

Important Dates

- * Friday 10/3
Athletics Carnival
School Canteen Closed
- * Wednesday 15/3
Naplan Begins
- * Friday 17/3
P&C Mufti -
St Patricks Day
- * Tuesday 21/3
Harmony Day
P&C Meeting
- * Monday 27/3
Henny Penny
Chicken Arrives
- * Thursday 30/3
School Photo Day

Meet & Greet BBQ



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,

Another fortnight has flown past and all our classrooms are buzzing along. This week I was able to join Kindergarten for sport as they chose between egg and spoon races, bouncing balls, basketball, hoops and bowling. It was great to see them all getting along well and sharing the equipment. Toby, Roman and Rylee even let me play a game of catch with them!

Meet and Greet BBQ

Thank you to all the families who were able to make it along to our Meet and Greet BBQ on Tuesday afternoon. It was so wonderful to see everyone mingling and chatting with the teachers and each other.

A huge thank you to Mr Curry and Mrs Roods who spent hours cooking the sausages and all the staff for their help with setting up, serving and giving up their afternoon for our community.

Zone Swimming

Congratulations to all the students who were selected to compete at the Zone Swimming Carnival today: Bobby, Emily, Charli, Sophia, Vika, Will, Phillip, Liam, Maison, Lan, Zahli, Cadi, Ryder, Beau, Arthur, Lia, Alex, Charlotte, Isla and Ethan. I look forward to hearing how you all went representing our school.

A huge thank you to Mr Hormann and Mrs Sinclair for their organisation and supervision of the team.

Sentral App for Parents – please connect ASAP

Thank you to all of our families who have connected to our communication app, 'Sentral for Parents'. If you have not yet connected, please do so as soon as possible so that we can begin using it to its full potential. It is our expectation that families do connect as it will be our primary, formal communication method.

We have had a few issues that we have been ironing out over the past fortnight in the attempt to get all families connected. Please contact the office if you still have not received your access key and we can provide you with it.

Extended Leave

This is just a reminder that all families need to apply for any extended leave, including family holidays. You can apply for approval of leave by filling in the Extended Leave Form and returning it to our office. A certificate will be issued for you to take with you, especially when travelling. The leave form can be found online or alternatively, contact the office and they can send it home.

School Community Charter

The Department of Education has a School Community Charter which outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff to ensure, collaborative, respectful communication.

- Our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.
- We all treat each other with respect.
- We prioritise the wellbeing of our students and staff.

It points out that the following behaviour from parents and community members is unacceptable

- Aggressive or intimidating behaviour, be it verbal or physical.
- Inappropriate language and use of inappropriate tone of voice.
- Inappropriate communication.
- Unsafe behaviour.

The beginning of the year is a good time to remind our community of this charter, before it is needed. A big thank you to all of our amazing families who already abide by this part of the charter.

National Assessment Program - Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN)

This year, the NAPLAN testing window has been moved forward to the latter end of Term 1. The testing window runs from 15th March, 2023 to 27th March, 2023 inclusive. Students in Years 3 and Year 5 complete the online NAPLAN assessment tasks. Please do not organise any leave for these students during this time frame. Over the past week, our students have been completing practice tests in class to prepare themselves for the online format.

Have a wonderful fortnight!

Lyndal Coleman
Principal

Did you know?

The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.

SUPERSTAR PROCESSES REVAMP

After feedback from staff and students last year, it was evident that our Superstar processes needed a few minor changes to ensure consistency across the school. Our Superstar stickers and certificates are designed to reward those students who always work hard and do the right thing by ensuring that they are noticed and acknowledged.

Survey feedback showed the need for clearer guidelines on the awarding of Superstar stickers, as some staff were unable to clearly articulate the guidelines for giving a Superstar sticker and some students were unable to articulate the expectations for receiving a Superstar sticker. With our newly defined guidelines in place and aligned to our new Class Dojo system, it was further identified the need to introduce an additional two Superstar Certificate levels in anticipation that students will be rewarded more frequently, and therefore move through the levels at a faster pace.

