Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The School Plan 2015-17 is now complete and available to view on our website. It has also been uploaded to our Primary Parent Planner app. The six page plan outlines the school’s major goals for the next three years and beyond, so I encourage you to read the document in the next few days.

The plan was written in consultation with staff, students and the community. I would particularly like to thank everyone who responded to our numerous surveys, attended consultation meetings last year, or sent emails to share their vision and ideas for the school’s future.

I would also like to make special mention of a small team who helped develop Narrabeen Lakes’ cohesive new image with the current logo, mission statement and the banner statement of ‘Opportunity, Excellence, Community’. Thank you to teachers Mr Rob Zappia and Mrs Steph Horton, along with parents Mr Michael Digby and Mrs Jane Whitfield who spent many hours of their own time pouring over demographic information and survey data.

Annual School Report 2014
The Annual School Report for the 2014 school year was also published last week. Copies are available from the office, and it can be viewed on our website and via the Primary Parent Planner app.

Mothers Day Stall
Our Mother’s Day stall on this Thursday 7 May is selling a variety of products to help families and carers celebrate Mother’s Day this weekend. Gifts are priced from $2-$15.

School Canteen
In very exciting news, the school canteen will be open for lunches on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays starting on Monday 18 May. For further details, please read the information in this newsletter. Information on how the canteen will operate will be sent home with students this week.

NAPLAN
A final reminder that the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will take place at school next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for all students in Years 3 and 5. Students will need to arrive promptly for the start of the school day and the assessment.

Kindy 2016
Enrolments are now open for Kindergarten in 2016 for families in our school intake zone. Please pop

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into the office to collect an enrolment form and return it to us at your earliest convenience.

As our planning for 2016 is already underway, it is important that current Narrabeen Lakes families with siblings starting next year also enrol as soon as possible. The provision of our school staffing is very much dependent on Kindergarten student numbers - your early enrolment will provide us with greater clarity about the number of teachers we can expect to engage in 2016. Dates for future school tours can also be found on our website and from the office.

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- The staff car park is for DEC school staff and employees only. At no time should parents or carers park or drop off students in the staff car park, as a matter of work place health and safety. I was disturbed and disappointed to learn that one of our lovely office staff was abused for denying a parent access to the staff car park last week. This sort of behaviour is unacceptable in any work place.

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**House Points**
- Sharks: 3
- Stingrays: 2
- Dolphins: 1

**Merit Achievements**
- Charlie R (4P): Evie D (1D) - 20 Red
- Saxby BJ (5/6M): 20 Blue
- Saxby BJ (5/6M): 20 Green
- Jamila S (3A), Mikaela S (4P) and Jacob N (2AG) - 10 Red
- Tom S (1JH): 10 Blue

Have a wonderful week and Happy Mother’s Day to all the wonderful mums at this school!

Andy Rankin
Principal

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**Winter Uniforms**

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.
Kindergarten News

Kindergarten have settled very nicely back into school and are enjoying all that Term 2 has to offer including our Personal Development unit about relationships and communication, our HSIE unit ‘This is Me’ and our Science unit about living things. We are particularly enjoying our maths program as it allows us to explore patterns and experiment with volume.

Every Thursday afternoon we get together for Kindy Dance, this term we are learning ‘The Nutbush’. We love getting together and dancing!

In Week 6 on the 26th of May we are travelling by bus to the Glen Street Theatre to watch one of our favourite books come to life, “The Gruffalo’s Child”! We cannot wait to see some of our most loved characters on stage. Notes will be going home about this excursion soon.

We are big kids now and are participating in mixed K-2 school sport groups on a Friday afternoon, which will be a really fun way to play sport with some new and old friends in different classes and grades. Gymnastics has started too.

Later this term we will be finishing our single sounds and once this happens we are going to have a Letterland parade! This will give us the opportunity to dress up as our favourite Letterland characters.

