Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In an education report issued last week by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Australia ranked 14th in the world while Singapore and Hong Kong took out first and second place respectively.

The report was based on test scores in math and science from 15-year-olds in 76 nations. Narrabeen Lakes Public School is uniquely positioned to make its own contribution to improve upon those rankings in future years, as we are one of very few primary schools that offer a dedicated science program to all our students.

During our open morning in Education Week next term, I urge you to visit our own science lab that has been set up by Mrs Janette Clark – it is a unique learning space in which the children love to study. Mrs Clark is joined this year by Mrs Jackie Graham; the two teachers are doing a wonderful job of promoting a love of science in our students. Mrs Katrina Jeffrey likewise introduces the wonders of science to our Kindergarten students on a weekly basis.

21st Century Learning at NLPS

In keeping with our school vision statement that states ‘students are …..engaged in purposeful and future focused learning’, Narrabeen Lakes school continues to lead the way in preparing our students for the workplace of the future by teaming up with an academic partner, Mr Ian Jukes. Working with Ian will provide our teachers with the very latest teaching and learning strategies and ideas relevant to the current and future needs of the digital generation.

Ian Jukes is the co-founder and Executive Director of the InfoSavvyGroup21, an international educational consulting firm. He has been a teacher, an administrator, writer, international consultant, university instructor and keynote speaker. He has worked with clients in more than 80 countries and made more than 10,000 presentations.

Ian has also written or co-written more than a dozen books, 9 educational series and 100 articles that have been published in various journals around the world.

Whilst Narrabeen Lakes staff will engage in deep professional learning with Ian in July this year, he is also interested to meet with students, parents and carers from the school, and hear about your ideas for future focused education. As more information comes to hand, I will be sure to pass it on.

Opportunity Excellence Community

Dates for Your Diary 2015

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Thur 28 May The Gruffalo Child, Kindy
Thur 28 May Cake Stall, Band
Mon 1 June Field of Mars Year 4
Wed 3 June ICAS Science
Mon 8 June Queens Birthday HOLIDAY
Wed 10 June Boori Manly Aboriginal Group
Fri 12 June School Disco
Mon 15 June ICAS Writing
Wed 16 June ICAS Spelling
Fri 19 June Northern Beaches Instrumental Festival
Tue 23 June Recorder Group
Fri 26 June Speak Off, Grade Champions
Fri 26 June Mufti Day for Children’s Hospital

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Canteen/Allergy updates
As I mentioned in last week’s Pelican Post, the canteen is off to a great start producing delicious, fresh-cooked food that is a hit with students and staff.

The canteen takes all measures to meet legislated food preparation requirements but can never guarantee to provide foods that are allergen free.

To support us in minimising the risk to students with allergies, it is vital that families and carers provide the school with the latest health plans for any child with a severe or life threatening allergic reaction. These plans are known as the ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis and are obtained from your doctor.

The canteen will be notified of all children with such a health plan.

Mrs Robyn Stonell, our wonderful new canteen manager, is always happy to answer any questions or concerns about foods produced in the canteen. She can be reached at nlps.canteen@gmail.com, or you can visit Robyn in the canteen on Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Appointments with teachers
Narrabeen Lakes prides itself on maintaining open dialog between teachers and parents/carers. Most queries can be handled with a quick catch up at the classroom door, or in the playground, before or after school. For those longer discussions with a teacher, please make an appointment. Please note that it is not acceptable practice to walk into the classroom during lesson time and interrupt a lesson to discuss your child. The office will happily pass on your message to the teacher for you.

Kindergarten excursion
Our Kindy classes are off to see ‘The Gruffalo’s Child’ at the Glen St theatre this Thursday the 28 May. We hope that they have a wonderful time.

Band Cake Stall
The school bands are hosting a cake stall at lunch time this Thursday – all proceeds will go towards the purchase of new instruments. So, bring along silver and gold coins, support our bands and enjoy some delicious cakes!

Too sick for school?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Student Achievement:
Josie R (3A), Sydney W (1JH) and Denver K (KL), - 10 Blue
Tom S (1JH), Sydney W (1JH) and Lupita L (1K) - 10 Red

House Points:
Sharks 7
Dolphins 6
Stingrays 4

Enjoy this last week of autumn.
Andy Rankin
Principal

PITTMATER 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

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.

