Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A busy and exciting few weeks ahead with our Open Day, the Peninsula Community of Schools Music Festival and the Athletics Carnival to look forward to.

**Open Day**

Next week sees public schools throughout New South Wales celebrate their achievements with Education Week. We invite parents, relatives and caregivers to visit Narrabeen Lakes on Tuesday 29 July for our Open Day from 9.30am. Events are as follows:

- 9.30am: A series of performances showcasing our band, dance groups, recorder group, choir and public speaking outside the hall.
- 10.15am: Classrooms open for visits by family members.
- 10.50am: Parents and relatives are invited to join their children for morning tea.
- 11.30am Lessons resume as normal.

The open classrooms are an excellent opportunity to see the work completed by your child this year. However, if you need to discuss matters with your child’s teacher, please make a separate appointment. The Parent Club will be serving refreshments at the canteen through the morning.

The library will also be open from 8am-12pm for our ‘Donate a Book Fair’. This is an opportunity to view a range of books for sale which may be purchased and donated to the library.

**Performing Arts**

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, 4P are representing the school at the ArtsNorth Drama Festival at NIDA, performing ‘Edwina, the Dinosaur Who Didn’t Know She Was Extinct’ – a short play, based on Mo William’s book, created by the very talented Mr Phillips. I look forward to seeing them on stage on Wednesday evening and wish them good luck.

Next Monday evening, students from our school will perform with 12 other schools as part of the Peninsula Community of Schools (PCS) Music Festival at Pittwater High School. I wish the students well and know they will do us proud. Thank you to our staff members giving up their evening to assist at this event.

**Term Accounts Term 3**

Last week term accounts were issued with an incorrect ‘due by’ date. Term accounts are actually due by Friday 1 August – nearly a week extra to pay! Please accept our apologies for the administrative
Opportunity Class Test
We wish the students in Year 4 sitting for Opportunity Class placement tests this week all the very best.

Kindy Enrolments
A reminder that enrolments are still open for Kindergarten in 2015. Please pop into the office to collect an enrolment form and return it to us at your earliest convenience. If you have a sibling already at this school, it is important that you too enrol your child for 2015 as soon as possible, so that we have an accurate idea of student numbers. Student numbers directly influence and affect our staffing allocation, so it is helpful to know our enrolment for 2015 as early as possible.

Student Achievement:
Lily H 1K– 10 Blue
Brandon R—10 Red

Enjoy the exciting activities at the school in the coming weeks and hope to see you all at our Open Day.

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:

TERM 3
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 are available from the canteen for $1.00 during lunch on MONDAYS!

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE!
APOLOGY from the Office! Term accounts are actually due by Friday 1 August – nearly a week extra to pay! Please accept our apologies for the wrong date.

PLEASE DON’T FORGET to:
• send back your child’s Term 3 Permission Sheet to your child’s classroom teacher.
• if paying by direct debit please return your Statement of Account to the school the next day with details of your payment. This should be dropped into the RED box in the foyer. The receipt will be sent back to you via your child with the statement attached.
• ALL notes must be filled in using a biro or pen - NOT pencil or felt markers as these are legal documents.
• when using credit card or debit card to pay for an activity PLEASE ensure sufficient funds are available until you have received a receipt back from the school.

If you have any queries please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your assistance,
Elizabeth Mackenzie
School Administration Manager

HUNGRY CHILDREN
With the cooler weather, 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.
ARTS NORTH FESTIVAL OF DRAMA

Good Luck 4P who perform “Edwina, the Dinosaur Who Didn’t Know She Was Extinct” in the Arts North Festival of Drama on Wednesday night and Thursday Matinee.

The performances are at the Parade Theatre, NIDA.

The children have worked very hard and are extremely excited about performing to a packed house of over 700 people!

As they say in the theatre “Chookers”, 4P!

Mr I Phillips

LIBRARY NEWS

‘Donate-a-Book Fair’

8 am – 12 noon on Tuesday 29 July, 2014 (Education Week)

Parents/grandparents/friends are invited to view a large selection of BRAND NEW BOOKS, on display in the Library, whilst visiting the school on Open Day.

Any books selected are paid for and donated to our school Library (no need to bring in books from home or purchase books from a shop, for this day!!!!).

A donation slip is then glued into the front of each book, displaying the child’s name and class. The donating child is the first to borrow the book/s, during their next Library lesson.

