

Narara Public School

Monday Mumbles



Term 4, Week 9
Monday 9th November 2024

Dates to Remember

12 Dec

Year 6 Graduation &
Farewell

13 Dec

Headstart (Kinder 2025)

Notes You Should Have

Stage 3

Camp 2025

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 continued to 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 at 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.

Finally, thank you to the staff of NPS. 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 and 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.



Narara Public School
90 Newling Street
Lisarow NSW 2250

Phone: 02 4328 3024
Email:
narara-p.school@
det.nsw.edu.au

Uniform shop
8:15am – 8:45am
Tue & Fri



School Development Days Term 4 & Term 1 2025

Schools are required to update their community of the School Development Days for the end of year and for the beginning of the 2025 school year. This information is as follows:

- Students last day for this year will be Wednesday 18 December. Staff will finish on Thursday 19 December as they have completed twilight Professional Learning sessions to trade off the last day of the year (Friday 20 December).
- Next year, all students will be starting school on Thursday 6 February, following 4 school development days. These school development days provide teachers time to be best prepared individually and collectively to implement curriculum.

A full list of School Development Days for 2025 are as follows:

- 4 days at the start of Term 1 (31 Jan-5 Feb)
- 2 days at the start of Term 2 (28-29 April)
- 1 day at the start of Term 3 (21 July)
- 1 day at the start of Term 4 (13 October)

Step Up Day (Cancelled)

This year we are unable to accommodate Step Up Day as our mainstream student numbers are very close between 14 and 15 classes. At this point in time our anticipated student enrolments have our school at 15 mainstream classes for 2025, which is one more than this year. However, if our enrolments change before the end of term or at the beginning of next year through way of reduced student numbers it may mean we will be required to restructure to 14 mainstream classes. For this reason, we won't be offering Step Up Day. I believe it is very disruptive and counter productive to have Step Up Day when our student numbers are this tight as classes and their teachers could change into the new year. For the first week of 2025 (Thursday & Friday) we will have students in their 2024 classes with their current teacher where possible and in Week 2 we will form our 2025 classes. This model is very common with most public schools. We appreciate your understanding with this.

If you are moving out of the area or intend enrolling your child/ren at another school in 2025, please let the front office (43283024) 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 2025 please ask them to make contact with the school as soon as possible.

Student Academic Reports

On Monday 16 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 6 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.

2025 School Leaders

At Presentation Day we announced our 2025 School Leaders in their respective positions. They are as follows:

Captains

- Emilia H
- Ryu P

Prefects (alphabetical order by surname)

- Taylah B
- Vienna E
- Lauren M
- Charlie M
- Nicholas S
- Thomas W

Congratulations to our 2025 Leaders and thank you to the 2024 Leaders who have done an amazing job this year and fulfilled their role with diligence. Thank you also to Mr Ramm for the support and guidance he has shown to our 2024 Leaders.



Year 6 Graduation Assembly & Farewell

The Year 6 Graduation Assembly & Farewell will be held on Thursday 12 December. Times are as follows:

- Year 6 Graduation Assembly 9:00am
- Year 6 Farewell 5:30pm – 8:30pm (arrival from 5:15pm)

P&C / Uniform Shop

A reminder the Uniform Shop will also be opening on Friday afternoons 2:00pm – 2:30pm in Week 9 to allow families more opportunity to access this service. Our amazing volunteers will also be extending the hours on Friday morning 8:30am – 12:00pm for Headstart (Kinder Transition) parents.

School Swimming Carnival

Due to the revised Water Safety for Unstructured Aquatic Activity Guidelines our School Swimming Carnival will be for competitors only (competent swimmers). The reason for this is that we are no longer able to offer the novelty component of the carnival as students are required to complete a proficiency test prior to an unstructured water activity to assess a student's aquatic skill level against a predetermined criterion. We simply do not have the time to undertake proficiency tests for all non-swimmers as it would mean we would be unable to complete the competitive component of the carnival.

Another contributing factor is that unstructured aquatic activities should also be conducted in a shallow body of water. The guidelines define a shallow body of water as water depth no higher than a student's waste. This would rule many students out of novelties all together which is not fair.

As a result, our 2025 carnival will be for competitors only (competent swimmers) and students not competing will remain at school with appropriate supervision engaging in alternate educational experiences. I believe it is unreasonable to ask families to pay for the bus and pool entry only to sit in a grandstand all day and not have the opportunity to enter the water. Thank you in advance for your understanding with this matter.

Selective High School and Opportunity Classes

Applications are now open for 2026 entry into selective high schools and opportunity classes (OC). For more information including how to apply please visit: education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc



**Selective high schools
and opportunity classes**

Apply now if your child is in **Year 3** for entry into an **opportunity class**, or **Year 5** for entry into a **selective high school**, in 2026.

