

Important Dates

- * Thursday 6/4
Easter Hat Parade
& Raffle
Superstar Assembly
Term 1 Ends
- * Monday 24/4
Staff Development Day
No Students at school
- * Tuesday 25/4
Public Holiday -
ANZAC Day
- * Wednesday 26/4
Term 2 commences
for all students K-6
- * Monday 1/5
Year 3 Rumbalara
Excursion
- * Tuesday 2/5
Year 4 Rumbalara
Excursion



We acknowledge Darkinjung people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our school is built and pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a busy fortnight once again with an even busier end of term coming up. Hopefully many of you will get the opportunity to have some chicken cuddles while they are here and join us for our Easter celebrations next Thursday.

Personal Health News

I have recently been diagnosed with breast cancer. This of course has come as quite a shock to myself and my family. At this stage, I do not know exactly what the next 12 months looks like but I will be starting chemo in the holidays for 5 months. Once I know the treatment schedule, I will be able to organise the work schedule and keep you informed. For now, our amazing executive team lead by Mrs Vicki Young, are still available to answer any questions or follow up on concerns as always. I do apologise in advance for the times I am not at school, but this is a time that I need to put myself and my children first.

Staffing Update

As you may have noticed, Mrs Sparks is due to have her baby soon and will be commencing maternity leave from next term. We wish her all the best with the safe and healthy arrival of her new bub. Ms Beswick will be taking over the Intervention role for Term 2.

We also have another baby on the way – congratulations to Mrs Hawkins who is expecting baby number 2 in July!

Mr Thompson will be returning to work 5 days per week from Term 2. As a result, Mrs Hawkins will be moving to an EALD and RFF role until she goes on maternity leave.

Mrs Andrews will be returning from maternity leave 1 day per week and will be teaching 5/6D on Tuesdays for the remainder of the year.

P&C AGM

Last Tuesday, we held our 2023 P&C annual general meeting. Congratulations to our new committee:

President – Amanda Nichols, Vice President – Gemma Napper, Secretary – Michelle Cleary, Treasurer – Karen Mitchell and Assistant Treasurer - Alyson Parsons.

Year 5 Entry to an Opportunity Class in 2023

Online applications for Year 5 placement in an Opportunity class in 2023 opened on Thursday 30th March, 2023 and close on **Monday 15th May, 2023**. Parents and carers will be able to apply from this website at that time. Opportunity classes cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates of their own academic standard. These classes help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, using specialised teaching methods and materials. Parents apply when their children are in Year 4. Successful students are offered placement, and if the parents accept the offer, the students attend the Opportunity class full time in Years 5 and 6 at the relevant public school. This is a two-year placement program and there is no provision to apply for Year 6 entry only. In the case of Niagara Park Public School and most public schools, students who accept a place in an Opportunity class will leave their current school to attend the school with the Opportunity class. Local Opportunity classes are at Wyong Public School and Gosford Public School.

If you wish to apply, please return the Intention to Apply form to the office as soon as possible. These notes were handed out this week.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday break.

Lyndal Coleman
Principal

Did you know?

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

SUPERSTAR AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on receiving their Superstar awards.

One Star

Joe McC.	(2C)	Nicholas C.	(2C)	Alayna W.	(2C)
Vivienne C.	(2C)	Emily R.	(2F)	Emerson F.	(2F)
Kace H.	(2F)	Emilia L.	(2M)	Thomas D.	(2M)
Abigail P.	(5G)				

Two Star

Lennox T.	(3M)	Savannah R.	(3/4T)	Maddison E.	(3/4T)
Orlando B.	(3/4T)	William P.	(4A)	Myarose B. B.	(4A)

Estelle M. (4/5H)

Three Star

Maitua T. (3/4T)

Jackson W. (5G)

William F. (4/5H)

Morgan B. (5G)

Isabella W. (5G)

Four Star

Kaden H. (5G)

Benjamin P. (5T)

Tyler B. (5G)

Jonathan N. (5T)

Ayla G. (5G)

Liam B. (6T)

Five Star

Chloe B. (4/5H)

Evie H. (5T)



Vicki Young

Deputy Principal

HARMONY DAY

Last Tuesday we had such an amazing, culturally diverse day celebrating Harmony Day!

The school was buzzing with excitement as the students arrived in cultural outfits or orange attire to help celebrate a sense of belonging. Throughout the day, students were celebrating, making and engaging in a huge range of culturally planned activities including Aboriginal games, African huts, Greek Mythology, Japanese windsocks, Chinese New Year dragons, Italian pizza craft and many, many more!

It was so wonderful to see how engaged our students were and a huge thank you to all the amazing teachers who provided such meaningful and fun experiences for all our students. We hope they had a fabulous day!

Katrina Hextall

Harmony Day Coordinator

LITTLE GREENIES

Little Greenies have been busy out in the gardens, planting, watering and maintaining our new garden beds in our Little Greenies area. These garden beds, plants and soil were kindly supported and donated by the P&C.

Recently, our Little Greenies team planted an assortment of seedlings as well as some seeds. We were all very excited to see the seedlings pop up through the soil. A huge thank you to Mr Curry and our P&C for helping our Little Greenies team have a wonderful garden area in Area 1. We can't wait to watch this area grow.

Little Greenies Coordinators

Katrina Hextall and Elise Young



SPORTING NEWS


Over the last few weeks, we have had numerous students continue to trial for Brisbane Water PSSA and Sydney North teams.

Aden attended the zone Basketball trial where he played well and showed great sportsmanship. Maci participated in the zone Netball trials where she was outstanding and gave her personal best. Max, Zahli, Cameron and Tyler participated in the combined zone PSSA Rugby Union trials, where Zahli was successfully picked to trial for the Sydney North team. Max and Ryder attended the Sydney North Touch trial where they were both outstanding participants.

We also had Cadi, Zahli, Lan, Lia and Emily represent Brisbane Water zone at the Sydney North Swimming carnival.

All students performed exceptionally well at the carnival, representing their school and zone with pride.

Elliot Dawkins & Blake Hormann
Sports Coordinators



FOR OUR ELDERS
2-9 JULY 2023

ELDERS NAIDOC PRE SCREEN

Pre Screen Age From 50 years and above

Pre screen Dates

- Friday 12th May 2023
- Friday 19th May 2023

Time 9:00am to 2:30pm

Location Nunyara Aboriginal Health Unit, 2 Ward Street Gosford

**BY APPOINTMENT
ONLY**

Health Screen Includes


- Diabetes
- Heart
- Lung

- Podiatry
- Nutrition
- Flu vaccinations


Learn how to prevent disease and manage better health


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TO BOOK PLEASE CALL NUNYARA ON


 **4320 2698 By Friday 28th April 2023**

Parking will be available on the day





Health
Central Coast
Local Health District



Nunyara Aboriginal Health Unit
4320 2698
CCLHD-Nunyara@health.nsw.gov.au



NARARAVALLEY
BAPTIST CHURCH



Join us to celebrate
EASTER

Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Sunday
April 6	April 7	April 9
8:00pm	9:30am	9:30am

149 Narara Valley Drive, Narara | nvbc.info/stream





Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join, participants must:

- ☒ Have a current health care card OR pensioner concession card
- ☒ Be studying yourself OR have a child in school
- ☒ Have regular income from work, yourself OR your partner

For full eligibility requirements, speak to a Saver Plus Coordinator.

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:


laptops & tablets


uniforms & shoes


books & supplies


sports fees & gear


lessons & activities


camps & excursion

For more information, please contact Saver Plus:

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 saverplus.org.au

 1300 610 355

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