The new Certificates and corresponding rewards are as follows:

- 1 Star - Certificate
- 2 Star - Certificate & school badge
- 3 Star - Certificate & school pen
- 4 Star - Certificate & \$5.00 Canteen voucher
- 5 Star - Certificate & book voucher
- 6 Star - Certificate, book & \$5.00 Canteen voucher
- 7 Star - Certificate & Bronze Superstar medal
- 8 Star - Certificate & Silver Superstar medal
- 9 Star - Certificate & Gold Superstar medal
- 10 Star - Certificate, lunch with Principal & a chosen friend & name on the Honour Board

The new criteria for awarding Superstar stickers is outlined below:

- Earning mid-term reward participation =1 Superstar
- Earning end of term reward participation =1 Superstar
- Having earned 50+ dojos more than what is required to participate in the end of term reward = 1 extra Superstar sticker (2 in total)
- Exemplary assembly behaviour (all staff hand out one Superstar sticker each at assemblies)
- Completed Reading Logs =1 Superstar sticker for each 100 nights reading
- Completed Premier's Reading Challenge =1 Superstar sticker
- Completed Summer Reading is a Blast =1 Superstar sticker

One Superstar sticker may also be awarded for the following:

- Demonstration of citizenship (ie. for going out of their way to help/encourage others unasked)
- Outstanding quality work (ie. above and beyond peers)
- Outstanding improvement/achievement (ie. beyond their personal best)
- Achieving a goal in writing/reading/other identified personal goals
- Outstanding helpfulness, work or achievement as identified by another staff member or student
- Whole term commitment to extra-curricular activities (ie. Green Team, Choir)

SUPERSTAR AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on receiving their Superstar Awards.

One Star

Jael L.	(2C)	Issabella C.	(2C)	Lincoln B.	(2M)
Maddison E.	(4T)				

Two Star

Isobel M.	(3M)	Maddison E.	(4/5H)
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Three Star

Eva R.	(5G)	Sophie K.	(6T)	Lucas H.	(6T)
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Four Star

Beau C.	(6A)
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Vicki Young

Deputy Principal

CANTEEN CLOSURE

Please note our school Canteen will be **closed next Friday 10th March, 2023** due to a large majority of our students being at the Athletics Carnival.

SPORTING NEWS

What a busy start to the year for sport!

We have had many of our students attend Brisbane Water and Sydney North trials. In touch football trials we had Ethan W, Ryder, Max, Kaleah and Zahli who participated, with Ryder, Kaleah and Max being selected to trial for Sydney North. Noah went along to the AFL trial and by all reports was fantastic and he was selected to trial for Sydney North, where he made the possible vs probables team which is a tremendous effort.

In rugby league we had Maitua trial in the U11's age group and secured himself a spot in the U11's team to trial for Sydney North. Continuing with rugby league; Chase, Zahli, Ryder and Max trialled in the opens division with Ryder and Max being successful in making the team to attend the Sydney North trials.

So far Niagara Park Public School students have had a great deal of success in the PSSA trials and with more to come, I would like to wish our future trialists the best of luck.

Elliot Dawkins and Blake Hormann

Sports Coordinators

BAND PROGRAM

We have two more opportunities for interested students to join our band program for 2023.

We are currently seeking two more percussion players to join our band program and learn how to play percussion (the drumkit, auxiliary percussion and glockenspiel).

This opportunity is best suited to a student who:

- has a good sense of beat and rhythm
- is confident standing out from the crowd
- enjoys variety (percussion players play the drum kit, auxiliary percussion instruments and glockenspiel)

We also have a Bass Clarinet, kindly donated by our P&C, and we are looking interested student to join our band program and learn how to play the Bass



for an
Clarinet.

Being a larger instrument to play and carry, this opportunity is best suited to in Year 4, 5, or 6 who:

someone

- is confident in playing a different part to everyone else
- is an independent learner
- likes playing lower sounding notes
- is good at singing and harmonising

Group lesson prices per term are:

- \$210.00 per term + \$10.00 band resource levy
- Percussion students will require a percussion pack for home practice. These can be hired new (\$46.00/month hire-purchase), purchased (\$490 sale price) or second-hand if there are any in stock (\$350.00)

Please email Mrs Clarke at: catherine.clarke33@det.nsw.edu.au if your child would like to be considered for this opportunity.

Catherine Clarke & Stephanie Goldie
Band Coordinators





PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Open to Year 4, 5 and 6
Parents & Students

The evening will include information
relating to opportunities available for
students at Lisarow High School.

This includes information regarding Yr 7
Targeted classes and how to apply.

When: Thursday 9 March 2023

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: Lisarow High School - HALL



SATURDAY 11TH MARCH

1ST NARARA SCOUTS OPEN DAY

Registration and Open Day

The day will kick off at 10am, fun games, tent set up, scones
(with jam and cream!), pancake cooking, bridge
construction and the mischief our scout group gets up to!!

