Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The school is a much quieter place this week with students from Year 5 and Year 6 enjoying themselves away at camp. We look forward to hearing of their adventures when they return on Friday.

**Narrabeen Markets**
Less than two weeks until the inaugural Narrabeen Lakes Markets that commence on Saturday 5 April from 9am to 3pm right here on the school grounds. There will be lots of fabulous stalls featuring unique, handmade products, great food and live entertainment. Come down and support the P&C and our great school – all proceeds will go towards supporting teaching and learning programs at this school. This year, P&C fundraising will assist with refurbishment and updates of classroom smartboards, as well as provide extra class and home readers.

**Trees**
Last week, I wrote to you advising of important remediation work to be carried out to some of the trees in our school grounds. This is part of a state-wide DEC response to recent tragic events at Pitt Town Public School.

Areas of the adventure playground remain closed off until DEC contractors arrive to carry out the remediation work. As hundreds of schools in NSW are having similar work done, there may be a delay until schools with more immediate needs are attended to first. The arborist has assured me that the adventure playground is safe to be used by our students. Naturally, all students and visitors to the school will be expected to remain outside the fenced off areas and are asked not to interfere with the fencing.

**Mandarin and Indonesian at Narrabeen Lakes**
Last week, students in Year 6 commenced lessons in Mandarin (Chinese) taught by special arrangement with Narrabeen Sports High School who are kindly providing a specialist teacher one afternoon per week.

In Term Two, students in Year 2 classes will begin Indonesian lessons via the Connected Classroom – an expert teacher will deliver lessons using video conference technology. These lessons were trialled in Term Four of 2013 and proved hugely popular with both students and teachers.
Some of the benefits of learning these languages are that they can:

- Have a positive effect on child’s intellectual growth.
- Enrich and enhance your child's mental development.
- Open the door to a culture and help a child understand and appreciate people from other countries.
- Increases job opportunities in many careers; provide the link to opportunities with Australia’s largest trading partner (China) and Australia’s nearest neighbour (Indonesia).

Finally, the study of these two significant languages ties in with the NSW DEC Cross Curriculum Priority of ‘Asia and Australia’s Engagement with Asia’.

Ride to School Day
Thank you for such a wonderful turnout by our students during Ride To School Day last week. The school certainly was a colourful place with all the imaginative costumes and highly decorated bikes and scooters, not to mention the staff who contributed to the fun with their dress up skills! Special thanks to Mrs Clark, our wonderful student Ride2School Ambassadors, all Parent Club members, and parents who contributed food or help to the canteen. Look for Mrs Clark’s report on this special day later in this newsletter.

Police and Parking Rangers
Those of you who drop off and pick up by car will have noticed the increased ranger and police presence around the school lately. This has been in response to many complaints about dangerous driving and parking habits, particularly in Goodwin St, and also because of several ‘near misses’ with our students almost being hit by vehicles. Clearly, the police and ranger presence is a short-term fix to a longer-term goal — that of creating safer conditions for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic around the school. As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, I am in contact with Warringah Council to seek an effective solution and I will keep you informed of progress.

In the meantime, drive safely and please do not U-turn in surrounding streets during peak times. This is dangerous and only adds to the congestion – a few minutes to drive around the block could save a life.

Student Achievement:
I have been delighted to see a number of Silver Mathletics awards cross my desk in recent weeks. Mathletics is a terrific online program for all our students and can be used at home and at school. Congratulations to all our recent Mathletics awards recipients – I can’t wait to see some more!

This weeks merit award recipients are:

**RED**
Lily H (10), Shintaro G (10), Dragan S (10),

**BLUE**
Lana C (10), Jacey W (40)

**GREEN**
Yasmin P (10)

**HOUSE POINT WINNERS:**
This week’s winning house: The Stingrays!
Until next time,

Andy Rankin
Principal

CALL FOR CAKES!
Please help Narrabeen Lakes Public School make our first Market Day on Saturday 5 April a success by baking a cake/cupcakes!

**PLEASE HAVE CAKES READY FOR DELIVERY TO US ON FRIDAY 4 APRIL.**

**CAKES TO LIBRARY BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL FRIDAY OR TO SCHOOL SATURDAY MORNING**

Also seeking cupcake stands and cake plates (labelled).
Remember, the success of this day means a lot to NLPS!

Contact: Georgia O'Neill  
0425 357 441  
georgia@bindii.com

BAND CAKE STALL CONTAINERS

Many thanks to the wonderful contributors to our recent band fundraiser. However, there are a number of containers uncollected.

If you still haven’t collected your Tupperware please check out the lost property area outside Year 2 classrooms.

Thank you again for your wonderful support.

Band Committee

AUTISM SUPPORT FOR PARENTS ON NORTHERN BEACHES

**Frequency:** Monthly

**Day / Time:** Third Thursday 7.30 to 9.30 pm

**Provided By:** Autism Community Network (ACN)

**Venue:** Encores Annex on the ground floor-Manly - Warringah Rugby Leagues Club  
Corner Federal Parade & Pittwater Road Brookvale

**Cost:** Free

Please feel free to contact us at info@autismcommunity.org.au at any time if you require further information, or refer parents to our website, www.autismcommunity.org.au for more support options.
MARKETS COME TO NARRABEEN LAKES

Following the success of the Spring Fair, your P&C has been working hard on a new fundraising initiative for our School.

