Dear Parents and Caregivers,

There is a hushed silence around the school this week as students in Year 3 and Year 5 join thousands around the nation in sitting the NAPLAN test.

The NAPLAN test captures a snapshot of student’s progress in literacy and numeracy on a given day. Whilst it certainly provides useful data about the teaching and learning within a school, the test should never be taken as the ‘be all and end all’ of assessing how effectively a school is performing.

The NAPLAN data doesn’t tell us anything about a student’s talents or abilities, for example, in sport, music, dance, drama, music, languages, computers or public speaking. Nor does it tell us how well they interact and engage with others, and it tells us nothing about the positive and caring learning environment that exists in a school such as Narrabeen Lakes.

Regardless of how well each individual student performs in the test, the main thing students need to know is that we are very proud of each and everyone of them for the efforts they make to learn every day that they come to this wonderful school.

Newsletter: BIG changes ahead

Narrabeen Lakes will have a newly designed Pelican Post newsletter coming to you in mid-June and what a treat we have for you. In consultation with the P&C, we have partnered up with a web-based company called Schoolzine who will design and produce a fortnightly newsletter for us. The newsletter will still be emailed to you, it will also appear on our website, on your smart phone or tablet, and anywhere that you can connect to the internet. A paper version will also be available for those without internet connectivity.

We can update the newsletter and calendar during the week and those updates will automatically appear when you open the digital version of the Pelican Post.

There are a range of additional features that I am sure you will appreciate too. For example, the digital version of the newsletter will allow us to post unlimited photographs and even video.

Schoolzine also include school interview booking facilities within the newsletter, as well as event booking facilities (for events such as cyber safety presentation talks, information nights, performances etc), surveys, and polls. It really is a one stop shop for everything!
Finally, Schoolzine will also provide us with an app so that all this information can be accessed at the tap of a button on your phone or tablet. We will provide further details of this app as it comes to hand. In the meantime, we will continue using our Primary Parent Planner. Further information can be found by visiting http://www.schoolzine.com.au/

I will be giving a brief demonstration of Schoolzine at our P&C meeting next Tuesday 19 May at 7.30pm.

**Musicale**
All parents and carers are invited to our first Musicale evening next Tuesday 19 May in the hall. Members of our three school bands will be showcasing their individual and collective musical talents, under the baton of Miss Rachel Rule. It promises to be a very entertaining evening, so I hope to see some of you there. Events such as this perfectly illustrate the words of our school banner statement: ‘Opportunity, Excellence, Community’.

**Canteen opening for lunches from next week**
After weeks of preparation, our canteen will open for lunches on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays starting this Monday 18 May. The students are very excited indeed, and there are a few hungry teachers who are also eagerly looking forward to the big day!

All orders need to be placed online by 8am each canteen day using the Flexischools site.

An information session on how to use Flexischools and order lunch orders will be held at 2.30pm this Thursday 14 May in the demountable classroom adjacent to the Adventure Playground. All are welcome.

Thank you to our new canteen manager Mrs Robyn Stonell for her preparation and organisation of the canteen opening. We warmly welcome her to Narrabeen Lakes and wish her every success in her new role. A big thank you also to Mrs Jo De Vries who has worked tirelessly, not only to get the canteen operational, but to organise advertising and develop the volunteer roster.

**Kindy 2016**
Enrolments are now open for Kindergarten in 2016 for families in our school intake zone. Please pop 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. Our next school tour is on Tuesday 26 May at 9.30am.

**Term Fees**
A final reminder that Term Two accounts for excursions and events taking place this term are due by this Friday 15 May. Thank you for the very prompt response from those who have already paid their term accounts.

**Anti-Bullying Policy**
Our school prides itself on being a safe place for all students. To ensure an on-going harmonious environment within the school grounds, a team of Narrabeen Lakes teachers is currently developing a new Anti-Bullying Policy, incorporating Cyber Safety. The team will be calling for interested community members to give their feedback on the draft policy once it is available. Stay tuned for details.

**Dogs in the school**
As much as we love dogs, at no time are they allowed on the school premises even when on a lead. Parents dropping off/picking up from OSHClub, band, music lessons and dance are reminded that even though the playground may look empty, dogs are still not allowed in the playground, as a matter of health and safety.

The NSW Consolidated Act pertaining to dogs states dogs are prohibited in some public places. Section (e) of the Act specifically refers to schools and states that this applies to dogs whether they are leashed or unleashed. The exceptions are assistance dogs that are specifically trained to assist those who are sight or hearing impaired.

**House Points**
- Sharks 5
- Stingrays 3
- Dolphins 4

**Merit Achievements**
- Erin G (3A), Oliver S (1K), Eimear L (4M) - 10 Red
- Zane D (1D), 10 Blue
- Billy P (2/3C) - 20 Blue

Wishing you an excellent week,

Andy Rankin
Principal

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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.

**The NLPS Second Hand Uniform Shop is open each Thursday afternoon from 2.40 pm to 3.10 pm. (Located on the northern side of the school hall).**

**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.
YEAR ONE NEWS

What a busy term we have had so far in Year One. The gymnastics program has begun and the children have had an awesome time tumbling through the Narrabeen Sports Centre on Friday afternoons. The children at school are also having a terrific time doing various tabloid games.

Literacy groups have been very busy. The children have been choosing their own interest based activities and have been enjoying taking ownership of their learning.

Maths groups are progressing beautifully. The children love the games based learning and we even have a "special" guest this term – Mr Zappia. He is teaching the groups some card counting games. Next we will be focusing on learning our 2 times tables in preparation for the school times tables competition.

Our News topics for this term have been great practice for the public speaking project in Week 5 on “Our Local History” and the NLPS Public Speaking competition in Week 8.