For more enquiries, please email nararascouts@gmail.com

Regular Meeting Times:

Joeys : (Aged 5 – 8yrs) Meet every Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm
Cubs : (Aged 8 – 11yrs) Meet Every Wednesday 7 – 8.30pm
Scouts: (Aged 11 – 14yrs) Meet Every Tuesday 7 – 9pm

Saturday 11th
March 10 – 12pm

Come & have a
sticky beak & see
what we're all about

Need a hall to hire?
We've got it

Youth Lead with
Adult Support

4 Weeks Trial

1ST NARARA SCOUTS
209 Narara Valley Drive
Niagara Park
www.nararascouts.com

PH: 0416 119 405



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Gomerioi Language & Culture Camp

Monday 15th May - Wednesday 17th May 2023

Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre

The New South Wales Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc. (NSW AECG Inc.) in conjunction with the Department of Education's Aboriginal Outcomes and Partnerships Directorate will be conducting a Language and Culture Camp for Aboriginal students from Years 7 to 8 on Gomerioi country. To commence the process, the NSW AECG Inc. is calling for Expressions of Interest from schools with Aboriginal students in the nominated years.

The camp will be conducted over 3 days from Monday 15th - Wednesday 17th May 2023.

The camp will contribute to informing, strengthening and connecting students to language and culture through sharing of knowledge and resources.

The NSW AECG Inc. is committed and actively involved in supporting Aboriginal student identity and belonging and raising the academic achievement of Aboriginal students. We aim to empower students to be active learners in their education and training by providing opportunities to develop skills in leadership roles within their schools and communities. This camp will look at opportunities that can inspire and motivate students or who simply want to challenge themselves.

Schools to complete the Expressions of Interest (EOI) form on behalf of students hoping to attend the camp. EOIs can be completed through a [google forms process](https://forms.gle/DYAUPxTnJT4TEEp6) using the following link: <https://forms.gle/DYAUPxTnJT4TEEp6>

EOIs must be received by COB, Friday 31st March 2023. The maximum numbers of students for the camp is 80.

EVENT: Gomerioi Language and Culture camp.

TARGETING: Aboriginal students from Years 7 to 8.

DATES: Monday 15th - Wednesday 17th May 2023.

VENUE: Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Centre, Fitness Camp Road, Rushes Creek NSW 2580.

EOI: Close - Friday 31st March 2023.

COST: Accommodation and meals provided by the AECG information regards food allergies etc. must be highlighted on the schools EOI and managed through the schools RISK Management process.

ACCOMMODATION: Students will need to supply their own sleeping bag, pillow and towel.

Please contact NSW AECG camps email if you require assistance with this.

TRANSPORT: Responsibility of and organised by individual schools - cost met by schools.

SUPERVISION: Individual schools must send a teacher to supervise students.

TEACHER RELIEF: Cost met by individual schools.

For more information, please contact camps at the NSW AECG Secretariat on (02) 9550 5666 or camps@aecg.nsw.edu.au



New South Wales
Aboriginal Education
Consultative Group Inc.



NSW
GOVERNMENT
Education



Aboriginal Early Childhood Screening Clinic

Audiology

Speech Pathology

Immunisations

Milestone Education



Remember to bring
your child's
Medicare card
and
Blue Book

Who: Children aged 6months - 6Years

Where: Nunyara Aboriginal Health Unit

2 Ward St, Gosford

When: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Thursday 02/03/2023

Thursday 06/04/2023

Thursday 04/05/2023

No Appointment necessary

Limited Parking available onsite

Please contact Nunyara on 4320 2698

for more information



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Central Coast
Local Health District



JOIN THE DOCKERS IN 2023

BOYS & GIRLS AGES 4 - 17



REGISTER NOW

NIAGARA PARK OURIMBAH JUNIOR
AFL CLUB

CONTACT US AT NPDockers@gmail.com
OR FIND US ON FACEBOOK

FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER
YOUR CHILD TODAY
VISIT OUR WEBSITE



COME TRY AFL Pre-Season Training - Tuesday 7th & 14th March at Willari Ave Reserve, Narara (opp Narara Valley Precinct Playground) from 4:00pm

Our SEASON LAUNCH (and COME TRY event) will be held from 10:00am - 2:00pm on Sunday 19th March at Lisarow Sporting Precinct (The Ridgeway, Lisarow). There will be the opportunity to learn some AFL skills, compete in a COLOUR RUN and generally have lots of fun! There will also be a sausage sizzle running for purchase.

Further details can be found on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/niagaraparkdockers>