Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Another busy week here at Narrabeen Lakes as Swimming Scheme begins for students in Years 2-6. The weather forecast is somewhat mixed so I recommend that children bring rain and sun protection for their walk to and from the pool. These lessons are an invaluable opportunity for students to develop their swimming skills, skills that are especially important seeing as we are one of the closest schools to the ocean in NSW.

Swimming Carnival

Our swimming carnival last Thursday was a tremendous success and was one of the most enjoyable that I have attended. There were lots of personal bests from students who were following the school ethos of ‘Have A Go’. Thanks must go to all teachers and parent volunteers for making the day run so smoothly, and a very big thank you again to Mr Phillips for his outstanding organisation of the carnival.

Welcome Breakfast

The P&C has kindly organised a welcome breakfast for parents and families of our school on Thursday 27 February from 8.00–9.00am. This is a great opportunity for you to meet new parents, connect with familiar faces and welcome everyone back to school for 2014. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ethics Classes

If your child is in Years 1-6 and you wish them to participate in Ethics classes in 2014, please complete the tear off slip later in this edition and return it to the Yellow Box in the foyer. Please note: if you completed last year’s expressions of interest, you MUST complete this new form to confirm a place in the class. All Ethic notes MUST be returned by Thursday 27 February, 2014.

Meet the Teacher Evening

The Meet the Teacher evening will be held on Monday 24 February. K-2 parents will meet their teachers in their classrooms from 6pm-6.45pm. Parents of students in Years 3-6 will meet from 6.50 – 7.35pm followed by a brief presentation in the library from Mr Lance Berry, the Principal of Narrabeen Sports High School.

These meetings are an excellent opportunity to find out more about the programs in your child’s class this year. For more specific information

**Dates for Your Diary**

- 17-21 Feb 2014 Swim Scheme Yrs 2-6
- 19 Feb 2014 Parent Club Meeting 2.15 pm
- 24 Feb 2014 Meet the Teacher evening
- 27 Feb 2014 P&C Welcome Breakfast
- 28 Feb 2014 Clean Up Australia Day
- 03 Mar 2014 Kindergarten finish 3.10 pm
- 04 Mar 2014 School Tour 9.30 am
- 06 Mar 2014 Yr 2 Excursion-Japanese Rest.
- 10 Mar 2014 Zone Swimming Carnival
- 13 Mar 2014 Selective High School Test
- 14 Mar 2014 Band Fundraiser Cake Stall
- 19 Mar 2014 Ride to School Day NLPS
- 24-28 Mar 2014 Yr 5/6 Camp
- 02 April 2014 School Tour
- 03 April 2014 Yr2 Excursion-Seymour Centre

**Pelican Post**

19 February, 2014

Respect Responsibility Have a Go!
related to your child, please make an appointment with their teacher for another time.

**School Fees**

As I mentioned last week, we have had a very positive response to our new money and notes system. So much so that 50% of families have already paid their school fees, compared to this time in 2013 when we had received less than 25% of payments – thank you.

If you have not yet paid your fees, please return them in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name, class and ‘School Fees’.

The School Fee for 2014 is $95 per child ($68 for School Curriculum Materials and $27 for Technology Levy).

The School Curriculum Materials contribution assists the school to purchase classroom resources such as photocopy paper, art supplies, exercise books etc.

The Technology Levy has been introduced to meet the costs of providing a 21st century, technology focused education for our students. In particular, it pays for subscriptions to technology programs such as Mathletics, Reading Eggs and the Primary Parent Planner app. It also assists with the purchase of apps for our new iPads and the maintenance, repair and replacement of this mobile technology.

Your contribution is greatly appreciated in the context of our school’s overall finances. Should you have any difficulties making this payment, please feel free to contact me.

**Road Safety**

Last year I made mention of the need for extra vigilance when driving in the streets around the school. Unfortunately, it seems that there are still drivers who do not heed the school zone signs and drive well in excess of the speed limit. For the safety of all our students and community members, please drive SLOWLY at all times around the school.

Goodwin St is witnessing an increasing number of parents performing U-turns and three point turns in driveways after picking up children. Unfortunately, turning in such a narrow street is putting the safety of our students at risk. The footpath is very crowded at the beginning and the end of the school day and it is only a matter of time before someone is hurt. For the safety of all our community, please do not turn around in Goodwin St but take the few minutes extra to drive around the block.

**Parking**

It is important that cars are parked within the designated parking areas in the surrounding streets. A number of vehicles have been seen parked in the Bus Zone and cars are frequently parked right on the corner of Goodwin and Park St, making it quite difficult to safely use the mini roundabout. Your cooperation in taking a few extra minutes to park correctly will be greatly appreciated by all members of the community and vastly improve the safety of our students.

