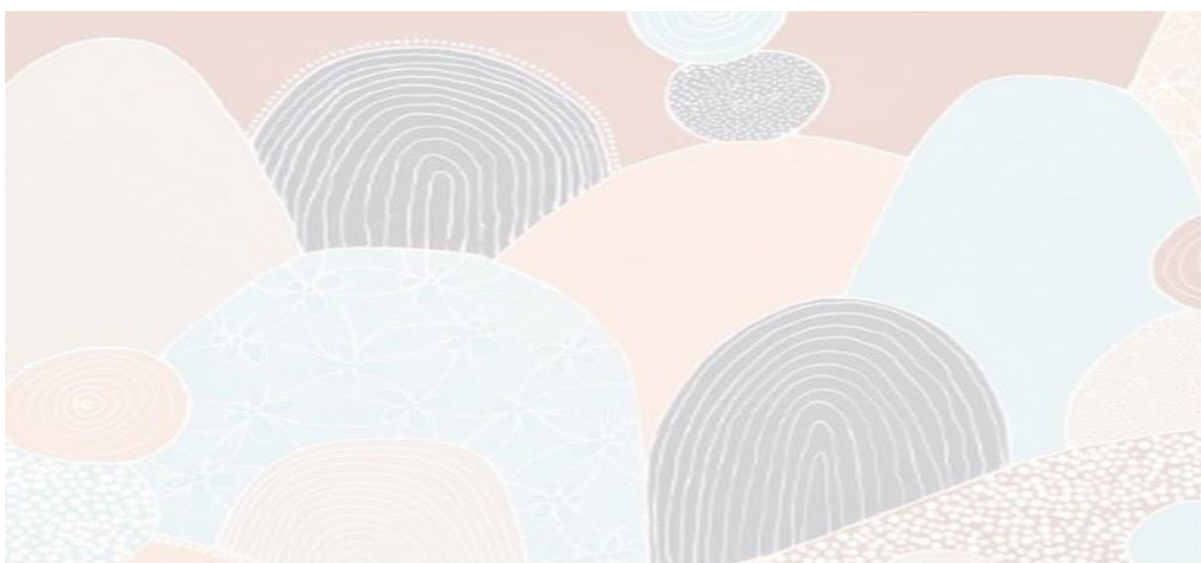




Narraweena News - Term 3 Week 1

Wednesday 24th July 2024

Acknowledgement of Country



We acknowledge the traditional Custodians of this land that we play, learn and grow on. We thank them for taking care of this land and these waterways that make up this beautiful Country. We love this land for its beautiful scenery and those who live here.

We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging.

This land always was and always will be Aboriginal land.

From The Principal's Desk...



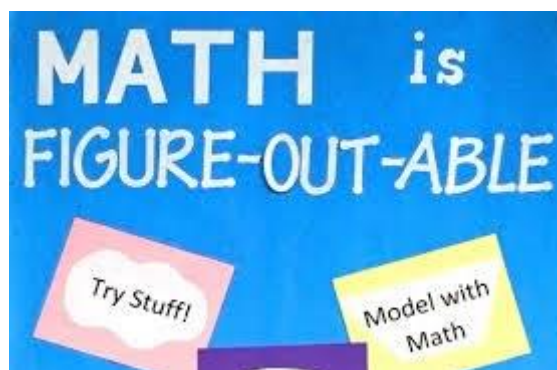
Welcome Back to Term 3

I trust that all families enjoyed the Winter school holidays and had the chance to unwind from routines. Our staff have returned fresh and excited for Semester 2 and I've loved hearing holiday stories from our students.

We have had a couple of staffing changes with the start of the semester. Our long time SLSO, Mrs Suzanne Thoroughgood retired at the end of term and we wish her a long and happy retirement after many years of service to public education, supporting students. We welcome Emma Humphrey, Assistant Principal back to NPS. Emma has had many wonderful experiences over the last 12 months teaching at Broken Hill North PS and we are looking forward to her ideas which we may implement here. Emma will teach 5H as Miss Hutchings' leave continues. I would like to publicly thank Miss Hutchings for teaching 5H during Semester 1.

Maths is figure-out-able!