BOOKCLUB
ORDERS ARE DUE IN TO MRS CHANT BY FRIDAY 29 MAY
(Any cheques should be made out to “Scholastic Australia”)
Musicale

As I walked on stage, my eyes met my mum’s. She was proud, and so was I. When I put my clarinet to my lips I started to play. A beautiful sound washed over everything. It was the best Narrabeen Lakes Public School Musicale I had been to.

Jamila 3A

As I walked up on the steps I was so nervous that my legs were shaking with fear. I played with Kirsty and at that moment I was terrified that I was going to play the wrong note. But I didn’t, it went well and I was proud of myself.

James 3A

As I walked up the stairs my legs were trembling really fast. I couldn't even stop them. When I looked up, my parents were looking at me, it gave me the jiggles. A boy before me played the whole Star Wars song, and I only played half of it. This made me even more nervous, I felt as though I had never played before.

As I finished my solo I felt alive as an elephant! It was a great night.

Lewis 3A

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

It is essential for the school to have your up to date contact information. Please return your updated information sheets which were sent home in Term 1, as soon as possible.

Alternatively, you can update your information at the school office or send any new contact details by email or in writing via the Red Box in the foyer.

THANKYOU
On Thursday we went on an excursion to Manly. First we went on a bumpy bus. The bus driver was a very jolly bus driver. On the way there I sat next to Oliver. After that we went to Federation Point and Mrs Kirkland and Mrs Donohoe handed photos out so we could look at the old places that used to be there. Then we had recess and saw where Mrs Kirkland got married but we did not get to look inside. Finally we saw the art gallery and saw lots of things. We went back to school and all said thank you to the bus driver. It was the best day ever.

Laci (1K)

On Thursday we went to Manly. First we went on a green bus. Second we had recess on the green, thick grass. Next we went to the art gallery. We saw lots of things. After, Mrs Hinte gave us a map of Manly. Then we wrote things on the map. When we finished the map we had lunch. After that we walked to the beach to place with the sand. Then the bus came. I slept on the bus. It was a great day.

Ambar (1JH)

On Thursday we caught a bus to Manly. First we got off the bus and had recess. Next, while IJH was looking at all the art, we went up the hill and we learnt a few things. After that we saw the yellow and green boats and sparkly water. Later we had lunch and went into the art gallery with IK. We saw brown and red spears and yellow paintings. Finally we played in the sand. Our bus arrived and we went back to school. We got off the bus last because we got on the bus first.

Charlie (1D)
The P & C are holding a silent auction for a ‘Ponies for Parties’ gift voucher where the successful bidder will receive a Pony Party to the value of $385. The voucher entitles the holder to one pony for 2 hours with their choice of pony, theme and venue. The voucher is valid to 31 December 2015.

Ponies for Parties delivers the most professional and reliable pony riding service in the Sydney Greater Metropolitan region as well as Wollongong, Newcastle, Armidale and the Central Coast. Their aim is to deliver the best ponies backed by well trained staff and professional business practices with outstanding experience that will ensure your special event is a highlight and your memories of Ponies for Parties will be long lasting.

Please go to Ponies for Parties website to view their ponies and the many party & event theme options they offer for your special occasion.

www.poniesforparties.com.au

Here’s how the silent auction will work:

- To place your bid, email the P & C at the following address and subject title your email with “Ponies for Parties - My Silent Bid”
  nlpspandc@gmail.com

- State your bid remembering the voucher is valued at $385, however your bid can be as little or as much as you are willing to pay.

- Include your name and phone number.

All bids must be received by no later than Sunday 14 June 2015. The highest bidder will be contacted on Monday 15 June 2015 to make arrangements for collection and payment of the voucher.

Proceeds of the auction item will fund new gardening tools and vegetation for our school.

Good luck to all bidders!
ponies for parties

We provide a tailored service with professionalism that will help you create the best experience for your party, fete, or whatever the function. This is what makes us different from the rest.

My Little Pony
Cowboys
Cowgirl
Circus
Unicorn
Fairy
Crown
Shrek
Zoro
Pirate
Christmas
Easter
Halloween
Your own theme

Our ponies are well loved members of our team as well as being part of our farm-based family lifestyle and activities which allows us to bring you safe and respectable ponies for all special occasions.

birthday parties, corporate events, fetes, fun days and heaps more.

ponies for parties will help you make your event special.

