Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A very warm welcome back to Term Two at Narrabeen Lakes Public School. I trust that you and your children had an enjoyable break and that they are now refreshed and ready for ten weeks of exciting learning with their peers and teachers. Let’s hope the weather quickly improves to allow families to travel to and from school in a safer manner than Tuesday and Wednesday permitted.

School Uniform Seasonal Change

Children may wear either winter or summer uniform at the moment but it is expected that all students will be in winter uniform by Week Four (the week beginning Monday 11 May). Please feel free to pop into the office or call if you need uniform advice.

Our new sister school in China - Dongqian Lake Central Primary School

Narrabeen Lakes Public School currently offers Mandarin language lessons to students in Years 5 and 6. To further enhance Chinese language and cultural opportunities for our students, I visited China during the Easter holidays with a delegation of NSW primary and secondary principals. As part of the tour, I visited schools in Xuzhou, Nanjing and Ningbo and signed a memorandum of understanding to establish a sister school relationship with Dongqian Lake Central Primary School in the eastern port city of Ningbo.

This is a unique and exciting opportunity for Narrabeen Lakes Public School as one of the only public schools on the Northern Beaches to have established a sister relationship with a Chinese school. We anticipate that students and teachers from both schools will have many opportunities to interact with each other, and in the future we hope they can participate in teacher/student exchanges between the two schools. Such exchanges can only deepen the understanding between our two unique societies and foster an appreciation and greater awareness in our communities of the many similarities that exist between us.

For the curious among you, you may wish to look at the Dongqian Lake Central Primary School website http://zxxx.dqhedu.cn/. As it is all in Chinese, I recommend viewing the site with the Google Chrome web browser that has a translation function. This turns much of the Chinese text into mostly readable English.

Presently, we are still awaiting permission from the DEC to notify a vacancy for a Mandarin teacher at
Completing the tear off slip in this newsletter. Trainer and is free of charge. To reserve your place, please complete this form and return to the black box in the school foyer. This form will let us know how many applications will be made from our school. Applications for the placement test must be submitted online.

Applications will close on Friday 15 May 2015.

If you have any questions about the application process, or if you wish to discuss whether your child should sit for the OC placement test, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or me.

**Canteen update**

The plans and preparations to open the canteen for lunch three days a week this term are well underway thanks to Jo de Vries, Robyn Stonell and their hard working team. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for further details and for information on how you can volunteer to help – our canteen needs you!

**P&C Fundraiser – Entertainment Book**

The P & C have collaborated with the Entertainment Book to sell memberships to NLPS staff, families and carers to raise funds to replace our representative team sport uniforms so that our players look outstanding when competing in the community.

Your children will have received a letter and order form from the P & C today. I’m sure many of you will take up the invitation to purchase an exciting and value filled Entertainment membership. The school will receive $14 for each membership sold and we will be well on our way to achieving our fundraising goal of $1,000!

**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 participated in The Warringah and Mackellar ANZAC Centenary Commemoration held last Sunday 19 April, along with Mrs Mayo. She reports that our students were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

This Saturday, on ANZAC Day, the 100 Years 100 Boats ANZAC Beach Memorial will take place at Collaroy Beach. NLPS will be represented by Jessica McAdam and Sophie Bruce. The girls will link up with boat crews from South Narrabeen and North Narrabeen SLSCs to lay wreaths during the ceremony. Needless to say, we are very proud

### Public Speaking

This term the school is resuming a special curriculum focus on the development of public speaking skills. Public speaking is an essential skill in the modern world and will help children develop self-confidence and build up their self-esteem.

In Term Two, we will hold our second annual K-6 Narrabeen Lakes Public Speaking Competition. Our public speaking program and the competition will also assist us in identifying gifted and talented speakers who may wish to participate in the state-wide Multicultural Perspectives Speaking Competition, or become part of the first Narrabeen Lakes debating teams to be formed later this year.


### Cyber Safety Presentation Evening


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.

### Opportunity Class Placement 2016

Parents of current Year 4 students wishing to apply for Year 5 opportunity class (OC) placement in 2016 on behalf of their children will be able to access the online application site from Monday 27 April 2015 at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement).

The Opportunity Class Placement Test takes place on Wednesday 22 July at a test centre to be advised by the High Performing Students Unit.

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving, academically gifted students who may otherwise be isolated from a suitable peer group. These classes can provide intellectual stimulation by grouping gifted and talented students together, concentrating school resources and using specialised teaching methods. Students are offered places in opportunity classes by a selection committee which considers all available information.

The form ‘Intention to Apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2016’ will be sent home with each Year 4 student this week. Please complete this form and return to the black box in the school foyer. This form will let us know how many applications will be made from our school. Applications for the placement test must be submitted online.

Applications will close on Friday 15 May 2015.

If you have any questions about the application process, or if you wish to discuss whether your child should sit for the OC placement test, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or me.

For our school that will expand Mandarin teaching to Years 2-6 at NLPS. I firmly believe that all students in primary schools should have the opportunity to learn a second language, and an earlier start will set them up for greater language success in high school and beyond.
of them and know that they will be great representatives for Narrabeen Lakes. I hope to see some of you there.

The school will hold its own ANZAC service for K-6 students on Friday 24 April in the school hall.

Go, Mr McMahon!
Mr Ryan McMahon, the teacher of 5/6 M, will be participating in the Port Macquarie Ironman Triathlon on Sunday, May 3rd, 2015. This race consists of a 3.8km swim, 180.2 km bike and a 42.2 km run. He is hoping to qualify for the Ironman World Championships in October at Hawaii. This will be Ryan's 10th race. You can follow the race live through www.ironmanlive.com. The race starts at 6:30 a.m. Please join me in wishing Mr McMahon all the best for this grueling physical event - I’m sure he’ll be quite stiff when he comes back to work!

