We ended day 8 on 1088 students allowing us to employ an extra teacher. Staff in years 5 and 6 met and several options were considered. Teachers preferred to avoid a composite 5/6 and opted for a specialist teacher to cover History in years 5 and 6 with additional team teaching support in both year levels. As a result we are now utilising the expertise of Mr Herman as our History teacher and we welcome Mr Pulsford to year 6B. I would like to thank parents for their understanding on this matter.

Thank you to our parents for attending the Parent Information Afternoon Sessions and I hope the option of several dates suited parents to visit most of their children’s information sessions. We still have one more date to go.

- **17/2/2015 – Year 1**

Our first Parent Volunteer Training Session will be on Friday 13 February at 2.00pm in the Hall. Any new parents wishing to help out in the school must complete this training session before they can volunteer in the school.

Congratulations to our preparatory students as they have settled very well. Routines and expectations are established. They have enjoyed their first two assemblies and have coped with the demands of a 5-day week.

Many of our intervention programs have begun and I thank the teachers for their commitment in making sure we are addressing the learning needs of students early in the term. We again have employed a number of staff through the Great Results Guarantee strategy to provide extra support for students across the whole school.

We are planning to use an online booking system for interviews held later this term. It will be a similar system to the high school. This will hopefully help with loss of notes and disjointed communication when trying to book time slots. More information to follow.

Narangba Valley State School is on Facebook. We use this as another form of communication. Sign up today.

**Coming Events:**
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- 13 February – IPS Principal’s Alliance Conference
- 17 February – Parent Information afternoon sessions for Year 1
- 20 February – Student Leader Induction (9.00am in the hall)
- 20 February – School Council Meeting (10.00am)
- 26 & 27 February – Principals Conference
- 13 and 17 March – Photo Days
- 13 March – Term 1 Parent Forum
- 13 March – Ride to School
- 20 March – National Day Against Bullying and Violence
- 20 March – Student Leader Conference
- 24 March – Junior School Cross Country (Years Prep to 2)
- 25 March – Middle School Cross Country (Years 3 to 6)
- 23 March to 2 April – Interview week
- 2 April – Term 1 ends
- 5 April – Good Friday
- 20 April – Term 2 Begins
I have spent time in all of the Prep and Year 1 classrooms recently and it is fantastic to see the wonderful learning that is occurring. Our Prep students have settled into routines very well and have already begun learning their sounds in preparation for learning to read. They are enjoying learning a variety of new things, making new friends and celebrating success. Our Year One students, continuing on their learning journey, are off to a flying start. They are enjoying explicit teaching focuses, group work and a number of hands-on activities across the curriculum.

All of the teachers are extremely busy organising classroom routines and procedures, establishing learning goals and planning engaging lessons for the students. Many of the exciting learning experiences the teachers plan rely on parent helpers. It is wonderful to see the number of parent volunteers who assist in the classrooms. However, there are some teachers who need more parent volunteers. I know the teachers appreciate the help and will always welcome new helpers. Volunteers are valued and we recognise their importance as part of the school community. If you have any available time to assist in classrooms please speak with your child’s teacher or even the teacher next door. Just a reminder that parent volunteers must complete our volunteer training session first.

Parents, it is important that our classes are settled and our teachers are available to begin teaching at 8.50am. Please ensure you are not hanging around inside or outside the classrooms at this time having conversations as it can be very distracting for the students. Another busy and important time is from 2:30 – 3:00. Once again we would ask that parents are not waiting directly outside classroom doors and windows. This is very distracting for our students and they are missing important learning and key messages once they have noticed their parent waiting outside.

Karla Cochrane, Deputy Principal Year Prep and Year 1

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Start your school day off right!

Sleep Facts

• After a full day of work and play, bodies need time to recharge. When students don’t get enough sleep, they are unable to perform at their best.

Create a regular bedtime routine

• Until children are about 10-12 years old, they need an average of 10 hours of sleep every night. Getting too little sleep can make a brain unable to perform at its best. Children have a harder time focusing on tasks and performing physical activities when their tired.

Breakfast Tips

• Starting every day with a healthy breakfast after a full night’s sleep is a must for children (and adults). Our bodies are in need of energy and hydration after a 10-12 hour rest. Eating breakfast tells our body the fast from overnight has ended and kicks our metabolism into gear! What we choose to eat, however, is very important!

