Meet The Teacher Evening
On Tuesday February 23, the school will be holding a 'Meet the Teacher' evening where 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 Two or Years 3 & 4 – 6:00pm
- Stage 3 or Years 5 & 6 – 6:30pm.

We hope to see you at one of these meetings.

Swimming Carnival
I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the swimming carnival last week. May I say I was extremely impressed with all of the children especially the constant displays of manners, sportsmanship and attitudes of simply 'having a go'.

Congratulations to Corunna house and the age champions for their efforts. Congratulations also to all children! I believe we have had more children entering the events this year than the past two years. This means our ‘Special Swimming Scheme’/‘Learn to Swim’ programs at the end of each year are paying dividends! Those children who still can’t swim 25m confidently need to seriously look at these programs later in the year.

I must thank Mrs Carol Mead, Mrs Robyn Giblett and Mr Bob Burnside who gave up their time to assist in making the carnival a huge success! I would also like to thank the many parent helpers and community members who came along and helped us in their own way too.

District Swimming Carnival
Mr George and Mrs Manning will be taking a strong swimming squad of children from the school to the District Swimming Carnival which will take place on Tuesday February 23 at Narooma pool.

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.

NRL Dragons visit
Last week, we had representatives from the NRL St.George-Illawarra Dragons come into our school to promote their code and to speak to the children about leading a healthy lifestyle and student well-being.

The children enjoyed meeting the players and listening to the message. The whole experience was very well presented.

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.

Teacher Professional Learning
On Wednesday this week, Mrs Osgood, Mr Roberts, Miss Harding & Mrs Murtagh will be attending a training course in Synthetic Phonics.

Our school trialled this program with great success last year and we have made a commitment to its continued implementation into the lower end of the school.

These mentioned teachers will be the first round of training this year with the remainder of the staff being given the opportunity to train later in the year.

Paul Sweeney
Principal

Coming Dates
- Tuesday, February 23 – District Swimming Carnival
- Meet the Teacher
- P&C Meeting, 7pm
- Wednesday, March 9 – School Photos
- Thursday, March 17 – Cross Country

Bookclub orders are due back this Friday, February 12.

Canteen News
Children are asked to take their lunch orders to the Canteen when they arrive at school in the morning.

Breakfast Club
Breakfast Club is open Monday to Friday from 8.40 am to 9.10 am in the SACC room. Children are not to be there before 8.40 am. Everyone welcome.

Foyer Display Weeks 4 and 5
Eagles and Platypus
**Recycled Bottle Greenhouse**
During Term 1, two students from the University of Canberra (Master of Occupational Therapy) are working with our school and the Narooma Community Garden group to construct a plastic bottle greenhouse which will be used by us for growing seedlings for our gardens. 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 for fixing posts
* fencing staples (300 approx)
* postcrete - 4 bags
* 1.25L plastic bottles - 1500 approx

We would be grateful for any contributions towards this project.

**P&C NEWS**
A great way to be kept informed about what is happening at school is to join the P&C.
Joining doesn’t mean you have to attend meetings or BBQs (though you are most welcome). It means you will be on our email circulation to keep informed of what is being discussed about the school and what events are coming up. It is also a good way to be involved in discussions about what is happening at school and what the P&C is working on. It costs just $2.00 to join. You can email mail2rachaeln@gmail.com if you would like to sign up, or register at the office.
We look forward to hearing from you.
Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23rd, 7pm in the staffroom.

**P & C Uniform Shop**
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.

**Printing Correction For Artwork Calendars**
We have been informed that our artwork calendars contain a printing error resulting in the date of 28th April being printed twice. This error only impacts 29 - 30 April with no flow on impact into May. Correction stickers have been supplied and are available at the school office.

**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 left hand menu) and follow the instructions from there.

**Home Readers**
If you wish to change Home Readers please speak to your child’s class teacher.

**Playgroup at Narooma Public School**
Once again this free playgroup will be running every week during school terms at the school. 10–12 noon every Tuesday. All welcome.
Contact Tashe for further information 4476 4834.

**Dancing Owls Music**
This music group for pre-school aged children and whatever adults who come with them is on every Thursday from 9:20–10am in the SACC room at Narooma Public School.
It is impossible not to have fun in this music group! All welcome.
Contact Kim for more information on 44 740602.

**Piano Lessons Commencing this Term**
There are limited places available for after school lessons with Mrs Kenna. For further details please contact Mrs Kenna after school or phone 44761741 after 5pm.

**Cobargo Folk Festival**
The Cobargo Folk Festival, held at the Cobargo Showground from February 26-28, is a great music festival for all members of the family. This year’s performers include Daniel Champagne (home from Nashville) and The Backsliders. There are also plenty of stalls, food vendors and workshops to join.
Become a volunteer and receive a weekend pass! We are a not-for-profit, volunteer run festival. Check out our website at www.cobargofolkfestival.com.au

**Narooma Netball Registration**
Saturday, February 27th 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. Anyone interested in participating and/or volunteering in a role is asked to call Kristy for more information 0417 015 745 or email k.smith78@bigpond.com and get the link for registration forms online or register on the day.

**Narooma Redbacks Soccer**
Registrations for the 2016 season are now open! Register online at www.myfootballclub.com.au or come along to our club registration morning, Saturday, February 20, 10am-12pm under the dome at Narooma Plaza.
For more information contact Nicky on 44 764180 (Pam-4.30pm Mon, Wed, Fri) or email nicky@naroomaplaza.com.au
Register by February 29 for a free pair of club socks!

**ESC Chess Club**
Community Centre, Batemans Bay Weekly – 2/2 to 22/3. Games for all ages and abilities. Free.
Bookings essential – Ph 44 747442

**Bodalla Soccer Registrations Open**
Please register online at myfootballclub.com.au ASAP.