At NO time should the Staff Car Park be used for picking up or dropping off students. This is a matter of Workplace Health and Safety.

**Dance**

We are very proud of our high quality Dance Programs here at Narrabeen Lakes. A number of students are being dropped off early to accompany their dance group siblings in the hall. The dance teacher is not responsible for the additional supervision of students who are not part of the dance group. Parents are kindly requested to make other arrangements for these children in the mornings.

**Primary Parent Planner App**

Good news – the app has now been updated with all our new classes and calendar for 2014. The Pelican Post is available through the app every week.

If you have an iPhone, iPad or iPod Touch simply go to the [Apple App Store](https://apps.apple.com) or if you have an Android device visit the [Google Play Store](https://play.google.com) and follow the prompts to download the app. The school has purchased a subscription for the app so it can be downloaded and installed for free. Detailed instructions for setting up the app on your phone were emailed to families on Monday.

**School Tours**

The word continues to spread about what a great little school we have at Narrabeen Lakes and the office is already taking calls about our classes for 2015. I have scheduled a series of school tours for prospective parents and students commencing at 9.30am every month or so until September. The first of these tours will take place on **Tuesday 4 March** followed by tours on: **Tues April 2, Thurs 8 May, Tues 3 June, Wed 25 June, Wed 6 Aug, Thurs 28 Aug and Tues 16 Sept**.

Please pass on this information to any families you know that maybe considering our school for 2015.

**Student Achievement**

Billy E, 1GJ—10 Green, Billy E, 1GJ—10 Red, Lilly H, 1H—10 Green, Lana C, 1GJ—20 Red, Jacob N, 1K—20 Blue.

Congratulations to these students.

Andy Rankin
Principal

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**SPECIAL NOTE!**

**CHANGE OF DAY FOR CLOTHING POOL**

The Clothing Pool will be open **every Thursday from Term 1** between 2.30 pm and 3.10 pm.

Please note we have relocated now to a room on the outside of the Hall (North side)

Please come to the office for any enquiries and we will direct you to the new location.

DON’T FORGET that we welcome any good 2nd hand uniforms that your child/children have outgrown. Simply drop them into the office. Thank you.
Ethics Classes help children understand the concept of reasoning. In other words, they learn to think about the consequences of their decisions and actions. We have trained teachers who can help the children develop strong values.

Depending on demand, Ethics classes should be available for students in Years 1-6 and will take place at the same time as Scripture classes on Wednesdays.

The Primary Ethics’ curriculum teaches 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.

What your child(ren) will develop:
Students will learn to recognise good and bad moral reasoning very early on, by introducing notions such as relevance, the difference between relevance and truth and the idea of weighing reasons against each other. Throughout the curriculum, children are asked to provide reasons to support their arguments/positions and Ethics Teachers are trained to test the validity of given reasons.

If you would like your child(ren) to attend Ethics Class, please fill the form and put it in the YELLOW box in the foyer before Friday 21 February

Yes, I would like my child to attend Ethics classes in 2014.

Student’s Name: 
Class: 

Your Name: 

Signature: 
**LIBRARY NEWS**

Please ensure that your child has a **Library bag** on the correct Library day. **Every child requires one.** The bag must be clearly marked with the child’s name.

**Library days are as follows:**

- Monday – 4P, 4M, 5M, 5/6CA, 6C, 1GJ, 2Z
- Tuesday – KL, KS, KMH, 3D, 1H, 1K
- Wednesday – 2AJ, 3M

Vicky Machar  
Teacher Librarian

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**Kindergarten News**

Kindergarten have settled well into school life at Narrabeen Lakes Public School. The three classes have been busy learning their sounds and numbers. The children love using Letterland on the SMART Board each morning to help them learn their sounds. Kindergarten have very much enjoyed the company and ongoing support of their Year Six buddies. Year Six have been assisting teachers with literacy groups each morning and are a great asset to each classroom.

Regards,  
Miss Seeney, Miss Loader, Mrs Mule and Mrs Horton

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**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY**  
Friday 28 February

Clean Up Australia Day at Narrabeen Lakes is on **Friday 28 February.** It will be held before PSSA to help clean up any rubbish left in the school grounds and to clean up areas surrounding the school. **Please remind your child to bring their hat, a pair of gloves and a plastic bag on the day.** Each year level will be in charge of cleaning up various areas in and around the school. Parents are most welcome to attend to assist with this event.

