Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The year seems to be rushing by – it’s hard to believe that we are already at the end of a hugely successful Term Three. Besides the continuation of quality classroom teaching matched with exemplary student performance and behaviour, highlights this term would certainly have to be the two open days, burying the time capsule and The 125 Anniversary Art Show – wonderful memories for staff, students and families alike.

125 Anniversary Art Show
Last Thursday’s 125 Anniversary Art Show was a fantastic evening and almost all tickets were sold prior to the event. The art works on display were simply superb and drew lots of admiration from the assembled parents and carers. It made voting for the People’s Choice awards particularly difficult. In addition to the art show, the mini museum continued to draw lots of praise, as did the Year 5 and 6 Narrabeen Lakes history powerpoint assembled for us by Mr Jonathan Ramsay. Another highlight was the Year 5 mini-Vivid Festival show projected onto the canteen wall by NLPS parent Mr Ziggy Ziegler.

The blinds purchased by the P&C on behalf of the school looked amazing around the perimeter of the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) and created an excellent space for the social aspects of the evening.

We are grateful to Narrabeen Sports High School who contributed Year 10 students as wait staff for the catering which, in turn, was provided for us by the P&C. Music was presented by a string quartet from the Northern Beaches Orchestra and they really added to the ‘quality’ of the evening.

After P&C President Mrs Jennifer Sheehan officially opened the COLA extension, Mr Dean White, Director Public Schools, NSW gave a very warm and well-received speech; he spoke very highly of our school and its community, likening Narrabeen Lakes to a ‘diamond’.

It’s safe to say that all who attended had a very memorable evening. As one parent said when they were leaving, “Now that’s what I call a school function!”

Art Show People’s Choice Awards
And the winners are………..
First place: Elly C (Year 4)
Second place: Joel W (Year 4)
Third place: Thibault I-K (Year 5)

Dates for Your Diary

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Congratulations to these three very talented students.

**House Treat**
Congratulations also to The Sharks who won this term’s House Point competition. They will have their house treat this Thursday afternoon. Thanks to Mr Casey for organising the competition so well once again.

**Homework Survey**
As part of our planning for 2015 and beyond, the school is reviewing its Homework Policy. A survey will be emailed to parents and carers on Thursday this week seeking your views on the provision of homework at Narrabeen Lakes Public School. Thank you to everyone for taking the time to give us your feedback and thanks also to those who completed last week’s survey on ‘Communication’.

**K-6 Assembly**
This Friday, we will be holding our K-6 Assembly earlier than usual at 9.30am. The school bands will be performing and there may possibly be a ‘special guest appearance’ by some local musical identities!

**Last Saturday**
If you were wandering past the school last Saturday you may well have been surprised to see all the teachers at work. We were holding a Staff Development Day to further develop teacher’s understandings of the new K-6 Maths syllabus, as well as analyse the latest NAPLAN data to help us with our school planning.

This Staff Development Day was worked in lieu of a development day on the last day of the school year - Friday 19 December - and was notified to the P&C and advertised in the Pelican Post last term. The last day of the school year for all students will be Wednesday 17 December 2014.

**A clarification**
Two weeks ago, Mr McMahon spoke at one of our assemblies to remind students about sensible and appropriate touching. This was in response to complaints from younger students that older boys and girls were being annoying, touching their faces and hugging them against their wishes.

I’m sure we would all agree that respect for the wishes and personal space of other individuals are an essential part of life education.

Be assured, at no time have students been told that they cannot hold hands with their friends, or give a friendly or reassuring hug to a friend in need.

**Student Teachers**
For the most of this term, we have been joined by several pre-service teachers engaged in their teaching practicums. The student teachers have been a real asset all around the school and it has been a pleasure to host them at Narrabeen Lakes. I would like to thank them for their contribution to our school - with young teachers like these rising through the ranks, the future of Public Education is in good hands. I also wish to acknowledge the quality supervision and guidance provided by our supporting teachers - Mr McMahon, Mrs Kirkland and Mr Zappia, and Mrs Chant for her coordination.

**Head Lice/Nits**
Head lice and nits are a constant problem in schools all around the world. To help ease the occurrence of these little pests at Narrabeen Lakes, it would be greatly appreciated if all parents and carers could check their children prior to returning to school next term – that would literally give us a clean start to the final term of the year! Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**Student Achievements**
Congratulations to Sean H (5M) who has been invited to participate in the Tennis NSW State Competition for 10s and under on 27 and 28 September. Good luck, Sean!

