

# Narranga Public School Newsletter

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### Principal's Report

The big news in this week's newsletter is of course that it will be our final printed edition. From next week we will be shifting to a fortnightly digital version that will be sent directly to your email account, or via the "Schoolzine" app. Even if you have provided us with your email contact details, I strongly recommend that you download the app, as it will provide additional functions, including allowing you to receive urgent messages and reminders direct to your mobile phone.

Details of how to access the Schoolzine app accompany today's newsletter, and are also available on the Narranga website. If you are having any trouble accessing the app, or if your family does not have access to either email or a smart phone, please contact the school office for assistance.

Our Year 4 and 5 students began their ScopeIT computer coding course on Monday. The first of 10 lessons provided an introduction to basic coding principals that will be built upon throughout the term. It was great to see our classes so engaged in these initial activities – I'm confident that they will learn some valuable skills and knowledge as the course progresses.

Last week's Cross Country Carnival was a terrific event, with excellent participation and organisation. Concerns about the weather were not realised, and a good crowd saw some excellent runners show off their speed and stamina. Thanks to Mr Weiley for his organisation, and to the School Canteen for their wonderful catering.

Next Tuesday to Thursday our Year 3 and 5 students will participate in their NAPLAN tests in literacy and numeracy. These tests provide a snapshot of how each student is performing, and also give a comparison to their peers in the school and across Australia. No particular additional preparation is required, other than the usual good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast. When results become available, parents are encouraged to discuss them with teachers.

School funding continues to be in the news, particularly with regard to Gonski funding. I encourage you to follow this issue, as it directly impacts upon the level of support we can offer to develop each of our students.

Happy Star Wars Day.

Michael Trist – Principal

### Move to Learn

Year 2 students have commenced Move to Learn sessions this week. The cost is \$18 for 8 sessions and has been included on your student invoice. Payment is now overdue. Reminder notes have been sent home with students who have not yet paid. Thank you to the parents who have already made this payment.

### School Photographs

Narranga's 2016 school photographs will be taken on May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. We ask that all students wear full school uniform. Please return completed orders and money **by Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

### Email Information Update

With the exciting changes about to happen to our School Newsletter distribution next week, we need parents to please update their email address. Please contact the school office **by this Friday** to update your email address.

### Canteen

Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	Simone Grant
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Simone Grant, Donna Child
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Neville Pollock
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Neville Pollock, Simone Grant
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Kate Yaghi, Vanessa Veitch

The Cheap Meal Deal is available every Tuesday and orders need to be placed by 9.30am on Tuesdays. Narranga Canteen has a Second Hand Clothing Pool which provides uniforms at greatly reduced prices. Donations of uniforms would be appreciated at any time. Volunteers are always appreciated. Please contact the Canteen to help.

### Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students:  
*Principal's Award* – Cayden Close, Chloe Clark, Jessica Franklin, Harrison Clark-Robinson, Jodin Rawson, Lauren Shipman  
*Bronze Certificate*- Heath Ball, Alex Taylor  
*Gold Certificate*- Isabella de Roy-Blair

### Assembly Items

*K-2 Assembly Friday May 6th at 10.40am*  
2N will be presenting a class item at the K-2 Assembly this week.

*3-6 Assembly Friday May 6th at 11.40am*  
There will not be a class item at the 3-6 Assembly this week.

### What's On!

May 10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	K-2 Social
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	District Cross Country
May 24 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	School photos
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Sports Carnival Yrs 3-6
June 28 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup>	School Musical

### Narranga Fete

We will be holding our Fete on November 4<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is able to bring in 15cm or 20cm plastic pots to enable plants to be potted for the plant stall it would be appreciated. Please drop them at the school office.

### **Narranga Band Performance**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May our newly formed Narranga band, under the direction of our tutor Tim Egan, will perform at our K-2 and 3-6 assemblies. Parents and friends of our band musicians are warmly invited to attend and support this performance.

R Johnson

### **Narranga Music Tuition Program Vacancies**

There are presently vacancies for lessons in the following instruments. These are only open to students in Year 3-6.