If you have any questions, please see Mrs Clark.
**Parent Club**

**FIRST MEETING WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2:15-3pm (SCHOOL HALL)**

With the start of a new year we welcome parents, carers and friends to our school’s Parent Club. This group has informal monthly meetings during school hours, on a Wednesday from 2:15pm till 3:00pm, in the school hall. This enables parents and supporters, who are available during the day to meet others, exchange information and ideas. Issues and ideas are presented to the P & C Meetings and information fed back. Our Parent Club also works with the school to coordinate student activities throughout the year with benefits for the whole school community, such as: Mothers’ and Fathers’ Day stalls, discos and fundraising activities. New faces are always welcome!

Feel free to email Alison Crawford (Parent Club Co-ordinator) for further information acraw@iinet.net.au

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**RECYCLING at NLPS**

**MOBILE PHONE**

A reminder that the school provides a phone recycling service. All mobile phones, batteries, chargers and accessories can be dropped into the phone recycling collection point in the school entry foyer for recycling. Before placing a handset in the recycling unit, please ensure that all personal information is deleted from the phone and the SIM card is removed. Over 90% of the materials in mobile phones, batteries and accessories can be recovered and used as raw materials in the manufacture of new products. While everything in a mobile phone is solid state (i.e. there are no moving parts or liquids that can be released in normal use), they do contain small amounts of potentially hazardous substances, which if mismanaged at the end of its life can harm the environment.

**THANK YOU**

NLPS also offers a battery recycling service. Batteries can be sent to the collection point in the entry foyer and placed in the marked container. NLPS is lucky to have the assistance of a wonderful parent helper, Mrs Julie Woodcock, who coordinates the collection of the batteries and takes them to Battery World in Brookvale for recycling. Thank you Mrs Woodcock for your valuable assistance with this service.

**HELP!**

There is a large number of mobile phone recycling services now targeting our school. Some of them offer financial incentives with their phone collection service. I am looking for a parent to research and source the best available option for NLPS and co-ordinate the collection of the phones for dispatch to the appropriate body. If you think you could be that special person, please see me in the science room, or send a note along with your child.

Mrs Clark – Science teacher

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know that there were eleven species of bandicoots found in Australia, but three are now extinct and another three are highly endangered? NNLPS has a bandicoot habitat haven to encourage the preservation of the bandicoot species.
Come see our fantastic school!

All prospective parents and their children are invited to our 2014 Open Night.

**Wednesday 5 March 2014**

6:00-8:30pm

Light refreshments will be served in the school’s entrance area before adjourning to our Hall for a brief formal introduction followed by school tours.

Respectful, Responsible and Successful

Come along:
- meet the teachers and current students
- discover our school via a tour
- view displays and demonstration activities in Academic subjects, Creative and Performing Arts, IT and Sports Academy.

Come along and find out about:
- the opportunities we provide our students
- our wonderful facilities
- Selection process for Extension Classes

(02) 9913 7820 10 Namona St North Narrabeen 2101 - email: narrabeen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
### PITTWATER PSSA SUMMER DRAW 2014

**Senior Girls - Tag**       **Junior Girls—Teeball**

**Senior Boys - Softball**     **Junior Boys—Cricket**

ALL Eagle Tag and Softball/Teeball games at grounds behind RAT PARK (Walsh Street)

Please note the following dates for PSSA and where the PSSA cricket teams are playing:

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PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION on to any relatives that may wish to see your child play.

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A big **THANK YOU** to all those families who donated new or ‘gently used’ books in the week leading up to

‘**INTERNATIONAL BOOK GIVING DAY**’

We will pass books on to ‘The Footpath Library’ for distribution.

Vicky Machar  
Teacher/Librarian

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**SCHOOL SAFETY**

**PEDESTRIANS**

School is in, which means an increase in traffic and pedestrians on the roads around Warringah.

Children are easily distracted, often too short to be seen by drivers, unable to identify dangers and tend to act unpredictably and impulsively.

For the safety of all children, please:

- Do not stop or park your vehicle on or near any pedestrian crossing at any time.
- Fine $344 for stopping on or near a crossing and the loss of four demerit points.
- Fine $688 for failing to give way to a pedestrian on a crossing and the loss of four demerit points.
- Always slow to 40km/h or under when travelling in an operating school zone.
- Hold your child’s hand in the car park, on the footpath and when crossing the road until they are at least 10 years old.

**STOP!**  
One step back from the kerb.

**LOOK!**  
For traffic to your right, left and right again.

**LISTEN!**  
For the sounds of approaching traffic.

**THINK!**  
Whether it is safe to cross the road.
Respect Responsibility Have a Go!

SLUSHIES ARE BACK ON FRIDAYS AT 3.10 UNTIL 3.40....... Bring your money

SCHOOL ZONE PARKING

School zones operate between 8-9.30am and 2.30-4pm on school days. Remember the speed limit is 40kmh in all school zones.