Applications close 21 February 2025



Quality Workers

Students	Class	Work Sample
Lauren M	5/6R	Narrative
Owen S	1/2J	Writing
All students	4/5W	Foyer Display

Grant McFarland
Principal

External Provider Information for 2025

All External Providers offering support to students during school time will need to update documents and ensure mandatory requirements are adhered to, in line with the Department of Education's guidelines.

We will be collating External Provider information in Weeks 2-4 of Term 1, 2025. Due to this, no therapy will take place until Week 5 of Term 1. Please note that therapy cannot commence until all documents have been collected. Information regarding this has been sent home with students.

Mrs Cotterill
Assistant Principal Learning Support



Narara Public School Christmas Drive

Help us to give to those families in need this Christmas

We are going to be collecting:

- Non perishable food items
- Cleaning products
- Hygiene products
- Small toys
- Stationary

And anything else you think might help a family in need.

Thank you on behalf of our families for your support with this. We will have a collection box in the office, in which your donations can be placed. Merry Christmas!





Narara
90 Newling St, Lisarow, NSW, 2250
Monday 6 January to Thursday 30 January 2025
Ph: 0407 631 447

Don't forget to pack sunscreen, a hat, and a water bottle to stay cool and sun-safe! Please ensure all food complies with allergy guidelines. Contact your service for detailed information.

**7AM
TIL
6PM**



Scan for further info and to secure a spot in one of our holiday programs today!

MON 6 JAN



CAMP KICK-OFF
Kick off Holiday HQ Summer Camp with a blast! Create your own camp flags and enjoy round-robin games to jumpstart your summer adventure.

BASE FEE	\$65.00
DAILY TOTAL	\$65.00
FROM AS LOW AS*	\$6.50

TUE 7 JAN



FRIENDSHIP FEST
Build lasting friendships with fun team-building activities! You'll also get to make and trade friendship bracelets to share with your camp pals.

BASE FEE	\$65.00
DAILY TOTAL	\$65.00
FROM AS LOW AS*	\$6.50

WED 8 JAN



SPLASH ZONE
SPECIAL EVENT: GECKOWATER-MANIA
PACK A CHANGE OF CLOTHES & A TOWEL.
Dive into water play at Holiday HQ with a splash-tastic event and a cool rising water experiment!

BASE FEE	\$65.00
EXPERIENCE FEE	\$22.00
DAILY TOTAL	\$87.00
FROM AS LOW AS*	\$8.70

THU 9 JAN



CAMPFIRE CRAFTS
Get creative with campfire crafts, DIY lanterns, and more! Enjoy yummy s'mores for a true camping experience.

BASE FEE	\$65.00
DAILY TOTAL	\$65.00
FROM AS LOW AS*	\$6.50

FRI 10 JAN



BEACH DAY
MAKE & TAKE: JELLYFISH EXPERIMENT
Today, we're bringing the beach to you with volleyball and plenty of fun! Plus, we've teamed up with scientists for a light-up jellyfish experiment you'll get to take home.

BASE FEE	\$65.00
EXPERIENCE FEE	\$17.00
DAILY TOTAL	\$82.00
FROM AS LOW AS*	\$8.20

MON 13 JAN



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE
Let's explore the great outdoors! Join an exciting scavenger hunt, fly your own paper plate kits, and enjoy a day packed with outdoor fun.

BASE FEE	\$65.00
DAILY TOTAL	\$65.00
FROM AS LOW AS*	\$6.50

TUE 14 JAN



WATER PLAY DAY
MAKE & TAKE: PADDLE BOAT
PACK A CHANGE OF CLOTHES & A TOWEL.
Dive into water play at Holiday HQ with a splash-tastic event and a cool rising water experiment!

BASE FEE	\$65.00
EXPERIENCE FEE	\$15.00
DAILY TOTAL	\$80.00
FROM AS LOW AS*	\$8.00

WED 15 JAN



CAMP GAMES
SPECIAL EVENT: ARCHERY KIDS
It's all about camp games today! Test your skills with activities which may include archery, DIY Tic Tac Toe, and lots of other fun challenges.

BASE FEE	\$65.00
EXPERIENCE FEE	\$22.00
DAILY TOTAL	\$87.00
FROM AS LOW AS*	\$8.70

THU 16 JAN



INTO THE WILD
EXCURSION: WALKABOUT WILDLIFE SANCTUARY
WEAR A HAT, CLOSED SHOES, BRING WATER & LUNCH
Explore Australia's incredible wildlife up close! Meet kangaroos, koalas, wombats, and more.

