

Term 1, Week 3
Monday 10th February 2025

Narara Public School

Monday Mumbles



Dates to Remember

17 Feb
K-2 & Support Classes
Information Evening

19 Feb
Years 3-6
Information Evening

20 Feb
Text book Sale Day

21 Feb 1:45pm
Year 6 Student Leaders
Investiture Assembly

24 Feb
Swimming Carnival

25 Feb
School Photos

Principal's Report



Welcome students and families to the 2025 school year! I hope all families had an enjoyable break. All staff are looking forward to 2025 and working cooperatively with students, parents and the wider community to further improve this great school with a focus on increasing the educational outcomes of all students. We offer a warm welcome to new families commencing at NPS this year!

Friday 31 January to Wednesday 5 February were School Development Days. During these days staff completed mandatory compliance training including CPR and Anaphylaxis, engaged in professional learning linked to the new curriculum, Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL) and collegially worked together to ensure a smooth start to the school year.

All students including Kindergarten started school on Thursday 6 February. The school was a hive of excitement with students reconnecting with friends and staff. I am very proud of how all students have made such a positive start to 2025! Thank you to teachers, executive and administration and support staff who have done an amazing job assisting all students with their commencement of the new school year.

For their first full week of school (Week 3) Kinder students will be walked down to the main gate on Newling Street at 2:00pm for an early departure from school, however, Kinder students also have the option of staying until the end of school if they are going home with siblings, going to after school care, travelling on the school bus or parents / carers are unable to pick them up at 2:00pm. If you have any questions or concerns around this process, please contact one of the Kinder teachers.

Notes You Should Have

Stage 3
Camp 2025

Swimming Carnival

Narara Public School
90 Newling Street
Lisarow NSW 2250

Phone: 02 4328 3024

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narara-p.school@
det.nsw.edu.au

Staffing Update
Uniform Shop
8:15am – 8:45am
Tue & Fri



Staffing Update

Below is an outline of our 2025 staff. In Week 4 (next week) we will be holding face to face parent / teacher information sessions, so you will get an opportunity to meet your child's / children's classroom teacher/s and discuss the routines of the classroom. Session times and dates will be sent to families via Class Dojo shortly.

Mr Weiss and Mrs Doherty will again be accessing their long service leave for 2025. Mr Ramm will lead Stage 3 in Mr Weiss' Assistant Principal position. Mrs Kirk will again be taking leave for the year as she continues to embark on a sea change with her family.

We welcome back Mrs Thomas and Miss Cairns as they both return from maternity leave. They will both be working part time in various capacities as outlined below. Michelle Irvine will also continue on maternity leave, returning in Semester 2. During this time Michael will replace Michelle. We wish Mrs McPhan all the best as she will be commencing maternity leave at the end of this week. This is a very exciting time for the McPhan clan, and we wish them all the best as they enter the next chapter of their lives. Mrs Cotterill will relieve in Mrs McPhan's Assistant Principal position for 2025.

This year the school has grown from 14 mainstream classes to 15. A demountable classroom was meant to be delivered in the holiday period, however due to wet weather the cranes were unable to access the oval. This classroom will be delivered in the coming weeks. Until it arrives 1/2G will be working in the Library. We thank Mrs McMahon (Librarian) for her understanding and patience with this decision.

A full list of staff for 2025 is as follows:

KC	Miss Coleman (Mon / Tues / Wed) Mrs Beatty (Thurs / Fri)
KN	Mrs Norman
K/1A	Mrs Gibbons (Mon / Tues / alt Wed) Mrs Ashton (alt Wed / Thurs / Fri)
1M	Mrs Mowcsko
1J	Mrs McKinnon (Mon / Tues / Wed / Thurs) Miss Chiliberti (Fri)
1/2G	Miss Gilbert
2W	Mrs Wells (Mon / Tues / Wed / Thurs) Mr Kennedy (Fri)
2B	Mrs Bond
3/4L	Mrs Brogan (Mon / Tues / Wed / Fri) Mrs Chiliberti (Thurs)
3/4B	Mr Briggs
3/4A	Mrs Austin (Mon / Tues / Wed / Thurs) Mrs Thomas (Fri)
4/5N	Mrs New
5/6R	Mr Ramm (Mon / Wed / Thurs / Fri) Mr Kennedy (Tues)
5/6W	Miss Wrench
5/6P	Miss Pass
K6O	Mrs Osborn (Mon / Tues / Wed) Mrs Cotterill (Thurs / Fri)
K6V	Mrs Windress
EI	Miss Cairns (Mon / Tues / Wed) Mrs Darocha (Thurs / Fri)

