

# **Narara Public School**

## **Monday Mumbles**



### **Dates to Remember**

**6 Dec**  
**Presentation Day**  
**K-2 9:00am start**  
**3-6 11:30am start**

**7 Dec**  
**Year 6 Graduation**  
**9:00am start**

**7 Dec**  
**Year 6 Farewell**  
**5:30pm**

**15 Dec**  
**Year 6 last day**  
**Farewell Arch**  
**From 2:00pm**

**2024**  
**Feb 1**  
**Years 1-6 return**  
**Feb 5**  
**Kindergarten**  
**commences**

### **Notes You Should Have**

**Stage 3 Camp 2024**  
**(Years 4 & 5 2023)**

### **Principal's Report**

As this will be the last newsletter for 2024, I would like to say a big thank you to our community. The school has flourish with the continuation of quality education and a broad range of extra-curricular activities on offer. Narara Public School really is a special place!

Firstly, I would like to thank the students of Narara Public School for their positive and happy approach to life and learning. There have been countless success stories and opportunities for our students to shine this year. I thank the large majority who continually uphold the school's core values of being Safe, Respectful Learners.

Thank you to all parents and carers. Your support and participation in education is greatly appreciated and is a major contributing factor to the successes of the school. A big thank you to those parents and carers who have volunteered throughout the year in various capacities including canteen and uniform shop. I would also like to thank the P&C as they have worked tirelessly to support the goals of the school. Valuable funds have been raised throughout the year to ensure quality teaching and learning resources have been purchased, which has a direct impact on students.

Finally, thank you to the staff of NPS. The way staff have dealt with the complexities of the last few years has been truly inspirational. Teachers, support staff and administration staff all willingly go above and beyond each day to ensure the success and wellbeing of every student. I wish them a well-deserved, happy holiday break.

I trust you will have a happy holiday and enjoy spending quality time with your family. We look forward to seeing everyone in the new year.

### **School Security / Holiday Period**

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

### **School Development Days Term 4 & Term 1 2024**

Schools are required to update their community of the School Development Days for the end of year and for the beginning of the 2024 school year. This information is as follows:

- Students last day for this year will be Friday 15 December. Staff will finish on Monday 18 December as they have completed Twilight Professional Learning sessions to trade off the last day of the year (Tuesday 19 December).
- 2024 School Development Days are scheduled for Tuesday 30 January and Wednesday 31 January.
- Year 1 to Year 6 will start school in 2024 on Thursday 1 February. Kindergarten will start on Monday 5 February.



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

### **Step Up Day**

On Tuesday 12 December students will have the opportunity to visit their 2024 class with their 2024 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 parent / carer requests past this point.

### **Student Academic Reports**

On Monday 11 December all students in K-6 will receive 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 the report as this gives an overview of the effort and achievement scale that is used.

Student attendance, both partial and whole day, are included. The attendance cut-off date for this semester was Friday 1 December.

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.

### **P&C**

The next P&C meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday 5 December (tomorrow) at 7:00pm in the staffroom. All welcome!

### **Staffing Update**

Congratulations to Mr Emerton who has successfully obtained a permanent position at Niagara Park Public School in one of their Multi-Categorical Classes for 2024 and beyond. We will be sad to see Mr Emerton leave NPS. He has been an asset to our school this year teaching on K6C. We wish Mr Emerton every success for his future career.

### **Presentation Day**

Our Presentation Day is scheduled for Wednesday 6 December. Times are as follows:

- Infants (K-2) 9:00am
- Primary (3-6) 11:30am.

We look forward to seeing our community at this special event.

### **Year 6 Graduation Assembly & Farewell**

The Year 6 Graduation Assembly & Farewell will be held on Thursday 7 December. Times are as follows:

- Year 6 Graduation Assembly 9:00am
- Year 6 Farewell 5:30pm – 8:30pm

### **Uniform Shop**

As of last week, the Uniform Shop is also open on Tuesday afternoons 2:00pm – 2:30pm to allow families more opportunity to access this service. It will also be open on its normal Tuesday and Friday mornings 8:15am – 8:45am.

The Uniform Shop will be opening as a one off on Wednesday 31 January 2024 from 8.30am to 9.30am.

### **Quality Workers**

<b>Students</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Work Sample</b>
Olivia L	1/2N	Reducing Plastic Waste
Evie-Rose B, Jaxon P, Grace E, Emilia H, Xavier A, Eli R, Cooper P	Various	300 Nights of Reading
All students	KB	Foyer Display
Archy Brown	5/6R	Narrative

Grant McFarland

Principal



### External Provider Information for 2024

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 2 and 3 of Term 1, 2024. Due to these meetings, no therapy will take place until Week 4 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.

