

## TERM 3 – WEEK 9

DATES FOR THE DIARY	
TERM 3	
Mon 8 Sept	'World of Maths' Incursion
Thurs 11 Sept	K-2 Excursion – 'The Gruffalo'
Fri 12 Sept	Jump Off!
Weds 17 Sept	Primary Proms Concert
Fri 19 Sept	K/2 and 3/6 Discos <b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>
TERM 4 <b>STUDENTS RETURN ON TUES 7 OCT</b>	
Tues 7 Oct 2:00	P&C Meeting
Thurs 9 Oct	Rescheduled NAIDOC Event – Manly Dam
Tues 14 Oct	Band Workshop Day
Fri 31 Oct	World Teachers' Day
Fri 31 Oct	Surf Lifesaving Talk – Stage 3
Mon 3 – Thurs 13 Nov	Swim School (K-4)
Tues 4 Nov 2:00 – students 3:15 – staff 6:00 – parents	'Cybersmart' Sessions
Tues 4 Nov 2:00	P&C Meeting
Fri 7 Nov	David Morgan-Mar (Scientist in Residence)
Fri 28 Nov	Year 6 Fete
Tues 2 Dec 2:00	P&C Meeting
Fri 5 Dec	P&C Bingo Night
Mon 8 Dec 11:00	Helpers' Morning Tea
Thurs 11 Dec 9:30-11:00	Presentation Day
Thurs 11 Dec 2:00	Christmas Concert
Fri 12 Dec	Year 6 Graduation 'Big Day Out'
Fri 12 Dec 6:00-8:00	K-6 Family Christmas Disco
Mon 15 Dec	House Spirit Cup Lunch
Tues 16 Dec	Talent Quest
Weds 17 Dec	K-6 Picnic Day <b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>

## From The Principal

### Fathers' Day

I hope all our dads had a great Fathers' Day on Sunday, with lots of treats. We had some fun here at school on Friday afternoon with our BBQ and games. It was fantastic to see so many families here, a great turn-out! Thank you to Mr Pye and Mr Gray for MC'ing and organising the games; there was a very keen sense of competition in the air! Thank you to the mums who cooked the delicious sausages, to Tracey Dailhou for providing the drinks and to Suzie Luckie for providing the Bunnings voucher. This was won by Luke Liu, master of press ups! Gavin Long won the signed Manly ball and Mr Ongosia won the case of beer. I hope you can all come along to our next social event which is the **Bingo Night on Friday 5 December**.



### NAPLAN

Results of the National Assessments in Literacy in Numeracy were released last week and parents of students in Years 3 and 5 will have received their child's report. We are very pleased with our school's performance, our growth trend continues to increase with exceptional performances from many students. More detailed analysis will be available soon, and will form the basis for our next Three Year Strategic Plan. It's very exciting to see our school flourishing in so many ways.

### SASS Appreciation Week (School Admin and Support Staff)



Last Friday teachers held a morning tea to say thank you to the wonderful support staff who play such an important role in the success and smooth-running of the school. Sue and Anne-Marie in the office, our Teachers' Aides – Anna, Debbie and Leanne, Nicola in the library, our General Assistants – Mr Brian and Mr Greg, and our cleaners – Lourdes and Andy...all do an amazing job and we are very grateful to have such a great team.

### ICAS English

Congratulations to all students who entered the English competition this year. Alice Bangura, Jasmine Peters and Vivian Xu were awarded 'Credit', and 'Distinction' was awarded to Mathew Miltonhardy and Nathan Cheng.

### Perimeter Fencing

We have received very good news from the Minister of Education's office. Full funding will be given to complete the perimeter security fencing of the school. On behalf of the P&C I would like to thank Brad Hazzard, Member for Wakehurst, for his support and assistance to the school.

*Bev Maunder*

## Positive Behaviour, Engaging Learners (PBEL)

Congratulations to all students for following our school expectations and earning mini merits. Last week the Lucky Dip winners were:

**RESPECT** – Damiano Melani **RESPONSIBILITY** – George Haigh-Treloar **PERSONAL BEST** – Zahia Aili

## Assembly Roster

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Assemblies are held every Thursday in the hall at 2:25pm. Parents and friends are very welcome.		
Wk 9	11 September	SRC
Wk 10	18 September	Gold, Silver, Bronze Awards