Guitar: 2-3 places

Saxophone: 1 place

Trumpet: 2 places

Please contact Mr Johnson for more information.

### **Stewart House Donation Envelopes**

The annual Stewart House fundraising envelopes were sent home with students last week. To be entered in the competition to win a \$4000 holiday the envelope must be returned with a donation of at least \$2 by Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>. Stewart House provides positive learning and social experiences for disadvantaged students from across NSW – including Narranga, and is the major charity supported by our school.

### **Cross Country**

Congratulations to all the participants in last week's Cross Country. Your efforts were fantastic. Well done to Green House for winning the day. Results are:

#### Boys-

5 Years- 1<sup>st</sup> Talon Forrest, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nicholas Carter, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brady Houser

6 Years- 1<sup>st</sup> Jack White, 2<sup>nd</sup> Izak Brennan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Miller Hansford & Terrell Barbic

7 Years- Liam Bonham, 2<sup>nd</sup> Winner Degle, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lachlan Richardson

8/9 Years- 1<sup>st</sup> Sam O'Malley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kai Mukawa, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tyler Mitchell

10 Years- 1<sup>st</sup> Jade Kitching, 2<sup>nd</sup> Know Porter, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lachlan White

11 Years- 1<sup>st</sup> Kody Mavin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kobe Foulkes 3<sup>rd</sup> Nate Rose

12/13 Years- 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Mirindi, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mason Woods, 3<sup>rd</sup> Luke Smith

#### Girls-

5 Years- 1<sup>st</sup> Ivy Howard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ellen Haley, 3<sup>rd</sup> Millie Winkler

6 Years- 1<sup>st</sup> Asia Little, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alexis Silvy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Shiori Hallam

7 Years- 1<sup>st</sup> Tahli Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ellie Buttell, 3<sup>rd</sup> Layla Kruger-Howell

8/9 Years- 1<sup>st</sup> Chloe Millington, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lara Thompson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Audrey Howard

10 Years- 1<sup>st</sup> Kyla Foulkes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Caley Little, 3<sup>rd</sup> Alicia Saggus

11 Years- 1<sup>st</sup> Clover Bourne, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ella Hegarty, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jazz Porter

12/13 Years- 1<sup>st</sup> Hayley Kitching, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kit Thompson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Emily Nielson

The District Cross Country will be held on Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> on Woolgoolga Beach.

Mark Weiley- Organiser

## **NARRANGA PS**

### **K - 2 SOCIAL**

Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup>

Narranga Public School

5.00pm to 6.30pm

Narranga PS Hall area

### **Theme: 'Movie Characters'**

Children can wear either fancy dress or party clothing with a movie theme.

The Canteen will be open for small refreshments.

Soft Drinks \$2.00 Poppers \$1.50 Lolly Bags \$1.00

Parents are encouraged to join in the fun with the children.

NB: Children MUST be accompanied by an adult during the evening.

### **The Big Banana Fun Park Coffs Coast Schools Challenge**

This competition is for all schools and any person can vote for your school when they purchase a ticket at the Fun Park. The school with the most votes at the end of the promotional period will win a huge Fun Day out for up to 300 kids! Voting has commenced and will close on August 31<sup>st</sup> 2016.

### **Coffs Harbour High School Enrichment Class 2017**

Applications are now invited for the Year 7 Enrichment Class at Coffs Harbour High School.

The Enrichment Class is designed to:

- provide the appropriate level of academic challenge for students with above average academic achievement
- promote a positive work ethic which encourages all students to achieve to their full potential with likeminded peers
- enhance innovation, collaboration and creativity in learning
- provide a variety of challenges, through extension and enrichment activities, which utilise higher order thinking skills

Places are based on student applications and interview. Information kits and application forms are available from the school.

Please phone Coffs Harbour High School on 6652 3466 (ask for Mrs Bryant). **Applications close Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2016.**

### **Children's Saturday Art Workshop**

May 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12noon

Ages 7-10 years

Insects: The Melaleuca Weevil- explore real and imagined creatures in artmaking.

Cost \$15.00 per session

Rigby House, cnr Coff and Duke Streets, Coffs Harbour

Phone 6648 4863 to book your place

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