Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This is the final newsletter for the year. I'm sure you'll agree that 2014 has flown by - a year in which so many great things have been achieved by the students, staff and community at Narrabeen Lakes. I look forward to detailing some of those achievements at this week’s Presentation Day, of which more information below.

**Lopping Locks for Leukaemia**

Mr Casey, Josh Thompson and Austin Whitfield have raised a whopping $7565.78!!

Last Friday, the students enjoyed a wonderful spectacle as Mr Casey had his beard lopped off, while Josh and Austin bravely donated their beautiful long locks to Wigs For Kids. As I write, we are expecting to see pictures and a report in the Manly Daily on Saturday.

A HUGE thank you to the whole school community and beyond for their amazing generosity in supporting this initiative to raise money for the Sydney Children’s Hospital.

A very special thank you also to Tim from Rad Snips at Newport and Moana from Evolve at Collaroy for their ‘cutting’ expertise and for giving their time on the day.

**Presentation Day**

Our annual Presentation Day takes place this Thursday 11 December in the school hall. The program for the day is included in this newsletter and outlines the order of events. As you can imagine, it is very hard to estimate what the actual time for various awards will be. We realise it is a lengthy assembly; however, we have many achievements to celebrate and take great pride in honouring our students.

This is a formal, and important, occasion. We ask that those in the audience congratulate all children with applause, when appropriate.

Please be reminded that the only photos allowed are those of your own child, after Presentation Day has concluded. Videoing of students, at any time, is not permitted. We politely request that toddlers remain on your lap at all times to avoid disturbing the ceremony. Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

**Out of School Hours Care – our new provider**

I am happy to say that we finally have the go ahead to announce the new provider for our Out of

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**Dates for Your Diary**

- 11 Dec 2014  Presentation Day 9.30 am start
- 12 Dec 2014  Band Breakfast and Awards 7.30-9
- 15 Dec 2014  Year 6 Farewell
- 17 Dec 2014  End of Year Activities K – Yr 6
- 17 Dec 2014  Last Day of School
- 18-19 Dec 2014 Staff Development Days

**2015**

- 27 Jan 2015  Staff return to school
- 28 Jan 2015  Students Yrs 1-6 return
- 2 Feb 2015  Kindergarten students start school
End of Year Picnic/Excursions
On Wednesday 17 December, all classes are participating in a variety of end of year activities.

- Kindergarten: Teddy Bear’s Picnic at Jamieson Park 10.30am-1.30pm
- Years 1&2: Sydney Aquarium/Wildlife World, Darling Harbour 9.30am-1.45pm
- Year 3: Flip Out, Brookvale 10am-12.45pm
- Year 4: Pirate Putt Putt, Warriewood 9.45am-2pm
- Years 5&6: Strike Bowling, Chatswood 9.30am-2pm

Please ensure that you have paid on the term account to avoid disappointment.

Last Day of School
The last day of school for all students is Wednesday 17 December. School finishes as usual at 3.10pm. We will farewell our Year 6 students by forming an archway comprised of all teachers and all students K-5 at around 3pm. You are welcome to come along and observe this special celebration for senior students as they move onto the next phase of their school careers. We wish them every success for the future!

School Year 2015
The new school year commences on Wednesday 28 January for all students in Years 1-6. Kindergarten students commence on Monday 2 February. The office will be open from Tuesday 27 January for phone calls and enquiries from 8.30am until 3.30pm.

Class requirements 2015
To assist you with preparing for the new school year, you will find a list of class requirements for 2015 later in this newsletter. Hopefully, this will save you a last minute shopping rush at the beginning of Term One!

Prefect Elections
The prefect elections for our school leaders for 2015 were held last Thursday. Candidates had only 90 minutes to prepare a speech on “I would be a great leader for Narrabeen Lakes Public School because…” The standard of speeches was very high indeed and made it a tough choice for our voters. Congratulations on ‘having a go’, boys and girls!

