Narooma Public School ‘Gives a Gonski’

This week, our school joins in a campaign to bring awareness to the fact that we need to continue to remind politicians that school funding and the continued funding of schools to ensure equity across the board, occurs.

The public would know this campaign by the ‘I give a Gonski’ material that is out in the media. David Gonski, a gentleman not in education, was commissioned to review school funding years ago now and his findings were extremely interesting.

The Federal Government committed to only 4 of the 6 years recommended (the final two years is where the majority of the funds are committed) and schools and concerned parents are lobbying the Government to commit to the final two years.

You can assist by signing up to the cause at www.igiveagonski.com.au and completing the online petition.

Only the power of numbers will assist in making the Government have a look at their priorities.

At our school, we have utilised our extra funding in the following ways:

- **Purchased a specialist music teacher to provide our students with a specialist education in the area of music;**
- **Purchased a Curriculum Co-ordinator teacher to provide quality programs, deliver outstanding curriculum and to ensure quality teacher professional learning for the teachers of your children;**
- **Set up and implemented a quality Science program, science lab and purchased the Primary Connections programs for the delivery of a quality science curriculum;**
- **Provided additional School Learning Support Officers to assist all children however with a focus on ensuring all students are achieving stage appropriate outcomes;**
- **Provided families with a ‘Student Assistance’ program which assists families to help their children access the curriculum, extra-curricular programs, uniforms, excursions etc.;**
- **Purchase of ICT infrastructure such as Wi-Fi throughout the entire school and laptops for the children to access quality learning tools and enhance their learning in all subjects;**
- **Purchased quality resources for students to utilise in all Key Learning Areas with emphasis upon the new Australian Curriculum. Literacy and Numeracy will always be our major focus;**

The above list is a snapshot of how the extra funds have made a difference to our school and your children’s learning potential.

Once again, I urge all parents to sign up to Gonski at www.igiveagonski.com.au and hopefully the entire funding model will be forwarded to schools in the future.

**Meet The Teacher Evening**

Just a reminder that this afternoon, the school will be holding a ‘Meet the Teacher’ evening. Parents can come along and find out about processes, procedures and what the general plan is for the class.

This isn’t an opportunity for an individual meeting on any child’s progress as teachers have only had a short time thus far this year with their classes.

Times are as follows:

- **Early Stage One or Kindergarten – 5:00pm**
- **Stage One or Years 1 & 2 – 5:30pm**
- **Stage 2 or Years 3 & 4 – 6:00pm**
- **Stage 3 or Years 5 & 6 – 6:30pm**

We hope to see you at one of these meetings.

**SRC Induction Assembly.**

This Thursday afternoon February 25, we will be holding our School SRC Induction Assembly where
elected children will be presented with their badges.

This assembly will take place in our school hall. SRC members will start to meet with Mrs Osgood to set the SRC’s priorities and agendas soon.

SRC Leaders are:

6 Eagles – Joe Driscoll
6 Penguins – Rusty Betteridge
5 Echidnas – Ella Churchill
5 Sharks – Ruby Moore
4/5 Seahorses – Deitter Stever
4 Turtles – Leah Adams
4 Koalas – Joe Byard
3 Platypus – Jade Wilson
2/3 Stingrays – Liana Stewart
2 Kingfishers – Jett Matthews-Bennett
2 Pelicans – Ruben Smithers

**District Swimming Carnival**

Mr George and Mrs Manning will be taking a strong swimming squad of 31 children from the school to the District Swimming Carnival which will take place today at Narooma pools.

Good luck to all competitors and we know that everyone involved will display the appropriate sportsmanship and behaviour that we have come to expect from students representing the school.

**SRC Green Day**

On Thursday, February 25 the SRC will be holding a ‘Dress in Green’ day asking those who dress casually to donate a gold coin or higher.

All money raised will go towards the ‘bottle greenhouse’ which is being constructed by our visitors from Canberra Uni.

Thank you for your anticipated support with this initiative.

**State Knockout in Cricket**

Mr. George will be taking our school’s cricket team to Dalmeny Oval tomorrow to compete in the first round of the State Knockout in cricket against Bega Valley Public School.

Our team consists of: Bryon Lonsdale-Patten, Kurtis Carlson, Ruben Colom-Davis, Matthew Parker, Kupah Martin, Darcy Sealey, Jacob Bartusch-Rice, Seth Leechman, Logan Allison, Joe Driscoll, Silas Smithers and Matt Driscoll.

Good luck boys and we look forward to finding out your efforts and achievements in a future newsletter.

**District AFL Trials**

This Friday February 26 at Bill Smyth Oval, the following boys will be trialling for a position in the Eurobodalla District AFL team which will compete later in the term at the South Coast Trials.

They are: Kurtis Carlson, Logan Allison, Hudson Bromwich, Bryon Lonsdale-Patten, Jake Mikolic, Oscar Carr, Hayden Rapley, Jack McCaughrie, Jarra Weston, Tom Wilson, Matthew Parker, Kye Kelly, Taj Shears, Ethan Griffiths, Chase Challis, James Ratcliffe and Kupah Martin.

Good Luck Boys!

**Clean Up Australia Day**

Our school will be holding our Clean Up Australia Day on Friday March 4. Stages will be assigned areas of the school and older stages, sections of our community to clean.

Children will need to have garden gloves or something similar to assist with them collecting rubbish.

More information will be provided before this event.

