Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to all the families who have used our new online system and booked a parent teacher interview for next week. So far 222 interviews have been booked for our 375 students – a tremendous response.

If you have not yet booked, please follow the instructions for online booking found in the flyer at the back of this newsletter. Bookings close this Thursday at 4pm.

May I remind parents and caregivers to please be prompt for your interview. Each interview is scheduled to last for 10 minutes with a 5 minute change over period. As you can imagine, late arrivals will cause all other interviews to run over schedule. If you require a more in depth discussion, please arrange another time with your child’s teacher.

Reports
Reports will go home with students this Thursday 19 June.

I am sure that you will join me in thanking the teachers and executive for the enormous effort and amount of hours that they have taken to write these reports. Teachers will spend anywhere between 30-40 hours of their own time drafting, editing and re-writing these important documents; that is the equivalent of another working week on top of their regular school hours. It is also in addition to the hours that they already spend in the evenings and on weekends preparing lessons, assessing, planning and marking work. Somewhere amongst all that work, I believe they also find time for family life too!

Teacher Professional Learning
Last year, I relayed to parents that our NAPLAN data and consistent teacher judgement have shown that students need to improve in the area of inferential comprehension. To meet this need, teachers have been engaged in significant professional learning on the teaching of reading comprehension. You will have noticed my articles on the Super Six Comprehension strategies last term as a reflection of this learning.

We will utilise our next Staff Development Day on Monday 14 July to continue high quality teacher professional learning with a reading comprehension workshop presented by Mr Phillips and Mrs Smith. Mr Zappia is also leading a session on the new K-6 Mathematics syllabus that all schools will have to implement in 2015.

Finally, Mr Chapman and Mrs Kirkland will be up-skilling staff in 21st Century Learning fluencies that

Dates for Your Diary

- 22 June 2014 Dance Opera House
- 24 June 2014 Recorder Group Opera House
- 26 June 2014 School Tour
- 26 June 2014 School Disco
- 27 June 2014 Sports Hero Mufti Day
- 14 July 2014 Pupil Free/ Staff Development Day
- 15 July 2014 Students return Term Three
are designed to further engage students in creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, citizenship and communication.

School Disco
I'm sure that all students are very much looking forward to next week’s school disco Thursday 26 June. See further details in the attached flyer. Thank you to all our wonderful Parent Club members for their organisation of this event.

School Tour
Our next school tour is at 9.30am on Thursday 26 June. If you are considering Narrabeen Lakes for 2015, it is an excellent opportunity to see our students and the school ‘in action’.

Don’t forget enrolments are now open for Kindergarten 2015. We urge you to fill in your forms and return them to the office soon, as spaces are filling quickly. If you are unsure about your child’s readiness for Kindergarten next year, please don’t hesitate to give me a call on 9913 7077, or ask for Mr Zappia, our Kindergarten supervisor. You will also find useful information on school readiness at the following website: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/

Mini-Mos Marathon
Last Sunday, a large number of Narrabeen Lakes Public School students participated in the annual Mini-Mos Marathon. It was perfect weather for the event and all had a great time. A big thank you to Mr Alderton for organising the team. Thank you to all parents and carers who gave their time so the children could participate.

PCS Art Exhibition
You are invited to attend the Peninsula Community of Schools Art Exhibition in celebration of the Guringai Festival this Wednesday 18 June at Mona Vale Public School from 5-7pm. Please see the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

Primary Parent Planner
A further reminder that you can keep up to date with all the important dates at Narrabeen Lakes for your child and their class by downloading the Primary Parent Planner app from the App Store or Google Play. It really is a very useful addition to your smartphone.

Have a wonderful week and hope to see you around the school next week when the interviews are taking place.

Sport Mufti Day
One of our students, Talon from 5/6Ca, has been chosen to represent the Sydney North Sports Association for touch football. This is an incredible achievement as only twelve people from the whole of North Sydney were chosen for this state carnival. He is the only second person from our school to receive such an honour. As a community, we will be raising money to help pay for his levy, which is approximately $400.

On Friday the 27 June we will be holding a Sports Hero Mufti Day. Children are able to come to school dressed as their favourite sports star, or in their club colours / jersey. A gold coin donation is appreciated.

Please note: Children are not to wear footy boots. Also, if sports jersey is a singlet, children need to have a shirt on underneath.

Student Achievement
Matilda J—3D, Marley S—1H, Samantha M—4M and Edenn G—1GJ, 10 Blue Merits
Lewis C—2AJ, and Anja V—4M, 10 Red Merits

May S—3M, 20 Blue Merits

House Points:

Stingrays 18
Dolphins 18
Sharks 17

Enjoy the rest of the week.

Andy Rankin

PITTWATER 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:

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.

HUNGRY CHILDREN

With the cooler weather fast approaching, many children look forward to a little extra food in their lunch boxes.

We have had a few children coming to the office still feeling hungry after finishing their morning tea and lunch.

Please discuss this with your children and ensure they have adequate food to stay nourished throughout the day.

HOT CHOCOLATE

Cups of hot chocolate will be available from the canteen for $1.00 during lunch on MONDAYS!

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Respect   Responsibility   Have a Go!
Mini Mos Marathon

Last Sunday, several students and parents braved the cold, windy conditions to attend this year’s Mini-Mos Marathon.  

*Well done to Lily (Year 6) and her brother Jack (Year 4), Nathan (Year 4) and his brother Lewis (Year 2), Summer (Year 5), Gus (Year 5), May (Year 3) and Akira (Kindy) who all made the 2km dash to the finish line.*

The Mini Mos Marathon raises money for several charities and is attended by many schools in northern Sydney. We look forward to the pub to pub race in August which also has a team from our school raising money for charity. Thanks, Mr Alderton

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**Traffic Congestion**

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

*Provided by Northern Beaches Health Promotion Unit*

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**Winter Uniforms**

*Are In Stock* at Pied Piper!

