Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is hard to believe that the end of the first term of 2015 is here – these past 10 weeks have flown by. The students, teachers and community have achieved so much and I know that the students, in particular, are looking forward to a well-earned break from their studies.

Staff Development Day
Next term commences for students on Tuesday 21 April. Teachers and staff, however, return on Monday 20 April for a staff development day. Teachers will spend a significant amount of time on this day, and in the coming terms, exploring and learning about the 21st Century Fluencies known as Solution Fluency, Creativity Fluency, Collaboration Fluency, Media Fluency and Information Fluency, and underpinned by Global Digital Citizenship. Armed with these fluencies and a solid grounding in literacy and numeracy, students will be much better equipped for the world of the future.

For more information on the fluencies, please visit the website: https://globaldigitalcitizen.org/

Cyber Safety Presentation Evening
To help parents keep their children stay safe online, Narrabeen Lakes is hosting a Cybersmart Internet Safety Awareness presentation on Monday 27 April (Week 2 Term 2) at 6.30pm.

Designed for parents, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives. The Cybersmart presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersmart trainer and is free of charge. To reserve your place, please complete the tear off slip in this newsletter.

ANZAC DAY
ANZAC Day this year has a special significance, as it is the 100th anniversary of the landings at Gallipoli. A number of students from our school will be participating.
in two large community events: The Warringah and Mackellar ANZAC Centenary Commemoration held on Sunday 19 April and the 100 Years 100 Boats ANZAC Beach Memorial on ANZAC Day at Collaroy Beach. In addition, the school will hold its own ANZAC service for K-6 students on Friday 24 April in the school hall.

**Student Attendance/Leave Forms**

You may have seen on the news recently that the NSW Department of Education and Communities has changed its policy and procedures on Student Attendance. Family holidays and travel taken outside of school holidays are now counted as an absence.

We have received clear advice that parents/carers are required to seek written approval from the principal prior to the travel/holiday on a form entitled ‘Application for Extended Leave’, available from the classroom teacher or the school office.

Principals are advised that they ‘should not accept a reason for travel during school term if it is not in the best interests of the student. Educational, social and participation reasons, should be specified on the application.’

*If the travel is appropriate during school term, the principal will issue the parent with a Certificate for Extended Leave*. This certificate will be returned to parents and carers via the classroom teacher.

For further details, please see the NSW DEC website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/attendance.php

**P&C Fundraising Raffle result**

Last week, P&C President Mrs Annie Kent along with Vice Presidents Mrs Kate Hadju and Mrs Ingrid Scheel attended the Rotary Club of Narrabeen Lakes’ fundraising raffle draw at North Narrabeen Surf Life Saving Club. The draw was attended by representatives from all other local participating schools and community groups and many of the Rotarians.

While the grand prize of a Nissan Micra didn’t go to Narrabeen Lakes, due to the overall success of Rotary raffle ticket sales, we are now set to profit by approximately 70% of total tickets sold by NLPS and not 60% as previously estimated. This translates to $7,864.29 - well done to us!

The money will be allocated to our technology committee who will purchase additional iPads and notebook technology

**Student Merit Achievements**

- Thibault I (5/6M), Charlie R (2AG), Brandon R (2AG), 20 Red Merits
- Jai M (4M), 20 Green Merits
- Marcus N (1K), Cooper B (1K), Lachlan S (2Z), Kenny D (2AG), 10 Red Merits
- Patrick S (1JH), Bowen B-J (KL), 10 Blue Merits

**House Points**

Congratulations to the Dolphins on winning the house treat. As winning house, the Dolphins can come to school on Thursday in multi clothes (in house colours) and bring a little picnic treat to have in the afternoon. They will be informed of their amazing activity on the day. Well done!

**Election Day Band Sausage Sizzle**

Congratulations and thank you to all our hard working band committee members and volunteers who raised $1117.35 for our three school bands at the Election Day Band Sausage Sizzle – what a great result of our wonderful young musicians!