Mrs Cotterill  
Assistant Principal Learning Support



## SPORTING CHALLENGE 2023

It's the time of the year when lots of different programs and activities are starting to wrap up. Over Term 2 and 3, students and teachers at Narara Public School have been busily chipping away at the 2023 Premier's Sporting Challenge.

Last week we celebrated student achievement of either Diamond, Gold, Silver or Bronze, where students received their certificates in class. See the table pictured here on how students achieved their levels. The level received was an average amount of time spent being active over a 10 week period.

Award	Daily activity time
Bronze	30 minutes per day
Silver	45 minutes per day
Gold	60 minutes per day
Diamond	80 minutes per day

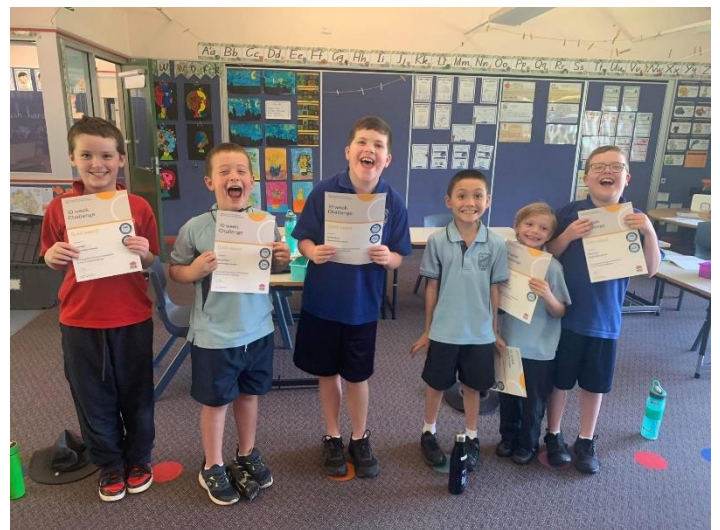
Our school was a part of the 1,354 schools and over 440,000 participants for successfully completing the 10 week Challenge (10wC). In doing so, our school was funded with **\$1,290.05** to spend on sporting equipment and delivering sporting programs to our students.

Thank you to all our dedicated teachers who have helped their students track their activity levels for the duration of the challenge. Most importantly, congratulations to all our NPS students who participated and were involved in the challenge.

See below for a showcase of some our classes celebrating the Premier's Sporting Challenge!

**Mr Kurt Briggs**

**Premier's Sporting Challenge (PSC) Coordinator**











## Payments Due

Stage 3 Camp 2024 (Years 4 & 5 2023) \$70:00 Deposit. (Now Overdue).  
\$50:00 Second instalment due 10<sup>th</sup> November, (overdue)  
\$50:00 Third instalment due 1<sup>st</sup> December, (overdue)

Please remember, when paying for an excursion via the Parent Portal, send in the permission note to the office.

This is as important as paying for the cost.

Also, please pay by the due date as there is a substantial amount of organisation that goes into the activities and some activities have to be paid for a month in advance.

If you are having difficulties in paying please see the office.

## **The Snack Shack-Ph 0418238775**

### **Presentation Day**

Parent Grazing platters will be placed in your child's class basket ready for 11am lunch. We will have some Christmas treats available for purchase from 11am, please bring small change.

### **Sentral Parent's Portal**

All lunch orders are to be placed via the portal. If you are having any trouble using this please contact the school office.

### **End of Term**

The Canteen may run low on some items, A list will be updated on the Facebook page-The Snack Shack.

### **End of Year wrap up**

2023 -Wow that went fast!!

A huge THANK YOU to all our amazing volunteers for all your help. Without this our canteen would not be able run. To the P&C-Thank you for your support and work that went in to handing the canteen over to the School to run and employing me for the past 15 years.

### **The Canteen Committee**

Thank you for all the ideas, support and many, many hours of behind the scenes help. We will be farewelling Megan Yates and Sam Julian this year-Megan has stepped in as Relief Manager for me on numerous occasions. Thank you so much for your many, many, hours of fun, support, help and great dress up memories in the canteen. Sam -Committee Secretary for many years. Your note taking is great. Thank you for all your help, support and fun!! Sarah Samild-The Canteen Treasurer - Thank you for all your hard work. This is a big job and you were great. Jaci Stabback - Thank you for all your ideas, help and support (only 1 year to go). Woolworths Lisarow - Thank you for supplying the canteen with fresh fruit & vegetables each week.