BASE FEE	\$65.00
EXPERIENCE FEE	\$48.00
DAILY TOTAL	\$113.00
FROM AS LOW AS*	\$11.30

FRI 17 JAN



COLOUR WARS
Game on! Team up with friends for an epic colour war showdown. Compete in fun challenges and see who will come out on top.

BASE FEE	\$65.00
DAILY TOTAL	\$65.00
FROM AS LOW AS*	\$6.50

*Childcare subsidy (CCS) may apply. Please refer to Services Australia Childcare Subsidy for eligibility and entitlement. Please note that programs and surcharges may be subject to change. Visit our website for the most up-to-date information.



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MON 20 JAN



SPORTS SHOWDOWN
SPECIAL EVENT: AMAZING RACE
Put your sporty skills to the test! Join our Amazing Race special event, tackle exciting DIY slingshot challenges, and dive into a variety of other sports for an action-packed day of fun.

BASE FEE	\$65.00
EXPERIENCE FEE	\$22.00
DAILY TOTAL	\$87.00
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TUE 21 JAN



NATURE CREATIONS
Join us for a day of nature creations! Make your own seed pops and enjoy a fun sketch-and-snack activity, all in the great outdoors.

BASE FEE	\$65.00
DAILY TOTAL	\$65.00
FROM AS LOW AS*	\$6.50

WED 22 JAN



BACKYARD BONANZA
Get ready for a backyard bonanza! We'll be crafting nature imprint necklaces and building creative garden huts for a day full of outdoor fun.

BASE FEE	\$65.00
DAILY TOTAL	\$65.00
FROM AS LOW AS*	\$6.50

THU 23 JAN



WILDLIFE WONDERS
MAKE & TAKE: BEE CRAFT
Dive into the wonderful world of wildlife! Build your own buzzing bee craft, create delicious animal pancake art, and join in on a range of fun wildlife-themed activities

BASE FEE	\$65.00
EXPERIENCE FEE	\$15.00
DAILY TOTAL	\$80.00
FROM AS LOW AS*	\$8.00

FRI 24 JAN



SUMMER EXPLORERS
EXCURSION: SPORTS DAY AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE
WEAR COMFY CLOTHES
Enjoy an action-packed sports day full of fun games and challenges, plus a tasty sausage sizzle!

BASE FEE	\$65.00
EXPERIENCE FEE	\$48.00
DAILY TOTAL	\$113.00
FROM AS LOW AS*	\$11.30

**Public Holiday:
Service Closed**

TUE 28 JAN



TASTE OF SUMMER
Get ready for a tasty adventure! We'll whip up delicious caprese sandwiches and enjoy a fun picnic with summer games!

BASE FEE	\$65.00
DAILY TOTAL	\$65.00
FROM AS LOW AS*	\$6.50

WED 29 JAN



END OF SUMMER PARTY
MAKE & TAKE: KEEPSAKE BAG
Celebrate friendships and the memories made at Summer Camp! Enjoy party games, music, and decorate your very own Holiday HQ keepsake bag to take home.

BASE FEE	\$65.00
EXPERIENCE FEE	\$13.00
DAILY TOTAL	\$78.00
FROM AS LOW AS*	\$7.80

THU 30 JAN



SIZZLING SCIENCE
SPECIAL EVENT: SCIENCE WORKSHOP
Put on your lab coat and become a scientist for the day! Discover the secrets of sunscreen and get messy with cool, hands-on experiments!

BASE FEE	\$65.00
EXPERIENCE FEE	\$22.00
DAILY TOTAL	\$87.00
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NSW Department of Education

Applying for my child to attend an opportunity class or selective high school

Why selective education?

Grouping high potential and gifted students together and using special teaching methods supports their:

- academic development
- emotional wellbeing
- friendships and social life.

Students tell us that they enjoy learning more when their classmates have similar abilities and interests.

Is it right for my child?

Here are some signs that your child may benefit from selective education.



learns quickly and easily



goal-driven



asks complex questions



good memory



curious and creative



deeply explores passions

Keep in mind, some children's high potential may be hidden. Being in an opportunity class or selective high school could help.



How can I support my child through the application process?



Talk to your child about the **benefits** and **challenges** of selective education and address their questions and concerns.



Ask your **child's teacher** (or other staff who know them well) whether they think selective education will suit your child.



Apply for any required **reasonable adjustments** for disability or medical conditions.



Encourage your child to use the department's **free resources** to prepare for the test.



Remind your child they only need to do a **small amount of preparation** for the placement test, and **don't** need coaching.



Support your child to continue **co-curricular activities**, see friends, eat healthily and sleep well in the lead-up to the test.

The **Equity Placement Model** reserves up to **20% of places** in opportunity classes and selective high schools for high potential and gifted:

- students from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students
- students from rural and remote locations
- students with disability

Learn more: edu.nsw.link/equity

Resources in other languages:
edu.nsw.link/shsoc_languages



Financial support

edu.nsw.link/pubedu

The [Public Education Foundation scholarships](#) offer financial support to help young people at NSW public schools to access opportunities and reach their potential.

