

MONDAY MUMBLES – Term 4 Week 2 – 26 October 2009

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 27 October	Canteen Committee Meeting, 8:45am
Wednesday 28 October	Student Leaders' Forum, Valley View PS, 7:00-8:30pm
Thursday 29 October	Year 3-6 SMART Science Program (\$3 per child) Senior Combined Band Rehearsal, Chittaway Bay PS
Friday 30 October	World Teachers' Day K-2 SMART Science Program (\$3 per child) Parent Surveys due
Sunday 1 November	Kids Day Out, Narara PS Performance at 10:00am
Friday 6 November	Sport in Schools, second \$12 payment due
Saturday 7 November	P&C Trivia Night – Narara Logies – \$80 for a table of 8

Included in today's Mumbles is a calendar of Term 4 events.

To assist with planning for 2010, please contact the school office if your children will not be returning to Narara PS in 2010. Also, if you know of new families intending to enrol children for 2010, please ask them to contact the school office. At the moment our enrolment numbers indicate that we will reduce from 13 to 12 classes next year.

SPORT IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The Term 4 Sport in Schools Program started last Friday and will run until the end of term. All students are encouraged to participate in this worthwhile sports program. If required, financial assistance is available by contacting the Principal or collecting a form from the school office.

PARENT SURVEY 2009

Thank you to the parents and students who returned their Parent Survey (yellow sheet) included in last week's newsletter. All returns should be in by this Friday 30 October. As an incentive, each child in the family receives a 'win bin' ticket when their survey is handed in. We appreciate your feedback on the school and the educational service we provide.

STUDENT LEADERS' FORUM – Wednesday 28 November, 7:00 – 8:30pm

Captains, Prefects, Senior Dancers and Choir Members are asked to meet Mrs Cotterill and Mr Frohlich outside the Valley View Public School hall (shelter side) at 6:45pm. Captains and Prefects should wear school uniform (blue shirts). Dancers should come in costume with hair and makeup done. Choir members should wear their Choral Festival outfit. Thank you to the parents who are assisting with transport to the rehearsal on Wednesday. Captains, Prefects and our MC will leave Narara PS at 11:40pm. Dancers will leave Narara PS at 12:40pm. Please return any outstanding permission notes tomorrow.

KIDS DAY OUT – Ourimbah Campus – Sunday, 1 November, 10:00am

Included with today's Mumbles is a Kids Day Out brochure outlining the wonderful activities provided throughout the day. Narara PS will perform on the main stage (in front of the library) at 10:00am. All families are invited to come and watch. K-2 Dancers, Junior Dancers, Senior Dancers, Choir Members and our MC should meet their co-ordinating teachers in front of the stage at 9:30am. Come ready to perform as there are no change rooms. After the performance parents are asked to collect their children from the co-ordinating teachers, once they are signed out. We are looking forward to a great show.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Term 4 program started today and will run each Monday and Wednesday, 2:45 – 3:45pm, for seven weeks. Thank you to Mrs Cotterill and Mr Day for co-ordinating this excellent program.

ASSESSMENT WEEK

Next week (Week 3) is Assessment Week. Parents are asked to ensure that their children arrive punctually each morning. Semester 2 progress reports will be sent home on Friday 11 December.

Health USA, it was possibly one of the best training courses I have ever attended. I will share a few of the very important facts that I learnt about preparing children for reading.

- -Our brains are uniquely wired for sound from *before* the time we are born.
- Children are aware of sounds and pictures and words on a page from as early **as 5 months of age!Babies Need Books!**
- -The more experience children have with spoken language the easier it is for them to learn to use written language
- -Nursery rhymes and finger plays present a wide vocabulary, teach sentence structure, story concepts and comprehension.
- -Active participation in music (singing) increases retention, builds memory, and actually helps the brain to grow.
- -Singing songs and nursery rhymes regularly and often, the greater the benefits.
- -Advanced brain scan technology reveals that when children participate in music the whole brain 'lights up like a Christmas tree' as the brain is so stimulated.
Children need to know at least 5,000 words orally before they can begin to read!!