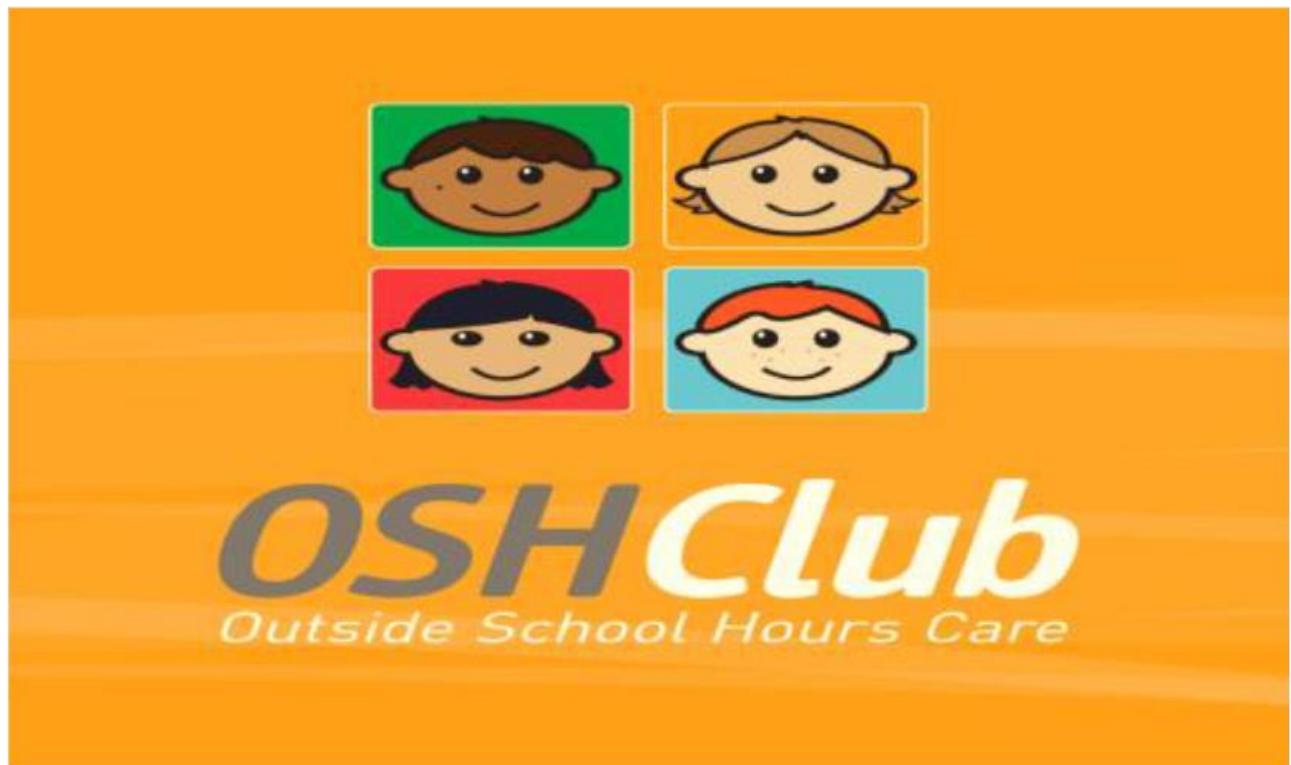
To all the children who visit the canteen for an afternoon treat, thank you for always using beautiful manners.

To the Year 6's-It has been an absolute pleasure watching you grow from tiny kindergarten students into confident Year 6's-Enjoy your High School journey.

Lastly to the awesome staff at NPS-thank you for all your help and support. We truly are a lucky school to have so many amazing staff members.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday

Nicola Ford  
(Canteen Manager)



## **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 OSHC 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.



# 2024 Kindergarten Orientation Program

## Headstart

### Narara Public School

HEADSTART WILL BE HELD OVER FOUR DAYS 9AM - 12PM:  
FRIDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER 2023  
FRIDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER 2023  
FRIDAY, 1ST DECEMBER 2023  
FRIDAY, 8TH DECEMBER 2023

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION:  
PARENTS TO MEET IN THE HALL AT 9:00AM  
ON FRIDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER 2023

PLEASE LABEL ALL BELONGINGS AND ENSURE THAT CHILDREN  
WEAR ENCLOSED SHOES EACH DAY.