This is a wonderful way to supplement our Library collection (plus the students get very excited seeing their names in the front of Library books!!).

Premier’s Reading Challenge

All reading logs must be entered online by Friday 29 August – about 5 weeks still to go. Parents, please make sure you are keeping a list of the books read by your child, each week, for the PRC. Look out for the names of successful PRC students, in the Library windows!

Warringah Young Writers’ Competition

Based on any topic or theme, but must include the word ‘VOICES’. Closes Friday 22 August. Entry forms from Mrs Machar in the Library.

Vicky Machar
Teacher/Librarian

BAND MATTERS

There is a busy week ahead for our Combined Band, we have two performances next week:

TUES 29 JULY – SCHOOL OPEN DAY

We need all our Combined Band members to meet at the hall at 8.45am. Please remember to bring instruments. Rachel /Mrs Mayo will meet you and give you all instructions.

This is a chance to show all the prospective parents & students how great our band programme is.

THURS 31 JULY

Performance at War Vets Village – we have handed permissions slips out. Please return to signed permission notes to the P&C/Band Box in the office by next Tuesday, 29 July. Please check you have the note as we need to know exact numbers for bus travel. If anyone in the Combined Band doesn’t have a note, please let me know or ask Mrs Mayo ASAP.

If I can be of help at any time, please contact me on 0434 395 460.

Tracy
Let’s Celebrate Education Week!
Narrabeen Lakes Public School’s
Open Day
Tuesday 29th July 2014
9:30 am - 11:30 am

Timetable of Events:

9:30 – 10:15: Performances outside the hall
• Dance groups
• The School Band
• The Recorder Group
• Public Speakers
• Choir

10:15 – 10:55: Open Classrooms, Science Room and Library
Visit your child’s classroom. Take a look at our wonderful science room. Come and see our terrific library.

10:55 – 11:30: Morning Tea
You are welcome to join your child for morning tea at school.

11:30 am: Open Day concludes

Donate-a-book Fair: Open from 8:00am – 12:00 noon
Throughout the open day morning you are welcome to visit the library with your child to select new books, from the display, to purchase and donate to the library.

Devonshire Tea will be available from the canteen 9:30- 11:30.
Optional coin donation

We look forward to sharing a wonderful morning celebrating the hard work and learning of our students.
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Following an incident which occurred yesterday, this is a reminder that no child should be in possession of prescription medication at school. If a child is required to take medicine throughout the day this must be given to the office upon arrival to the school with a signed consent form and instructions as to its administration. The document can be found at: [http://goo.gl/swG2h6](http://goo.gl/swG2h6)

When a medical practitioner has prescribed medication that must be administered during the school day, parents are responsible for:

- bringing this need to the attention of the school
- ensuring that the information is updated if it changes
- supplying the medication and any 'consumables' necessary for its administration in a timely way
- collaborating with the school in working out arrangements for the supply and administration of the prescribed medication.

The administration of such medication forms part the Department's common law duty of care to take reasonable steps to keep students safe while they attend school. This duty of care is fulfilled through its staff members.

The administration of prescribed medication in schools is carried out by staff who are trained.

- Parents of children who require prescribed medication to be administered at school must complete a written request.
- Students must not carry medications unless there is a written agreement between the school and the student's parents that this is a planned part of the student's health care support.

This term is our school's focus on Drug Education where safe storage and appropriate use is discussed.

The following medicines and household products are examples of substances that can be dangerous and should be stored safely and out of reach of young children.

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Please discuss with your child the safe storage of medicines and other household substances. If your child witnesses, or experiences an incident involving medications or medicines, please encourage them to speak to their class teacher immediately so the matter can be dealt with promptly.

Our school policy is that students are not to share anything at school.

We appreciate your assistance in keeping our children safe.

Regards,

Ian Phillips and Rob Zappia
You are invited to participate in a research study that measures the speech and language development of children with normal hearing.

Free Hearing Screening and Speech/Language Assessments for 9yos

Do you have a child aged 9 or turning 9 in 2014?

The research is a substudy of the Longitudinal Outcomes for Children with Hearing Impairment (LOCHI) study, which aims to compare the development of children with hearing loss to that of children with normal hearing.

The hearing and speech/language assessments will be conducted by an Audiologist and a Speech Pathologist from Australian Hearing.

For further information or to book an appointment, please contact Miriam Gunnourie, Research Speech Pathologist, on (02) 9412 6707 or at miriam.gunnourie@nal.gov.au