Last week, we received another wonderful Air Comfort chair from the amazing people of the Wyoming Lions Club. We knew it was on its way, but didn’t know exactly when, so when the truck arrived, it was very exciting.

We now have a chair in both Rooms 3 and 4 at Narara (students at North Entrance already have one of these chairs). The chair was unpacked, taken to the classroom and in use in double quick time. The next day, Nicholas was settled comfortably in the chair and then easily pushed outside the classroom so that he could watch Ashleigh having her bike riding lesson. It was lovely to see. I thought Nicholas was asleep as he lay there so comfortably out in the fresh air until Ashleigh began to ride past and he immediately opened his eyes to watch her go by. It is such a privilege to be supported by people like those at Wyoming Lions who care so much. These chairs have given otherwise wheelchair bound students the opportunity to spend time out of their chairs, in great comfort, while still being part of their classroom activities.

Today we are sending our Newsletter home in its new format. The size allows us to include flyers that don’t have to be reduced to half their intended size, making it very difficult for you to read them. Occasionally we receive flyers that contain valuable information about services and activities that may interest you and it is difficult to put them in the booklet style newsletter. This format also allows more space for you to use if you wish to give information to other families. We will be able to include news from our parent group and from our classes to keep you up to date on what is happening in your school.

Please let us know what you think of the new format.
HELP NEEDED with BIKES

Do you have the skills, or know someone who does, to help us maintain the bikes on the Narara Campus? North Entrance have two wonderful volunteers who come along from time to time to check and service the bikes. They pump up tyres, let us know if we need to purchase parts, replace parts that we have ready for them, adjust chains and brakes, etc.

We would love to have someone who could do the same at Narara once or twice a term. At present, we always have bikes that cannot be ridden because something needs to be done. Our fabulous General Assistant, Rod Cox, struggles to find time to do the bikes as we have such a large school for him to maintain. At this time of the year, jobs mount up enormously while he mows lawns day after day.

Bike riding activities are a great favourite with so many of our students. For some it is the only time when they feel really free as they have difficulty walking. Once children have learnt skills in bike riding, they often love to ride bikes at play times which maintains as well as increases their skills and helps with physical fitness and well-being.

If you know someone who could help out, please let your teacher know or ring the Narara office on 4325 7783 or 4325 2325.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Bunnings have given our school a date to have a Sausage Sizzle.

Our Parent committee have organised this for Saturday 19th April (Easter weekend) and we need your help. Set up time is 8.15am and it finishes at 4pm. We need volunteers to help us on the day. If you are able to lend a hand, please contact Michelle Hansen*.

We are also looking for donations of soft drinks or money to purchase soft drinks to sell on the day. We are asking for bottles of water, cans of Coke, Fanta, lemonade, Diet Coke and pop top juices.

Helpers can stay all day, or just for an hour or two. Everyone who helps lightens the load for others. Please contact Michelle if you can come along to help. We are hoping that Easter Saturday will be a very busy day at Bunnings with lots of customers!

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Dates to Remember

- Easter Egg Hunt & Students’ last day for Term 1 - Friday 11th April
- Students return for Term 2 - Tuesday 29th April
- Parent Meeting & Raffle draw - Monday 5 May
- Gosford Street Stall - Tuesday 6 May
- School Photos - Thursday 15th May
- Glenvale Games - Friday 1st August
- Glenvale Fair - Friday 5th September
Fundraiser for a student at a local high school who is also the lovely daughter of a staff member at one of our local schools.

High Tea & Fashion Parade
‘LINA’S CHALLENGE’
FUNDRAISER
Sunday 1st June

Please join us to support 'Lina's Challenge' at Mingara Recreation Club on Sunday 1st June at 1.30pm (for a 2pm start). Tickets are $40 per person and includes a wonderful High Tea and Fashion Parade by Sea Change of Avoca Beach.

Lina suffers from a rare disease - Transverse Myelitis and needs specialist treatment in America. This fundraiser is in Lina’s Honour.

There will be an amazing raffle and lucky door prizes.
For more information or to purchase tickets - please contact:
President Gail – 0409 585 510
Lioness Debra – 0417 208 147

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Voluntary School Contributions

Every public school asks for a small contribution towards the many costs associated with education programs. At Glenvale we ask that parents contribute $25 per child each year. This has not changed for many years and is a very small contribution by comparison with other schools even though our costs can be much higher. Please consider sending in the $25 as soon as you are able to do so. Many thanks to those who have already done so.

