Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is hard to believe that the end of the first term of 2014 is almost upon us – these past 11 weeks have flown by. The students, teachers and community have achieved so much and I know that the students, in particular, are looking forward to a well-earned break from their studies.

**Staff Development Day**

Next term commences for students on **Tuesday 29 April**. Teachers and staff, however, return on Monday 28 April for a staff development day. Teachers will spend a significant amount of time on this day, and in the coming terms, exploring and learning about the new K-6 English syllabus and the new K-6 Maths syllabus.

**Band Mufti Day/Kindy Letterland Mufti Day**

For the price of a gold coin donation, students in Years 1-6 are invited to come dressed as their favourite rock star on Friday when the band holds its fundraising mufti day. There will be a special K-6 assembly featuring the school bands and a special guest performance by an upcoming group who may be familiar to the students and parents………. The Kindy students will come to school dressed as something beginning with their favourite letter. This is a celebration of Kindy achievements so far this year and a recognition of their enjoyment of the Letterland program.

**Annual School Report**

Our school’s 2013 Annual School report (ASR) has been published on the school website. The report details achievements of our students, results of evaluations, educational targets and a range of school profiles. If you would like a paper copy of the ASR, please contact Mrs Mackenzie in the office.

**Narrabeen Lakes Markets**

Saturday was a fantastic day for our first NLPS Markets. We were blessed with perfect weather, enthusiastic shoppers, a great variety of high quality merchandise, and tremendous organisation by the Markets committee. So many people commented to me on the great atmosphere at the Markets and how much they enjoyed the variety of stalls, food and music.

I can’t speak highly enough of the effort that was put into making the day a HUGE success. In particular, I would like to acknowledge Jennifer Sheehan (P&C President), Lisa Gillespie and Gerri Tiller who were the

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**Dates for Your Diary**

- **11 April 2014** Last Day of Term 1
- **28 April 2014** Term 2 Staff only return for Term 2
- **29 April 2014** Students return for Term 2
- **1 May 2014** Yrs K-2 Pet ownership ed program
- **7 May 2014** Mother’s Day Stall
- **9 May 2014** Yrs K-2 Gymnastics commence
- **20 May 2014** ICT Computer Skills Test
- **27 May 2014** Yrs 3 & 4 Excursion “The Rocks”

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main organisers of the day, backed by an army of enthusiastic parent and community volunteers, teachers and students. For a more complete list of acknowledgements and more market reports, please see the P&C report later in this edition.

The next Markets are scheduled for Saturday 7 June – I'm sure that with your support they will be even bigger and better than this first one!

125 Years of Narrabeen Lakes
This year Narrabeen Lakes celebrates its 125th birthday on Monday 5 May. It is a special occasion worthy of a special event and the school is already planning a big celebration. However, as NAPLAN and a few other key events are taking place early in Term Two, we have decided to celebrate our big day in Term Three. Stay tuned for further details!

In the meantime, we will be taking a special photograph of all students on 5 May. More news on this next term.

Student Leadership
This Thursday, our school leaders will attend the Peninsula Community of Schools (PCS) Young Leaders Presentation at Warringah Council Chambers. Our captains and vice captains have been busy this term undertaking leadership training on an almost weekly basis, organised by the PCS. The culmination of their work is a video that they will present at the forum on Thursday. Congratulations to our leaders on their achievements and good luck for Thursday – your school and teachers are very proud of you.

Student Achievement
Congratulations to Ellie McP for representing the school at the Regional Carnival at Homebush.

House Point Champions: congratulations to this term’s House Point Champions – the Stingrays! This Thursday, Stingrays in Years 1-6 will have a special afternoon of fun and games in the playground and may wear mufti based on their house colours. A note went home to all students in the Stingrays house on Tuesday afternoon.

On that positive note, let me conclude by thanking all staff and students for their hard work and efforts this term.

Thank you also to our parents and community members who support the school is so many ways – we couldn’t do it without you.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday and see you again on Tuesday 29 April for another exciting term of learning at this wonderful school.

Andy Rankin
Principal

Regional Swimming Carnival
On 25 March I went to the Regional Swimming Carnival at Homebush for 50m Backstroke. It took us about 45 minutes to get there and I was feeling very nervous.

When we got there my mum bought me a ‘Sydney North Swimming’ jumper, it was purple. Then we got my regional patch which gets sewn on my sport shirt.

As we were walking to where we sat we watched the freestyle heats which had just started.

After breaststroke it was my go…I was in Heat 1, Lane 1. As we were walking up to the starting blocks I saw my name up on the board.

We hopped in the water and the starter said, "Take your marks, set", he fired the gun after set and we were off!!

I swam as hard as I could but it wasn’t enough on the day :( My mum told me it was a great accomplishment and that I was the only one that went to Regional from my school and I should feel very proud of that.

That made me feel better :)”

Ellie McP 4P

Lost Property Basket
The lost property basket lives outside 2AJ’s classroom. Year 2 students do a great job returning items labelled with names; however, many items aren’t labelled and are just sitting in the basket waiting to be collected.

These include many things lost at swimming scheme such as speedos, goggles, beach towels and underpants.

If you have lost anything at school can you please check the lost property basket outside Year 2 classrooms.

