

Term 1, Week 7
Monday 10th March 2025

Narara Public School

Monday Mumbles



Dates to Remember

12 – 24 Mar
Naplan

14 – 21 March
Life Education

24 Mar -11 Apr
Dental Van

Notes You Should Have

Stage 3
Camp 2025

Life Education

Principal's Report

International Women's Day

International Women's Day is celebrated on 8 March annually and is a global day recognising the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women worldwide. This year's UN Women Australia theme, **March Forward: For All women and girls**, calls for action that turns promises of gender equity into progress. When we inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion, we forge a better world.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the women who contribute to the life and positive culture at NPS and acknowledge their wonderful work in educating and nurturing the future leaders of tomorrow... your child/ren!



NAPLAN

Beginning on Wednesday 12 March, students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) this week and next. We wish all our Year 3 and Year 5 students the best of luck!

This year, the NAPLAN Assessment will again be held online, excluding the Year 3 Writing Assessment. Students will need a pair of plug-in headphones and a plug-in mouse for the NAPLAN Assessment.

Information harvested from these assessments are used by the school to drive future directions in teaching. I would like to remind everyone; these are a point in time snapshot of student progress and should not cause any distress to students. Testing is a usual part of our teaching and learning programs.

The public demonstration site (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/publicdemonstration-site>) is available for you to see the format of the online tests. Further information about NAPLAN is available on the NESA website (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/naplan>) and the NAP website (<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers>).

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.

A brief timetable for these assessments is below:

Narara Public School
90 Newling Street
Lisarow NSW 2250

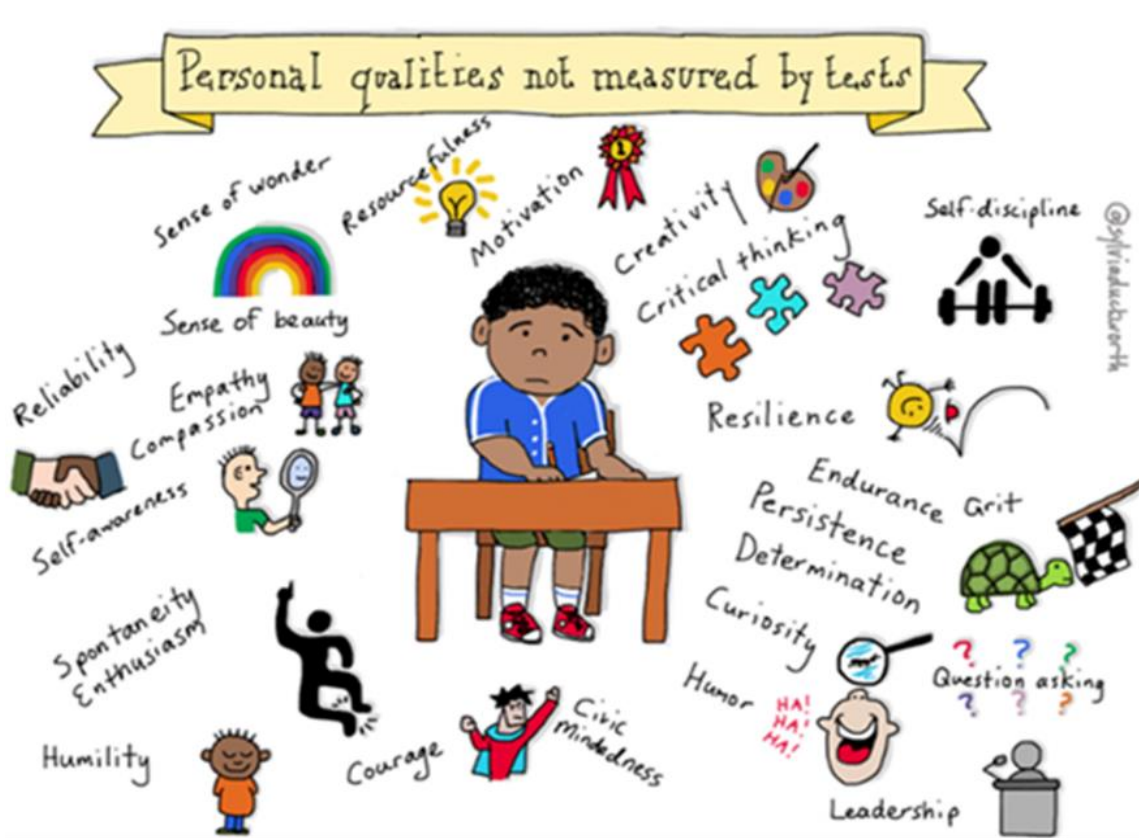
Phone: 02 4328 3024
Email:
narara-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Uniform Shop
8:15am – 8:45am
Tuesday & Friday