Narrabeen Lakes will be hosting Markets for external stallholders on one day each term – the first Saturday of April, June, September and November. These stallholders will pay a fee to attend the market and will come on a BYO basis. The school will provide the fantastic venue and the P&C will provide advertising and marketing, plus the background organization to make it all happen smoothly.

We have carefully selected external suppliers who offer quality products such as Australian made/designer goods, Fair Trade goods, handmade items, organic or boutique foods, artisan items and the like.

With these markets comes a unique opportunity for us to raise an additional $1,000, $2,000, $3,000 or more for our school – with minimal effort from the school community.

We want to run only five school stalls during the markets: Lakes Café, Devonshire Teas, BBQ, Cake Stall and Chocolate Wheel. (Plus Mary-Anne Watson and her Spring Fair team will be running a mini- Side Show Alley to entertain the kids while their parents shop.)

We want to take advantage of the atmosphere on the day, the crowds – and their hunger! We cannot run these stalls without your help. We need a few people to pull the stalls together – we have all our notes from the Spring Fair, so there’s no guesswork. If you can help with this please contact Jennifer 0412 428 760 or jsheehan@oceanholdings.com.

We will also need volunteers to staff our stalls, but first things first! Just mark the dates in your diaries and work out how much time you can donate. One hour of your time once each term will make all the difference.

All funds raised will go towards the P&C goals for 2014: replacement and additional home readers for K-2 and upgrades / maintenance for the Smartboards in each classroom.

~ New projectors for our Smartboards cost about $2,500 each
~ The school has 18 Smartboards and we already need to replace projectors in some of them
~ The Dept of Education does not pay for ongoing maintenance or upkeep of our Smartboards
**LIBRARY NEWS**

Once again this year many students have indicated that they wish to participate in the **Premier’s Reading Challenge**.

Very briefly, the rules are as follows:
- **Kindergarten - Year 2 students** read 30 books (25 from set list + 5 free choice)
- **Years 3 - 4** read 20 books (15 from set list + 5 free choice)
- **Years 5 - 6** read 20 books (15 from set list + 5 free choice)
- All student reading records are submitted online

Reading must be completed by the end of August.

If you wish your child to participate in this challenge, please fill in the tear-off portion at the end of this newsletter and send back to the Mrs Machar, in the Library. Upon receipt of the tear-off portion below, further details will then be sent home.

(Mrs) Vicky Machar
Teacher/Librarian

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**

I wish my child .............................................................., in class ................................
to participate in the **Premier’s Reading Challenge** in 2014.

I understand that I will need to keep a record of the books read to, and by, my child and to submit his/her Reading Log online.

Signed: ............................................................... (parent/caregiver)

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**CHESS CLUB NEWS**

Chess Club was very busy last Thursday with plenty of keen chess players. Our ‘celebrity’ guest was – Mr Zappia who helped Patrick beat Flinders in a thrilling game! Mr Alderton played Thomas 5/6CA in another close game. Thomas 5M loves surprise moves that put you on the defensive…. but so does Mr Alderton!

I would like to acknowledge the following students for coming along and having a go at playing chess:


There were quite a few players of the day. Oliver 3D, Toa 3M and Joshua Y3 were very impressive in their games. Indeed, I think it was Year 3’s week at chess with many Year 3 students playing some really good games proving that practice makes perfect.

Thanks to Denzel 2Z and Kalan 2Z for helping pack up the chess sets.

This week’s chess club meets at Myuna Bay at the Year 5/6 camp as Mr Alderton and Mr Casey will be holding a special tournament just for the seniors. Normal chess club meets next week in the library – Thursday 2nd half lunch.

Cheers,
Simon Alderton
NATIONAL RIDE 2 SCHOOL DAY

Congratulations to all the students of Narrabeen Lakes Public School for walking, wheeling, scooting and skateboarding to school on National Ride2School day last Wednesday 19 March.

What excitement as students started arriving at school! How wonderful to see so many students, parents and teachers dressed in their ‘Super Hero’ outfits and so many decorated bikes. There were plenty of Spider Man bikes, Batman scooters, Cat Woman, Wonder Woman, Eco Warrior, Compost King outfits … even Bindi Irwin and her Wildlife Warrior bike arrived from Australia Zoo in Queensland… thanks to Keoni in year 3D! There was an appearance by Ocean Man, and ‘Brats on Bikes’. There were bikes decorated with flowers, covered in newspapers, streamers, and environmental messages. The ‘Wonder Worm’ scooter was a huge hit with its green bucket load of colourful worms attached to the handlebars, thanks to Phoebe in 1GJ.

Even ‘SSW’ – ‘Super Science Woman’ (aka Mrs Clark) – made a special appearance with her mini, magical, magnifying glass.

