Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This is a big week for students in Year 3 and Year 5 at Narrabeen Lakes, and indeed throughout Australia, as they sit for the NAPLAN test (the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy). We wish them well in their endeavours.

**Kindy 2015**

Enrolments are now open for Kindergarten in 2015 for families in our school intake zone. Please pop into the office to collect an enrolment form and return it to us at your earliest convenience.

As our planning for 2015 is already underway, it is important that current Narrabeen Lakes families with siblings starting next year also enrol as soon as possible. The provision of our school staffing is very much dependent on Kindergarten student numbers - your early enrolment will provide us with greater clarity about the number of teachers we can expect to engage in 2015.


**Term Fees**

Term fees are due by Friday 23 May. Thank you for the very prompt response from those who have already paid their term accounts. If you are experiencing difficulties in meeting your payments, please contact me in strictest confidence on 9913 7077.

**125th Anniversary Celebrations - help needed**

Are you interested in contributing to our school history? Do you have design/graphics skills? Are you an enthusiastic organiser? Do you have skills with Powerpoint/Keynote? Are you a great team player? Are you a ‘foodie’ who loves helping with catering? Do you just love to help?

If you answered ‘yes’ or ‘that’s me’ to any of those questions, we’d love you to join the Narrabeen Lakes 125th anniversary team and help prepare for some exciting events in late Term Three. Come along to a meeting in the school library next Monday 19 May at 3.30pm to find out more.

**P&C Meeting**

Our next P&C meeting will take place in the school library on Tuesday 20 May at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

**Year 2 at The Powerhouse Museum**

This Thursday students in Year 2 are participating in an excursion to The Powerhouse Museum as part of **Dates for Your Diary**

15 May 2014  Yr 2 Powerhouse Museum Excursion  
16 May 2014  PSSA Begins  
19 May 2014  Winter Uniform starts  
20 May 2014  ICT Computer Skills Test  
21 May 2014  Special Lunch “Melts”  
22 May 2014  Yr 1 Walking Excursion Narrabeen  
23 May 2014  Walk Safely to School Day  
27 May 2014  Yrs 3 & 4 Excursion “The Rocks”  
28 May 2014  Excursion CARES Year 5  
29 May 2014  Band at War Vets  
3 June 2014  School Tour 9.30 am  
4 June 2014  ICAS Science  
17 June 2014  ICAS Spelling  
22 June 2014  Dance Opera House  
24 June 2014  Recorder Group Opera House  
26 June 2014  School Tour
their unit on Transport. I’m sure they will be fascinated when they get up close to the trains, plains and cars on display. We wish them a great day.

Mandarin and Indonesian

Students in Year 2 are thoroughly enjoying their Indonesian lessons that have begun this term. They are utilising our video conference facilities to connect with their language teacher who is located in Dee Why. You may want to say ‘selamat pagi’ to Mr Zappia and Mr Alderton the next time that you see them in the morning – they have been seen joining in the lessons with their students!

Mandarin lessons commenced last term for students in Year 6 and are a great introduction to a complex but very widely spoken language. The lessons will also stand them in good stead for Year 7 when many local high schools offer Mandarin as a language option.

Mother’s Day

I trust all our wonderful mothers in the community were thoroughly spoiled on Mother’s Day last weekend. Thanks again to all the Parent Club members for their organisation of our school Mother’s Day stall last week.

Cross Country

Last Friday, students from Years 3-6 (joined by Year 2 students turning 8 this year) participated in our school cross country event held between Wheeler Park and Jamieson Park. The weather cleared up for us and there were some magnificent efforts by the students to achieve personal bests. Thank you to Mr Phillips for superb organisation, and special thanks to all the parents and community members who donated their time to marshal on the course.

Student Achievement:

Jack D, 1H and Darcie B, 1H—10 Blue
Madison C/M, 2Z—20 Green

House Points:

Stingrays 1st 14 points
Sharks 2nd 9 point
Dolphins 3rd 8 points

Wishing you an excellent week,
Andy Rankin
Principal

PITTSWATER PSSA WINTER DRAW 2014

Girls—Soccer   Girls—Netball
Boys Soccer

Soccer venue listed in brackets below
Netball ALWAYS at Boondah, Warriewood

Please note the following dates for PSSA :

16 May    NLPS vs Newport (Boondah)
23 May    NLPS vs Wheeler Heights (Boondah)
30 May    NLPS vs Bilgola Plateau (Kitchener)
06 June   GALA DAY (to be advised)
13 June   BYE
20 June   NLPS vs Narrabeen North (Narra Nth))
27 June   NO GAME
18 July   NLPS vs Avalon (Boondah)
25 July   NLPS vs Elanora Heights (Kitchener)
01 August NLPS vs Mona Vale (Kitchener)
08 August NLPS vs Collaroy Plateau (Boondah)
15 August WASH OUT if required
22 August WASH OUT if required

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

TRAFFIC CONGESTION

Did you know that about 20% of morning peak hour traffic congestion is made up of parents driving their children to school?

The rumour that Pied Piper is out of stock is untrue. Winter stock has been available since February.