A healthy, nutritious breakfast that provides your kids with adequate energy is a great way to start the day. The best breakfasts should include fruit or vegetables, a dairy product (or alternative) and a wholegrain bread, cereal or grain product.

Why not try some of the following suggestions

• Raisin bread or fruit loaf, either plain or topped with ricotta cheese, and chopped strawberries or banana
• Wholegrain cereal with milk and chopped fruit such as banana or berries, or pureed fruit
• Hot porridge with milk, chopped banana or berries
• Toasted bagels with avocado and a glass of milk
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Our school encourages our students to walk, to scooter, to cycle or to catch a bus whenever practical. Fortunately, a large number of our students walk or ride to school. Travelling these ways can lessen traffic greatly. However, students must still travel safely.

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• Park only in designated parking areas in the car park – not on the grass or gardens. Please do not park on the footpath or in the driveways of our neighbours. Remember our students use the footpath. Parking on the footpath forces members of school community onto the road. Do not park at areas marked by yellow lines, as this places other drivers at risk.
• Queensland road rules state that vehicles cannot “park or stop on a children’s crossing or within 20 metres before, or 10 metres after, a children’s crossing”. There are two school crossings around our school (Creekside Drive and Young Road).
• The bus zone on Young Road is NOT a drop off or pick up zone. It is for buses only!
• The police do regularly visit the areas around our school in the afternoon, and they do issue fines to motorists who infringe the footpath rules.

Having written this, I need to also state that the vast majority of our school community are aware of the safety issues, do follow the rules, are patient and are very considerate of others. Thank you for considering the safety of our precious students.

Graeme Hughes - Deputy Principal Year 3 and Year 4

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6

The Student Leader Induction Ceremony will be held on Friday 20 February 2015 at 9.00am in the hollow. As this is an important event in our school calendar each year, I would like to take this opportunity to share that “leadership” concerns everyone not just teachers, but also parents, caregivers and students. I believe that leadership can be defined as the ability to leave a legacy for others to build on. A legacy comes from the idea that everyone can make a difference.

Our Year 6 students have a “Living History Activity Day” incursion scheduled for next week 4D, 6E and 6F will attend on Monday 16 February and 6A, 6B and 6C will attend on Tuesday 17 February. This incursion was a highlight last year and provides a valuable experience to our students because it is very beneficial to their study of History this term which encompasses the Federation of Australia.

Tracey Sharpe - Deputy Principal Year 5 and Year 6

BUSINESS MANAGER'S LILYPAD

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UPDATING YOUR INFORMATION

Reminder to please let us know if you have changed any of your contact information asap!

2015 STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME

Forms for the 2015 Student Resource Scheme were sent home last week. Thank you to those parents who have already returned and/or made payment. Please note that we require all forms returned, even if you are not participating in the scheme. Details about the scheme, and bank details for direct debit payments, are available on the school’s website.

Once your form is returned to the school, and you have indicated that you are participating in the scheme, an invoice will be raised. This invoice needs to be raised for your records.

Dianne Wintrop, Business Services Manager

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Date Event
13-Feb Volunteer Training (School Hall) 2.00pm
13-Feb IPS Principals Alliance Conference
16 & 17 Feb Year 6 Living History Visit
17-Feb Parent Information afternoon Year 1
20-Feb Student Investiture 8.00am in the Hollow (School Hall)
20-Feb School Council Meeting 10.00am
26 & 27 Feb Principals Conference
27-Feb Clean up Australia Day in Schools
13-Mar School Photos Day One
13-Mar Term 1 Parent Forum
17-Mar Ride to School
17-Mar School Photos Day Two
20-Mar National Day Against Bullying
20-Mar Student Leader Conference
23 Mar - 2 Apr Interview Week
24-Mar Junior School Cross Country Prep - Year 2
25-Mar Middle School Cross Country Prep - Year 3 - Year 6
2-Apr Last day Term One
3-Apr Good Friday
20-Apr Term 2 begins

ASSEMBLY

Prep - Year 2 Year 3-6
18-Feb 2B19-Feb 3C/3D
25-Feb 2C26-Feb 3E/3F

Yoga With Trudy
Mon & Fri 7-9pm Wed 9-10am
$10 per class
Contact Trudy: 0418 014 042 or
www.myspace.com/trudysyogaandfitness
AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