## Mathletics and Reading Eggs Awards

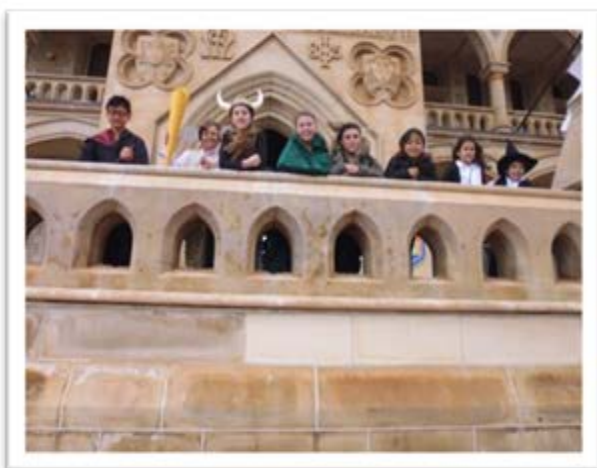
Congratulations to our award recipients for Week 8!

	Super Mathlete	Reader of the Week
K-2	Ali Donaghey	Jaden Mavalall
3-6	Jesse Melani	Janayah Tracey

*Skye Surrest (Assistant Principal)*

## Library News

It was a windy Wednesday when eight students From Brookvale joined a host of book loving Northern Beaches children to celebrate *Lunch with the Stars* at the International College of Management in Manly.



## From the office

**Group Photos:** Leadership Team, library monitors, Choir, Band, SRC are now available for viewing either at the school office at a cost of \$18 or online via [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au). Discounts apply on line. Order code: **DLT K3J 1T9**, Job No: **MLB358-1A**.

## P&C News

### Swim School and Surf Education/Kayaking

In recent years the P&C has been able to fund the cost of the swimming and surfing lessons, leaving only the bus fare to be paid by parents.

However, our school is growing very quickly with student numbers increased by 25% in 3 years. The P&C income from fundraising is not increasing and so this support will not be sustainable in the future.

It was agreed by members at a recent P&C meeting that this support would be decreased in stages and this year the P&C will fund 50% of the cost of lessons. In 2015 it will be 25%.

Kath Falconer (P&C President)

## Around the Stages – Stage 3



### World of Maths

On Monday, we were lucky enough to have a maths roadshow come to our school. We spent the morning working our way through a lot of maths problems and activities in the library. The whole session was a lot of fun, it was a bit like a mini Questacon! Mr Ed helped us if we couldn't work anything out. He also told us he used to be a professional soccer player in England!



### Jump Rope for Heart

We have been jumping every recess and lunch time without fail. We have been practising our skills and tricks so we can impress everyone at the Jump Off this Friday. In case you didn't know, every class will spend half an hour skipping at the front of the school on Friday in order to show off how fit we are and what skills we have learnt. It will also be a red mufti day. Come along and watch or join in if you can!



### Athletics Carnivals



Thanks and well done to all those who came to Narrabeen Academy of Sports last week for the Zone Track and Field Athletics carnivals. We had strong teams in shot put and sprinting events and performed amazingly well. Luckily the weather held off and we didn't get a soaking. It was great to see so many of our children competing at such a high level and we can be very proud of their efforts. Apologies again to anyone who was affected by me mistaking the day of the 800m heats, I hope it didn't cause too much inconvenience to anyone.

Mr Pye

## Fathers' Day BBQ

Thanks to everyone who came along to the Fathers' Day BBQ on Friday. It is always great to see lots of parents joining in with school activities. Again, the weather was just kind enough to stay away and we could have all the fun outside. Well done to Cameron Dixon for his amazing throwing skills that won him a case of beer. Congratulations to Luke Liu for showing us how to do push-ups, what a machine. He won a \$50 Bunnings voucher. Finally, well done to Gavin Long who won a signed Manly ball for his egg and spoon skills!

Thanks and we look forward to seeing you all again next year although you might need to start practising your push-ups now if you want to beat Luke!



## Community News



### Dark Horse Productions Presents Movie Magic Pony Camp

**Holiday Program Dates**  
Mon 22 Sept-Fri 26 Sept-WK 1  
Mon 29 Sept-Fri 3 Oct-WK 2

*Join our fun team of film horses and staff these school holidays!*

Dark Horse Productions Equestrian Centre is pleased to announce the return of our much loved pony camp program for children aged 7-12 years.

Our school holiday program is tailored for interactive learning and outdoor fun centred around the care, training and husbandry of horses and ponies. Children will learn how to brush, feed, wash and ride our equine friends.