On Tuesday, I was proud to announce the successfully elected candidates: Kate Hong, Sabine Haworth, Summer Syron, Jarryd Maree, Thomas Maurer-Kelson and Levi Kamoe. We will all find out who will have the roles of 2015 Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects at Presentation Day this Thursday.

Staff Changes
We bid a sad farewell to Mrs Jane Smith who has accepted a position as Learning and Support Teacher at Barrenjoey High School. Mrs Smith has made an outstanding contribution to the education of so many students at our school and will be very much missed. On behalf of the staff, students and community, I would like to thank her for her service to Narrabeen Lakes and wish her every success for her new position.

In other staff news, Mrs Vicky Machar will be taking leave throughout 2015 and will also be very much missed; she makes the library such a warm, welcoming place for all students, staff and families. We welcome in her stead Miss Jenny Garden who will continue to be a wonderful asset to the Narrabeen Lakes school community.

Mrs Janette Clark is reducing her working hours in 2015 and will share the Science teacher role with Mrs Jackie Graham who is well known to students, staff and parents at this school. Both will be working two days per week. We anticipate a significant increase in student numbers for 2015, taking us to around 412 students. This will entitle us to two extra classroom teachers, an extra day for our wonderful office staff, and an extra day for our General Assistant. Temporary teachers will fill the classroom teacher positions until we can confirm our actual enrolments in the new school year. I expect that these two teacher positions will be filled by a combination of merit selection and central staff appointment processes in later Term One, 2015.

P&C President: Jennifer Sheehan
Jennifer Sheehan, our tireless P&C President since 2011, is stepping down from the position at the end of this school year. Jennifer first joined the P&C in 2005 and has given countless hours of her time to make Narrabeen Lakes a better place for our students, staff and the community. Listed among her many achievements are:

- record Spring Fair earnings in 2011 and 2013
- the canteen refurbishment
- the introduction of Interrelate family program
- the establishment of the school markets
- the new OOSHC tender process
- a school demographic study for future planning
- initiating plans to open the canteen for school lunches/morning tea

On behalf of the Narrabeen Lakes Public School community, I’d like to thank Jennifer for her magnificent contribution to public education at our school and wish her all the very best for the future. You have left big shoes to fill!

Candy Canes
The school is awash in a sea of candy canes at this time of year. Children are welcome to distribute these small tokens to each other, but they have been directed not to eat them at school. Students should put them into their school bags and eat them once they arrive home.

Demountable/car park update
The Development Application for two new demountable classrooms has been approved. These classrooms will cater for the increased local enrolments in our school taking us to around 412 students in 2015.

The footings will be installed this Sunday 14 December and the demountable classrooms will likely be installed...
next week, on a day still to be confirmed by the Department of Education. This means that school staff will have to park in the current combined School/OOSH car park from next Monday 15 December. There will be very limited drop off space for families at the Staff/OOSH car park in the last three days of school, so please drive safely and considerately in the car park if you decide to use it.

The Staff/OOSH car park will become solely a Staff Car Park from the beginning of Term One 2015, as there are approximately 24 spaces and more than 24 staff working at our school on any given day of the week. As our new OOSH service will operate from the hall from Term One, this should not affect pick up and drop off for before and after school care.

The existing staff car park should retain two staff spaces adjacent to the new demountables, along with drop off access for our disabled students.

While the loss of car parking space is not ideal, Narrabeen Lakes is still more fortunate than our much bigger neighbour, Newport Public School, that has neither staff nor parent parking at all.

Thank you for your kind understanding and cooperation at a time of growth and change for our school.