Miss Emerson, Miss Seeney, Miss Loader, Mrs Mule’, Mrs Horton and Mrs Jeffrey
Canteen Newsletter

I've really enjoyed getting the canteen 'up and running' and I'm looking forward to its grand opening on Monday 18 May 2015. We have had a wonderful and positive response to our volunteer recruitment drive but we are still seeking volunteers for Wednesdays and Mondays.

Roster for 18 May to 29 May

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Lunch orders must be placed at www.flexischools.com before 8am each day and will be delivered to the individual class rooms just before lunch time. Orders can be future dated up to the end of each term.

Looking forward to Monday 18th May!

Regards

Robyn, NLPS canteen supervisor

dlps.canteen@gmail.com

URGENT REMINDER

MOTHER’S /CARERS’ DAY STALL
THURSDAY 7 MAY, 2015

Your child will need money to purchase a gift on Thursday 7 May.
Gifts will be priced from $2—$15
NLPS Canteens opens on 18th May!

- Our canteen menu is now available online at www.flexischools.com
- Freshly made lunch orders include Sushi on Monday 18th, Nachos on Wednesday 20th and Butter Chicken on Friday 22nd.
- Over the counter snack items go on sale from 25th May.
- Orders can be placed using a smart phone or a computer. Parents can also use the canteen laptop to place orders if they do not have access to the internet.

It’s so easy!

1) Go to www.flexischools.com.au
2) Click “Register Now” to create account
3) Top-up your balance
4) Start ordering immediately

To view a demonstration:
Go to the www.flexischools.com.au website and in the “Find Your School” box, enter a few letters from our school name and click the name when it appears below.

How Does It Work?
Go to www.flexischools.com.au and click “Register Now” in the Login Box. Then enter your student's name, school and class and add funds into a pre-paid account. You can log into the website at any time to place orders, typically up to 8am on the day. As purchases are made, the funds are taken from your pre-paid account. The account can be topped up again in the same way, or set to automatically top-up via credit card when the balance falls below a pre-set minimum. Each order is sent automatically to the kitchen, where an easy-to-read label is produced with the student’s name, class and order details. At lunch time, lunch orders are delivered to the class rooms.

What Does it Cost?
There is a 25c fee per canteen order to pay for the thermal labels and the website system. Each top-up of your Flexischools account costs 29c.

There will be a Flexischools training session on Friday 8th May at 9.30am in the demountable classroom next to the Adventure Playground.
PSSA Tennis Report

On the 27th to the 30th of April, I participated in the Tennis State Championships in Rockdale. I played in an all boys Doubles team. The other boys were from Allambie Heights PS, Hornsby PS and Collaroy Plateau PS.

We played many matches throughout the Championship.

I won all of my Singles matches and my team won all of our Doubles matches.

Our Awards were a trophy and pennant for the Doubles and a pennant for the Singles.

I felt really good when we won and I also felt really good representing my school.

I feel really proud to have another PSSA patch to sew on to my shirt.

Sean Henderson 6C

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2015

WIN A $4,000 HOLIDAY to a destination of your choice

Stewart House Donation Drive 2015

Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

Please place a $2 coin or equivalent in this envelope, complete entry details on the back and return to your school or workplace co-ordinator to be eligible for the draw. Submit your entry on Stewart House Day 8th May 2015

ALL ENTRIES MUST REACH STEWART HOUSE BY Friday 22nd May 2015

to participate in the draw

Envelopes sent home Tuesday!
Entertainment Book Fundraiser

The 2015/16 Entertainment Book was launched earlier this week and to date, the number of orders placed is pleasing.... Thank you to all these staff, parents and carers! All of these orders are being fulfilled as we go to print so that supporters can start enjoying the great benefits on their membership. With over 2,000 offers for restaurants, cafes, attractions, hotels, shopping, groceries and travel, the Entertainment Book is unbelievable value at just $70!

The Entertainment Book would also make a surprising gift for Mother’s Day....

