Wiripaang Public School visit

On Wednesday, Room 15 students from Narara visited their friend Phoenix Palmer who has moved away from the Central Coast and now attends the support class at Wiripaang Public School. They behaved so well and Phoenix was so happy to see them that they have been invited to come back again and stay for a longer visit.
Wednesday Canteen

The Wednesday Canteen is going very well at Narara. So far there has been a lot of support from children and staff who have been ordering their morning tea and lunch each week. Many thanks to Joy and John Dawes who have been doing an outstanding job with the canteen. If you need a new copy of the menu, please let your teacher know and we will send one home to you. Hopefully we will have a volunteer who Joy can train to run a similar service at the North Entrance campus next year.

Special Needs Christmas Party

Tickets
$2.50 Per Person Online

Sunday 30th November
11am-3pm
at
Lakes Grammar
Anglican School
Sparks Rd Warnervale

Family Friendly Rides and Entertainment
Wednesday Wheelee Warriors
Modified Sports and Activities
My Pet Dinosaur
Pony Rides, Face Painters, Kids Characters
and MUCH MORE!!!

Dates to Remember

Year 12 Graduation Dinner - Tuesday 9th December
Presentation Day - Friday 12th December
Term 4 ends - Wednesday 17th December (staff finish 19th December)
Term 1 2015 begins - Wednesday 28th January (staff return Tuesday 27th)
Gosford AECG

Annual General Meeting Notice

Date: Monday 3rd November
Time: 4:30pm
Where: Henry Kendall HS

The Gosford Local AECG invites

Aboriginal Parents, Carers and Community
to come along
listen, have an opinion and talk about
improving Aboriginal peoples outcomes in

Aboriginal Education and Training

Contact Sarah Campbell - Secretary at gosfordaecg@gmail.com
2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight 16 June 2015

$150 TOWARDS ENERGY BILLS

2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM
* eligibility criteria apply

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:
• A $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
• A $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you:
• Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
• Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:
• Be a NSW resident; and
• Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
• Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

HOW TO APPLY
• ONLINE – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
• PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL ter.program@trade.nsw.gov.au
A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On Page 5 of this Newsletter, you will see an information flyer about the NSW Family Energy rebate. You have until June next year to apply for this.

At the bottom of this page, however, you only have until 16th November if you wish to have input to Gosford Council’s plans for a new children’s playground in the Narara Valley area.

The most urgent news is the information about Bursaries to assist young carers who feel they would be eligible for assistance with their studies. Applications close on 9th November. Detailed information for Young Carers (aged 12 to 25 years) is on pages 7 and 8. We have many young carers in our families.

If you are in this position, you can go to the website www.youngcarers.net.au for more information about eligibility and how to apply.

Regards,
Gwenda Williamson

Sick children

Please try to always keep sick children at home. We have had a lot of absences from both staff and students due to sickness in recent times. Many of our children are very vulnerable and can become very seriously ill from catching a seemingly mild infection. Our staff work very closely with students and are also vulnerable to infection and when they are absent, children’s programs can be affected. Our ability to provide resources can also be impacted by staff absences as once we exceed the funds provided for casual relief staff, we have to use other funds to pay for the casual staff. Most of our staff are parents themselves and we understand how difficult it can be when children are not well, but we appeal to you to keep sick children home - this is a time when they need their family to care for them.

Council seeks best spot for $280k Narara Valley playground

Gosford City Council is pleased to announce a new playground is coming to your community! Council is seeking the community’s feedback on two possible sites for the brand new Narara Valley Precinct Playground.

The site options are Willari Avenue, Narara and Niagara Park Stadium, Washington Avenue, Niagara Park.

A community meeting about the two options will be held at the Narara Community Centre, (Pandala Road, Narara) on Wednesday, 5 November 2014 from 7pm until 8pm.

The community has until Sunday 16 November 2014 to have its say on the new playground’s location.

More information about the Narara Valley Precinct Playground (and how to provide feedback on the two site options) is available online at www.gosford.nsw.gov.au and www.haveyoursaygosford.com.au.
Are you an eligible Young Carer?

✅ Do you provide care and support to a family member or friend with an illness, disability, mental health illness, is frail aged or has an alcohol or other drug problem?

✅ Are you aged 12-25 years?