Week 7 (NAPLAN Week 1)	Wednesday 12 March	Year 3 Writing Assessment Year 5 Writing Assessment
	Thursday 13 March	Year 3 Reading Assessment Year 3 Language Conventions Assessment Year 5 Writing (Catch-Up)
	Friday 14 March	Year 3 Numeracy Assessment Year 3 Writing (Catch-Up)

Week 8 (NAPLAN Week 2)	Monday 17 March	Year 5 Reading Assessment Year 5 Language Conventions Assessment
	Wednesday 19 March	Year 5 Numeracy Assessment
	Thursday 20 March	Catch-Up Assessments (all tests)



Leaving School Procedure

Last week we trialled our Primary students (Yrs 3-6) leaving the school first with their siblings via Newling Street with staff supervising from the top of the hill. This process used to occur prior to COVID restrictions. From staff observations this has reduced the amount of foot traffic heading down the hill at the same time which has significantly reduced congestion at the steps of the front entrance to the school.

This week we will trial this approach at Douglass Close and Pierce Street exits. Please note bus groups and K-2 walkers (without older siblings) at all gates will still exit the school under direct supervision of staff.

Attendance

We want to do all we can to be sure your child achieves their potential and enjoys being in school. We know that school is the best place to learn. By attending school every day your child will get the most out of their learning.

When your child is absent it is important you let the school know, including the reason why, preferably on the day of absence. This helps make sure we know where our students are and offer support for you and your family if needed. It is a legal requirement to explain the reason for their absence within 7 days of the absence.

If you are having trouble getting your child to school or on time, please talk to our school staff so we can work together, because every day counts. Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up and can negatively impact your child's learning and wellbeing. When your child misses one day a week that's 40 days of school and 8 weeks of learning in one year. Over an entire school journey this adds up to 2.5 years of lost learning.

NSW Department of Education



Every Day Matters

Days missed = years lost

If your child misses as little as



1 day per week

they will miss



8 weeks of school per year

which adds up to over

2.5

years missed over their school life

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Strengthen friendships



Build skills through fun



Scan the QR code to learn more

School Photo Day - Tuesday 25 February 2025

On Tuesday 25 February we had our school photo day. The day ran very smoothly, and the photographers commented on how well behaved our students were on more than one occasion. For parents wishing to still pay for photos please visit www.msp.com.au. Alternatively, you can call their office on (02) 4966 8292 and pay via credit card. Thank you to Miss Wrench for organising our School Photo Day.

Easter Hat Parade and Crazy Hair Day (Save the Date)

The K-2 Easter Hat Parade will be on Wednesday 9 April. We are looking forward to seeing our community support this event. Younger siblings are also welcome to attend and can wear an Easter hat to the parade if they wish. On this day students in Years 3-6 have the option to come to school with crazy hair. Students in Years 3-6 will come down at the end of the parade for the Easter Raffle. Thank you in advance to our community for supporting the Easter Raffle. Further information is provided in the flyer below.



P&C AGM

At NPS, P&C meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The next P&C meeting for 2025 is scheduled for Tuesday 11 March (tomorrow night) at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held in the Staffroom located in our Administration building. This will be the Annual General Meeting (AGM) where the P&C will vote for key positions such as President, Treasurer, Secretary etc.