Our staff had a fabulous day of learning about numeracy on Monday for Staff Development Day with Pam Harris who is a mathematics teacher from the USA. This learning was aligned with our new Mathematics syllabus and our teaching philosophy of high expectations for all students. During the day, we learnt that while algorithms are amazing historical achievements, they aren't good teaching strategies as we only use single digit calculations when solving the process. As the purpose of teaching is to understand and to develop students' use of more sophisticated strategies, we experienced first hand the power of using 'what I know' to solve complex problems. On Tuesday, several of our teachers visited colleagues at Manly Village and Balgowlah North PS to observe Pam teaching classes of students. We are very excited about this learning and look forward to using some of these strategies for this mathematical thinking in our classrooms.





Education Minister visits NPS!

We were thrilled that our Education Minister / Deputy Premier, Prue Car and our local member, Michael Regan, visited NPS at the end of last term. One of the reasons for her visit was to meet with one of our First Nations contractors who was doing some maintenance for our school. This was an opportunity for some of our First Nations students and these members of our community to connect and have a yarn about culture and community. As part of NAIDOC week, we were interviewed for NITV, sharing our thoughts about our fabulous school.

Prue Car was highly interested in how our school is going, and she asked many thoughtful questions about our students' learning and wellbeing. I was pleased to be able to share many of our achievements and discuss plans for the future.





Attendance

Every child is expected to attend school every day. Of course, occasionally students may be unwell and they need to stay home. Family holidays should be taken during the school holiday breaks and weekends. Your child's attendance at school has a direct impact on their success at school and to maximise their potential. Setting the good habit of attending school each day leads to productive adult habits.

As part of streamlining administrative and communication systems, parents/carers can now explain your child's absence using the School Bytes parent portal. Rolls are marked at 9:00 each morning; students that arrive after this time must be taken by their parent/carer to the office to receive a late note. Please inform the school via the School Bytes parent portal of your child's absence as soon as possible. If an absence reason isn't received during the morning, you will receive a reminder via email to explain their absence. Thank you for working with us while we develop our understanding of this new system.

[This link](#) will explain how to use the School Bytes Parent portal to explain your child's absence:

Cromer High School

We were thrilled to hear that one of our ex-students, Maxim Naechaev has been elected as school vice- captain for 2025 at Northern Beaches Secondary College - Cromer campus. The principal, Mr Hong tells me that Maxim is a high achieving student in everything he does, and that they expect Maxim will do well in his upcoming student leadership role.

School communication system - "School Bytes"

We are now using this app to keep you informed for several aspects of school life. Thank you for using the app over the last year for **permission notes** and **payments**. Last term, your child's school **report** was shared in the app. Most past reports should now be visible on the parent portal (we still need to upload some Semester 1 2023 Kindergarten reports.)

Calendar: Please view upcoming school events on the calendar. The eNews calendar will no longer be updated.


Messages: You will receive emails and push notifications via the portal. It is important that we have a quick way of communicating with you for urgent messages, thank you for turning ON push notifications. The School eNews app will no longer be used for this purpose.

Absences: You can now see your child's attendance and explain your child's absence using the app. The eNews app will no longer be used for absences.

IMPORTANT: To ensure that the registration process works smoothly and you can link your account to your child(ren), make sure that you use the same email address that you have provided to the school or if using a different email address, an SMS verification code will be sent to the mobile phone number on record for you at the school.

To set up your parent portal, please refer to [this link with the steps](#):

- Open the parent portal link
- Please ensure the push notification is turned on
- The School Bytes App is now available on App Store and Google Play



School Bytes


Log in to the parent portal
Or [create a new account](#)