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# Parenting *ideas* INSIGHTS

## Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

# Being a great dad

Many dads tell me that they want a better relationship with their children, particularly their sons, than they had with their own fathers.



There's no doubt that fathering has changed in recent years. Gone is the distant dad of the 1960's and 70's who saw his main job as keeping a roof over his family's head and bread on the table. An occasional game in the backyard and dishing out the heavy discipline that mums couldn't deal with was the extent of his involvement with his kids.

Many dads tell me that they want a better relationship with their children, particularly their sons, than they had with their own fathers. Sadly, many men still don't enjoy a close relationship with their fathers, but they are determined to change things with their own kids.

**Here are seven ideas to help you form close relationships with your kids, and maximise your effectiveness as a parent and a partner:**

### 1 Find something in common with your kids

Dads need something in common with their children. They relate better when they have a shared interest or shared passion with their kids. Many men relate to their kids while being active, and teach many important lessons through games and play. But if sport is not your bag, find something else that you and your kids have in common. A common interest is a great help for fathers who live apart from their kids who are looking to maximise the time they have with them.

### 2 Spend time with your sons

A dad can do little wrong in the eyes of a young boy. From around the age of five years a boy thinks his dad is like superman. Ironically, he may give his mum a hard time at this stage. Dads need to spend as much time with their sons in these impressionable years as possible. They just need to be careful not to push their sons too hard or turn every game into a lesson. That's when boys turn off their dads.

### 3 Don't whip out on discipline

Dads are traditionally the kings of play, but they can go missing when it comes to discipline. They get their kids excited in a game before going to bed, then expect their partner to settle them down. It helps if both parents can take their share of managing children's behaviour.

### 4 Treat your daughters well

There are strong links between close fathering and the healthy development of girls. Dads teach their daughters strong lessons about how they should be treated by males. So dads need to treat their daughters respectfully so they learn to expect this treatment in their future relationships with men.

### 5 Say good bye Superman, hello Clarke Kent

Adolescent boys are programmed to challenge their fathers. It's part of the growing up process. Australian author John Marsden refers to this phenomenon as the 'old ram, young ram syndrome'. He's right. It's a type of rite of passage

that plays out in many Australian homes. Verbal jousting matches are a popular father-son game where boys take great delight in proving their fathers are fallible. A dad at this stage needs a sense of humour as well as a willingness to stand back and allow other mentors in to his son's life.

### 6 Support your partner

Fathers may play an integral part in the lives of their children but they also have a profound effect on the quality of mothering that children receive. There is little doubt that a woman who can share the emotional and financial burdens of child-rearing with a supportive partner is more likely to be a loving, affirming mother. Supportive fathering is one of the keys to better mothering.

### 7 Change as your child changes

Kids grow up at the speed of light and change before you know it. They're kids one day and teenagers the next. They can catch many fathers unaware. The most effective dads are those who change their parenting to suit the needs of their kids at each stage of development, rather than stubbornly hold to outmoded ideas of how they think their kids should be.

Those fathers who are a little apprehensive or lack sufficient confidence should become involved in as many aspects of parenting as they can. The best way to learn about parenting is by doing it. Children are a terrific resource for fathers - men can learn about children from children themselves. By being alert, watchful and learning to listen to their children fathers can learn all they need to know about parenting.



Stay one step ahead of your kids with great ideas & expert advice from Michael Grose. Join Michael's NEW Parenting Ideas Club today at [parentingideasclub.com.au](http://parentingideasclub.com.au). You'll be so glad you did.





Warringah Council presents

# CLUB 567 KARAOKE NIGHT

*A new event for school years 5, 6 & 7*

Come and belt out your favourite songs and test your skills at music trivia. There will also be sushi to snack on and everyone goes in the lucky door prize draw.

*Fri 19 Sep*

**7-9pm, Dee Why Library**

725 Pittwater Rd, Dee Why

\$5 bookings via email or \$10 at the door

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## Narrabeen Nippers

**Register now for Summer 2014-15**

**Hey Kids want to join a club where you get to have fun every week?**

Then come and join Narrabeen Nippers this season.

Our focus is on having fun in a family friendly atmosphere.

Get your friends and come and sign up.



**Registration Dates:**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept and 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 9.30 till 11.30am**

Where: Narrabeen Beach SLSC - Ocean St, Narrabeen

For more details visit our website: <http://www.narrabeach.org.au>



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