The P&C are a valued part of our school and do a wonderful job running the uniform shop and raising funds for specific school needs. Joining our P&C is a great way to meet and get to know other school families. New members are always welcome!



PSSA Basketball

Congratulations to Evelyn, Jackson, Ryu and Thomas who participated at the PSSA Basketball Trial on Thursday 27 February. All were excellent representatives of NPS. We wish Ryu all the best as he goes on to compete at the Sydney North Trial on 11 March. Good luck and well done to all!



Quality Workers

Name	Class	Work Sample
All students	3/4L	Foyer Display
Sianna C Matthew O Layla V	3/4L	Learning Intensions / Success Criteria
All students	KC	Exclamation Marks
Elias K	3/4A	Writing
Beau B Eddy C Eliana G Charlotte S Levi W Jessie M	KN	Super Sentence
Dominic R Oliver M Jackson C	2B	Oliver's Holiday Recount
Ellie Iva-Lynne Tilly Charlotte	KN	Flowers

Grant McFarland
Principal





NPS SWIMMING

CARNIVAL 2025

On Monday, February 24th, we hosted a competitors-only swimming carnival that showcased the incredible talents of our students.

Determination, resilience, and sportsmanship were on full display as our swimmers took to the water. Their exceptional behaviour and enthusiastic participation truly made the day memorable.

We had an impressive 16 records broken during the event! This remarkable achievement is a testament to our student's hard work and dedication. Additionally, we are excited to share that 27 of our talented swimmers have qualified to move on to the BWPSSA zone carnival, this Friday (7th March, 2025). We wish them the best of luck as they continue to represent our school with pride!

I thought it was also important to note to everyone, that reaching the Zone Carnival or winning a ribbon isn't the only measure of success. Sometimes, success is about setting a personal goal, doing your best, and simply participating. Each of you who gave it your all - whether you broke a record, reached a personal best, or just swam your hardest - should be incredibly proud. Your effort and determination are what truly matter, and I would like to celebrate and congratulate all students for giving it a go!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our dedicated teachers, SLSOs, and all the parents who came out to support and cheer for our competitors. Your encouragement played a significant role in creating an uplifting atmosphere, and we greatly appreciate your involvement. Congratulations to all our swimmers for their outstanding performances and sportsmanship.

Mrs Lucy Thomas
NPS Swimming Carnival Coordinator

The ribbons assembly will be held on Friday 14th March, at 1:45pm in the Hall.

Results are on the following page of students who will be receiving ribbons.



2025 RESULTS AND RIBBONS

100m	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Open Boys 100m	Archer L	Thomas M	Ethan B
Open Girls 100m	Maddison C	Vienna E	Alexis S

Freestyle			
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
8yrs Boys	Harry M	Kye S	Max A
8yrs Girls	Anise T	Lucy W	
9yrs Boys	Tyler B	Lucas K	Jaxen C
9yrs Girls	Eva C	Gemma S	Penelope A
10yrs Boys	Thomas M	Aiden C	Brax C
10yrs Girls	Lucy S	Hannah A	Lily S
11yrs Boys	Archer L	Ethan B	Charlie M
11yrs Girls	Maddison C	Taleah J	Ariah A
12yrs Boys	Kai V	Richard D	William W
12yrs Girls	Olivia S	Ruby H	Ivy W

Breaststroke			
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Jnr Boys Breast	Austin A	Thomas M	
Jnr Girls Breast	Gemma S	Penelope A	Olivia B
11 Yr Boys Breast	Archer L	Charlie M	Charlie T
11 Yr Girls Breast	Maddison C	Teleah J	Jasmine M
12 Yr Boys Breast	Kai V	Richard D	William W
12 Yr Girls Breast	Olivia S	Ivy W	Taylah B

Backstroke			
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Jnr Boys Back	Thomas M	Austin A	Harry M
Jnr Girls Back	Lucy S	Anise T	Gemma S
11 Yr Boys Back	Archer L	Charlie M	Logan O-P
11 Yr Girls Back	Maddison C	Alexis S	Ariah A
12 Yr Boys Back	Richard D	Kai V	William W
12 Yr Girls Back	Olivia S	Blair C & Vienna E	

Butterfly			
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
11 Yr Boys B/fly	Archer L		
11 Yr Girls B/fly	Maddison C		

Medley			
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Snr Girls Medley	Madison C	Imesen J	Emilia H



Harmony Day

Our diversity makes Australia a great place to live. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. Here at Narara Public School, we are very lucky to have a community rich with diverse cultural backgrounds.