Narrabeen Lakes Primary School will retain 20% of all Entertainment memberships sold and will contribute towards the upgrade of uniforms worn by some of our representative sport teams who need to look good when representing our school.

To order your Entertainment membership today, please complete the attached form and return it with payment to the black P & C box in the front office foyer. Alternatively, go to our Entertainment Book link and order your membership online:


Digital memberships will be available immediately on your smartphone while book memberships will be supplied via your child’s classroom teacher on the following school day after order placement.

Thank you for supporting NLPS!
Discover real value...

"With hundreds of offers to choose from, we’ve enjoyed more than $1,000 of value in just one year!"

I love my Digital Membership! Now I always have my Entertainment™ offers with me, wherever I go.

We’re fundraising with the Entertainment™ Book! With thousands of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers, here’s a taste of what’s in it for you:

75+ OFFERS!

OTTO CATALINA $50 value $50 value
BARA BATHERS' $50 value $50 value
PULI $45 value $50 value
RED LANTERN $50 value $40 value

480+ OFFERS!

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MU DRILL $45 value $40 value
FY’S FISH $40 value $35 value
IZAKAYA $50 value $25 value

215+ OFFERS!

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Thanks for your support! 20% from each membership sold contributes to our fundraising!

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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.

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**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: ___________________________

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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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WINTER DRAW
2015

Junior and Senior Girls' Football (Soccer)
Junior and Senior Boys' Football (Soccer)
Junior and Senior Boys' League
Junior and Senior Girls' Netball

- Netball is ALWAYS at Boondah
- Narrabeen Reserve is next to Rat Park

8th May—Vs Avalon
- Soccer, Careel Bay/League Narrabeen Reserve

15th May—Vs Mona Vale
- Soccer, Kitchener/League Narrabeen Reserve

22nd May—Vs Narrabeen North
- Soccer, Narra North Field/League Lake Park

29th May—BYE

5th June—Vs Wheeler Heights
- Soccer, Boondah/League Lake Park

19th June—Vs Collaroy Plateau
- Soccer, Boondah/League Lake Park

17th July—Vs Elanora Heights
- Soccer, Narra North Field/League Lake Park

24th July Vs Newport
- Soccer, Kitchener/League Lake Park

31st July Vs Bilgola Plateau
- Soccer, Narra North Field/League Narrabeen Reserve

7th, 14th and 21st August set aside for wet weather

PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION on to any relatives that may wish to see your child play.

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LEGO NEEDED

We would love any of your old lego for an exciting new club at NLPS. Please donate to Miss Jeffries or Mr McMahon.

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Free evening Seminar on Identifying & Managing Child Anxiety

Are you, or someone you know, concerned about Anxiety in children 7 – 12 years old?

The Rotary Club of North Ryde is running a series of seminars on child anxiety, based on research by the Centre for Emotional Health at Macquarie University.

Topic: Identifying & Managing Child Anxiety

Speaker: Dr Lauren McIlgarr, Centre for Emotional Health, Macquarie University, a registered psychologist and post-doctoral research fellow, she has experience working with children and families and a particular interest in assisting children and their carers manage excessive anxiety and fears.

Description: Anxiety is the most common form of mental health problem. followed by depression, the effects are very distressing to family and friends. But understanding the causes, impacts and potential treatments can help manage.

This seminar will discuss the problem, its causes and treatment programs, based on breakthrough research findings. A Q&A session is included, suitable for students, parents, carers, school counsellors and teachers and anyone interested in the topic.

For more information, visit http://www.northrydefunrun.com.au/mentally. Also find out more about our Fun Run on Sunday 30 August 2015 and how you can participate.

Over 600 university, school, corporate and community participants will run or walk to raise money for youth mental health research and treatment, and other worthy Rotary projects. Find out how you can sponsor the North Ryde Fun Run or make a donation on our Sponsor Us page.

Good for you, good for youth mental health

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