Please note there are no fees to apply and sit for the placement test, and there are no extra fees to enrol in a selective high school or opportunity class.

Get ready to apply

Learn more at our [website](#):



Telephone interpreter service

If you need interpreter assistance to speak with your child's class teacher please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you want to call and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc



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 just click and register.

Tap on and tap off every time

because it tells us how many people are using public transport. This allows us to better plan services for you.



It is a condition of the School Pass Terms and the Student Codes of Conduct when travelling that students in possession of the School Opal card must tap on and tap off every time when using public transport to travel to and from school. Per section 3.2 of the Opal Privacy Policy, Transport for NSW collects information from taps on and taps off to support coordination, planning and policy development for transport, transport services and transport infrastructure.



Tap on and tap off your
School Opal card every time

The School Opal card

The School Opal card gives eligible students free or discounted travel between home and school using metro, train, bus, ferry and light rail services you nominate in your application.

Who can apply?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

Years K-2 (Infants)

There is no minimum distance.

Years 3-6 (Primary)

More than 1.6km straight line distance or at least 2.3km walking.

Years 7-12 (Secondary)

More than 2.0km straight line distance or at least 2.9km walking.



If you live too close to be eligible for free travel, you may still qualify for a School Term Bus Pass, which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

Who needs to apply

A new application is only required if the student has not had a School Opal card before.

If the student already has a School Opal card and is changing schools, campuses or home address, you will need to update their Opal card for the new school year before mid-December at transportnsw.info/sssts-update

How to apply

Applications for next year open at the start of Term 4 this year.

Step 1

Once the new school has confirmed your child's enrolment, complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students

Step 2

The school endorses your application.

Step 3

Once Transport for NSW has approved the application, a School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.



A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over can apply for themselves.



Better together

The School Opal card is only for travel to and from school. So it's a good idea to get a Child/Youth Opal card for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays.

Child/Youth Opal card benefits

- Concession fares across the Opal network
- Half-price travel after eight paid journeys each week*
- \$1 transfer discount for every transfer between modes (metro/train, ferry, bus or light rail) as part of one journey within 60 minutes from the last tap off*
- Set auto top up and link it to your credit or debit card so there's always enough value on the card to travel.

Find out more at transportnsw.info/opal or pick one up from an Opal retailer. To find a retailer in your area visit transportnsw.info/opal-retailers



Secondary students aged 16 and over can travel with a Child/Youth Opal card when carrying a Transport Concession Entitlement Card. To apply contact your school or institution.

* Excluding Sydney Airport station access fee.

Privacy

For information on how we handle personal information please refer to the Opal Privacy Policy at transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/opal/opal-privacy-policy and the School Pass Terms transportnsw.info/school-pass-terms





SCHOOL HOLIDAY BASH

 Ages 5-10

 30/01/2025, Thursday

 9.00am - 3.00pm

 460 The Entrance Rd, Bateau Bay NSW (EDSACC SOUTH)

 \$49



 REGISTER HERE

Come and have a bash at cricket. Fast paced, no equipment required. Lots of skill development activities and modified game based play

For more information contact Emily.Watts@cricketnsw.com.au



SCHOOL HOLIDAY BASH



Ages 5-10



23/12/24 Monday



9.00am - 3.00pm



Erina Highschool, 152 The Entrance Rd, Erina NSW 2250



\$49



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Christmas Drop & Shop Dance Workshop AT Erina Fair

BRING A
FRIEND FOR
DOUBLE
THE FUN!

REDEEM YOUR
ACTIVE KIDS
VOUCHER

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!



DO YOU NEED TO DO SOME LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?

DOES YOUR DAUGHTER LOVE DANCING,
CRAFT, GAMES & CHRISTMAS?

Drop your daughter off to an engaging dance workshop hosted by The Coastal Physie Club while you finish your Christmas Shopping at Erina Fair.

At our Christmas Dance Workshop, your daughter will move and groove to fun, upbeat music with her friends. Dress up in your favourite Christmas outfit ready for a magical day of dancing, games and craft. We are located in Erina Fair Shopping Centre - the perfect location to buy those last minute items on your Christmas list.

All dancers will make their own Christmas ornament and receive a goodie bag to take home.

MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER

THE ERINA CENTRE, ERINA FAIR

Age: Primary School

Full Day [9am - 2pm] \$50

Half Day [9am - 12pm] \$30

Scan the QR Code
to secure your
daughter's place



DANCING | GAMES | TEAMWORK | CRAFT | FRIENDSHIP | CHRISTMAS