On that positive note, let me conclude by thanking all staff and students for their hard work and efforts this term. Thank you also to our parents and community members who support the school is so many ways – we couldn’t do it without you.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday and see you again on Tuesday 21 April for another exciting term of learning at this wonderful school.

Andy Rankin
Principal

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**PLEASE RESERVE SEAT AT THE FOLLOWING EVENT:**

Cybersmart Internet Safety Awareness presentation on Monday 27 April at 6:30pm

Name: ________________________________

Name: ________________________________

Return slip to red box in school foyer ASAP

Bookings close Friday 24 April

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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.
STAGE 3 HAVE BEEN BUSY THIS TERM!

In Week 6, Stage 3 went on their annual 5-day camp. This year the students went to the Sport and Recreation Camp in Berry. The students enjoyed so many of the wonderful activities from camping, giant swing, rock climbing, bush walking, biscuit-balancing, canoeing, spotlight and swimming. All of the kids had an absolutely fantastic time with their teachers and instructors. They were all an absolute pleasure to take away and represented their school and families proudly.

KOKODA MEMORIAL

On the 25th of March, Stage 3 went on an excursion to visit The Kokoda Track Memorial at Concord. We went there to learn about what happened at Kokoda in Papua New Guinea in 1942.

We heard about the Japanese and the bravery of many Australian soldiers, nurses and the Fuzzy-Wuzzy Angels.

A nice man called Reg first spoke to the whole group and showed some original footage from the war. He was 92 and as he had fought at Kokoda, he had lots of interesting stories as well as many sad experiences to share with us.

We laid a wreath at the Memorial rock, recited
the oath and then we all sang the National Anthem. We were very lucky to have about nine Diggers with us for the day who acted as our tour guides.

The rose garden has red and white roses growing in it. The red ones represent the blood that was shed and the white ones are for peace.

It was a very inspiring and unforgettable day.

Written by Sabine Haworth and Thomas Maurer-Kelson

INQUIRY BASED LEARNING

During this term, Stage 3 has been having lots of fun trialling Inquiry Based Learning (IBL). The students have been given a task entitled “Around the World in 40 Days”.

In small groups, they have transformed themselves into a Travel Agency and are busy planning a family holiday visiting all continents, using a wide variety of transport (elephants included!).

Many areas of the curriculum are covered in this IBL work such as: mathematics, geography, study of different cultures, writing, listening, public speaking and art.

Some skills being developed are collaboration, communication, teamwork, giving positive feedback, cooperation, planning and developing ideas and coming up with a solution to a problem. The skill of creativity is certainly being exercised!

With a healthy budget of $50 000.00, the teachers are very keen to see what plans the Travel Agencies present to us! We may have some future careers forming already!

Coastal Environment Centre Stormwater Project

Stage 3 are currently working in conjunction with the Coastal Environment Centre (CEC) to analyse the effect of stormwater pollution on our local waterways. We were shown a model that outlined how rainfall, mixed with waste and pollution, leads through to our lagoon and oceans. The helpful ladies at the CEC showed us how to create gross pollutant traps in order to filter out some water impurities. This was supplemented by a session down at Narrabeen Lake to test the state of the water there.
All the work we have been doing will lead to the children creating a stormwater awareness campaign with the aim to get more people invested in the plight of our local waterways.

Ethics is a branch of Philosophy that examines ethical concepts and issues. Our curriculum comprises age-appropriate lessons on a wide range of topics that primary-aged children find interesting. To look at the curriculum go to:


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Week 10 Term 1 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ethics classes are running this year with our two parent volunteer teachers, Maggie Lattin and Ali Russell. Classes are offered for the following stages:
Stage 1 has two Yr1/2 classes,
Stage 2 has a Yr 3/4 class and
Stage 3 has a Yr 5/6 class.

If you would like to talk to us about training as an ethics teacher please call Tanya. There may be opportunities in the future for more classes at NLPS and for relief teaching.