NO PARKING
Drivers may stop to drop off or pick up passengers or goods for a maximum of 2 minutes.
The driver MUST remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle.
The vehicle must not be left unattended.
No Parking zones can also be used to drop off and pick up children.
If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during those times.
Penalty exceeds $265 plus 2 demerit points

NO STOPPING
Stopping is not permitted at any time.
Penalty exceeds $265 plus 2 demerit points

BUS ZONE
Drivers are NOT permitted to stop in a bus zone at any time.
Penalty exceeds $265 plus 2 demerit points

DOUBLE PARKING
Vehicles may not stop next to legally parked vehicles, even for a short time.
Penalty exceeds $265 plus 2 demerit points

DRIVEWAYS
Do not park across, on or drive onto driveways or any other vehicle access.
Penalty exceeds $265 plus 2 demerit points

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830

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Friday Afternoon Slushies! 3:10 until 3:40

NARRABEEN CAR BOOT SALE

Do you have stuff in your garage that you don’t use anymore? Do you need to downsize? Clean out the kids cupboards?
Come and enjoy a great family day out at NARRABEEN CAR BOOT SALE and help to raise funds for Narrabeen Sports High School.

If you don’t have anything to sell, come along and you will be sure to pick up an absolute bargain! You will be amazed at what you find. There is something for everyone.

WHERE: At the back soccer field Narrabeen Sports High School, 10 Norsene St North Narrabeen 2101

WHEN: Sunday 25th February 5.30 am till 2 pm
Prebooked confirmed site
$40 Car Spot
$50 Car & Trailer
Casual sites on the day (only if available)
$45 Car Spot
$55 Car & Trailer

BOOKINGS ONLY CONFIRMED BY PAYMENT FOR SITE
MAKE SURE YOU GET A SPOT!
FOR ANY INFORMATION OR TO MAKE A BOOKING PLEASE CALL
Josephine ON 0421 810 019
Or
Visit the website www.narrabeencarboot.org

Paid parking available for a limited number of cars on school grounds for S2
Vehicles under 2.3m high only
MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Thank you for your assistance in helping the school streamline its money collection system with many positive comments about our new money collection boxes. The children have enjoyed posting their money envelopes into the RED box. Thank you to the families who have accessed direct banking. **DON’T FORGET to**

- ensure you include your family reference code and child/ren’s family name when making payment.
- return your Statement of Account to the school the next day with details of your direct debit payment. This should be dropped into the RED box in the foyer. The receipt will be sent back to you via your child with the statement attached.

Friendly reminder, when making payment by direct debit please indicate which part of the account you are paying for. If you have any queries please contact the office.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Mackenzie
School Administration Manager
NEW IN 2014:

Parent Public Lecture Series:
Each term in 2014, GERRIC will offer a free public lecture on a topic of interest for parents of gifted children. Join us for the chance to learn from experts in the field of gifted education and meet other parents of gifted children in an informal and supportive setting. Visit our website to learn more about future public lectures or to join our mailing list.

Advanced Parent Courses:
Parents who have attended our courses often ask where they can turn for further information. Now, they don't have to turn anywhere else. GERRIC is rolling out a new series of advanced parent courses for those who have previously attended a GERRIC parent course. The content will assume prior knowledge of subjects such as the identification and socio-emotional development of gifted children, and delve more deeply into specific topics of interest.

The GERRIC Parent Course covers such topics as:
- Identification of gifted children in schools
- Challenges faced by gifted children; perfectionism and underachievement
- Parenting strategies to manage your child at home
- Being a positive advocate for your child at school and much more!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Advanced Course: Planning Your Child’s Educational and Talent Development Experiences Both Within and Outside of School
Saturday, 18 January 2014
9:00am – 4:00pm
Presenter: Professor Karen B. Rogers
Professor Rogers is Professor of Gifted Studies at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the author of Re-Forming Gifted Education: How Parents and Teachers Can Match the Program to the Child.
Cost: $180/single or $310/couple

Parent Public Lecture Series: Gifted Students and Selective High Schools
Wednesday, 12 February 2014
6:00 – 7:00pm
Presenter: Dr Margaret Varady, AO
Director of the UNSW Office of Educational Leadership and former principal of Sydney Girls High School

The GERRIC Parent Course
8-9 March 2014
9:00am – 4:00pm
Cost: $365/single or $625/couple

The Advanced GERRIC Parent Course
17-18 May 2014
9:00am – 4:00pm
Cost: $365/single or $625/couple

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