We come together to celebrate Harmony Day on Friday 21st March (Week 8). Students are asked to wear an orange accessory (socks, scrunchie). During the day, all classes will be discussing the importance of diversity and completing activities related to Harmony Day.

HARMONY DAY

Everyone Belongs

FRIDAY 21 MARCH (WEEK 8)

STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO WEAR AN ORANGE ACCESSORY. CLASSES WILL COMPLETE ACTIVITIES DURING THE DAY.





NSW Health Mobile Dental Program



NSW Health Primary School Dental Program

NSW Health is working with the Department of Education and public primary schools to offer free dental check-ups and preventive care, to all students as part of a school-based mobile dental program. Our school has been selected to participate the program.

Many parents may not realise two important things about their children's teeth:

1. Good oral health is essential for children to successfully learn and participate at school, and
2. NSW Health offers free public dental health services to all children under 18 years of age.

Learning and behaviour difficulties at school can start with tooth and gum problems. That's because decay and gum disease can cause pain and difficulties in eating, sleeping, talking, concentrating, and learning, which can in turn affect a child's behaviour in class. A child with tooth decay may feel self-conscious about the way their teeth look and feel, making it harder for them to join in class and social activities.

Our school is participating in the program and offering students the opportunity to have free dental check-ups in a comfortable and familiar environment at school. With a parent/carers consent, students are able to have a free dental check-up and free preventive care.

The program is scheduled to visit our school from 24/03/2025 to 11/04/2025.

A Parent Information and Consent Pack has been sent home with each student, and includes information sheets, consent forms and the program privacy statement. Parents/carers who want their child to receive care are advised to:

1. Read all the information provided in the pack
2. Carefully complete all the fields of the consent forms
3. Return the consent forms to the school as soon as possible

More information about the program or how to access public dental clinics is available on the NSW Health website at: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth/primaryschool dental> or <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth/Pages/default.aspx>

If you have any questions, please contact CCLHD Primary School Mobile Dental Program – Wyong Hospital on 4394 4842 or email CCLHD-MDC@health.nsw.gov.au



Summary of Office Bearer Positions (Roles and Responsibilities)