Thank you
Tanya Leishman 0425226247 tangsims@bigpond.net.au
2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Dear Parent,

The University of New South Wales is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

ICAS assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and in twenty countries. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), who design and deliver the assessments, is the not-for-profit arm of the University of New South Wales.

ICAS:

- is an annual skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students in Years 2–12;
- assessments are available in Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing;
- gathers performance information through a 30–60 minute supervised in-school test;
- provides a continuous, independent and comprehensive record of a student's performance, and maps their development over the full period of primary and secondary schooling;
- enables the progress of each student to be mapped in each skill against their previous performance, demonstrating personal improvement no matter the starting point;
- uses fellow students' results as a reference point; results are mapped against all students sitting at the same year level in Australia;
- provides an excellent preparation for national tests;
- enables students at all levels of ability to participate; ICAS contains questions designed to specifically explore the abilities of students of all standards – this includes those of both lower and higher levels of achievement;
- awards are given to the top students per state in each subject and year level (when sufficient meritous and the test was sat on the official sitting date);
- achievement certificates are awarded to all students at a range of levels:
  1. High Distinction to the top 1% of students
  2. Distinction to the next 10% of students
  3. Credit to the next 25% of students
  4. Merit to the next 10% of students
  5. Participation to all other students
- results are available to parents and students online; these online reports and analyses remain available indefinitely. ICAS reports indicate which questions were answered correctly, compare student performance to that of the other students tested and are highly suitable for inclusion in a student's portfolio for future tertiary entrance or job opportunities.
- entries are administered through the school, so teachers can also access the information.

To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form overleaf and return it, with your entry fees, to your school by Tuesday, April 28th. Please place order forms in the Red Box in the office.

For more information about ICAS go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au, contact Customer Service on (02) 8344 1010 or send an email to info@eaa.unsw.edu.au.

Your child can also prepare for ICAS using Practice Online. Practice Online tests are available for English, Mathematics and Science. Find out more about Practice Online at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Dr Sofi Kesidou
Group Executive
Educational Assessment Australia

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Principal
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Registration Form

Please return this form to your child’s school.

I give permission for my child, (Child’s name) of (Class) to participate in the following 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter:

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**Students may sit Writing anytime in the week beginning Monday 15 June. However, all students in your school should sit on the same day.

Please find enclosed ________________ total entry fee.

Please be aware that if the student is absent on the sitting date they will be unable to complete a make-up paper and will forfeit any payments as the papers are pre-paid.

Name of Parent/Guardian: ____________________________ Date: __________
Signature of Parent/Guardian: _______________________

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT PAYMENT IS BY CASH, CHEQUE OR CREDIT CARD ONLY.

Cheques payable to Narrabeen Lakes Public School. There are no Direct Debit services for this activity. Order forms are due in by Tuesday, April 28th.

Please place completed forms in the Red Box in the office.

Narrabeen Lakes Credit Card Slip

Please complete and return to school’s RED letterbox in the office foyer if paying by MASTERCARD/VISA credit/debit card. Credit card minimum = $20. Please note, we do not have facilities for other cards.

To: Narrabeen Lakes Public School.

Please charge $__________ to my ___ Mastercard, ___ Visa for payment (*please tick required box). If paying by debit card, please ensure that sufficient funds are available until AFTER receipt has been issued.

Name of Cardholder (please print): __________________________________________

Card No: ________________________ Expiry Date: __________

Signature of Cardholder: ____________________________

Child/children’s name: ____________________________ Class: ___________________
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2015

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2015 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 12-14 May 2015.

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| Language Conventions  
(Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) | Reading | Numeracy |
| Writing | | |

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 15 May – A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at [www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html)
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Opening late Term 2, 2015
Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunch

1. Narrabeen Lakes Public School Canteen (“School Canteen”) is committed to providing a service to the school community which will endeavour to provide a fun, healthy and nutritional menu following the NSW Education & Communities Healthy School Canteen Strategies and the Fresh Tastes @ School Canteen Menu Planning Guide. The NLPS Canteen is a member of the NSW Healthy Schools Association.