Second Hand stocks in the P&C Uniform Shop of girl’s winter tunics are in short supply as this is only the third year of the new tartan. If your child has outgrown her tunic, please consider donating it to the P&C Uniform Shop. Any good quality uniforms can be handed into the office at any time. Thank you.
“THE PITTWATER SHORT STORY AWARD”

Calling all **keen story writers** amongst our students in Years 4, 5 and 6!!
Why not take part in this competition?
- **Age category:** 9 – 12 years
- **Length:** No more than 500 words
- **Prize:** $100 Berkelouw book voucher

See **Mrs Machar in the Library** for more details

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**DANCE NEWS**

Thank you to all of those people who have returned their permission notes for Term 2. Dance will be commencing in Week 2. It is essential that all students return their permission notes to attend. The students have been working really hard to learn their routines and will continue working on these routines to refine them ready for performances coming up.

The three junior dance groups will be performing at the Sydney Eisteddfod at the Opera House on Sunday 22 June 2014. More information will be sent home regarding this event. So keep the date free and let Mrs Syron know if you cannot attend the performance.

The senior dance groups will be performing at the PCS Music Festival later in the year.

With these performances coming up it is essential that students attend all rehearsals. If students miss more than three rehearsals they may not be able to perform as it is not fair to those students who have been putting in the hard yards.

- **Monday 8am** Senior Contemporary
- **Monday lunch** Junior GIRLS Hip Hop
- **Tuesday 8am** Senior Hip Hop
- **Tuesday lunch** Junior BOYS Hip Hop *Please note the change*
- **Wednesday lunch** Junior Contemporary

Thank you,
The Dance Committee
KINDERGARTEN NEWS TERM ONE

Kindergarten had an enjoyable last day of Term One dressing up as their favourite Letterland character. We paraded our fantastic costumes for the whole school very happily and received many 'high fives' from the big kids.

This term we are looking forward to continuing learning in all areas of school, including a very exciting H.S.I.E unit called ‘This is me’.

Mrs Mule, Mrs Horton, Miss Seeney and Miss Loader
CROSS COUNTRY

Our school cross country carnival was held last Friday, in ideal weather conditions. Many thanks to the wonderful parents and staff members who acted as track supervisors for the event.

Each age group competed enthusiastically, with some excellent performances. Congratulations to the following children, who won each age group.

8/9 Yrs Mason 3D Marissa 3 M
10 Yrs Hal 4P Ellie 4P
11 Yrs Gus 5M Sabine 5M
12 Yrs Tibo 5/6Ca Kylie 6C.

The Pittwater Zone carnival will be held on Thursday, 22 May at the Jacksons Rd field, North Narrabeen.

And the winner is...
1st - Sharks 170 pts
2nd - Dolphins 143 pts
3rd - Stingrays 106 pts.

We'll done, Sharks!

Ian Phillips
FREE two day workshop and information sessions for PARENTS/CARERS of school age students on the autism spectrum

Workshop: 2014NSWPC8 Location: Northern Beaches

The Positive Partnerships initiatives have been developed and delivered by Partnerships between Education and the Autism Community (PEAC) and funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, through the Helping Children with Autism package.

What will you learn?
As a result of participating in the workshops and information sessions as parents/carers you will gain:

- a greater understanding of the impact of autism on your child, both at school and at home
- knowledge about how to develop effective parent, school and teacher partnerships
- specific strategies on how to:
  - advocate for your child
  - support your child’s participation at school
  - develop an awareness of ongoing learning needs
- information about your local school system’s processes
- opportunities to network and share strategies with other parents/carers and key community members
- opportunities for discussion around a range of topics relevant to students with an ASD and their families

Some key community representatives that support families living with autism will be identified and invited to participate in the workshop with a view to supporting a community focus beyond the workshop.

Workshop details
Venue: Bayview Golf Club
1825 Pittwater Road, Bayview NSW 2104

When: Two day workshop – Tuesday 3 & Wednesday 4 June 2014
  Day 1: 9.00 am - 4.30 pm (Registration from 8.15 am)
  Day 2: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm

Registration opens Monday 28 April 2014 and closes 2 days prior.
Registration may stay open until one day before the workshop if spaces are still available, but we strongly recommend that you register as soon as possible.
You will receive a confirmation of your registration.
Online registrations preferred: please go to the website www.positivepartnerships.com.au.

POSITIVE PARTNERSHIPS WORKSHOP INFORMATION LINE NUMBER: 1300 881 971
Implementing Take 3 at Your School

Who?
Take 3 asks everyone to simply take three pieces of rubbish with them when they leave the beach, waterway or...anywhere! Take 3 is a movement to stop the flow of marine debris into the oceans and educate everyone about this growing threat. Take 3 empowers the community by focusing on the simple things we can all do to help. Check out the website and videos at www.take3.org.au

Contact us if you would like Take 3 to visit your school.