Other staff include:

Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction: Mrs Hills

Librarian: Mrs McMahon

Technology: Mrs Beatty, Mr Kennedy & Miss Chiliberti

School Administration Manager: Mrs Barnes

School Administration Officers: Mrs Trigg & Mrs Warbrick

Learning Support: Mrs Cotterill & Mrs May

School Learning Support Officers (Teacher Aides): Kristee Carmody, Darlene Lumby, Jenny Davies, Nicole Quinton, Natalie Jenkins, Leigh Goodier, Cameron Maher, Michael Kennedy

School Counsellor: Mrs Neve (Tues / Thurs)

General Assistants: Theo Kristidis

Canteen Manager: Nicola Ford

Class Compositions

At NPS we believe that every child will be taught at their point of need. The word 'composite' is old terminology as all classes are stage classes, which is what the syllabus guides. Teachers at NPS are well-versed and experienced in conducting programs in stage-based classes. Our teachers work in teams and by doing so the opportunities provided to students is enhanced. Our teachers ensure that today's students can develop the knowledge, understanding, attitudes, creativity and collaborative skills necessary to be life-long learners.

Each year there is some discussion around stage base classes or job share classes. It is important to note that numbers do play a large role in class formations, with schools working to comply with department guidelines for class sizes and staff allocations. But with an individualised approach to learning, Narara teachers see that these challenges can become opportunities.

We need to stop thinking of our students as being in a 'composite / stage base' class and that this is a bad thing. Our students, your children, are individuals in a class, being nurtured and inspired by caring, professional and dedicated teachers.

What the Research says: Research, which has been predominantly conducted in primary schools, suggests there is no discernible difference between composite / stage base and straight grade classrooms in terms of academic performance. However, benefits relating to student independence, responsibility and study habits have been highlighted. For example, younger children within a composite grade generally aspire to emulate older children in their work, and older children enjoy leadership and mentoring opportunities that lift their self-esteem. Some say these classrooms are more flexible; allow children to work at their own pace; offer a wider range of friendship opportunities; and encourage more cooperation and tolerance. Proponents of stage base classrooms adhere to the theory that children should be taught "by stages, not ages", pointing out that in life, age stratification does not exist.

This year we have several part time and job share positions. There are various reasons why this occurs including being linked to leave options, employment requirements and/or employee choice. As the Federal Government provides this entitlement to all workers nationwide, it is a regular occurrence. This results in many classes in schools across Australia being taught by two teachers on different days of the week. While some parents may not see this as desirable, it is a staffing arrangement that staff members are entitled to. Our teachers are committed and hard-working and when those who do job share, team up with a colleague, we ensure that regular and frequent communication takes place between them. Teachers are paired together to complement each other's skillset which should ultimately have a positive impact on students.

Parent Questions / Concerns

If you have any concerns regarding your child's educational, emotional or social wellbeing please contact our school to organise a meeting with your child's classroom teacher.

Most questions / concerns should be resolved by the classroom teacher at a mutually agreeable time. The teacher will make a record of your concerns and report your meeting and any outcomes to the Stage Assistant Principal and the school Principal (where required).

If you feel your concerns are not resolved by the classroom teacher, please organise a meeting with the Stage Assistant Principal to help you and the teacher resolve any concerns. Our Assistant Principals for 2025 are:

- Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) and Stage 1 (Year 1 & Year 2): Miss Coleman
- Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4): Mrs Brogan
- Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6): Mr Ramm
- Support Education: Mrs Cotterill
- Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction: Mrs Hills

Lastly, if you can't resolve your concerns after speaking to your child's teacher or Stage Assistant Principal, please contact myself.

P&C

Joining our P&C is a great way to meet and get to know other school families. New members are always welcome to come along and join. The first meeting for 2025 is scheduled for Tuesday 11 February.



Airconditioning

It has been a long time in the making, but airconditioning has finally been installed in the 1st story classrooms and Library. This work was extensive and included upgrading the electrical switch boards. We are just waiting for Energy Australia to finalise the process, and these units will be up and running.