Email address

Password

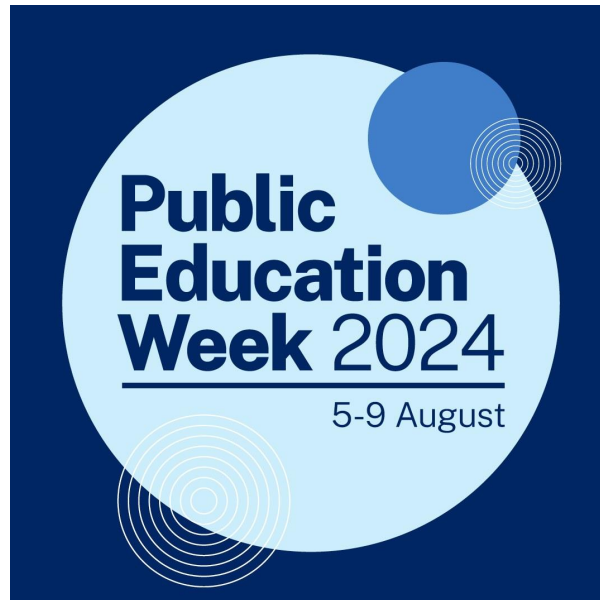
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[User guides](#) 

Public Education Week

Public Education Week 2024 (5-9 August) celebrates this year's theme, 'Proud to belong'. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our school staff and families who belong to our school community. We invite all families to join us for assemblies (K-2 at 9am and 3-6 at 10:20am) and open classrooms at approx 9:45am on Tuesday 6 August.



Gold Badges & Awards





Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week. These students have displayed our school expectations of respect, responsibility and resilience both in the classroom and the playgrounds.

Gold Badges: Aidan A 6C

Gold Awards: Alix B 1P, Giorgio H 2S, Riley P 2C, Ivy H 2C, Angus S 3M, Arya M 3/4V, Mia L 3/4V, Ollie N 5H, Archie S 5G, Leila C 5G, Alice P 3/4V, Owen L 6T, & Aidan A 6C

Have a wonderful week.

Julie Torney - Principal

Event Calendar...



July

- 26 - Winter PSSA Round 7
- 30 - Kindy Taronga Zoo Excursion
- 30 - NSW PSSA Classic Shield Rugby League Knockout
- 31-2nd August - Year 6 Camp to Canberra

August

- 31-2nd August - Year 6 Camp to Canberra
- 2 - Winter PSSA Round 8
- 6 - Public Education Week - Assemblies / Open Classrooms
- 6 - P & C Meeting 7pm
- 9 - Winter PSSA Round 9
- 16 - Winter PSSA Round 10
- 19 - 23 - Book Week
- 21 - Book Week Parade

- 22 - Joel & Kate Temple - Author Visit
- 23 - Winter PSSA Round 11
- 26 - Zone Athletics Carnival - Track & Field
- 30 - Fathers Day Breakfast - TBC

2024 Term Dates

Term 3 - Tues 23rd July - Friday 27th September

Term 4 - Mon 14th October - Friday 20th December (Students last day Wednesday 18 December)

Term 1 2025 - TBC

Year 1 - 6 students start TBC

(Kindy 2025 Best Start Appointments TBC)

Kindergarten students start TBC

For the full school calendar please use the link to the [Narraweena Public School](https://narraweena-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/calendar.html) website and to view the full calendar <https://narraweena-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/calendar.html>

Important Information...



Bounce Back @ home

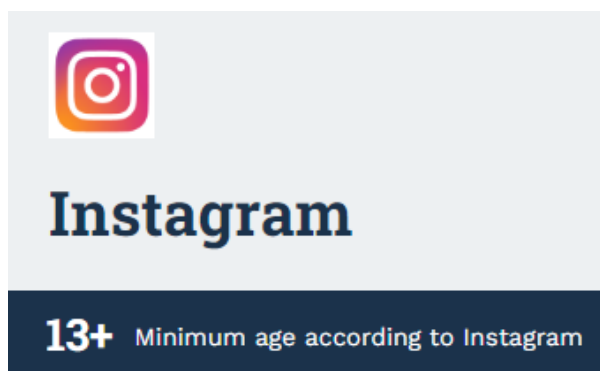
BOUNCE BACK!

All children want close relationships with friends and classmates at school. These relationships are important to feeling happy and helping them to cope better with life's occasional hard times. Children who have good social skills are more likely to be healthy and happy, achieve more at school and be more successful in their future careers.

What can you do to help your child develop good social skills to get along well with others, and make and keep friends?

Make your child's friends and classmates welcome in your home and get to know them. Discuss beforehand what your child can do to make sure their visitor has a good time (e.g. do things that the visitor will enjoy too and not just what your child will enjoy).