Student Achievements
Jake E (2AJ) and Jack B (5M) - 40 Red
Maya C (5/6Ca) and Ryan S (2Z) - 20 Red
Taylor L (KL) - 10 Red
Jack B (5M), Oliver B (KL) and Lillyen M (KMH) - 10 Blue

Thank you
Finally, a big thank you to everyone in the school community who has contributed their time and energy to the school this year – your efforts, big or small, are greatly appreciated. I’m sure you will join me in acknowledging and thanking the executive, teachers, aides, and office staff in the school for the on-going quality education, support and care that they provide to your children. Thank you also to all members of the P&C for their generous support of all our endeavours in 2014. A special thank you to Jennifer Sheehan and the executive for their leadership of the P&C this year. To our students, congratulations on another year of hard work and wonderful achievement – you are the reason that we are all here.

Happy and safe holidays to all of you and may the New Year bring you and your families happiness, health and prosperity. I look forward to seeing you all again for an amazing year of high quality public education at Narrabeen Lakes Public School in 2015.

Andy Rankin
Principal
LOPPING LOCKS!!!
CHESS CLUB NEWS

Thanks to everyone who came to our last chess club of the year. We had lots of great games. Some notable winners were Heremaia Year 6 and Matilda Year 3. Here are some scenes from chess club last week.

Keep up with your chess playing in the holidays.

Cheers
Mr Alderton

KL ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2014

Evie Dickinson
Evie competed in the State Championships for Rythmic Gymnastics. She won the gold for the Aesthetic Group and is now the new State Champion!
What a fantastic achievement, Evie!

Ambar Pinto Escalona
Ambar won the Manly Red Bull Tennis Competition. She will now be competing with children more than 2 years older than her.
Well done, Ambar!
NOTIFICATION FROM PARENTS AND GUARDIANS.
The Principal
Narrabeen Lakes Public School
I wish to advise that _________________________ in year ______ will **not be** returning to Narrabeen Lakes in 2015 (Grades 1 - 6).

My child will be attending ________________________________________________________________

Signed: __________________________       Print:_________________________________________
Ethics Class 2015

Ethics Classes provide opportunities for students to learn to think about ethical matters together and engage in the give-and-take of reasoned argument.

This process allows students to properly consider other people’s points of view and to be sincere, reasonable and respectful in dealing with their differences and disagreements.

Our Primary Ethics’ curriculum spans all seven years of primary school, teaching children how to approach ethical issues while developing their capacity for moral reasoning. Most of the topics in the curriculum provide students with the opportunity to develop increasingly sophisticated knowledge and skills in moral reasoning.

If you would like your child(ren) to attend Ethics Classes, please fill the form in and leave it in the ‘Black Box’ in the foyer.

Please be advised, we need a minimum of 8 students to form a class and classes are also subject to space being available within the school.

If your child(ren) has attended Ethics class this year, please spend 10-12 minutes telling us about you and your child’s experiences in regards to ethics classes. We ask a few questions that require your child’s answers, so you will have to have them around when you are completing the survey.

Please access the survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ParentsNov2014

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Student’s Name: __________________________ Current Class: __________________________

Your Name: ______________________________

Signature: ________________________________
**The processional will be played by the Lakes School Band**

1. **Acknowledgement to Country and Welcome**
2. **Principal’s Address** – Mr Rankin
3. **P and C Report** – Ms Sheehan
4. **Narrabeen Reds** – Ms Smyth and Mr Phillips
5. **Narrabeen Blues** – Mrs J. Sheehan and Mrs Chant
6. **Narrabeen Greens** – Mrs Clark and Mrs Mayo
7. **Art Award** – Mr Alderton
8. **Drama Award** – Mr Phillips
9. **Dance Awards** – Mrs Chant
10. **Band Awards** – Mrs Mayo and Mr McMahon
11. **Recorder Award** – Mrs Jeffrey
12. **Choir Award** – Miss Garden
13. **ICAS competitions** – Mr Casey
14. **Chess Club** – Mr Alderton
15. **Languages Award** – Ms Watson
16. **Public Speaking Awards** – Mrs Jeffrey
17. **Premier’s Reading Challenge** – Mrs Machar
18. **Library Award** – Mrs Machar
19. **LAST Award** – Mrs Smith
20. **Computer Award** – Mr Zappia
21. **Sports Awards**
22. **Class awards** – Class teachers
23. **Major school awards**
24. **School Captains’ Message**
25. **Year 6 Graduation**
26. **Induction of 2015 Captains and Prefects**
27. **Winning House** – Mr Phillips
28. **CONCLUSION** – Mr Phillips
STATIONARY REQUIREMENTS 2015