Why?
Across the globe, millions of tonnes of rubbish enters the world’s oceans and waterways every year to become ‘marine debris’. Over 80% of marine debris is plastic and may persist for hundreds of years, often breaking apart into smaller and smaller pieces that are entering the food chain. Marine debris pollutes every square mile of ocean and every beach on the planet. Floating plastic travels on ocean currents to pollute remote islands and become garbage ‘patches’ in the middle of the ocean. Marine debris is responsible for the deaths of up to 1,000,000 seabirds and 100,000 marine animals every year. Take 3 insists that we all must be responsible for cleaning it up and preventing more from entering our waterways.

How you can help at YOUR School

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<th>Join ‘Take 3’ on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter). Share a photo!</th>
<th>Visit the Take 3 website (<a href="http://www.take3.org.au">www.take3.org.au</a>) to watch and share the educational videos.</th>
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<td>Hold an art competition (marine debris art challenge) using rubbish collected from the beach/playground.</td>
<td>Organise an excursion to clean up a beach or local park, use the National Marine Debris Initiative sheet to collect data of what you found.</td>
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<td>Get recycling bins in the playground.</td>
<td>Create a compost &amp; worm farm.</td>
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<td>Competition to see what class/year is the cleanest. Points/Rewards.</td>
<td>Form a Take 3 school waste committee to lead the school to make positive changes.</td>
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<td>REFUSE disposable plastics</td>
<td>Write a Rap song or story about Take 3.</td>
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<td>Make an educational poster about the problem of littering and Take 3.</td>
<td>Write a letter about rubbish for the school newsletter or local newspaper.</td>
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<td>Have students in the playground who monitor littering.</td>
<td>Designated areas in school where students eat lunch &amp; leave it clean.</td>
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<td>Design a t-shirt or board shorts</td>
<td>Make a YouTube video about Take 3.</td>
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<td>Make your school plastic bottle free</td>
<td>Install a water refill station for reusable bottles.</td>
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<td>Ask the school canteen not to sell disposable plastic packaging.</td>
<td>Use less plastic packaging &amp; disposable products at home &amp; school.</td>
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<td>Use reusable bags not plastic bags for shopping</td>
<td>Adopt the six R’s</td>
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<td>Waste free lunch days</td>
<td>Hold playground litter clean ups.</td>
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<td>If someone litters, ask them nicely to pick up their rubbish and put it in the bin.</td>
<td>Tell your family and friends about Take 3 and how easy it is to help.</td>
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Contact: Tim Silverwood M: 0420 668 114 E: tim@take3.org.au Web: www.take3.org.au
Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is opportunity class placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students.

Offers for opportunity class placement will be made on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 23 July 2014.

If you would like to apply for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2015 on behalf of your child, you need to do so soon.

Most applicants are expected to apply on the internet and submit their application online. They will need to have an email address (not the student’s email address), access to the internet and a printer.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from Monday 28 April 2014 at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. Online applications close on Friday 16 May 2014.

If parents do not have internet access, commercially printed application forms will be available on request from the school on Monday 28 April 2014. They must be completed and returned to the school by Friday 16 May 2014.

The applications will be processed by the school in exactly the same way whether you apply online or submit a commercially printed form. Parents are to submit only ONE application for each student.

Yours sincerely

Principal

Please return the completed tear-off slip below to the red box in the school foyer by Friday 9 May.

Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2015

Note: This is an expression of interest only, NOT an application. You will need to submit either an online or a paper application for your child to be considered for placement.

Student’s name: __________________________  Class: ____________

I am interested in applying for opportunity class placement in 2015

Yes □  No □

if Yes:

I have internet access and will be applying online

Yes □  No □

OR

I do not have internet access and would like to receive a printed application form

Signature of parent/carer: __________________________ Date: ____________
Special Lunch…**MELTS!!**

Warm bread roll melt for Autumn on **WEDNESDAY MAY 21**
Please put the correct money with your order form filled out clearly in an envelope and deposit into the **YELLOW BOX** in the school’s foyer. Don’t forget to put your child’s full name and class on this form. Orders need to be in by **FRIDAY 16 MAY** (sorry late orders can not be accepted).
Only 1 student per order form please.

Student’s full name………………………………………….Class………………

Plain Cheese Melt ($2.00ea)  x…………. $................
(Roll, tasty cheese)

Ham & Cheese Melt ($2.50ea)  x…………. $................
(Roll, ham, tasty cheese)

Vegemite Roll ($2.00ea)  x…………. $................
(Not warmed in oven)

* Please tick box if gluten-free bread is required  [ ]

Poppa 100% Juice (1per child)($1.00ea)  x…………. $................

TOTAL $..............

**ALLERGY INFORMATION:**

My child …………………………………...……….. of class ……………… has the following special **dietary or medical** requirements (e.g. anaphylactic to nuts, or allergic to dairy) …………………………………………………………………
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I give/do not give permission for my child to receive medical treatment in case of an emergency.

Print name………………………………………….. Signature…………………………………………………………

Date…………………………….

** Helpers?** Are you available to help on the day for 1,2 or more hours? We will need helpers to prepare rolls after school drop off, and others from 12 - 1:30 to pack. Please fill in below with time available. Thanks for your support!

Name……………………………………….Phone…………………Time………………

Canteen Contact: Please contact Kristen McPherson on 0417422917 with any questions about this special lunch day.