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- Screen time balance
- Safe social media
- Cyber bullying
- Smart phone safety
- Avoiding adult content

Narrabeen Lakes is hosting the event on behalf of the 12 other schools in the Peninsula Community of Schools (PCS), so bookings are essential. Please see the flyer in this edition for further details.

**Term Accounts**
A friendly reminder from the office that Term Three accounts are due by this Friday 1 August. If you are experiencing financial difficulties in meeting your payments, please don’t hesitate to contact me in the strictest confidence.

**Website re-design**
Mr Zappia has begun the process of re-designing the school website. In this information-rich day and age, our web pages provide a window into the school from all around the world, so it’s important that we make our site the best it can be. If you have web design expertise and are interested in helping out, please contact Mr Zappia or me. We anticipate that the new site will go ‘live’ by early Term Four.

**New-look school foyer**
Drop into the foyer and enjoy the special wall feature that was installed on Thursday last week. Staff, students and family members who have seen the wall have given it a unanimous ‘thumbs up’. We are now awaiting delivery of the new furniture in the next two weeks. Once it arrives, we will re-instate our beautiful Narrabeen Lakes aerial photo in pride of place to complete the upgrade to the foyer.

**COLA Blinds**
The Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) is the undercover space adjacent to our hall. A system of high quality, all weather see-through blinds will be installed around the perimeter of the COLA in the next 5 weeks or so.

The blinds can be lowered and locked to the ground and raised again when not in use. This effectively provides the school with a large weather-proof learning space that can be used for lessons such as dance, drama, music and all kinds of group work.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank the P&C who are fully funding this project to maximise the learning spaces and learning opportunities available for all students at our school.

**Out Of School Hours care (OOSH) News**
The current 5 year lease for our OOSH will come to an end in December this year. The YMCA has operated our OOSH for the last ten years. To maximise the opportunities for families at our school in terms of OOSH provision, the new lease will go to Tender from interested providers, in accordance with Department of Education and Communities (DEC) guidelines.

As part of the formal process, the P&C and school executive are required to form a small committee to meet with the DEC Asset Management Unit who will manage the Tender process for our school.

The Tender will be advertised by the DEC Asset Management Unit and will involve a site visit from interested Tenderers in the coming weeks. Once the Tender closes the committee will be meeting to review the applications.

We have requested, and expect, the DEC to conclude the process and announce the successful Tender prior to Kindergarten Orientation in October, Term Four.

The successful Tenderer will commence in Term One 2015 and will handle everything associated with the OOSH. We hope to ensure a smooth transition to the successful Tenderer, with no inconvenience to our families.

As more information comes to hand, I will share it with you. In the meantime, if you have any questions or suggestions for what our new OOSH service should provide, we welcome your feedback.

**ArtsNorth Drama Festival**
On Wednesday and Thursday last week, 4P represented the school at the ArtsNorth Drama Festival at NIDA, performing ‘Edwina, the Dinosaur Who Didn’t Know She Was Extinct’ adapted for the stage by Mr Phillips. 4P were magnificent and left the audiences thoroughly entertained with their humorous and colourful tale. Congratulations 4P on your wonderful achievement.

**Year One fundraiser**
Thank you to our Year One families and students who participated in the Little Rascals playgroup fundraiser for the school in the recent holidays. They have very kindly raised $162 towards school funds that will go directly towards new class sets of readers later on this year. We are very grateful for their generosity of spirit and great initiative.

**Performance Band**
Good luck to our Performance Band who are playing at the War Veterans Nursing Home at Collaroy Plateau this Thursday 31 July.

**Athletics Carnival**
We are hoping for a continuation of the beautiful weather when our Athletics Carnival takes place next Thursday 7 August at Dee Why Park.

All families are welcome to attend and we hope to see you there.

**House Points**
Sharks 4
Stingrays 4
Dolphins 4

I trust you have a great Education Week.

Andy Rankin
Principal
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

ICAS TEST RESULTS

Congratulations to these students who have performed so well in The International Competitions and Assessments for School (ICAS) Computer and Science test to date.

Computers
Christian S 3M Distinction, Corben B 3M Distinction, Brianna H 3D Credit, Sean H 5M Credit.

Science
Brianna H 3D High Distinction, Corben B 3D Distinction, Billy B 3D Credit, May S 3M Credit, Cohen D 2Z Credit, Maisy J 2Z Credit, Oscar D 4M Credit, Jessica S 4P Credit, Sean H 5M Credit, Thomas P 5/6Ca Credit.