Thanks,

Simon Alderton and Year 2

Urgent Attention!!
School Staff Carpark

Please be advised that the staff carpark is out of bounds at all times except for staff and parents with permits to park.
LIBRARY NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following 11 students, who have been busy reading (some began months ago!!) and have now completed the

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE:

Ben M, Cody P, Emily S (Year 1)
Madison C-W (Year 2)
William B, Starly B-J, May S (Year 3)
Savannah P, Bobby S (Year 4)
Adele O, Kylie S (Year 6)

We are so proud of you all!

The PRC must be completed by 22 August, so we still have 19 weeks to go......

As of this week, KL, KMH and KS will borrow 2 books each week.

Parents Please ensure that Library books, borrowed over the holidays, are not taken to holiday destinations!!

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 ........................................... 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)
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

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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: …………………..
MINI-MOS COMMUNITY FUN RUN & FAIR
SUNDAY 15 JUNE, 2014

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
MARKET DAY SUCCESS!

Our first Market Day was a great success! Everyone mentioned the great atmosphere, how friendly people were and how beautiful the stalls were!

All important feedback from the stallholders was generally positive – especially for our first Market. We do need to build on our early success and make sure we grow the number of stalls and have even greater choice for more customers to choose from. We want to make the Market a ‘destination for the day’ where people come to shop, browse, have lunch, enjoy the entertainment, let the kids have some fun and generally have a great day.

For those who could not make it to the first market please note the next market date in your diary - Saturday, 7 June. Many stallholders have already booked for June, and some for the rest of the year! We do still need to invite more stallholders – if you know of a suitable business which trades at markets or you see a market stall offering quality products, please get their card or their website and send it to Lisa at nlpsmarket@gmail.com. As many of you would have seen, we are targeting providers of quality products such as Australian made/designer goods, Fair Trade goods, handcrafted items, handmade clothes, second hand books, organic or boutique foods, artisan items and the like.

All of the funds raised from these Markets will go towards the P&C goals for 2014: keeping the Smartboards in our childrens’ classrooms working properly and making sure we have enough home readers for our K-2 classes.

There are lots of people to thank for making the day a success: Lisa Gillespie who did so much to organize the beautiful collection of Stallholders, Gerri Tiller who also helped out with advertising; Andrew Myers for designing our logo and printing it! Leanne Yuniardi who delivered 1500 flyers for us, Glenn Quinnell who installed an outdoor power point at short notice, Mandy Carroll who created a Money Tree ... Jennifer and Lisa would like to personally thank Tracey (Canteen) Georgia (Cakes) Mary-anne (Sideshow Alley) Tiffany Smyth (Treasurer) and Gerry Tiller for going above and beyond in this great cause. We must thank our Class Parents who sent out our emails and collected our 30 volunteers. St Faiths generously allowed us to park our stallholders on their grounds and Narrabeen North Baptist kindly displayed one of our banners to everyone on Wakehurst Parkway. Michelle Liston and Ali Russell kindly ‘re-purposed’ our Spring Fair banners and Michelle and Kate Lambert displayed them on their strategically placed fences!

And a huge thanks to the parents who managed to give their time on the day (or prior) by volunteering or spending their hard-earned dollars at the market and let’s not forget those who baked the fabulous cakes that sold out .... we couldn’t have done it without you.
Wednesday 7 MAY (week 2 of Term2)

The Mother’s Day Stall provides an opportunity for children to buy a gift for Mum and/or carers, grandparents, etc. This is a valuable fundraising activity for our school. Most gifts will be on sale for between $5 and $10 with a small number priced up to $15. We are asking parents to please send in a small appropriate gift to be delivered to the office foyer. You may choose to send in more than one gift (some children buy a gift for more than one carer).

GIFT GUIDE:
Gifts should ideally be wrapped in clear cellophane so the gift can be seen (if it is a boxed item, maybe take the lid off so it can be seen when wrapped up). Here are some ideas..........

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<td>Door hangers</td>
<td>Makeup remover</td>
<td>Sauces and spices</td>
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<td>Belts</td>
<td>DVD</td>
<td>Magazines</td>
<td>Scarf</td>
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<td>Body wash for women</td>
<td>Earrings, bracelets, necklace</td>
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<td>Books and joke books</td>
<td>Egg cups</td>
<td>Massager</td>
<td>Soap</td>
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<td>First aid kit</td>
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<td>Bubble bath / bombs</td>
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<td>Calculator</td>
<td>Garden gloves</td>
<td>Mouse pad</td>
<td>Sweat towel</td>
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<td>Candles (scented)</td>
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<td>Mugs</td>
<td>Tea for one (pot and cup in one)</td>
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<td>Car bumper stickers</td>
<td>Hand creams</td>
<td>Nail polish</td>
<td>Tea towels</td>
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<td>Cards / games</td>
<td>Hand mirror</td>
<td>Nail scissors / manicure set</td>
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<td>Neck beanies / cushions</td>
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<td>Lollies / bag</td>
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<td>Lip-gloss, eye shadow</td>
<td>Rain gauge</td>
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Thank you for your participation in this event!

Any questions, feel free to contact Alison Crawford at acraw@iinet.net.au or your class parent.