Presentation Night

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Presentation Evening last Monday at the High School. I have received many positive comments about how everyone enjoyed the night!

Congratulations to the award winners from each class.

I would like to highlight the following students who received the following special awards:

- Dux (Academic Excellence) – Drew Thompson & Samara Walther;
- Triad Award (for Scholarship, Sportsmanship & Citizenship) – Thomas Hodge & Hayley Stubbs;
- Senior Sports Awards – Makayla Morris & Jack Westoll;
- Junior Sports Awards – Byron Lonsdale-Patten & Giaan Cafe;

I would like to recognise the hard work of those students who did not receive an award, however still strived to achieve their personal best, display outstanding leadership, initiative, co-operation and dedication to our school.

End of Year / Beginning of Next Year Dates

Just a final reminder, school for the students ends on Wednesday, December 16 for 2015.

Children from Years 1 to 6 in 2015 will commence on Thursday, January 28.

Kindergarten children will complete their Best Start Assessment from Thursday, January 28 – Monday, February 1 and will commence school proper on Tuesday, February 2. Parents of Kindergarten children will receive a letter with individual appointment times and starting time.

Well Done Choir!

A huge congratulations goes out to our choir for their wonderful performance at the town 'Carols by Candlelight’ yesterday. You all sang beautifully and many positive comments were received by the general public.

Thank you to Ms Michelle Garcia for preparing the children for this event.

2016 School Structures

All schools formulate a plan for the commencement of 2016. These plans can and do often change depending upon new enrolments after the holiday break as well as taking into account the families that move out of the area or school during this time.

For this reason, the school will commence the year with children being grouped in their current classes for the first two days (from Thursday, January 28 – Friday, January 29). These groups will commence the school year’s curriculum with emphasise upon PD/H/PE and social skills programs.

Another change our school will be implementing will be a re-structure of the school day. School will continue to start and finish at the same time each day however we will be implementing our big break or lunch time first & and our small break or afternoon tea second.

Research has shown that when children have had a nutritious lunch earlier in the day, this helps feed the body and brain with vitamins, minerals and allows children to stay attentive during the important learning sessions of the day. Coupled with the fact that our Literacy and Numeracy sessions occur in the first two sessions will result in children being better engaged in essential learning tasks.

Here is what our school day will look like:

- Session 1 – 9:10 – 11:10 (2 hours - Literacy Block)
- Eating Time 11:10-11:20 (10 minutes in class)
- Lunch 11:20 - 12:00 (40 minutes)
- Session 2 – 12:00-1:30 (1½ Hours - Numeracy Block)
- Afternoon Tea – 1:30-1:50 (20 minutes)
- Session Three – 1:50-2:55 (1 hour 5 minutes).

At Narooma PS, we continuously strive to improve upon our current results and achievements. This slight structural change will provide a better framework for Quality Learning to occur during important sessions.

I know the community will join our staff in wanting our children to potentially achieve greater results.

Paul Sweeney
Principal

COMING DATES
- Party Day: Wednesday, December 16

Canteen

The Canteen will not be operating on Wednesday (Party Day).

Foyer Display

Artwork display by Stage 1.

Bus Pass Applications

Students who will be in Year 3 next year and currently travel by bus to and from school are required to apply for a new bus pass. Forms are available from the office.

P&C News

The P&C is hosting two barbeques over Christmas at Easts Caravan Park and would love some helpers. Dates are December 30 and January 2, 5.30-8.00pm.

If you are able to help, please call Rachael 0404 065 028.

P & C Uniform Shop

is open Tuesday to Friday between 9am and 9.30am and from 8.45am - 9.30am on Mondays. Please note that all orders must be paid for in advance. We accept cheques payable to Narooma P.S. P&C or you can use the school’s online payment system (Google Narooma Public School home, click on online payment, under payment options select Other, under payment option 1 enter P&C Uniform Shop).
Order forms can be downloaded from the school website www.narooma-p.schools.nsw.edu.au or you can pick one up from the school office.
The Uniform Shop will be closed over the school holidays and will reopen on Wednesday, January 27 (operating from 10am to 12pm on that day).

**Narooma High School Uniform Shop**
Stitches will be opening the uniform shop at Narooma High School on Tuesday, December 15 from 4.30–6.30pm especially for those families with Year 6 students starting high school next year.

**Central Tilba School P&C Fundraiser**
**Star Wars The Force Awakens**
Thursday, December 17, 6.30pm Nibbles and raffles before the movie. $20.00 per ticket.

**Start the holidays with the Force!**

**Christmas Carol Service**
Wednesday, December 16, 7pm
Our Lady of the Sea Catholic Church, Canty Street, Narooma.
Followed by supper at St Paul’s Anglican Church Hall.
Collection in aid of Narooma Toy Library.

**Cobargo Folk Festival 2016 Volunteers**
Fancy volunteering at the 2016 Cobargo Folk Festival, 26-28 February? Meet like-minded people, learn new skills, enjoy the music and atmosphere and get involved in a community event! Volunteers work in exchange for a weekend pass to the festival that includes camping.
Head to the link to read more and register http://www.cobargofolkfestival.com/index.php?id=35

**Quota International of Narooma Inc.**
For Australia Day 2016, Quota is asking children who are interested to attend Breakfast at the Beach on Australia Day, dressed in Australian.
Judging for the winners in under 5 years, under 9 and under 12, will take place between 9.15 am and 9.45 am, and presentation to the winners in each category will take place during the Australia Ceremony to be held at 10 am at Narooma main beach.

**Sport and Recreation Summer Kids’ Camps**
Summer is all about having FUN in the great outdoors. There is no better way for kids to jam–pack their school holidays than by attending a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp. For details visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps or phone 131302.

**2016 Summer School Holiday Fun @ Your Library**
**Sean Murphy Comedy Show**
Narooma Library
Tuesday, January 19, 10am-11am.
Free event. Bookings essential.
Phone 44 761164.

**Summer Reading Club @ Your Library**
The Summer Reading Club is taking place at Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma Libraries these summer holidays, from December 1, 2015 to January 31, 2016.
The theme for the 2015 Summer Reading Club is Lost Worlds – inviting young readers to explore lost worlds, alternate universes and mythical creatures depicted across science fiction, historical fiction and fantasy fiction. Registration is free. When participants register at their local library they will receive a Summer Reading Club pack. Alternative registration through the Summer Reading Club website www.summerreadingclub.org.au National prizes are up for grabs for those who participate in the online writing activities. For more information, contact your Narooma Library 44 761164.

**School Holiday Twilight Family Event – connecting kids with nature and the outdoors.**
Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens
Tuesday, January 19, 4.30–7.30pm
Kids, parents and grandparents are welcome to come along to enjoy, play, imagine, relax and explore by participating in free activities
3 exciting activities at 5pm, 5.30pm and 6pm.

**Birds:** be creative and make your own birds nest.

**Lizards:** learn how to make a lizard’s home for your backyard.

**Online Payments**
Find us by Googling Narooma Public School home. If you wish to make an online payment for any activity, click on Online Payments and follow the instructions from there.

**YEARLY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION**
$55 for the first child
$85 for 2 children
$100 for 3 or more children
Payment can be made in full or in instalments at the office, or by using the online payment system accessed through the school’s website.