Gold Lighthouse Awards

Congratulations to the following students who will be presented with their Gold Lighthouse Awards at the next assembly on Thursday, March 10. Parents and community members are invited to attend.

Daniel Betts (Platypus) Lauren Smart (Sharks) Logan Allison (Seahorses) Ben Dart (Kingfishers) Tom Dawson x2 (Stingrays) Lochlan Mead (Platypus) Sarah Mead (Eagles) Lachlan Druhan (Platypus) Emily Fisse (Kingfishers) Will Tiffen (Platypus) Mitchell Loudoun (Stingrays).

The following children will be receiving a Gold Lighthouse Banner: Jade Wilson (Platypus) Rueben Booth (Stingrays) Tom Dawson (Stingrays) Emma Bevington (Sharks) Jacob Hodge (Echidnas)

These children are being recognised for displaying the core values important to all students at Narooma Public School which are ‘Responsibility and Fairness’; ‘Care and Respect’ and ‘High Expectations’.

School Photos

Just a reminder to parents, our school photos will be taken on Wednesday March 9 this week. Please ensure all students are neatly dressed in their summer uniform.

Money and envelopes need to be brought in on the day and handed to your class teacher.

Safety Evacuation Practices

All schools are mandated by law to practice evacuation drills as part of their WHS (Work Health and Safety) procedures. These drills take the form of either: 1) evacuation from the classrooms to the oval or basketball courts; 2) Lockdown in classroom and/or 3) Evacuation from Premises to the Golf Club Car park.

Last Friday, our school practiced the ‘Evacuation from Premises’ drill. Children complied with instructions and the drill was a success. Teachers and Office staff at all times will ensure children’s safety is paramount during these drills.

I am confident that in the unlikely event of an emergency, all children know the expectations expected to ensure everyone is safe.

Later in the year, we will practice the remaining drills which are listed above.

Absences

Soon, our school will have our rolls audited by the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO). This is a timely reminder for the school to reinforce the procedures associated with attendance.

1) Children that are absent from school for any reason need to have an explanation note upon their return. After children have returned to school for 3 days without a note, this absence becomes ‘unexplained’ or ‘unjustified’. Our school recorded a higher than expected ‘unjustified’ percentage in 2015 of 30%. One our school targets this year is to reduce this percentage.

2) Our school had a higher than anticipated amount of students who fell below the 85% attendance rate, which is just acceptable for the year. The Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) identifies students with attendance percentages below 85%. Parents may be asked to explain why their child has missed so much school. Schools are instructed to liaise with parents to ensure children are having genuinely acceptable reasons for absences.

3) Our school also has identified too many children with patterns
of coming late to school. Children that are continually late to school miss out on important learning time and start each morning behind. Parents need to come into the office area to sign their children in late to school otherwise this partial absence is ‘unexplained’. Parents signing in children without a legitimate explanation mean the roll is marked ‘unjustified’. Patterns of continual lateness or ‘unjustified’ partial attendance will also be monitored by the HSLO.

To avoid having notes generated home, please ensure your children has an explanation note for any day they are absent ready to be handed to their class teacher on the first day they return back from their absence.

**More Talented Children**

Yesterday, we had a large squad of both boys and girls travel down to Batemans Bay to trial for a position in the Eurobodalla District Soccer team.

These children were: Boys – Talon De Haume, Taj Shears, Ethan Griffiths, James Ratcliffe, Seth Leechman, Jacob Sultana, Dylan Tasker, Byron Lonsdale-Patten, Jack McCaughtrie, Kurtis Carlson, Ruben Colom-Davis, Jake Mikolic, Liam Mahony, Hudson Bromwich, Sonny Dudley, Oscar Carr, Jacob Bartusch-Rice, Joe Driscoll, Matt Reuben Booth – 2/3 Stingrays Emma Bevington – 5 Sharks Jacob Hodge – 5 Echidnas.

**Asthma Plan Documentation**

If you have received an Asthma plan form for your child, please return the completed form to your child’s teacher or front office by Friday, March 11th. These plans are essential so we have up to date information on how to support your child during an asthma attack.

**Medical Condition and Medication**

It is very important that the school has current information on students’ medical conditions and related medication. If your child has been diagnosed with a medical condition recently or you have updated medication please contact the school so we can ensure we can best support your child.

**Book Club Orders**

Book Club orders are due

Driscoll, Jarrod Manton, Kupah Martin, Silas Smithers, Harry McLaren, Anthony Elliot, Logan Allison and Beau White.

Girls – Leah Westoll, Annika Cross, Kirra McCaughtrie, Halle Constable and Merindah Ladmore.

Well done to Jacob Sultana, Kurtis Carlson, Ruben Colom-Davis and Kupah Martin for being selected into the team! They will now compete later in the year at the South Coast Trials hoping to gain a spot to compete at the State Carnival.

Paul Sweeney
Principal

back on THURSDAY. No late orders. Please ensure that you have put your child’s name and class on the order form.

**Coming Dates**

- **WEDNESDAY 9 March** – School Photos
- Wednesday March 16 – Street Sense
- Thursday, March 17 – Cross Country

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Wednesday

Envelopes for school photos 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](http://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
The P & C shop **will not be accepting EFT payment from now on.** We are sorry for any inconvenience. Order forms can be downloaded from narooma-p.schools.nsw.edu.au under Downloads or are available from the school office. Order forms can be sent to school with cash or cheque payment. Cheques are payable to P & C Narooma Public School.

**Uniform Shop Opening Hours:**
Monday: 8.45 – 9.30
Tuesdays: 9 – 9.30
Wednesday: CLOSED
Thursday: 9 – 9.30
Friday: 9 – 9.30

If anyone can help with the uniform shop on Wednesday please call Sarah Fisse on 0402 171 450.

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.

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.

Recycled Bottle Greenhouse
Thank you to everyone for their support and donations to date. We are seeking donations of the following materials.

* Weed matting enough to cover a 2 x 2.5 metre space.
* 1.25L plastic bottles x 1,500.
* Seedlings for eg: herbs, tomato, climbing beans and carrots.

We would be grateful for any contributions towards this project.

P & C Easter Raffle
EASTER EGGS! The P & C has a massive basket of Easter eggs for the winner of this year’s Easter raffle. Tickets have been given out for you/the kids to sell. Tickets selling for $2 each or 6 for $10.

The Easter basket is on display in the front office. More tickets can also be picked up from the office for those amazing sellers! Raffle will be drawn on the Thursday before Easter, March 24th. Tickets to be returned with the money by Monday, March 21st.

Foyer Display
Sharks and Stingrays.

Underground 2016 Digital Photographic Competition
Underground is a digital photographic competition for people aged 11 – 24 living in Eurobodalla. There are two categories in this competition: photo and video. Entrants may enter one digital image in each category for their age group.
Youth section for 15 – 24 years as at 1st July, 2016. Junior section for 11 – 14 years old as at 1st July, 2016. Entries must be received by Monday, April 4th by 5 pm. For more information contact Zoe Morgan on 44 747470 or email zoe.morgan@esc.nsw.gov.au

Be Ready
Starting School Expo
Let’s get ready for school!
• Saturday 19 March 2016
• 9am – 12pm Riverside Park Moruya
Meet the teachers of the Eurobodalla.
Children’s activities – fun for the whole family – free goodies to give away – FREE ENTRY.

Free Kids’ Entertainment
Narooma Plaza
• Come and see great Zamboni!! * Comedy and Magic for the kids * Performing for FREE under the dome at Narooma Plaza. Saturday, March 12th from 10 am to 1 pm.

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.

**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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Child’s Name:  
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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.