2. The School Canteen will operate to provide a financial contribution towards the resources for all students in the school through the Narrabeen Lakes Public School P&C Association.

3. The School Canteen embraces volunteers, to take part in the preparation and serving of food and promotes a safe, friendly and positive work place.

4. The School Canteen will consider the needs of the school community and provide, where it can.

5. The School Canteen will be an online ordering only canteen.

Example of Canteen Menu options which can be ordered online only – more information to follow in Term 2.

Lunch Orders - Everyday options
- Sandwiches, wraps and salad boxes
- Steamed rice – gluten free
- Pizza roll
- Fruit Salad – gluten free and dairy free
- Fruit of the day – gluten free and dairy free
- Muffin/slice/biscuit of the day
- Popcorn
- Assortment of drinks (i.e. plain milk, low fat flavoured milks, fruit juice, water)
- Yoghurt

Lunch Orders - Rotation options (examples)
- Toasted sandwiches (gluten free option too)
- Nachos
- Twista bolognaise (dairy free option too)
- Honey/soy chicken with rice
- Fried rice
- Butter chicken with rice
- Sushi
- Chicken burgers
- Travellers meat pie
- Sausage roll (low fat)

Narrabeen Lakes Public School P&C Canteen Committee
Contact: nlps.canteen@gmail.com
Christmas in July
Charity Ball

Friday 17th July 2015
from 7pm ~ Midnight
Miramare Gardens, Terrey Hills
Hosted by: Georgie Gardner

Buy Tickets Now
www.fightonthebeaches.com

- 5 Hour Unlimited Drinks
- Entertainment from Jellybean Jam
- Hundreds of Christmas Presents
- Canapés
- 2 Course Christmas Meal
- Vic Lorusso as Auctioneer

www.facebook.com/fightonthebeaches

Do you want to make a difference in the life of a child?

Local foster carers needed

Family and Community Services are seeking people in the local area to provide short term and crisis foster care for children and young people 0-18 years that are unable to live with their own families.

Individuals, couples and families from varied backgrounds and cultural groups are required. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

All carers receive training, ongoing support and financial assistance. If you are interested in making a difference and helping children reach their full potential, please call 9765 5000 or email fosteringwithfacs@facs.nsw.gov.au
1-2-3 Magic
Parenting Program

Parenting program for parents and carers of children aged 2-9
It’s not easy being a parent! You want kids who listen and children you can enjoy.
In 1-2-3 Magic you will learn how to handle misbehaviour in public and how to avoid the talk — persuade — argue — yell — hit syndrome. You’ll also discover how your silence can speak louder than words.

1-2-3 Magic addresses these issues in the following steps:
Step 1 Controlling obnoxious behaviour
Step 2 Encouraging good behaviour
Step 3 Strengthening your relationship

When: Friday 29th May, 5th June and 12th June 2015
9:45 am — 12 pm
Where: CatholicCare Naremburn Family Centre
40 Merrenburn Ave,
Naremburn
Cost: $15

This group will only commence if spaces are filled
Bookings are essential to book please call 8425 8700 or email naremburnfamilyservice@dbb.org.au
Please note children are unable to attend, and childcare is not provided.

Cool Kids
Child Anxiety Program

Cool Kids is designed for children in primary school aged 9-12 years.
This program focuses on teaching children and parents better ways to manage anxiety.
Cool Kids will run for 8 weeks with a follow up group session. Families will be interviewed prior to group commencing.

The program aims to:
• Build skills
• Reduce distress
• Promote confidence and
• Face fears

Where: Naremburn Family Centre, 40 Merrenburn Ave, Naremburn.
When: Tuesday 4:00 pm — 6:00 pm
29th April — 16th June 2015
Follow up group: Tuesday 4:00 pm — 6:00 pm, 14th July 2015
Total Cost: $50 for one child and one adult

Bookings are essential as spaces are limited. To enquire or register for the course please contact the Counselling team on 8425 8700.