<p>The President is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The successful functioning of the P&C Association meetings. • The attainment of the P&C Association's objectives. • Ensuring that the P&C Association takes part in decision-making processes in the school. • Ensuring fair participation of all members and that all new members are made to feel welcome. • Supporting volunteers. • Consistent adherence to the Constitution. • Acting as the P&C Association's spokesperson when public statements or actions are needed. • Setting up lines of communication with the principal. • Being signatory on the Association's bank accounts. • Chairing meetings. • Giving the P&C speech at Presentation Day. • Reviewing Minutes of Meeting prior to distribution to members. • Monitoring and keeping Facebook Group up to date with help of other office bearers. • Monitoring the email account: nararapublicschool-pres@pandcaffiliate.org.au 	<p>The Senior Vice President is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the President and other office bearers. • Convening termly Uniform Shop meetings with the Uniform Treasurer and Uniform Coordinator. • Providing Uniform Shop Report to the P&C Association at monthly general meetings and termly financial report supplied by Uniform Treasurer. • Being signatory on the Association's bank accounts. • Coordinating with the Principal to undertake a uniform survey every 3 years. • Maintaining the Square sales platform (in shop point of sale and online) and ensuring these platforms are kept up to date. • Working with the Uniform Coordinator to maintain and update documents - price list, order form, uniform policy, process documents, etc and keeping a copy of these documents updated on the P&C Share drive. • Forwarding monthly <u>Square</u> sales report and weekly cash drawer report to Uniform Treasurer. • Chairing meetings and carrying out other Presidential roles when the President or Junior Vice President is unable. • Monitoring the email account: nararapublicschool-vp1@pandcaffiliate.org.au
<p>The Treasurer is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complying with financial accountability requirements. • Receiving and depositing funds. • Drawing cheques and making electronic payments. • Ensuring that all funds held and handled by P&C are properly and openly accounted for as the Treasurer is responsible for all funds held in the name of the P&C Association. • Being signatory on the Association's bank accounts. • Maintaining the financial records of the P&C and arranging for the annual audit. • Budgeting, planning and cashflow. • Preparing and presenting financial report at each P&C meeting. • Monitoring and keeping Facebook Group up to date with help of other office bearers. • Reporting and keeping records up to date with the ACNC and ABN. • Issuing P&C membership receipts. • Monitoring the email account: nararapublicschool-treas@pandcaffiliate.org.au 	<p>The Secretary is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receiving and tabling all P&C correspondence. • Preparing meeting Agendas in consultation with President. • Attending P&C Association meetings to take notes <u>in order to</u> produce a set of Minutes for subsequent distribution to members. • Preparing general correspondence and newsletter advertisements on behalf of the P&C. • Maintaining official records of minutes, attendance and list of financial (voting) members. • Being signatory on the Association's bank accounts. • Keeping P&C Federation records up to date. • Monitoring and keeping Facebook Group up to date with help of other office bearers. • Looking after Constitution, By-Laws, Agreements and Sub-committee policy documents. • Monitoring the email account: nararapublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au
<p>The Junior Vice President is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the President and other office bearers. • Attending Fundraising committee meetings and being the Fundraising convener. • Chairing meetings and carrying out other Presidential roles when the President is unable. • Being signatory on the Association's bank accounts. • Monitoring and keeping Facebook Group up to date with help of other office bearers. • Monitoring the email account: nararapublicschool-vp2@pandcaffiliate.org.au 	<p style="text-align: center;">All office bearers are bound by the Narara Public School P & C Association Constitution, Code of Conduct, By-Laws, and any other policies that are in place during their time as a member.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All office bearers are expected to treat students, school staff and all members of the community equitably with dignity and respect.</p>

Summary of Sub-Committee Positions (Roles and Responsibilities)