All donations to the school over $2 are tax deductible as Glenvale is registered with the Australian Tax Office as a deductible gift recipient.
A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have a serious situation at school which involves the health and well-being of a little boy at Narara. If your child comes into very close contact with this little one, you should have already received a note with regard to this. We need to appeal to families to always keep their child at home if he or she is sick with any sort of virus or other infection and may be contagious.

The little boy has Severe Combined Immunodeficiency and any infection has the potential to be life threatening. He has already had two bone marrow transplants and may have to have another.

He loves school and it is of the utmost importance that, with your help, we do everything we can to help keep him safe and well. As well as keeping children home for things such as a head cold in the early stages when children are contagious, we would also like to know as soon as possible if your child is at home because of any of the childhood illnesses such as chicken pox, mumps, etc., so that we can advise the family that this is in the school.

Although he has been fully vaccinated, the little fellow has no immunity to anything at all.

We also have a young boy who enrolled a short time ago at North Entrance who is very vulnerable, so ask that all families help us out in this way.

As always, we know that you will do your best to help us in this way, so thank you.

Regards,
Gwenda Williamson

HEAD LICE

Along with most other schools on the coast, we have had several instances of Head Lice again in recent weeks.

Head Lice is a very annoying pest that spreads very rapidly amongst children and families. If you notice that your child’s hair seems itchy, please check them for head lice or the eggs and treat them as soon as you can.

Once treated, children are not excluded from school. If we find head lice in your child’s class at school, you will be advised, as it is very difficult for us to keep children apart and stop the spread of the lice from one child to another.

If you have difficulty treating and washing your child’s hair, please feel comfortable talking to your child’s teachers. It is not uncommon to have an arrangement where families send in the treatment lotion and we help by treating the hair at school. Children will often be happy to co-operate at school with tasks that are very difficult at home.

Please don’t be embarrassed. It is a very common problem, particularly for girls with longer, lovely, clean hair.

NAPPIES

We have 8 packets of 20 nappies that are available free to anyone who can use them. They are labelled LILLE healthcare SUPREM fit and are all Large size (105-150) with maxi absorption.

If you can use them, just write a note in your child’s communication book or ring the office on 4325 7783 or 4325 2325 and we will send them home to you.

They are all unopened new packets and have been donated by a family whose son is now using a different size.
AWARDS

Week 7

**Narara**
Room 1: Laura Cutbush
Room 2: Chloe Hudson
Room 3: Maddison Martin
Room 4: Nicholas Passeri
Room 5: Jade McMahon
Room 6: Brandon Pickard
Room 8: Marcus Ferraro
Room 9: Sam Kerr
Room 10: Logan Murphy
Room 11: Tara Mangan
Room 12: Rhys Woods
Room 13: Adam Jones
Room 14: Ayden Wilson
Room 15: Phoenix Palmer

**North Entrance**
Room 1: Breanne Cook
Room 2: Paki Tongia
Room 3: Nick Luyt
Room 4: Edgard Otero
Room 5: Maia Stackman
Room 6: Christopher Kyle

**Playground**
Narara:
Hayden Lee
North Entrance:
Zac Bryant

Week 8

**Narara**
Room 1: Jamie Cameron
Room 2: Mahalia Serrano
Room 3: Tyler Wallace
Room 4: Claire Hartas-Berry
Room 5: David McEwen
Room 6: Keiran Miles-Hunt
Room 8: Nicholas Hansen
Room 9: Aiden Grant
Room 10: Kingsley Bennett
Room 11: Antonio Brcic
Room 12: Damien Terry
Room 13: Sam McDonald
Room 14: Hope Farrugia
Room 15: Zye Saillard

**North Entrance**
Room 1: James Hickey
Room 2: Lachlan King
Room 3: Steven Thomas
Room 4: Liam Cosgrove
Room 5: Troy Everyingham
Room 6: Lachlan Russell

**Playground**
Narara:
Area 1 students who use a Wheelchair
North Entrance:
Troy Everyingham
JUNK YARD ORCHESTRA

Students in Rooms 3 & 4 at Narara are shown above making their junk instruments. We won't show you what the children looked like after the painting was over, but they have definitely been having a lot of fun! Students from Rooms 1 & 2 at North Entrance haven't started on their instruments yet, as they have been getting ready by exploring the sounds that real instruments make in the classroom and out in the environment where there are many other sounds to listen to as well.

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.