Pony: 0413673377
poniesforparties.com.au
fo.com/poniesforpartiesau

your special day will come and go but your memories of ponies for parties will last forever.

prices

Ponies for Parties has a team of great looking ponies of various heights and colours to ensure we can cater for children of various age groups. They all have nice natures, good manners and respect for their handlers.

Our mission is to deliver the best ponies, well trained staff and professionalism that will ensure your special day is a highlight which will always be remembered.

Our ponies arrive freshly groomed and shampoood, with their manes and tails plaited. They will each have an individual handler who will help the children on and off the ponies and maintain the highest safety levels by making sure every rider wears an appropriately sized helmet and has the stirrups at the correct length.

For something really different why not hire one of our two donkeys, Diego and Cora, both are very charming chaps and would love to make your event very special.

Ponies for Parties now delivers the most professional and reliable pony riding service in the Sydney Greater Metropolitan region, Wollongong, Newcastle, the Central Coast and now in the Armidale area.

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prices

Birthday Parties
1 x pony with handler: $385.00
2 x ponies and handlers: $495.00

Fetes & Fun Days
3hrs w/ 2 ponies and handlers: $515.00
4hrs w/ 2 ponies and handlers: $625.00

Corporate Fun Days
3hrs w/ 2 ponies and handlers: $755.00
4hrs w/ 2 ponies and handlers: $995.00

Prices subject to change at any time.

All prices include GST of 10%
Public holidays incur a surcharge of 20%
Travel charges may apply to areas outside the Sydney and Armidale areas, please call for a quote.
Prices valid from July 2014 however, may vary at any time.

Respect
Responsibility
Have a Go!
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BAND MATTERS

Our Band Member of the Week goes to Christian Selvaratnam in Training Band. Congratulations Christian, you will receive a blue award. The Musicale art poster winners are Jordi Fairweather Bartoll and Breanna Henry.

CAKE STALL  CAKE STALL  CAKE STALL
This Thursday lunchtime!! Band families can you please donate cupcakes / biscuits / slices Thursday morning. Please bring them to the canteen. Thanks Ali and Mandy for running the stall at lunchtime.

Wow what an amazing turnout for last week's NLPS Musicale! It was so exciting for band members, parents, families and band organisers. How wonderful to see the students perform in their bands, then brave the stage to perform a solo or duet. All in front of a jam-packed school hall. The crowd was so supportive for all students from the very beginners to the experienced. A big thanks to all the families who work hard to motivate the kids and keep up with lessons and rehearsals. It was also fun to hear the fantastic guitar and recorder group play. This school has many musical talents!

Thank you Miss Rachel for making our first Musicale such a success.

And a massive thank you to all the students who patiently waited for their turn up on stage, who were organised and had their music and who cheered on their fellow performers.

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

Please note—The Performance Band is to play at Northern Beaches Instrumental Festival June 19, 6.20-7.30pm at Pittwater High School. Please advise immediately if unable to attend this prestigious event. Band uniform to be worn.

For any enquires for our School Band please contact Tanya Leishman 0425226247
Dear Parents and Carers,

All students have been focussing on developing and strengthening skills in public speaking throughout the year. This term, Narrabeen Lakes will be holding a Public Speaking Competition within the school. Students have a choice of three topics. They are:

My favourite place is.....

If you could have one superpower, what would it be?

I bet you didn’t know that!

All students will choose one of the topics for their speech. During class time, teachers will assist students with strategies for preparing and presenting their speeches. Students will then write their speech at home. It would be appreciated if students could practise their speeches at home to build confidence in speaking in front of an audience.

In Week 8, each class will run a ‘speak off’. Two winners from each class will progress to the grade ‘speak off’.

In Week 9 the grade ‘speak off’ will be held. One student from each grade will become grade champion and will receive a Public Speaking Certificate and an award on Presentation Day.

Our grade champions will present their speeches during a full school assembly in Week 10 on Friday 26 June. The following is some important information about the speeches:

The time given to students for their speech is as follows:

- Kindergarten - a maximum of 1 minute
- Years 1-3 - 1 to 2 minutes
- Years 4-6 - 2 to 3 minutes

- All students must use palm cards that fit comfortably in the hand. Students should refer to them for cues but should try not to read from them.
- No props will be used.
- Teachers will judge the speeches on the following criteria:
  - posture/eye contact
  - speaking clearly and with expression
  - structure of the speech
  - how engaging the speech is for the audience
  - preparation and organisation
  - adherence to time limit
  - use of palm cards

We hope that all students enjoy the public speaking experience. The teachers look forward to hearing some great speeches in class in Week 8. If you have any question, please contact Mrs Jeffrey (Public Speaking Coordinator).