<p>The Uniform Shop Coordinator is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending termly Uniform Shop meetings with the Uniform Treasurer and Senior Vice President. • Taking and processing uniform shop orders received online and in person via shop. • Coordinating volunteers to ensure that the uniform shop opens and operates two mornings per week (Tues and Fri, 8.15 - 8.45am) and with extended shop hours as necessary for special events such as Kindy Headstart and the start of school year. • Managing shop volunteers to ensure the shop is clean, tidy, presentable and functions smoothly. • Managing stock levels to meet demand whilst maintaining it within the insurance premium, ordering stock and managing supplier relationships. • Undertaking <u>stocktake</u> end of term to meet insurance and auditing compliances. • Performing or supervising weekly cash management and reconciliation. • Working with the SVP to maintain and update documents - price list, order form, uniform policy, process documents, etc. • Monitoring the <u>gmail</u> account nararaps.uniforms@gmail.com • Communicating uniform policies and seasonal items in a timely manner to the school community in conjunction with the school principal. • Working closely and communicating with Uniform Shop Treasurer to ensure supplier payments, records and shop management is conducted smoothly, in compliance and on time. • Communicating clearly and openly with school principal, P&C committee, and P&C members any uniform shop / item related content that needs to be managed and addressed for the wider community. • Attending P&C meetings. 	<p>The Uniform Shop Treasurer is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending termly Uniform Shop meetings with the Uniform coordinator and Senior Vice President. • Maintaining the financial records of the Uniform Shop, including monthly reconciliation of the Uniform Westpac account on Xero and the preparation of a termly financial report in time for the first P&C meeting the following term. • Signing off on stocktake at the end of each term and providing a stocktake report to the Treasurer. • Monitoring the Gmail account nararaps.uniforms@gmail.com for all finance related queries. • Storing all copies of financial documents in the P&C Xero account. • Maintaining insurance levels in accordance with stock on hand (at school premises). • Supervision of weekly cash reconciliation and maintaining cash drawer records. • Payment of all Uniform Shop supplier invoices in a timely manner. • Maintaining the Supplier Payment Register which records all uniform shop supplier payments. • Providing the Treasurer with Uniform Shop records for preparation of yearly audit. • Supporting the Uniform Shop Coordinator with assessment of any supplier price changes and setting new shop prices each January. • Supporting the Uniform Shop Coordinator with any uniform reviews required by the Principal or Dept of Education. • Acting as a secondary/back up approver for bank payments loaded by the Treasurer.
<p>The Fundraising Coordinator is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forming a Fundraising Committee of at least 5 members. • Holding a Fundraising Committee meeting at least once per term. • Providing the community with seven (7) days' notice of any fundraising meeting via the school newsletter. • Identifying and organising events for fundraising in collaboration with the school. • Approaching potential sponsors for the purpose of fundraising. • Recording fundraising money in a spreadsheet by event. • Monitoring the <u>gmail</u> account NPSFundraising@gmail.com, unless the Convener has chosen to do this. • Providing the Treasurer with fundraising records for preparation of audit. • Providing an update of fundraising activities at each meeting of the P&C. • Providing all receipts and invoices to the P&C Treasurer for reimbursement or payment. • Overseeing and ensuring the smooth running of all fundraising events. • Preparing a monthly report for and attending P & C meetings. • Keeping the Junior Vice President (Fundraising Convener) up to date with fundraising matters; and • Following the advice and guidelines of the Junior Vice President (Fundraising Convener). 	<p style="text-align: center;">All committee members are bound by the Narara Public School P & C Association Constitution, Code of Conduct, By-Laws, and any other policies that are in place during their time as a member.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All committee members are expected to treat students, school staff and all members of the community equitably with dignity and respect.</p>

Stewart House

We are sending home Stewart House envelopes today.

If you can spare \$2 to donate to this Years Charity Drive, it would be very much appreciated.

Your contribution supports the 1,600 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and ACT.

STEWART HOUSE CHARITY DRIVE



Stewart House provides essential medical care, confidence-building activities, and a supportive environment where public school children in need can reset, thrive, and embrace a brighter future.

Envelopes must be returned to enter the draw!

Draw: Friday, 23 May 2025

Important:

Online payments ARE NOT an automatic entry into the draw.

Please return your envelope(s) to your school with a receipt number (if paying online) for entry in the draw.





Kids Aged 5 yrs+ Welcome

SATURDAY 22ND MARCH

1ST NARARA SCOUTS OPEN DAY

Open Day and Sausage Sizzle

The day will kick off at 10am, Bridge Building, Craft, Damper Cooking and Tours of our Narara Hall along with all the information on Scouting!

For more enquiries, please email dani.smith@nsw.scouts.com.au

Regular Meeting Times:

Joey's : (Aged 5 – 8yrs)	Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm
Cubs : (Aged 8 – 11yrs)	Wednesday 7.00 – 8.30pm
Scouts: (Aged 11 – 14yrs)	Tuesday 7.00 – 9.00pm



**Saturday 22nd
March 10am – 12pm**

**Come & have a
sticky beak & see
what we're all
about**

**Need a hall to hire?
We've got it**

**Youth Led with
Adult Support**

4 Weeks Trial

209 Narara Valley Drive
Niagara Park

1st-narara.group.scoutsnsw.com.au

 **PH: 0416 119 405**

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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

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/5AvYMJv7CPHJStSKbczs9JU4N-o8Ghb-6JEJ1th14KKhV9KmjvWJk9MWLp2d4.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



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.