✅ Are you currently studying or wishing to return to study or training?

You may be eligible to apply for a young carer bursary.

About the Bursaries

- 150 bursaries will be granted each year.
- The bursaries range from $4,000 to $10,000 for 12 months.
- The money can be spent on whatever helps you with your education or training.

How do you apply for a 2015 bursary?

- Applications open on 13 October and close on 9 November 2014.
- Go to www.youngcarers.net.au to find out more and apply online.

Further information

For further information and to check your eligibility please visit www.youngcarers.net.au or ring 1800 756 238

An Australian Government Initiative
ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

About the Young Carer Bursary Programme
The young carer bursary programme will assist young carers in greatest need, to continue to study and to relieve the financial pressure for them to undertake part-time work while studying and caring.

Who is eligible?
Young carers aged 25 years and under (born in 1990 or later), may apply for a 2015 bursary if they are:
- studying an approved course either full-time or part-time during 2015 at:
  - secondary school
  - TAFE
  - an apprenticeship, or
  - an undergraduate course at university.
- an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident
- not receiving another bursary or scholarship

Young carers may also be eligible if they are not currently enrolled in study or training in 2015 but can prove enrolment if granted the bursary.

What will it provide?
The programme will grant 150 Bursaries each year in 2015, 2016 and 2017 in the following amounts:
- 50 Bursaries @ $4,000
- 50 Bursaries @ $6,000
- 50 Bursaries @ $10,000

Bursaries will be granted for 12 months with a new application process each year.

How do you apply?
Applications for 2015 bursaries will open on the Monday 13 October 2014 and close on Sunday 9 November 2014. An on-line application form will be available from 13 October which is linked to the Young Carer website. An independent selection panel will assess applications and select recipients based on greatest need.

Further information:
Visit www.youngcarers.net.au; email ycbursaries@carersaustralia.com.au or ring 1800 756 238.

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**AWARDS**

**Week 3**

**Narara**
- Room 1: Jonras Hudson
- Room 2: Caitlin Lord
- Room 3: Aaron Bourke
- Room 4: Nicholas Passeri
- Room 5: Matthew Stonham
- Room 6: Liam Morrison
- Room 8: Joshua Hart
- Room 9: Dylan Clancy
- Room 10: Jarrod Hart
- Room 11: Lachlan Burkwood
- Room 12: Dane Fleming
- Room 13: Adam Jones
- Room 14: Ayden Jones
- Room 15: Rubin Blackmoore

**North Entrance**
- Room 1: Zac Bryant
- Room 2: Hannah Fiddock
- Room 3: Sally Baker
- Room 4: Amelia Casear
- Room 5: Courtney Chambers
- Room 6: Jack Burland

**Playground**
- Narara: Nicholas Cernjul
- North Entrance: Sophie Morphew

**Week 4**

**Narara**
- Room 1: Nicholas Hedge
- Room 2: Chloe Hudson
- Room 3: Braith French
- Room 4: Ashleigh Collins
- Room 5: Jade McMahon
- Room 6: Kieran Miles-Hunt
- Room 8: Charles Searl
- Room 9: Ben Fuller
- Room 10: Logan Murphy
- Room 11: Lucy Loughe
- Room 12: Rhys Woods
- Room 13: Logan Relf
- Room 14: Mitchell Jones
- Room 15: Eli Stephenson

**North Entrance**
- Room 1: Reece Douglas
- Room 2: Chelsea Wain
- Room 3: Sally Baker
- Room 4: Liam Cosgrove
- Room 5: Troy Everingham
- Room 6: Elizabeth Gorey

**Playground**
- Narara: Tylem O’Brien
- North Entrance: Amelia Caesar
SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2014

Celebrating International Day of People with a Disability

Discobility

Workshops, games, activities and new Kids Zone

Sausage sizzle lunch & Chill out space

Free for people with a disability, carers & their families of all ages

5 rooms of entertainment + Live performances

Peninsula Community Centre - 93 McMasters Road, Woy Woy

12pm - 4pm, 22 November 2014. Free entry for all ages. Gold coin donations welcome. Bookings essential: 4341 9333 or communitycentre@coastcommunityconnections.com.au
Remember to send in your old mobile phones. Every phone, whether working or not, is worth money to the school. Your old phones have already raised much needed funds for Glenvale.