Sadly, Mr. Rankin and Mr. Phillips were nowhere to be spotted during all the excitement but the ‘Riddler’ from Batman, dressed in a fine green suit, did put in an appearance, along with a strange looking fellow, with long black hair, claiming the title of ‘Bogan Man’. Mr. Rankin? Mr. Phillips? We can only wonder ...

A very big thanks goes to Narrabeen Lakes’ wonderful Ride2School ambassadors, students from years 1 – 6 who assisted tirelessly on the day to make it a tremendous success. Ride2School ambassadors attended lunchtime meetings with Mrs Clark, the science teacher, to discuss jobs and allocate roles for the day. Ride2School ambassadors were at school by 8.00 am helping set up bike parking stations, tagging and parking bikes in the secure parking area, handing out stickers, information brochures, active travel show bags, free safety vests and spot prizes. NLPS Ride2School ambassadors ensured the success of this important day on the school calendar. Thank you everyone who assisted and gave up his or her time.

Thanks also to the NLPS parent club who were also up bright and early to provide healthy breakfast treats for students and parents as they arrived at school. So many parents gave up their time, donated home baked treats, breakfast foods and fruit to support the ethos of active and healthy travel on the day.

NLPS has participated every year in National Ride2School day since 2008. The students look forward with great excitement every year to the event. We would love to see our students keep up the walking and wheeling throughout the year, as we believe the benefits greatly assist in the personal and academic development of every student.
Registrations are now open for this year’s Mini-Mos Community Fun Run and Fair. There are three races to choose from—2km, 5km or 10km—so every family member can be involved. We are offering early bird rates for first 250 people in each race to sign up, so register soon.

Register on the website: mini-mos.com

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National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2014

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2014 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 13 - 15 May 2014.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 16 May – A “catch-up” day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:

- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and have a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustment or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the Principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.
2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Dear Parent

The University of New South Wales is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

ICAS assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and in 20 countries. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), who design and deliver the assessments, is the not-for-profit arm of the University of New South Wales.

ICAS:
- is an annual skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students in Years 2-12;
- assessments are available in Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing
- gathers performance information through a 30–60 minute supervised in-school test
- provides a continuous, independent and comprehensive record of a student's performance, and maps their development over the full period of primary and secondary schooling
- enables the progress of each student to be mapped in each skill against their previous performance, demonstrating personal improvement no matter the starting point
- uses fellow students' results as a reference point; results are mapped against all students sitting at the same year level in Australia
- provides an excellent preparation for national testing
- enables students at all levels of ability to participate, ICAS contains questions designed to specifically explore the abilities of students of all standards – this includes those of both lower and higher levels of achievement
- medals are awarded to the top students in each subject in each school year in each state when sufficiently meritorious and the test was sat on the official test date.
- achievement certificates are awarded to all students at a range of levels:
  1. High Distinction to the top 1% of students
  2. Distinction to the next 10% of students
  3. Credit to the next 25% of students
  4. Merit to the next 10% of students
  5. Participation to all other students
- results are available to parents and students online; these online reports and analyses remain available indefinitely.
- ICAS reports indicate which questions were answered correctly, compare student performance to that of the other students tested and are highly suitable for inclusion in a student's portfolio for future tertiary entrance or job opportunities
- entries are administered through the school, so teachers can also access the information

To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form overleaf and return it, with your entry fees, to the red box in the office by **Friday 11th April, 2014**.

For more information about ICAS go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au, contact Customer Service on (02) 8344 1010 or send an email to info@eaa.unsw.edu.au

Your child can also prepare for ICAS using Practice Online. Practice Online tests are available for English, Mathematics and Science. Find out more about Practice Online at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online

Yours sincerely

Dr Sofla Kesidou
Group Executive
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2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)
Registration Form

Please return this form to the RED box by Friday 11 April—One form per child.

I give permission for my child _____________________________________________ of ________________________
Child’s name Class
to participate in the following 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). Please select the
subjects you would like your child to enter:

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Please find enclosed $________________ total entry fee.

Name of Parent/Guardian_____________________________________________ Date_____________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____________________________________________________________________

Please complete and return to school if paying by MASTERCARD/VISA credit/debit card.
Credit card minimum = $20. Please note, we do not have facilities for other cards.

To: Narrabeen Lakes Public School.
Please charge $________ to my ☐ Mastercard, ☐ Visa for payment (*please tick required box). If paying by
debit card, please ensure, that sufficient funds are available until AFTER receipt has been issued.

Name of Cardholder (please print): ______________________________________________________________

Card No: ____________ ____________ ____________ ____________ ____________ ____________ ____________ ____________ ____________ ____________

Expiry Date: ____________ Signature of Cardholder: _________________________________________________

Child/children’s name: .................................................................................................................. Class: ................................

Respect Responsibility Have a Go!
NARRABEEN
LAKES SCHOOL
MARKET

Our art and design market will have lots of fabulous stalls featuring unique, handmade products / great food and live entertainment...

SATURDAY

5TH APRIL

9am - 3pm

by the lake, next to the sea
1299 Pittwater Rd, Narrabeen
(opposite the fire station)

www.facebook.com/narrabeenlakesschoolmarket