Increased Enrolments

Last week, I published a letter informing the community that we have had more enrolments since the initial time we set our 16 class structure after the first week of the term.

After liaising with DEC policy, the school needs to hold these classes until Wednesday, February 11th. Once this has been achieved, we will re-structure and form a 17th class.

If this is the case, this class will be formed in the Stage 1 area of the school. We will form three (3) Year 1 classes and two (2) Year 2 classes. This will dramatically decrease the numbers within these classes, making it more ideal from everyone’s perspective. Class sizes will be between 21-23 children!

On Wednesday, February 11, once we have established we have maintained our numbers, the school will set these new structures in place with the Stage 1 children and they will start in their new classes on Thursday, February 12.

Once again, this will mean that children in either the Whales, Kookaburras, Wallabies and Pelican classes maybe moving to another class, however, I believe this re-structure is better to occur early in the year as opposed to during the year once established routines are already in place.

Parking and Safety of children

I must remind our community that the mornings and afternoons are an extremely busy time of the day for schools. Children are coming to and from school and we need to consider their safety as they aren’t always fully aware of the dangers.

I have recently had some complaints to the school about cars being double-parked, cars travelling too fast in the school zone and general unsafe practices around the school boundaries. I also need to ask all parents and carers not to park in the school car park.

Please assist the school by enforcing safe practices during these times. The extra couple of minutes of inconvenience is a lot better than the alternative which is everyone’s worst nightmare.

Attendance & Absenteeism

Having a high attendance rate is a key to a successful experience at school. Children perform better and are more likely to achieve higher grades. Alternatively, children who miss a fair proportion of school, miss out on important concepts being taught and thus are always trying to catch up to their class mate.

With this in mind, I strongly urge all parents to ensure their children are attending school every day. The obvious exception is if your child is sick. However, if a pattern of sickness develops, families will need to provide a doctor’s certificate to the school.

Also, a reminder that your child must be signed in at the front office if they are late to school to ensure that they are not marked absent for the whole day. They must also be signed out if being collected early.

Swimming Carnival

Good luck to our newly appointed House Captains and Vice Captains at our swimming carnival this week on Wednesday and Thursday. I know we have a wonderful group of leaders that will assist the teachers in organising their houses.

Good luck to all the children too that are participating in these event.

Paul Sweeney
Principal

REMINDER

NO CHANGE IS AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT OFFICE. IF MAKING A PAYMENT, PLEASE BE SURE TO HAVE THE RIGHT MONEY.

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, Feb 17th
Meet the Teacher evening.
More details later this week.

Foyer Display

The items on display in the foyer this week and next week are supplied by Penguins and Kangaroos.
**Breakfast Club**
The Breakfast Club is open every morning from 8.40am to 9.10am.
Fruit is available in the front office for any student who has forgotten to bring fruit to school.

**2015 Swimming Carnival**
Our swimming carnival is on this week, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th February at Narooma Olympic Pool.
Parent helpers are valued and needed.
Thank you,
Mrs Hextell and Mr George Organisers

**School Uniform Shop closed tomorrow, Tuesday, 10th February**
The Uniform Shop will not be open tomorrow, Tuesday, 10th February.
It will be open at normal times from Wednesday - 9.00am to 9.30am.

**Dancing Owls Family Music**
Dancing Owls music class for toddlers and parents is back again every Thursday at 9.15 am to 10 am in the SACC room at Narooma Public School.
For more details please ring Kim on 0407 541 178.

**Women’s Art Class**
Well known local artist, Kim Cooke, will be holding an “open studio” style art class on Thursday afternoons in the SACC room at Narooma Public School. This is a free class with materials provided. If you are interested, please ring Tashe on 4476 4834 for more information. If we get the numbers, we will start on Thursday, 26th February.

**Music Workshops in Wallaga Lake Village**
Everyone welcome!
Monday 9th:
2pm - Adults’ Jam Session
Tuesday 10th:
11am - GTM Community meeting
After School Drum Workshop
Contact Lizzy on 0430 180 566.

**Narooma Performing Arts Centre**
CWA Hall, Princes Highway
To book contact Nicole on 0405 195 497 or by email - narroomaperformingarts@gmail.com

**Narooma Redbacks Soccer**
Come along to our Welcome Day sausage sizzle 5.30pm - 6.30pm on Wednesday, 18th February at Dalmeny Oval.
For more information, ‘Like’ us on facebook: Narooma Redbacks or phone registrar Nicky on 4476 4180 (bh).

**Eurobodalla Relay For Life**
Saturday and Sunday
March 14th and 15th
Please join us at our annual Relay for Life. There is loads of entertainment including Zorb balls, bands, dancing, discos, dress-up competitions, flash mobs and much more in our “Mexican Fiesta” themed event being held on March 14th and 15th at Mackay Park, Batemans Bay.

**Bodalla Soccer Club’s Registrations Are Now Open**
Please register online at myfootballclub.com.au asap to secure your spot in one of our fantastic teams (first in best dressed). If you need help please email bodallasoccerclub@gmail.com
Sunday, March 1st - 4 pm to 6 pm: Coaches and committee meeting and family fun afternoon.
For more information find us on Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/bodallasoccerclub

**TRIVIA Night - Quota Club**
Friday, 20th February
7.00pm for 7.30pm start at Club Narooma Function Room.
$8.00 per person - teams of 2 to 8 at a table.
Proceeds will go to Central Tilba Public School P & C Association.
Your team could win $100.
Light supper provided.
To book a table contact:
Sue Sansom 0407 503 999 or June Hemmingsen 4476 4895.

**NRL**
Become a Dragon
Event details:
Date: 16th Feb 2015
Time: 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Venue: Mackay Park, Batemans Bay
Link: https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/regoform.cgi?formID=44818

**Mum to Mum Support Group**
Australian Breastfeeding Association is starting a Mum to Mum Support Group in Narooma.
The first meeting will be on Wednesday, February 11th from 10am to 12noon in the SACC room at Narooma Public School.
Everybody is welcome, including partners, support people, older children etc. There will be a play area set up for the children and morning tea provided.
Future meetings will be the 2nd Wednesday of every other month.
No need to book, just come along, but if you want more information please ring Kylie on 4472 2967.

**Monarch Cricket Clinic**
Bega Future Stars and High Performance Clinic: Sunday, 15th Feb at George Griffen Oval, Carp Street, Bega.
9am -12pm - High Performance (13 - 18years), $45 per day.
1pm - 4pm - Future Stars (12years and below), $40 per day.
Please bring sunscreen, drink bottle & hat. Equipment: desired but not essential. To register please email dallen15@bigpond.com.

**COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**
Please Note: The NSW Department of Education and Communities does not endorse any product or service.

**YEARLY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION**
**$55 for the first child**
**$85 for 2 children**
**$100 for 3 or more children**

**Child’s Name:**

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**Amount enclosed $**

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. Google Narooma Public School - Home - click on ‘Our school’ - then “online payments” (bottom left).