[Spotlight on Common Apps](#)



Please note that in order to join the Instagram community, you must be at least 13 years old.

[Find out more here](#)

The hard-to-have conversations

Talking with your child about tricky personal subjects.

Perhaps your child has been bullied online, sent or received an intimate image, or come across pornography online. Conversations about experiences like these can be difficult.

When you talk to your child about personal subjects, you are trying to balance a number of different things:

- respecting your child's privacy while still making sure they are safe and happy
- giving them space to test their own problem-solving skills online but supporting them as they make their own way
- educating them about people's different personalities but knowing you can't make their choices for them
- establishing boundaries while being understanding and open

Follow these links:

- [how to start the chat](#)
- [talking about sex and pornography](#)
- [more tips for different age groups](#)
- [I need help to start the chat](#)

More links to get specific help on the subjects you may be trying to discuss with your child, including:

- [cyberbullying](#)

Nancy Chaffer

Deputy Principal

[Kindergarten Zoo Excursion](#)

A reminder that our Kindergarten group will be heading to Taronga Zoo on **Tuesday Week 2 (30/7)**.

Students should **wear their sports uniform, their school hat and comfortable enclosed shoes**.

Please remember to pack a **water bottle, fruit break, recess and lunch** and use a **smaller, lighter backpack** that fits everything inside. ***We will not have time to buy food at the zoo.***

Please arrive before the bell as we intend to **leave on the bus at 9am**. Students should **return to school before the bell at 3pm**. In case of wet weather or any changes to the itinerary, make sure you are connected to SchoolBytes for notifications.

We are looking forward to a great day of fun authentic learning!



Kindergarten 2025



Kindy 2025

Thanks again to all families that have completed their online enrolment forms. A reminder that the office **must see physical copies of your identification** to finalise your enrolment and place your child at Narraweena for 2025.

Each newsletter, we are including evidence-based information, activities, and strategies to implement at home to assist with a positive transition to school for your family. These resources are created by the Department of Education and are linked to the Early Years Learning Framework. Please utilise these at your own discretion and do not hesitate to contact our Early Stage 1 Assistant Principal (Relieving), Ryan Wearne, via email to the school.

[Learning every day in every way through play](#) is a five-part podcast series targeted at families, with a focus on how learning happens at home. The Early Learning team discuss how families can support children's learning during play and everyday routines.

This week's '*Strong and Successful Start to School*' series looks at ways to include your child in cooking activities at your home, placing learning and education at the forefront.

Everyday Routines: Cooking

Learning activities during mealtimes:

- Encourage your child to tell you about the look, feel, smell, sound and taste of the separate and combined ingredients as they help you cook.
- Question and discuss the changes that occur as the ingredients are mixed and cooked.
- Read the recipe with your child and read the signage on packages of food.
- Ask your child to collect the number of ingredients needed, for example, two carrots.
- Talk about different food groups and nutrients and how they help the body to grow and thrive.
- Talk about where the fresh produce comes from and discuss where they come from in relation to your home.
- If you have a vegetable or herb garden involve your child in picking the fruit, vegetables and herbs that you will use for cooking.

What your child learns:

- Characteristics of food
- Mathematics skills such as measurement and estimating
- Scientific processes such as cause and effect and predicting
- Literacy skills such as naming ingredients and following a procedure

Stage 2 Science Incursion

Stage 2 students had an exciting Science Day at school in Week 10 of last term. We all got to see and experience the power of forces including friction, gravity, and air pressure. Students learnt about forces through a series of hands-on and interactive activities including billy cart championships, soda bag explosions, designing, creating, and launching air pressure rockets, and some messy oobleck fun. The day concluded with a huge explosion using liquid nitrogen and over 1000 ping pong balls launching into the air!

We're looking forward to continuing our scientific investigations this semester on solids, liquids and gases.

Carla van Weeren, Incursion Coordinator















Day Disco – Back to the 80's

Our Year 6 Class of 2024 would like to send a massive thank you to the Narraweena community for supporting our Day Disco on the last day of Term 2. It was great to see the students and staff dressed in their Back to the 80's costumes and groove through the day.