PLEASE PACK A LUNCH BOX, WATER BOTTLE  
AND FRUIT FOR FRUIT BREAK.

PLEASE NOTE: ON FRIDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, A PICNIC WILL BE  
HELD AT 12PM ON THE OVAL. BRING ALONG SOME FOOD AND A  
PICNIC BLANKET TO SHARE WITH YOUR CHILD, TO CELEBRATE  
THE CHILDREN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING HEADSTART!





# WATER FUN

## REWARDS DAY

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER  
WEEK 10

3-6 MORNING SESSION

K-2 MIDDLE SESSION

## ACTIVITY CHOICES

STUDENTS WILL CHOOSE  
BETWEEN ATTENDING

A MOVIE

OR

WATER FUN ACTIVITIES







Hey Mob  
Come and  
catch-up on  
your vaccines

# VACCINATION CLINIC

## Aboriginal Catch-Up Clinic

**Hep B, Shingles Vaccine (Shingrix),  
Influenza, COVID, Pneumococcal and  
more!**

When: Wednesday 06/12/2023

10am - 2pm

Where: Nunyara Aboriginal Health Unit,  
2 Ward St Gosford

**BOOKINGS REQUIRED**

Call Nunyara Aboriginal Health Unit to Book on  
43202698

Parking Available Onsite







# WYOMING



Our 3-day intense soccer development camp covers all areas of the game, designed for players who wish to accelerate their technical skills, physical fitness and unlock their football potential

Location: Alan Davidson Oval

Ages: 5-15 years old

Dates: 9th - 11th Jan 2024

Time: 9am - 12 / 3pm

**BOOK NOW**

LIMITED AVAILABILITY

**0491 443 100**

[info@eastcoastsoccerschool.com.au](mailto:info@eastcoastsoccerschool.com.au)

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**2 DAY ELITE GK CLINIC** 9th -10th Jan

-HANDLING & SAVES  
-DISTRIBUTION  
-POSITIONING  
-NARROWING ANGLES & MORE!

Partners

Sponsors







## Reminder to parents and carers:

### Apply now for 2024 School Opal cards

Dear admins and teachers,

Applications are now open for 2024 Student Opal cards on Transport for NSW website. We encourage parents and carers to apply now to make sure their children receive their School Opal card before the start of the 2024 new school year.

Could you please share the information below before the end of Term 4 to help your parents and carers prepare their children early for their bus journey to school next year.

Please share on your school channels – email, text, social media or website!

Sincerely

Busways Customer Service team

#### Getting to school by bus in 2024

Will your child be catching the bus to school next year? Applications are now open for a 2024 School Opal cards. As it's a busy time of year, we highly recommend you make this application before the end of this year. It's also good to check the bus timetable to make your child's journey to school as easy as possible. Here is how it works:

#### School Opal cards

- All students catching the bus in 2024 will need a School Opal card.
- Under the [School Student Transport Scheme \(SSTS\)](#), eligible students can apply for free or subsidised travel between home and school.
- For more information about the SSTS and how to apply for a School Opal Card, visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/> from a desktop computer, and click 'apply for a school travel pass'.

#### Bus timetables

Busways is the school bus operator that runs your schools' bus services. To find your child's school bus timetable visit the Busways website by using the following steps:

1. Go to [busways.com.au/nsw](https://busways.com.au/nsw)
2. Click on 'school services' in the navigation bar and then proceed to '[school timetables](#)'
3. Enter the school's name in the field that says 'enter a school name'
4. Select the school's name and the timetable should open on your device.
5. If you are unable to find or search for the school's name, use the drop-down menus on the same web page to find the school.
6. Once the timetable is opened, you will be able to identify which school bus services are available in your area for your child to use.

*Photo courtesy of Transport for NSW*

**Central Coast  
Summer Holiday  
Junior Chess  
Tournament  
(ages 6 to 17)**



**Before entering,  
please email me  
for the full flyer**

**For NSW country players. Limited to 140.  
Please don't pay until entry confirmed.**

**Entry fee \$10**

For full entry details  
please email, not text:

Gary Losh

[glosh6090@gmail.com](mailto:glosh6090@gmail.com)

0432 453 726

**Monday 8 January**

**Must pre-enter by Saturday 6 January**

**Central Coast Grammar School**

**9.30am – 4.00pm**

**Minimum ability: Must know how to move the  
pieces and complete games independently.**