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AWARDS

Award | Class | Award | Class
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Shoe Award | Prep F / 2E | Tommy Award | 6C / 3G
Frog Award | Prep D / 1E | Bonsai Award | 4D / 5A
Gotcha Award | Lily 1A | Gotcha Award | Hayden 6C
 | Cameron S | Lucas H | 3F
Science Award | Nate H | Science Award | Mia Z | 3G
Kooya Award | Prep D | Kooya Award | 3C | 6B
ICT Award | 1F | Music Award | Prep C | 1G / Prep B

CERTIFICATES

Class | Student | Class | Student | Class | Students
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PA | Niamh H | PB | Isabella K | PC | Sophia F | PD | Lilyana M
Sara A | Thomas K | PE | Tarnayn McP | Cameron S | 1A | Cooper O’ | 1B | Lane P
Nate H | Ryan H | Lace S | Riley B
1C | Addison F | 1D | Madi W | 1E | Katelyn R | 1F | Caitlin O’
Lachlan B | James A | Alana M | Sebastyn W
1G/2G | Kaylah W | 2A | Mia S | 2B | Poppy W | 2C | Sam S
Joshua G | Ethan I | 2D | Kaylee R | 2E | Grace B | 3A | Grace P
 | Max S | Persia A | Jake L
3B | Charlotte K | 3C | Emily B | 3D | Kayla V | 3E | Joshua H
Robbie D | Damian B | Matthew A | Lateisha P
3F | Cherise L | 3G | Gabriella S | 4A | Brianna J | 4B | Caitlin V
Maya K | Dallas H | 4C | Tom M | 4D | Lucas R | 4E | Jye E | 4F | Summer E
Owen W | Ethan G | 5A | Tahlika K | 5B | Gideon H | 5C | Mia D | 5D | Spencer G
Trent J | Maddison P | 5E | Jason C | 6A | Jackson M | 6B | Caleb B | 6C | Jake M
Liam B-V | Daniel W | 6D | Samuel G | 6E | Hunter H | 6F | Bianca B | Ellysia L | Mackenzie E | Max T

LIBRARY LILYPAD

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All state school students from Prep to Year 12 can now download multiple free copies of the Microsoft Office 2013 Suite to their personal home and mobile computer equipment. Students who want the free software will need an active Managed Internet Service (MIS) login, school email account and password – those who don’t have these should contact their class teacher for this. Currently, MS Office Suite 2013 is available for students’ personal equipment only – not equipment which is part of a school network. Find out how students can download their free copy of Microsoft Office 2013 Suite.

Break-time computers

Students can use computers in the Library lab during breaks to play learning games. At first break the library is open for Years 4-6 and during second break for Prep to Year 3. Please line up at the Library door and the teacher on duty will book you in. Could students please remember to wash hands after eating before they come in to use the computers?

Wondai State School Book Drive

A big thank you to our wonderful school community who so generously supported our book drive to help Wondai State School recover from having their Library burned to the ground. Thanks to your generous donations we were able to send three huge trolley loads of books to Wondai SS.

Please keep our shelves tidy!!

Class borrowing has started and students are once again enjoying reading library books. Unfortunately the library shelves are starting to suffer from careless use and some shelves are looking very messy and disorganised. Please remember to always use a shelf marker whenever browsing the shelves. Never replace books with the spines facing inward and never leave books on the floor or in piles on the shelves.
The aisles between our shelves are not play or games areas, and students found using them this way will be asked to move. Students should not sit on the floor in the aisles as this blocks access for others who wish to browse books on the shelves. Please do not play with the books and collect piles of favourites during break times as this creates extra filing work for our aides.

Hazel Orr - ICT Library Teacher

MUSIC LILYPAD
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CHOIR REHERSALS

Choir rehearsals will begin on the following days:

Junior Choir
Years 1 and 2 every Monday morning at 8:00am beginning in week 4, 16 February

Senior Choir
Years 3 – 6 every Friday morning at 7:45am beginning in week 4, 20 February

All rehearsals will be held in the music room and students should arrive 5 minutes before the rehearsal begins. If your child would still like to participate, you will need to complete the permission slip which can be collected from the office or music room. I look forward to our time together in choir this year.