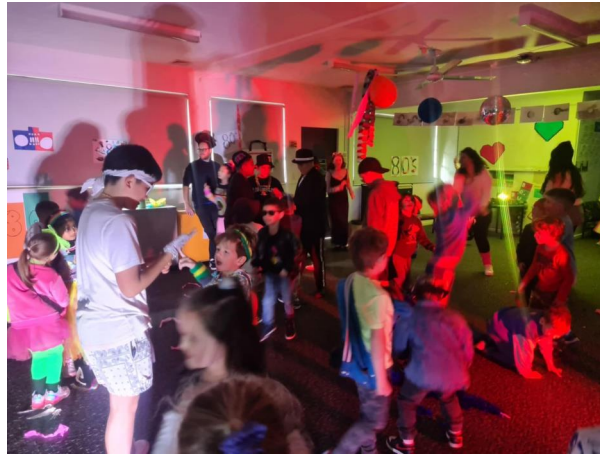
Special thank you is extended to Sebastian Hall @ Alltech AV for supplying our lights, The IGA Friendly Grocer for donating our chips and Sarah in the canteen for helping through the day and supplying our ice blocks.

Money raised on the day will go towards the Year 6 Gift to the school and subsidise the Year 6 end of year activities.

The Year 6 Team







Raise Your Flag – A win for Narraweena

Those who attended the Manly vs Titans NRL game on Sunday may have seen the announcement that Narraweena PS won the Round 20 Raise Your Flag competition.

We won a \$500 HART Sports Voucher and received several GA tickets to Sea Eagles vs Warriors game on Friday 16 August at 6.00pm. If your family is intending to go to the game and you would like to use one of the tickets for your Narraweena child, please contact the office and we will reserve a ticket for you.

Thank you to our P&C President Frank Valentino, who displayed our photos on social media for us to win.



From the Sports Shed...



Winter PSSA Training Times for Term 3					
Enter the school though the Kitchen Garden gate at 8.15am					
Who	When	Sport	Time	Where	Teachers
All PSSA Boys	Thursday	Rugby league and Soccer	Training starts at 8.15am	Astro Turf & Oval	Mr Scarlett Mr Tuckerman & Mr Killingworth
All PSSA Girls	Friday	Netball and Soccer			Miss Glasson & Mr Wearne
Mouth guards and shin pads are compulsory for training. No boots are required.					

Friday PSSA Information 28 June			
Sport	Time	Where	Teachers
Boys Soccer	Juniors 12.30pm Seniors 1.10pm	Beacon Hill Oval	Mr Scarlett
Girls Soccer	Juniors 12.30pm Seniors 1.10pm	Old Reub Hudson	Mr Wearne
Girls Netball	Juniors 12.30pm Senior A's 12.30pm Senior B's 1.10pm	Curl Curl Netball Courts	Miss Glasson
Rugby League	Juniors 12.30pm Seniors 1.10pm	Nolans Reserve, North Manly	Mr Killingworth

P&C News...

P & C Information

Next Meeting - 6th August 7pm

Canteen

Please see links below for canteen information

Volunteer link:

You tube IOU flexi school instruction video.

PSSA - Friendly reminder from the canteen, if your child is in years 3 to 6 and does PSSA i.e. netball, soccer or rugby league, you **MUST ONLY** order their lunch from the PSSA Menu on a Friday, if you order other food they WILL NOT get it in time. We ask that you do your best to remember to order any lunch or recess orders on time before the 9am cut off as Fridays are an extremely busy day. If you find you are forgetting you are able to place your order in advance to avoid missing out. Thank you we appreciate your understanding.

Please contact the school office, via email or phone, if you need to make any changes or requests to your child's canteen order. Please do not contact the Canteen Manager on her personal phone as these requests will not be actioned. Thank you.

To place an order for our school canteen please go to Flexischools

<https://www.flexischools.com.au/>



Canteen Information

Uniform Shop



Uniform Shop Opening Days & Hours for 2024

Tues & Thurs morning at 8.30am

Orders can be made on FlexiSchool any time and they will then be delivered to your child's class on Tuesday and Thursday.

[Uniform Information](#)

[View our price list](#)

[Community News...](#)

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