We are also enjoying studying our local area and comparing it to places around the world. On the 21 May we are going to the Manly Art Gallery and surrounds to visit some of the historic sights. In preparation, the children are learning how to use “Google Earth” as a tool to map our trip.

It’s always fun in Year One.

The Year 1 Teachers
An exciting event coming soon for our NLPS students is the inaugural NLPS Musicale. This event is at the School Hall from 6.30pm to 7.30pm on Tuesday 19 May. See the advert in this Pelican Post and the decorated posters by band members around the school.

Our Band Member of the Week goes to Kyla Franse in Training Band. Congratulations, Kyla you will receive a blue award.

Great job to the Performance Band too for the mini concert on the NLPS birthday.

Remember: all students need to be responsible for bringing their instrument and music to band.

For any enquires for our School Band please contact Tanya Leishman 0425226247
Narrabeen Lakes Public School

INVITES YOU TO OUR

Narrabeen Lakes School

Musicale

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This is an informal opportunity for our students who are either in the school band or learning guitar with Mr McMahon and Mr Chapman.

Students can show parents and peers just how much they have progressed during the year. The students will play a number of pieces together, but the best part is the opportunity for some students to play solos (or duets) in front of a small but appreciative audience.

We encourage all students from NLPS to come along for the show and perhaps bring a grandparent or family friend along. We hope that this event will help give the children confidence to perform as well as providing a great little community event.

Entry will be by gold coin donation and there will be a raffle prize to be won on the night. All proceeds will help raise funds for our school band.

Yours sincerely, Band director Rachel Rule and NLPS Band Committee

TUES NIGHT MAY 19TH

6.30-7.30PM

In the school hall. Gold coin donations. Raffle prizes to be won.
Canteen Newsletter

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.

Go to www.flexischools.com.au

1) Click “Register Now” to create account
2) Top-up your balance
3) Start ordering immediately

Once you are registered on Flexischools, download the app onto your smartphone and place orders anytime, anywhere!

There will be a ‘How to order canteen lunches using Flexischools’ information session on Thursday at 2.30pm in the classroom next to the adventure playground. All welcome!

Roster for 18 May to 29 May

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Looking forward to Monday 18th May!

Regards

Robyn, NLPS canteen supervisor

nlps.canteen@gmail.com
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 Thursday at 2.30 pm in the demountable classroom next to the Adventure Playground.
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/opplacement. 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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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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6 Reasons to attend Narrabeen Sports High School

1. WE GET THE WELFARE RIGHT
Our students’ personal maturation and development go hand in hand with their academic preparation. We have dedicated Year Advisers who are always on hand to guide and support our students. The school follows the code of Positive Behaviour for Engaging Learners with our school’s three core expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Success. This positive culture for learning as well as a celebration of success creates harmony and a safe and caring learning environment.

2. STRONG ACADEMIC FOCUS
Our school has successfully embedded ALARM, BYOD and Project Based Learning into our curriculum to create exceptional educational opportunities. Outside of the curriculum, we offer regular Senior Study sessions, the Homework Club, High Achievers Club and gifted and talented events such as the Gr8 Gatsby.

3. HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND DEDICATED TEACHERS
Our staff are extremely committed to ensuring our students achieve their highest potential. They continually develop innovative and challenging programs to inspire engaging and inclusive learning experiences.

4. SUPERB FACILITIES
Narrabeen Sports High School boasts some of the best facilities in Sydney from its large grounds, Art rooms, weights room, dance room, and multi-purpose synthetic oval to the newly built trade skills centre including our light commercial kitchens.

5. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS
Extra-curricular activities are a major part of Narrabeen Sports High School’s culture of success aimed to extend and enrich our students’ experiences. Our extra-curricular opportunities include:

- The Concert Band
- The Student leadership Representative Council
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Science Club
- Art workshops
- Drama Club
- Public Speaking
- Knockout Sporting Teams
- Peer Support
- Career Mentoring

6. THE NORTHERN SYDNEY SCHOLASTIC AND SPORTS ACADEMY
The sports academy now proudly offers 10 sports, from Surfing to Dance. The focus of the Academy is to afford elite and emerging elite athletes an environment for academic and social development. The students are supported by Academy mentors who help them manage their academic studies, individual training and competition demands in their chosen sport.
Barrenjoey High School and Berkelouw Books invite you to meet Andrew Fuller when he speaks on Unlocking Your Child’s Genius at Barrenjoey High School.

Every parent wants their child to be the best they can possibly be, but how do you discover and encourage your child’s particular natural talents? Clinical psychologist Andrew Fuller believes that all children have an innate sense of inquisitiveness that is fundamental to creativity and lateral thinking. However, social conditioning and school can lead to a desire to conform and fit in which dampens that exuberance and curiosity.

Andrew Fuller’s interest in creativity combined with a lifetime spent working with people on a wide range of issues has led him to write Unlocking Your Child’s Genius: How to discover and encourage your child’s natural talents. It is a guidebook for parents to unleash their own genius and role models for children.

He examines the skill set parents (and other mentors for young people) need to foster lateral thinking in others as well as the environment and conditions essential for launching a child on a lifelong journey of exploration.

Time: 6.30 - 8.30 pm
When: Thursday, July 23rd, 2015
Where: Barrenjoey High School Hall,
Coonanga Rd, Avalon, NSW, 2107
Bookings are essential and can be made via
Berkelouw Books in Mona Vale
Ph: 9979 2112 Email: monavale@berkelouw.com.au
Cost is $7.00 per person.

Please note: 10% of the value of all ticket and book sales achieved at this event will be donated by Berkelouw Books to Barrenjoey High School.
PITTWATER PSSA
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

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.

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.