schools-program](http://www.centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/schools-program)