Lisa Lindsay - Music Teacher

SPORT LILYPAD
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Sport will be held for Years 5 and 6 this term from 2-3pm on Friday afternoon in Weeks 5-9. Students are to wear their house colours and will compete against each other in a friendly way in teams of 15-18 students.

A letter will be sent home to parents in regards to Year 6 Sport Friendlies as soon as more details are available.

John Bundy - P.E Teacher

CHAPPIE LILYPAD
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It’s week 3 already for the new school year, time is flying by for everyone. We have enjoyed these first few weeks in the school meeting students, parents, staff and look forward to many more weeks to come. We hope that your children are settling in nicely to the new year and a new grade, there is plenty of new things to learn and experience this year.

We are excited to have Peter Janetzki coming again this year to run the Raising Boys seminar, this has been a fantastic evening in past years. This year we also have Liz Walker coming to run a Raising Girls seminar, she will be a wealth of information in terms of raising your girls. Please find all the information for the sessions in the flyer attached.

If you would like to be involved in the chaplaincy committee we would love to have you on board. The first meeting for the year is Thursday 12 Feb, any questions please contact Rosalie or Sam.

Chaplains - Rosalie and Sam

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P&C LILYPAD
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Parents & Citizens’ Associations are an integral component of all school communities. They are involved in many facets of a school’s operations and functions. Without you, the parent, volunteer, helper, interested individual, the P&C would not exist. Your role is a vital and necessary addition to the whole school community. Your role also plays an important part in the development of your own child as research consistently shows that parental involvement in your child’s education and school in general, results in greater and more positive outcomes.

The objectives of the Association are to promote the interests of, and facilitate the development and further improvement of the school, by promoting parent participation, encouraging close cooperation between parents, students and staff and promoting positive community support.

Functions of the P&C include but are not limited to:

- To fostering general community interest in educational matters
- Encouraging closer cooperation between the parents of students attending the school, other members of the community, staff and students of the school
- To provide advice and recommendations to the Principal of the school on issues and concerns in respect of students and the general operation and management of the school
- To provide or assist in the provision of financial or other resources or services for the benefit of students of the school

Parents & Citizens’ Association of Narangba Valley State School
The P&C is vital to the continued success of our school. The P&C holds the Public Liability insurance for all volunteers who enter the school grounds to volunteer their time. Without the P&C, this cover would cease to exist and therefore, no volunteers would be able to work onsite. This would have a major impact on the everyday operations of the school – in the classroom, the Cafe, the Uniform Shop, the Library. Without the P&C the Cafe and Uniform Shop would cease to operate.

How do I join the P&C?

To continue the great work of the P&C, we would like to extend an invitation to you, your families and friends to become a valuable member of this great team simply by attending a P&C meeting and signing a membership form, no cost is involved. Meetings generally commence at 6:30 PM in the Corporate & Student Services Building on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. We also keep the school community informed with the latest P&C information through the fortnightly School newsletter, the school website and P&C Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/NarangbaValleySS.PandC.

P&C Annual General Meeting – 6:30pm March 25 2015

The AGM will be held on Wednesday, 25 March 2015 commencing at 6:00 PM, followed by a P&C general meeting at 6:30 PM. At this time all Executive positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) become vacant and nominations are called to fill the positions for another year. Subcommittee positions are also confirmed once the Executive positions are filled. It is imperative that the Executive positions be filled at this time. Sub committees include Fundraising & Events (disco, movie nights, theme park passes etc), School Gift Stalls (Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Christmas), Grants, Book Club and School Banking. If you are interested in nominating for a position, or would like some additional information please click here or collect the information from the P&C table in the Corporate Services Building.

CAFE

There are some new items on the Cafe Menu for 2015 including chicken breast wedges and a "Roadie" meat and potato pie. There are also a few nice summer iced pole treats such as the Paddle Pop Funny Finger and Ice Mony Freeze Pops in lemonade, caramel and blue raspberry.

We are keen for some wonderful volunteers to come and join in the fun in the Cafe and we welcome any helpers, even if you are only able to help for an hour. We particularly need a helper on a Friday morning from 9am for an hour to put the stickers on the lunch bags. This is a job that can be done at the outside of the cafe counter so a little one would not be a problem if in a pram.

Please remember our preferred method for ordering Cafe is online at www.flexischools.com.au.