I wish you all a safe and happy school holiday. A reminder that school resumes on Tuesday 7 October for all students.

Andy Rankin
Principal

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**CHEERLEADING**
Along with more than 3700 athletes, girls from Narrabeen Lakes competed in teams from Plie2 Groove n’ Shuffle in Cromer under the banner, Plie Pride, at the Australian All Star Cheerleading Federation State Titles at the State Sports Centre at Homebush on the 6 and 7 September. All of the teams competing with Plie placed in the competition, with most teams being State Champions in one section.

**Bonnie C, Lacey R and Sahara Z**
Tiny Hip Hop—1st Place, State Champions
Tiny Pom—1st Place, State Champions
Tiny Jazz - 2nd Place
Mini Cheer—3rd Place

**Ellie H**
Mini Pom—1st Place, State Champions
Mini Cheer—3rd Place

**Ally B and Olivia H**
Youth Cheer—1st Place, State Champions
Youth Pom—3rd Place
Youth Jazz—4th Place
BAND MATTERS

Apoloogy & Change

The bands playing in the End of Term Assembly are TRAINING & CONCERT BANDS ONLY (not the performance band). I am sorry for the mix-up. All members of the Concert & Training band be at the Hall with their instruments by 5.00pm.

On Wednesday last week the School had our 125th Birthday; the Performance Band played and were AMAZING. When our bands perform in front of parents & visitors I am filled with so much pride at how fabulous our music programme is. With big congratulations to ALL PERFORMANCE BAND MEMBERS & to our amazing Band Director Rachel Rule.

In Term 4 we would like to extend an invitation to all students going into Year 3 2015, and any Years 4, 5 & 6 students who would like to be in our school bands. No experience is required. Instruments are available for hire from the school, so watch out for the information we will be sending home with your children in Term 4.

I hope you all have a great break and of course don’t forget to practice 😊

Our return date on Term 4 is Tuesday 7th October; band practice will also start back the first week.

This week’s BAND MEMBER AWARD goes to Jessica Sauermann for being a consistent all rounder. Jessica will receive a blue award.

Well done all of our band members for a great effort in Term 3 and we look forward to an even better Term 4.

- If I can help with any information about the band or if you can volunteer some time please call me on Tracy 0434 395 468 or for tutoring/music info Rachel Rule; 0404 385 218.

Please ensure your band payments are deposited into the P & C bank account and NOT the SCHOOL bank account.

Thankyou
Elizabeth Mackenzie
School Administration Manager

LIBRARY NEWS

A big thank-you to the grandfather of Darcie B (1H) and Corben B (3M), who visited Narrabeen Lakes last Tuesday, to present his recently published book, “The Snowed In Adventures of Wallace the Wild Snow Goose”. Two of our Year 1 classes enjoyed hearing him read the story, during their Library time.

*** A quick reminder, since holidays begin this Friday – our Library books may be borrowed over the break, but are not to be taken to holiday destinations!!
Year 3 News

Year 3 have had an action packed term, with many excursions.

In H.S.I.E. we have been studying ‘Who Will Buy?’ As part of this study we visited Narrabeen Fire Station. We got to look at the trucks and even use some of the rescue tools. This week we had an exciting time visiting Narrabeen shops to look at what goods and services various shops provide us. Stage 2 was also lucky enough to go and visit the stage production of The 26 Storey Treehouse last week.

Year 3 enjoyed creating their wonderful artworks for the art show last week.

We also had some wonderful speeches this term. We would like to congratulate Eden, Charli, Will B, Brianna, Cameron and Kiahni on their fantastic speeches. Special mention to Kiahni for taking out the Year 3 speak off and presenting such a crowd pleasing speech at our Open Day.

Well done on a fantastic term, Year 3! We are looking forward to another exciting term.
Two weeks ago at the Zone Athletics carnival I came 1st in the 100m final and 3rd in the 200m final. This meant that I got to compete at regional athletics in the 100m and was reserve for the 200m. On Monday the 8th September, I went to Homebush to compete at Sydney North Athletics. In the 100m I was in the fourth heat. I did my best and came 3rd in my heat which placed me 12th overall. The exact same position I was last year! It was so much fun representing our school and zone. I will keep training hard to get there again next year.

Marissa 4M
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Respect Responsibility Have a Go!