Newsletter / Social Media Platforms

The newsletter will be distributed to families each fortnight on the odd weeks of each term. The newsletter connects us with our community and allows us to pass on important information. Similarly, our Facebook Page and ClassDojo are also very important information platforms. We encourage all parents / carers to be connected on these platforms. Teachers will be connecting with families on ClassDojo in the near future if they have not already.

Gates Closed

To ensure the safety of all students, particularly our new Kinders, the main gate (Newling Street) will be closed but not locked during school time. All other gates will be locked after students go into class and will reopen prior to the end of school.

Road Safety

This year I will again be implementing a Riding Safely to School Declaration. All students riding to school are required to sign the declaration annually. The Riding Safely to School Declaration can be picked up from the front office. Thank you for your support with this initiative. The intention behind the declaration is to keep students safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me via the school.

School Leaders & Sport Captains

At Presentation Day we announced our 2025 School Leaders in their respective positions. Congratulations to the following:

Captains

- Emilia H
- Ryu P

Prefects (alphabetical order by surname)

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



At the end of last year students also voted for our House Captains. Congratulations to our 2025 Sport Captains

Dobell

- Janieyah T
- Blair C

Gavenlock

- Jasmine W
- Kai V

Hely

- Olivia S
- Ethan B

Kendall

- William W
- Savannah T



Grant McFarland
Principal

The Snack Shack

Open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday for lunch orders (online only). Afternoon tea (online and counter sales with cash).

Have you got a spare day or two per term to help in the school canteen? The day starts at 8.30am till 11.15am (preparing lunch orders, cleaning, handing out lunches etc). Then from 12:50pm -1.40pm serving afternoon tea. Parents, Carers, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles all welcomed. A current WWCC (Volunteers) is required. A fun relaxed way to help at your child's school for more information please contact Nicola on 0418238775 or via the School Office.

Thank you to all our Amazing Families who have put their hand up to help in 2025.

Canteen information -please join our Canteen Facebook group -The Snack Shack

Welcome to 2025 at NPS.

Thank you

Nicola (Canteen Manager)



Band Enrolments for 2025

Any students wishing to enrol for the band program for this year (including returning students) will need to complete our online enrolment form here:

- o <https://centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/2024-school-program-enrolment/>

For any new students/parents who would like more information on the band program but may have missed the online parent info session, here is a link to the recording of that session which can be passed on to anyone interested:

- o <https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/5AvYMJiv7CPHJStSKbczs9JU4N-o8Ghb-6JEJ1th14KKhV9KmjkvWJk9MwLp2d4.nxMLtf0KD0M4nigo>
Passcode: #9bg.#Uw



Schools Program

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 including Central Coast Band Festival.

Bendigo Bank
Proudly Supported by Bendigo Bank Community Bank
Branches, East Gosford, Lisarow and Kincumber

Join more than 600 young musicians from 20+ 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 4324 7477 or visit our website.



Want to know more?
Join our online parent information session:
Wednesday 27 Nov, 7pm

SCAN ME

Scan QR Code for Zoom link and to enrol

For more information phone 4324 7477 or visit our website:
www.centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/schools-program

Year 6 Shirts

Dear Year 6 Parents,

The following information is the instructions for ordering Year 6 shirts. Year 6 may wear their shirt on any day of the school week. There will be sample sizes at school for any student who needs to check their size before ordering. We recommend that you order at least 2 shirts. There will not be an opportunity to complete a second order later in the year.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Ramm.

The Workwear Direct portal closing date will be at 5pm on Friday 28th February 2025.

Please follow the below instructions Workwear Direct have provided;

Instructions for parents:

1. Registration: Please go to Register | Workwear Direct Australia and insert in your contact details and take note of the password you create. In the Company field, please type in Narara Public School.
2. A verification email will be sent to the email address you included, please click the link in the email to approve the verification email.
3. Ordering: Please return to the website using this link to place your order Narara PS | Workwear Direct Australia, proceed to checkout and log in using the email and password created in the registration.
4. Checkout: In the checkout process:

In shipping, please select the 'Collection' free option. SCHOOL WILL PICK UP FROM WWD WOY WOY

Enter payment information ○ Check your order summary details (i.e. sizing)

**At the bottom in checkout attributes: you must include 'your Reference' please insert your child's full name

Finally select the proceed to checkout button after which you will receive a purchase confirmation email to the email used in the registration.