Kindergarten
1x box of tissues
2x Large Bostik glue sticks (35g)
2x whiteboard markers
1x box Staedtler Jumbo or Maxi coloured pencils
1x packet of Crayola Twistable crayons
Library bag
Home reader bag
Paint shirt

Year 1
4 x Glue sticks (40g) size
1 x plain white eraser
2 x whiteboard markers
96 page A4 lined book for homework (not spiral bound)
A4 size plastic envelope (closeable-Velcro or button)
1 x box of tissues
Home reader bag
Paint shirt

Year 2 list
4 x HB lead pencils
2 UHU glue sticks (must be UHU for allergy reasons)
2 x erasers
1 pencil sharpener
Small packet of coloured pencils
Small pencil case to sit on the desk
2 display folders (for homework and published work)
1 box of tissues
Library bag
2 whiteboard markers

Year 3
1x A4 exercise book 128 pages for homework MUST BE A4 size- CLEARLY NAMED
3x whiteboard markers- to be used as class sets. No name needed
3x large glue sticks- Bostik BluSilk- to be used as a class set. No name needed
1 art smock or loose shirt, clearly named
1 library bag, clearly named
1 Macquarie Primary Dictionary, ISBN:978-1742460727 clearly named
1x box of tissues
1 small, flat pencil case with coloured pencils, lead pencils, 1 sharpener and 1 eraser

Year 4
Pencil case
2x HB pencils
Ruler with mm and cm markings
Pencil sharpener
Pencil eraser
Coloured pencils
Textas (optional)
4 x glue sticks (35g)
Scissors (small)
4x coloured highlighters
Pocket dictionary
2 x A4 document wallets (not cardboard)
Small calculator
Box tissues

Year 5 & 6
Coloured pencils
Lead pencils
red and blue ( NOT BLACK) biros
Tuesday 9 December

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am happy to say that we finally have the go ahead to announce the new provider for our Out of School Hours Care (OOSHC) service. It is OSHClub, a company with over 20 years experience who are currently providing programs in more than 180 schools across Australia. OSHClub have undertaken to provide our school with a new, modern prefabricated building (on the current OOSHC site) with capacity for 80 students by September 2015. Once the building is open, OSHClub will also provide a full vacation care service for our school and community, something that, I'm sure, many families will be thrilled about. The school will also have access to the large learning spaces and meeting rooms that the new building provides, opening many exciting opportunities for our teachers and students.

In the interim, OSHClub will operate from the Narrabeen Lakes school hall starting in Term One 2015. This will allow them to meet the immediate need for increased OOSH capacity that the current building (capacity: 30 students) simply cannot accommodate.

The details of all Narrabeen Lakes families currently using the YMCA OOSHC services (and those new families requiring OOSHC in 2015) will be passed on to OSHClub and they will make contact with you in the week beginning Monday 15 December.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to Roy Faulkner, the YMCA OOSHC coordinator, and his team for the outstanding work they have done in looking after our students in recent times. I would also like to acknowledge all previous YMCA staff who have provided such excellent service over the last ten years. Many of you have asked if we can maintain Roy’s services with the new provider. However, Roy and his team are actually employed by the YMCA, so it is matter over which the school has no control. Nevertheless, I’m sure that you will join me in wishing them all the best for the future.

The new partnership with OSHClub is an exciting opportunity to provide an even greater range of quality services to even more families at our school and I look forward to welcoming them to our school community.

Finally, if you wish to find out more about Narrabeen Lakes new Out of School Hours Care provider, have a look at the OSHClub website at: https://www.oshclub.com.au/oshclub.html

If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Andy Rankin
Principal