LIBRARY NEWS

WOW! A BIG THANK-YOU to all you generous families who selected and donated books to our Library, yesterday, at the ‘Donate-a-Book’ Fair!!! The students are very excited waiting to borrow their donated books in their next Library time. (If anyone missed out, but would still like to donate a book, I will have a tub of new books in the Library next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Pop in and have a look.)

Premier’s Reading Challenge
All reading logs must be entered online by Friday 22 August, 2014 (apologies - date was incorrect in last Pelican Post) – about 3 weeks to go. Parents, if you are having trouble logging in to the PRC website, please pop in to the Library or drop me a line to let me know. Look out for the names of successful PRC students, in the Library windows!

Vicky Machar
Teacher/Librarian

BAND MATTERS

Our Combined Band sounded great at the School’s Open Day on Tuesday. All Combined Band members should be very proud of themselves, with each performance they are getting better and better. WELL DONE COMBINED BAND. They will have another chance to make Narrabeen Lakes proud at their performance at the War Vets Village on Thursday 31 July 2014.

We have a few more performances this term –

* The combined band will be joining in for the school’s Birthday celebrations.
* The Training Band and Combined Band performing at the end of Term Assembly. This is very exciting as it’s our Training Band’s First Performance. Time for the performance will be advised closer to the day. I’m sure there are many who love to come and watch.

OUR VERY FIRST “BAND MEMBER OF THE WEEK” IS BILLY B 3D.
Well done Billy. This is Billy’s first year with our band and Rachel is very impressed with all his hard work and how well he has learnt his music. Billy will be given a Blue award.

If I can help with any information about the band, please call me on 0434 395 460.

Tracey
MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE!

Term accounts due by Friday 1 August 2014

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

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
- 1 August NLPS vs Mona Vale (Kitchener)
- 8 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, 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 are available from the canteen for $1.00 during lunch on

WHATS ON IN TERM 3 - COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

- Tuning in to Kids Course (3-10yrs)
- Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Course (3-Byres)
- Communicating with Kids Workshop (based on PET) (4-12yrs)
- Tuning in to Teens Course
- Toddler Workshops (1-Byre)
- Resilient Kids Workshop
- Dealing with Teen’s Backchat Workshop

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830

Respect  Responsibility  Have a Go!
Some photos from our Open Day.

Fabulous entertainment, library and classroom visits.
Warringah Council presents

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Wed 6 Aug
7 – 8.30pm
Narrabeen Lakes Public School
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FREE but bookings essential on youthbookings@warringah.nsw.gov.au.
For more information call 9942 2681.

WARRINGAH

WARRINGAH.NSW.GOV.AU
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
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Financial Counselling Service

It’s best to seek help early so your problems don’t get out of control.

Financial counselling can:
• help relieve your stress,
• help resolve your immediate financial problems and
• help you plan for the future.

Financial Counselling Services
Naremburn Family Centre
Main contact:
(02) 8425 8700
email: naremburnfo@dbb.org.au
40 Naremburn Avenue
Naremburn NSW 2065
Monday to Friday
9:00am – 5:00pm

Brookvale Family Centre
(02) 9960 5100
Unit 9B, 44 Wattle Road
Brookvale NSW 2100
By appointment
9:00am – 5:00pm

If you require an Interpreter, please call TIS National 131450

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About us
We provide FREE, independent and confidential financial counselling to anyone having difficulties managing money.

Our Financial Counsellors can assist by helping you:
• prepare a budget or money plan,
• manage debt,
• set financial goals,
• understand your rights,
• negotiate with creditors.

We have offices in Naremburn and Brookvale.

The financial counselling service is funded by the NSW Office of Fair Trading.

Our services are FREE.

What can a Financial Counsellor do for you?

Financial Counsellors can:
• Listen in a non-judgemental and caring manner,
• Analyse and assess your financial situation,
• Give you information about credit and debt issues,
• Involve you in the process as much as possible,
• Help you develop a plan to improve your situation,
• If appropriate, act as an advocate for you and negotiate with the people you owe money to,
• Refer you to other services if necessary,
• Provide information on bankruptcy and assist you to explore alternatives.

What we can’t do
A financial counsellor is not:
• A legal advisor,
• A mortgage broker,
• A financial planner,
• A money lender or
• An investment counsellor.

Where you’ll find us

Local Government Areas we cover:
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Lane Cove
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Mosman
Manly
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Warringah
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