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.
**TAKE 3 AT TARONGA ZOO**

On Thursday the 5 June, the ‘Take 3 committee’ went to Taronga Zoo. Each school had to give a presentation on what they have done in their campaign. All the PCS schools that took part had to meet at Rat Park to get on a bus to Taronga Zoo. The bus ride took an hour and a half because of the torrential rain and traffic!

Once we arrived at the zoo we went into the lecture theatre so the schools could start doing their presentations. Our school showed a video on what we had been doing at Narrabeen Lakes. Ivy and Liam represented us by introducing our school and showing our video.

Afterwards David from Gibberagong said that we could all go and have recess. Mr Casey and Mrs Chant took us out of the theatre and into the zoo. On the way to find a spot to eat we stopped and looked at the Asian elephants. Two of the baby elephants were going in and out of the water; it was really funny! We ended up sitting down in the front of the elephant enclosure.

We then went back inside to listen to the rest of the speeches from the other schools. They talked about what they did. Their projects were really good! Later on, a girl from the Taronga Zoo wild life hospital gave a talk about some of the turtles that she gets in the hospital and the type of rubbish she finds in the turtles. It was SHOCKING!!!

At lunch, we had about 45 minutes to walk around the zoo and look at the animals. The first lot of animals we looked at were the reptiles. In this enclosure we saw snakes, frogs, lizards and tortoises. Inside it was very warm for the animals. We then saw the giraffes, monkeys, lions and tigers. Finally we headed back to the top of the zoo to catch a bus back to Rat Park.

I think we speak for everyone when we say it was a great day! Very wet but fun.

By Sabine, Mikayla and Emily from Take 3!

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**BAND MATTERS**

Just a reminder The Music Festival is held at Pittwater High School this Friday 20 June. We will need all our combined band members to be at Pittwater’s School Hall at 4.20pm and finish 5.50pm. Please allow enough time for parking. Non performing audience members can purchase tickets at the door for $5.00 per adult, $3.00 concession or $10.00 per family. Rachel will meet our band members at the venue. I would also like to remind everyone of our band uniform:

- **BLACK FULL LENGTH PANTS** – **Strictly no tights, leggings or hot pants**
- **BLACK SCHOOL SHOES OR SNEAKERS** – (black only and no other colours on shoes)
- **PLAIN BLACK SOCKS**
- Girls to have hair up in a pony-tail

Each child will be given a band shirt to wear for the performance, handed out on the day.

If you have any further questions regarding this event please don’t hesitate to contact me – Tracy 0434 395 460.

ALSO we have another Band Performance coming up; the **Combined Band** will be playing at our end of term assembly next Friday 27 June.

Members of the **Combined Band please remember to bring your instruments with you next Friday**.
**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.
Dear Parents,

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held from Monday 23rd June to Friday 27th June at Narrabeen Lakes Public School. A range of times is available for the interviews either before or after school, including an evening option on Monday 23 June. You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST. Go to http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps below.

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close on Thursday 19 June at 4pm.

IMPORTANT

No Internet?
For parents that don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, parents can still make their own bookings. Parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 9913 7077.

Interviews are strictly 10 mins and spaces are limited. Please be prompt to your interview as late arrivals can affect the next interview's start time. If you require more time or a time different to those advertised, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Need to change your interview?
Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 9913 7077.
The Narrabeen Lakes School Market success keeps on growing. Our second Market Day was bigger and better than the first, with a great range of stalls and lots more visitors. Thanks to all those who liked us on Facebook, who collected flyers from the office to distribute and who emailed their sports groups and friends.

Lots to thank:
- Lisa Gillespie for stallholder wrangling;
- Mary-Anne Watson and the always-fun Side Show Alley team;
- Kristian Chambers-McLean, new Market Treasurer (and BBQ-er!);
- Our wonderful team of volunteers;
- Georgia O’Neill, Lynn Chant and the beautiful range of cakes and cookies which were donated;
- Andrew Myers and Sarah Stempowski for producing the fantastic artwork for all our advertising. We’ve received lots of positive feedback on the artwork, which makes it instantly identifiable as Narrabeen Lakes Market! Fantastic marketing!

NEXT MARKET : SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 9-3

- Put it in your Diary now

AND... like us on Facebook!
www.facebook.com/NarrabeenLakesSchoolMarket
Mad hatter disco
Thursday 26 June

Put on a mad hat and join the fun!
Music, lights, prizes, karaoke!

Years K-2 disco: **5.30 – 6.45pm**  Years 3-6 disco: **7.10 – 8.30pm**

Access via Park Street gate only. Doors open **15 minutes before** session time. Please collect **promptly** from the school hall.

**Cost:** $5 disco only / $10 disco and dinner (2 x slices ham and cheese pizza and juice popper).

Glow bands, finger lights and flashing smiley face rings for sale on door: $0.50 - $2 each.

Please return to black box in school office by **Friday 20th June**.

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

I **enclose** $5 (disco only) / $10 (disco and dinner).

I give / do not give permission for my child to receive medical treatment in case of an emergency.

Print name: ........................................ Tel: ........................................

Signature: ........................................

**Allergy information:** My child has the following special **dietary or medical** requirements (e.g. anaphylactic to nuts, allergic to dairy)

Helpers: We need parents to help please! Please tick time slot(s):

Set up 4.30 - 5.15:  □  YK-2 disco 5.15-6.45:  □

Y3-6 disco 6.55 -8.30:  □  Clear up 8.30-9.00:  □

Name: ........................................  Mobile: ........................................

Email: ........................................