Thank you.

Kind regards,
Katrina Jeffrey
Some Useful Hints for Public Speaking

The speech should have an introduction, a main body and a conclusion. An interesting beginning or “sizzling start” to the speech will grab the attention of the audience and set the tone for the rest of the speech. The speaker should not introduce him/herself at the beginning of the speech, do not say ‘good morning’ etc. The opening statement should be the actual beginning of the speech. You should have a strong conclusion to the speech that states your personal opinion and leaves a lasting impression. Interesting ideas and appropriate language for the age and maturity of the child should be in the main body of the speech. Some facts, examples, quotes and opinions should be included here. A natural delivery without an excess of hand gestures or dramatic movements. A clear, confident voice that is easy for the audience to hear. A smile and real interest in the topic being delivered. The use of a mind map may help you start brainstorming to get the ideas flowing. (See the attached mind map). Ideas can then be expanded upon to start building the speech. The speaker should not finish the speech with words such as “the end” or even “Thank you”. Make sure that the final statement is strong and obvious. A website that you may find helpful in assisting with preparing a great speech is: ‘The Strictly Speaking’ website http://lrrpublic.cli.det.nsw.edu.au/lrrSecure/Sites/Web/public_speaking/

Canteen News

NEW: Over the counter ice blocks and ice creams are available for sale after lunch. Items range from $0.40 - $1.50.

NEW: The State of Origin competition has kicked off this week. Buy a ‘pink’ or ‘blue’ moosie (milk based ice cream) and go into the draw to win a football (for those who have allergens to milk please visit the canteen for an alternative to the moosie). Competition ends at the end of the 3rd State of Origin game.

Flexischools ‘Hint of the Week’ - The number of orders for hot food (such as Nachos and toasted sandwiches) are capped, so get your order in early or create a recurring order to guarantee receiving your choice of hot lunch!

Roster for next week:

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Many thanks
Robyn

LEGO NEWS

What a HUGE turn-out for our new Lego club. All the boys and girls had a fabulous time constructing lego and creating endless structures. Thank you to all who donated Lego and especially Jai Murone, our new Lego leader, for his generous donation. Any more donations of lego would be greatly appreciated. Lego club runs on alternate Tuesday’s between years K-2 and 3-6 in Miss Jeffries classroom.
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.

A school with everything

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. 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.

Please contact our office for a Prospectus or to arrange a school tour with our Principal

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narrabeen-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Key points to remember around schools

2 Drivings near school buses
There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is setting down or picking up school children.
This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.
The 40km/h speed limit must be obeyed when the rear wig wag lights on the bus flash.
Flashing headlights on these buses also alert oncoming motorists that children are close by.
As a driver, remember: When the lights on the bus are flashing, you must slow down to 40 km/h.
Never park in or near a bus stop or bus zone.
For information about fines and demerit points, visit rms.nsw.gov.au

3 On and off the bus safely
Your child is most at risk in the minutes after getting off the bus. You can reduce this risk.
Meet your child (or arrange for another trusted adult to meet your child) AT the bus stop, NEVER on the opposite side of the road.
Wait until the bus has been driven away before choosing the safest place to cross the road, then follow the usual road crossing procedures with your children.
STOP ! One step back from the kerb.
LOOK ! For traffic to your right, left and right again.
LISTEN ! For the sounds of approaching traffic.
THINK ! Whether it is safe to cross.
Teach your children to keep turning their head in both directions to look and listen for traffic as they cross the road.
While waiting at the bus stop, stand well away from the passing traffic. Never wait right at the kerb.
Remind your children that when a bus is fitted with seatbelts, they must buckle up.
Until they turn ten, hold hands with your child as you cross the road.

For more information visit roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au
Week 4 Term 2 2015

Dear NLPS Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those people who have shown interest in becoming an ethics teacher at NLPS. Primary Ethics has released the next round of training **Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 May 2015 at MLC Centre, Sydney. 9:00am - 5:00pm.**

If this date suits you, please contact me so I can assist you to book in.

Cheers

Tanya Leishman - NLPS Ethics Coordinator
0425226247  tangsims@bigpond.net.au

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: http://www.primaryethics.com.au/K-6curriculum.html