**Principal’s Conference**

I will be out of the school Thursday and Friday February 25 & 26 at a Principal’s course. If the community needs to contact the school, please see either one of the remaining Assistant Principals Mrs Stebbing, Mrs Murphy, Mrs Murtagh or Mrs Hodge.

Paul Sweeney
Principal

**SRC NEWS**

The SRC is raising money to help purchase equipment required to build our plastic bottles greenhouse. Thursday, 25th February is a GREEN mufﬁ day to raise money. Please dress in green and make a gold coin donation to this wonderful project.

**Volunteers Required**

Sewing is held on Wednesdays between 11.20 am and 12 noon in the SACC room. Contact the school on 44 762556 if you are able to help out.

**Whole School Assembly**

Thursday
2 pm

The following students will be presented with their Gold Lighthouse Awards:

- Makkenzie Mathie – K/1 Whales
- Mitchell Lavis – 1 Kookaburras
- Jett Cook – 2/3 Stingrays
- Mikayla Homan – 4 Turtles
- Hunter Dibden – 2/3 Stingrays
- Jade Wilson – 3 Platypus
- Charlie Aitchson – 2 Kingfishers
- Krislyn Press-Ford – 2 Kingfishers
- Jack Wilson – 1 Wallabies
- Peter Longbottom – 1 Kookaburras
- Jacob Hodge – 5 Echidnas.

**2 Wallabies**

- Martin. challis,
- James Ratcliffe
- Taj Shears,
- Ethan Griffiths,
- Chase McCaughrie,
- Jarra Weston,
- Tom O’Carr,
- Hayden Rapley,
- Jack Wilson

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- Jacob Hodge
- Jack Wilson
- Kingfishers
- Krislyn Press-Ford
- Jack Wilson
- Peter Longbottom
- Jacob Hodge
- 5 Echidnas.
**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**
From the start of Term 2, the school newsletter will be distributed to families by email. Email addresses used will be those provided to the school on your child's enrolment form. If you have changed your email address and think the school will not have the new address, please send in a note providing the new details. Happenings will continue to be available on the school's webpage.

**Coming Dates**
**TODAY**
- Meet the Teacher
- P&C Meeting, 7pm
- Wednesday, March 9 - School Photos
- Thursday, March 17 - Cross Country

**P&C NEWS**
**Reminder**
Our next meeting is **TONIGHT**, 7pm in the staffroom.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**
Envelopes for school photos were sent home today. Envelopes are to come to school on Photo Day with payment enclosed. Payment can be cash, money order or payment online. Cheques are no longer accepted. For Online instructions go to www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and select "Click here for Online Payments" button, and you will be asked to enter details to make an online payment.

Family photo envelopes are available from the school office.

**P & C Uniform Shop**
Is open Tuesdays to Fridays 9 - 9.30am and from 8.45 - 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.

**Foyer Display**
Eagles and Platypus

**Recycled Bottle Greenhouse**
We are seeking donations of the following materials to help build the greenhouse -
- 4" x 4" posts - 8ft long
- 2" x 2" timber for frames
- garden canes
- hinges for door
- 4" and 3" screws
- fencing staples
- postcrete
- 1.25L plastic bottles

We would be grateful for any contributions towards this project.

**Online Payments**
Find us by Googling Narooma Public School home. If you wish to make an online payment for any activity, click on **Our school** in top banner, then **Online Payments** (bottom item of lefthand menu) and follow the instructions from there.

**Narooma Netball**
Registration
Saturday at Club Narooma from 10.30am to 12.30pm.
Fees: Net Set Go: 5-7 yrs - $80.00 Netta: 8-10 yrs - $80.00; Jnr U12/Intermediate: $110.00 and Snr: $140.00.

**Bodalla Netball Club**
We are looking for girls aged 8 – 15 to play in the Eurobodalla competition at Broulee on a Saturday. Fees are $80 for 8 – 10 yrs (this includes a netball pack) and $110 for 11 – 15 years. Eurobodalla Netball are also running a skills netball program on a Saturday morning at Broulee for ages 5 – 7. Registration is $80 and they receive a netball pack with a t-shirt and netball. All registrations are online this year so please email bodallanetball@gmail.com for rego instructions or call Michelle Robinson on 44 731 31 for further information.

Please come along and join our great club!

**Narooma Junior Rugby League**
**Football Club**
Registration Day
Saturday
Registration will be at Club Narooma from 11:00am - 3:00pm.
New Players will need to show their Birth Certificate and Medicare Card.

**Narooma Redbacks Soccer** – don’t forget to register for the 2016 season by going online to www.myfootballclub.com.au.
For more info contact Nicky on 4476 4180 from 9.00-4.30 Mon-Wed & Friday or email nicky@naroomaplaza.com.au.
Register by 29th Feb for a free pair of club socks!

**BODALLA SOCCER CLUB**
BOYS AND GIRLS, IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER. WE STILL NEED PLAYERS IN SOME OF OUR TEAMS!! We especially need u8, u9 & u10’s. Please register online ASAP by visiting myfootballclub.com.au and following the prompts.

Questions? Call in and see Stacey & Josh at Tuross Butchery or call Amy on 44735080.
First training Thursday, 17th March and make sure to “LIKE” our Facebook page to be kept in the loop.https://www.facebook.com/BodallaSoccerClub.

**YEARLY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION**

$55 for the first child
$85 for 2 children
$100 for 3 or more children

Child’s Name: ____________________________
Child’s Name: ____________________________
Child’s Name: ____________________________

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.