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

On Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 May, students will take the 2015 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives. All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/parent-carer-support.html

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers.

Wishing you all a great term.

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 in the library

**Name:**

**Name:**

Return slip to red box in school foyer ASAP
Bookings close Friday 24 April
MOTHERS’/CARERS’ DAY STALL
THURSDAY 7 May, 2015

Donations – Please have your child bring in a small, new, inexpensive gift by Monday 4 May.

If you could wrap your gift in clear cellophane it would be much appreciated. There will be a special box in the foyer for your donations.

Some gift ideas may be candles, photo frames, soaps, toiletries, home-wares, cosmetics, perfume...

Volunteers needed please to help with wrapping extra gifts on Tuesday 5 May anytime between 12 – 2pm in the school hall and/or

to help serve on the stall on Thursday 7 May anytime between 8.30 am and 11 am. Meet at cola outside school hall.

If you are able to help on either of these days, please fill out the slip below and return in an envelope marked “Mothers’ Day Helper” to the YELLOW box in the school foyer.

Money – Your child will need money to purchase a gift on Thursday 7 May. Gifts will be priced from $2 - $15.

Thank you for your support,
Parent Club

Name: ..................................................................................................................

Contact Phone No.: ............................................................................................

Email Address: .................................................................................................

(Please tick)  I can wrap gifts on Tuesday 6 May  □
  I can help serve on the Stall on Thursday 7 May  □
Narrabeen Lakes Primary School is starting up a canteen, during term 2, 2015 and we would love you to become involved.

The canteen will be open at lunchtime on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays offering lunch and over the counter snack items. Lunch orders can only be pre ordered through Flexischools (see attached flyer). Over the counter snack items are available once the children have eaten their lunch. Prices range from $0.40 - $2.00. In the future, we will be opening for morning tea too! Profits made are streamed back to the school to benefit the students.

The menu offers a variety of food, (mostly from fresh ingredients) with special food days offered. With the flexibility of Flexischools, the menu can be updated and changed on a regular basis.

Volunteering

Kids love seeing their parents and loved ones at the school and what better way than to volunteer in the school canteen! It is a great way to meet likeminded people, prepare meals for the children and see your child/children in action from a different aspect of the school. Volunteering also keeps our running costs down which maximises our profits which feedback to benefit the whole school.

How you can help?

By volunteering your time in the canteen, it will give the children an opportunity to order food in a supervised, fun and healthy environment. When you volunteer, your lunch is provided free of charge. To volunteer, email us at nlnps.canteen@gmail.com specifying your preferred day Monday, Wednesday or Friday or fill out the slip below and return it to the P & C Black box in the school foyer.

You can volunteer one shift per month (ie twice a term) from 9.30am -1pm. If you cannot commit to twice a term, there is an option for one shift per term.

I would like to volunteer at the Narrabeen Lakes Public School Canteen:

Name: __________________________________________________________

Mobile: __________________________ Email: _______________________

I can volunteer on (circle preferred day):

Monday Wednesday Friday

I can volunteer either (tick):

O One shift per month (ie twice a term) from 9.30am -1pm; or

O One shift per term from 9.30am-1pm.

If you would like to do canteen duty with another parent please let us know.

I would like the following person to be my canteen buddy:

_________________________________________________________________ (canteen buddy name; email or mobile).
Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 22 July 2015.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2016, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student’s email address). Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 27 April 2015 in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. The application website opens on 27 April 2015 and closes on 15 May 2015. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 27 April 2015.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Yours sincerely

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

Note: This is a notice to your primary school that you intend to apply only. It is NOT an application.

To apply you will need to register and then apply through the High Performing Students application website shown above.

Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2016

Student’s name: __________________________ Class: __________________________

I am interested in applying for opportunity class placement in 2016

Yes [ ] No [ ]

I have internet access and will be applying online

[ ]

OR

I do not have internet access

[ ]

Signature of parent/carer: __________________________ Date: __________________________

Note: This is a notice to your primary school that you intend to apply only. It is NOT an application.

To apply you will need to register and then apply through the High Performing Students application website shown above.
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 testing
- enables students at all levels of ability to participate; ICAS contains questions designed to specifically explore the abilities of students at all standards – this includes those of both lower and higher levels of achievement
- awards are awarded to the top students per state in each subject and year level (when sufficient meritocratic 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

Dr Sofia Kesidou
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## 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

### Registration Form

Please return this form to your child’s school.

I give permission for my child, Name of Child, 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 should sit on the official sitting date for each subject to be eligible for UNSW medals. However, your school may choose to sit at another time to fit in with other school activities and routines.

* Previously known as Computer Skills.

** 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): ___________________________


Expiry Date: ___________ Signature of Cardholder: ___________________________

Child/children’s name: ........................................................................ Class: ___________________________

Respect
Responsibility
Have a Go!
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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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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| 4    | 25-29 May | 24 School Tour PCS Music Festival Dance rehearsal | 26 PC5 Music Festival Dance rehearsal | 28 Cake stall band | 29 K-2 Gymnastics |
| 5    | 1-5 June | 1 Year 4 Field of Mars Excursion | 2 ICAS Science | 3 | 5 K-2 Gymnastics |
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**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
9:45am—12pm

**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@dfsb.org.au

Please note children are unable to attend, and childcare is not provided.