Reading To Your Children

As most parents today are already aware, reading to your infants and young children is vital in preparing them for school success. However, what about your older children? Once children are old enough to read to themselves you can stop. Right? Wrong!

Please, please keep reading to your older children as well.

For children who are experiencing difficulties in learning to read difficulties it is essential to support their reading with their class teacher. It expands their vocabulary, strengthens their literacy skills and 'hooks' them into reading. It is also lots of fun! They also love your attention. It makes them feel worthwhile and it shows them that you value your relationship with them. If you would like some advice as to what to read to older children please feel free to contact me or you can look on the internet at the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge reading lists recommended for children K-6.

Stock take time

Once again the time has arrived to return all outstanding books and other items to our library. As I am about to begin a stock-take of the library I am calling on all of you to have a **BIG MOTHER'S and FATHER'S look** around the house, under the bed, in the shed, in the car, at Uncle Fred's and at Grandad's house for any library books belonging to Narara PS. I am going to begin issuing overdue notices shortly but I thought if I put out a general call first it will save a lot of time, effort (not to mention paper) in the process. It is only natural that children forget things. All they need is a gentle reminder by you, on their library day, to put their books into their bag and return to the library during their lesson.

The younger children sometimes do not put their books in the returns basket and just place them anywhere in the library.

This can result in the books still being listed as overdue under your child's name but they will eventually be located during the stock take. If I feel this might be the case I will let the children resume borrowing after they have had a thorough look at home.

It is especially important for all Yr 6 students to begin to search for items and return them ASAP as they will be leaving for high school and will have much more important things on their minds (such as what to wear to the school Yr 6 Farewell!)

Moving House? If you are intending to move during the holidays it is very important that you return all items belonging to us before the Christmas break.

Before you and your child/children leave our school could you please check at home for any library books, videos, DVDs or stories on tape or CDs which belong to our school and return them before you leave. The books and other items for loan in our library are supplied largely through parent fund raising. The loss of such books and items from our collection is a loss for all of our children. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Happy overdue hunting.

Turning Learners into Readers

Mrs Sandra Smith - Teacher-librarian

TRIVIA NIGHT TICKETS 7 NOVEMBER 2009, 7PM

There are only 5 tables left for the annual Trivia Night. A table of 8 will cost \$80. If you are interested in purchasing tickets please call Kirstie Mantellato on 0422 943 374 or Kylie on 0402 483 841

P & C Fundraising

CANTEEN CHATTER PH 43283891 (M, W, F) OR Nicola 0418 238 775

Welcome to Term 4, we hope everybody had a relaxing holiday.

World Teachers Day - 30/10/09-This Friday is our opportunity to show our wonderful teachers how much we appreciate their dedication to our children's education and well being. The Canteen will be providing the teachers with a special morning tea to say Thank you!!!!

New Products-

Sorbetes-This is a new frozen product available only at lunch time. They are similar to the Yogozings just a bit smaller. They are only 40cents each.

Milk Cups-Available at Recess and Lunch times for the low price of \$1.00. Chocolate and Strawberry flavours.

Canteen Volunteers' Christmas Party-14th December 6.30pm-It's hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of the year. Please jot down this date in your diary for our special night out. A venue and cost will be forwarded onto you ASAP. Please let us know if you are able to attend. Hope you can all make it as your help and support is truly appreciated.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 28/10

Kylie Bax
Kerrie Black

Fri 30/10

Sue Telfer
Ken Skinner
Donna Casey

Mon 2/11

Deborah Palmer
Joanne Fletcher



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**Fridays 5.30 -9pm
Ages 5-12 years**

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GENERAL ADMISSION \$3 PER CHILD

Please return to Mr Weiss. Applications are due by 13 November 2009.

NARARA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Request for selective high schools application package

Please send me an application for entry into Year 7 at a selective high school in 2011.

Student's name: Class:

Signature of parent or carer:Date: