Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the last Pelican Post of Term Two. It’s hard to believe that the term has gone so quickly.

Last night (Tuesday), I was fortunate enough to attend the Sydney Opera House to watch the Narrabeen Lakes Recorder Ensemble participate in the NSW DEC Festival of Instrumental Music. It was a fantastic evening of amazing musical performances and our students were a credit to the school and their parents. Thank you to Mrs Jeffrey and Miss Garden for all their work and support of these students.

The festival, along with the band and dance activities mentioned below, remind me what wonderful arts opportunities this school offers its students thanks to the talents of our teachers. A recent study by the University of Sydney and the Australia Council for the Arts notes that “students who engaged with the arts in schools as active participants – as makers and doers in the arts – were more likely to do better in academic and social spheres than those who passively consumed the arts”. So, if your child has an interest in the arts, I’d say, “have a go!”

Reports and interviews

Reports were sent home with students last Thursday. They are a summary of your child’s progress to date and form the basis for discussion at this week’s parent/teacher interviews. I trust that you have found the online booking system through schoolinterviews.com.au a simple one – I welcome any constructive feedback that you may have.

School Band

Late last Friday afternoon, our school Combined Band participated in the Northern Beaches Instrumental Music Festival 2014 at Pittwater High School. They impressed the judges with their skill and musicianship. Congratulations to our band members for representing the school in such an exemplary fashion. Thank you to our conductor Miss Rachel, our band coordinator Tracy Grainger, and Mrs Mayo for giving their time so generously.

There is one more opportunity to see the Combined Band at this Friday’s K-6 Assembly at 11.15am.

Band Coordinator assistant required

Tracy Grainger is performing a wonderful job as Band Coordinator but with almost 70 students in our three bands, she would welcome some assistance for a few hours a month. If you are interested in assisting Tracy, please contact me via the office. No experience is required and plenty of advice and support is available for you!
Dance Groups
Last Sunday, our three junior dance groups attended the Sydney Eisteddfod at The Opera House, accompanied by a team of dedicated teachers. I would like to congratulate the students on their superb dancing and outstanding behaviour – they were terrific ambassadors for Public Education. Special congratulations to the three groups who all received ‘Highly Commended’ awards for their efforts. A big thank you to all our staff who gave up their Sunday to accompany the students – the students couldn’t do it without you! A very special thank you to Mrs Syron for her superb choreography and her tireless work with the children.

COLA upgrade/Building Fund
The P&C has kindly agreed to assist the school with its request to upgrade the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) that shelters the external assembly space outside the hall. The upgrade consists of installing high quality, see through PVC blinds that anchor to the ground around the COLA, creating an extra learning space that is virtually weather and wind proof. The increased area will allow for growth in the school, especially as the hall has reached capacity. In addition, it also becomes usable as an additional teaching space for dance, music, drama and any other learning activity for which extra area is needed.

If you would like to contribute to the funding of the COLA upgrade, the P&C has a voluntary Building Fund that is tax deductible and certainly worth considering before 30 June. The school certainly appreciates your consideration of this significant initiative.

School Disco
I’m sure that all students are very much looking forward to this week’s school disco on Thursday 26 June. 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’.

Mufti Day
A reminder that on Friday the 27 June we will be holding a Sports Hero Mufti Day to raise funds to cover a $400 levy for Talon (5/6Ca) who has been selected to represent Sydney North in Touch Football. 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.

House Treat
Congratulations to the Stingrays who have won this term’s House Treat. They will have a special afternoon event on Thursday this week. What a great end to the term!

Staff News
On behalf of the Narrabeen Lakes Public School community, I would like to congratulate our newest member of staff, Miss Janna Weber (3D), who is getting married in the school holidays. We wish her every happiness for the future.

Staff Development Day
There will be a Staff Development Day on Monday 14 July, the first day of Term Three. Teachers will undertake professional learning on the new K-6 Maths syllabus, Reading Comprehension, 21st Century Learning and e-Emergency Care training.

Student Achievement
Lachlan S —3D, 60 Green Merits
John S —1H, 10 Blue Merits
Brandon A—3M, Eva T—2AJ, 10 Red Merits

House Points
To be updated next term

School resumes for all students on Tuesday 15 July.
Until then, on behalf of all the staff at Narrabeen Lakes Public School, I’d like to wish you all safe and happy school holidays.

Andy Rankin
Principal

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 :
27 June  NO GAME
TERM 3
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.

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

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR THREE JUNIOR DANCE GROUPS RECEIVING HIGHLY COMMENDED ON SUNDAY. YOU ALL DID AN AMAZING JOB AND LOOKED FANTASTIC. THANK YOU TO ALL THE TEACHERS WHO GAVE THEIR TIME ON SUNDAY TO HELP MAKE THIS AN ENJOYABLE MORNING.

Sydney North Regional Dance Group.

At the end of 2013, I auditioned for the Sydney North Regional Dance Group. There were over 100 girls auditioning. After two call backs only 12 girls were chosen and I was one of them. We auditioned in front of three choreographers. We rehearse every Tuesday night for two hours. I have already performed at the Sydney North Dance Festival last Tuesday, and we are dancing again today with a contemporary piece. We have been selected to perform in the “School Spectacular” which will be a lot of fun. I feel proud to have been chosen to dance in this group with so many auditioning.

Roxy S 6C

NORTH SYDNEY REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY.

Congratulation Marissa (4M) and Tibo (5/6Ca) who competed last week in the North Sydney Regional Cross Country at Gosford. Marissa finished 25th and Tibo 27th in their events, competing in a field of 75 children from schools throughout Northern Sydney. I great effort. Well done Marissa and Tibo.

Mr Phillips.
BAND MATTERS

Last Friday our Combined Band performed at the Northern Beaches Instrumental Music Festival at Pittwater High School.

This performance was special as some of our band members had never performed outside of our school and some had only started playing instruments this year.

Our band looked great in their uniforms. They performed three numbers and they were BRILLIANT. Rachel has done a fabulous job. The students were outstanding on the big stage with a huge audience.

All the band members can be extremely proud of themselves. It was a marvellous performance that left our band director Rachel fighting back the tears.

Thank you to Mrs Mayo for giving up some of her Friday evening and thanks to all the parents and family members for coming to support our wonderful band. We look forward to the next performance.

WELL DONE NARRABEEN LAKES BAND, YOUR ARE ALL AMAZING.

BAND NEWS

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.
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.
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AN: 1944 3334

Additional information:
- Recess and lunch are provided on both days
- The clinic is located at Warringah Rugby Club (front field), Pittwater Road Warriewood.
- Each day starts at 9am and finishes at 3pm.
- Maximum number of 40 participants, so get in quick!

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- On and off field coaching from a past professional athlete
- Modified matches
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