2025 Updated Learning Support Student Information

Dear Parents,

To continue providing our students at Narara Public School with the most appropriate support and adjustments for success, we are asking parents to provide updated information on students where necessary. While it is optional to fill out this form, it does help us to ensure we have the most recent information on students.

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

1. Does your child have a diagnosis provided by a specialist? (PAEDIATRICIAN /PSYCHOLOGIST)

YES/NO Diagnosis: _____

Please provide reports from specialists regarding diagnosis.

2. Does your child regularly see a paediatrician for any reason? YES/NO

Name of Paediatrician: _____

3. Does your child access any other specialist services?

Speech	YES/NO	_____
OT	YES/NO	_____
Psychologist	YES/NO	_____
Other	YES/NO	_____

Please place the names of the therapy providers on the lines above

If your child has recently received reports by any of the above professional services, please send a copy to the Learning Support Team.

Please return this sheet to the Learning and Support Team by Friday 14th February.

4. I give permission for this information to be shared with school staff YES/NO

Parent/Carer Signature _____ Date _____

Kind regards
Mrs Cotterill



Narara Public School Student Book Packs 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

- Book Packs can be purchased by placing your order through the LJ Harper website:
www.ljharper.com.au
- All book packs will be **DELIVERED to Narara Public School** to ensure your child receives their book pack please place your order prior to **Sunday 19th February 2025, by 11:59pm.**

Year	Book pack inclusions	Price
K	Writing Time Student Book Foundation	\$15.95
1	Writing Time Student Book Year One	\$15.95
2	Writing Time Student Book Year Two	\$15.95
3	Writing Time Student Book Year Three, Sound Waves Literacy Student Book Year Three	\$33.90
4	Writing Time Student Book Year Four, Sound Waves Literacy Student Book Year Four	\$33.90
5	Sound Waves Literacy Student Book Year Five	\$17.95
6	Sound Waves Literacy Student Book Year Six	\$17.95

Online ordering instructions:


1. Go to www.ljharper.com.au
2. Click on the yellow **STUDENT PACKS** button located at the top of the homepage
3. Click on "Enter your school code" then enter code: **LJNARARA** and click "SEARCH" (enter letters together in the search bar)
4. Select the **Year Group Pack** and/or items you would like to purchase and click "PURCHASE"
5. Enter the First Name and Last name of the Child you are purchasing for and click "ADD TO CART"
 - If you are purchasing for a second Child in the same year group click on the grey box to "Add second child for this year level and enter their First and Last name.
 - If you are purchasing for a second Child in a different year group click on "Back to all Year Groups" and click on the year group/ product and enter their First Name and Last Name then click "ADD TO CART"
 - If you are purchasing an item in addition to a book pack click on "Back to all Year Groups" and click on the item you need to purchase and enter the First and Last name of the child this product is for then click "ADD TO CART"
6. Once all items have been added to your cart click "VIEW CART" or by clicking on the cart in the top left hand corner, check your shopping cart to ensure you have selected the items you require and click "PROCEED TO CHECKOUT".
7. Fill out your billing details -Please Note: **All primary orders will be delivered to your child's school**, please fill in your details for billing purposes and click "PLACE ORDER" - a 1.65% card processing fee will be applied to the payment at the checkout stage of the order.
8. Once you have selected "PLACE ORDER", you will be directed to pay for your order.
9. Fill in your card details then click "CONFIRM AND PAY" (Please note: **This website does not accept AMERICAN EXPRESS for payment**)
10. Your order has now been completed and you will receive a confirmation email. **Your child's book pack will be delivered to their school on the date pre-arranged with the School.**



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ljh@ljharper.com.au

Applications are now open for 2026 entry into selective high schools and opportunity classes (OC). Apply for your child today!


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



WYOMING NARARA NETBALL CLUB – 2025 REGISTRATIONS

Wyoming Narara Netball Club are looking for players to join our small, friendly club this year. We have quite a few students and parents already playing with us, so come and join your friends for some fun and competition with your local club.

All ages welcome, boys (7 to 12 years old) and girls turning 7 this year all the way to seniors.

Registration is now open, go to www.playhq.com.au and register. For more information, please email wncsec@gmail.com



Scan me
for fast registration



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.