



Stage 1 General Information

Parent Information Session

A-Z of most things you will need to know to support your child during 2021.

Stage 1 Teachers for 2021:

Mrs Tamara Brown – 1B

Mr Alex Freeman – 1F

Mrs Joanne Graham – 1G

Mrs Anneleise McAskill – 1M

Mrs Karen Reid (Assistant Principal) – 1R

Mrs Natasa Bolta – 2B

Miss India Brown – 2I

Mrs Leigh Davison – 2D

Mrs Kristie Shaw/Mrs Lisa Bennett – 2SB

Miss Sarah Hamilton – 2H

A-Z Stage 1:

Absenteeism

A written note dated and signed by the parent/caregiver stating the reason for absence, is required on the day your child returns to school. You can also use the school app or email to do this. If no explanation is received then a reminder is sent home where you have seven days to respond before an unexplained absence is recorded.

Children arriving late to school need to be signed into the office by a parent prior to arriving at their classroom. The student will receive a yellow slip to give to their teacher. Children leaving school early should be collected from their classroom by a parent or the office if during a break time. Students must be signed out in the book at the office prior to leaving the school. Children may not leave the school unless accompanied by a parent.

Under the new School Attendance Policy, holidays and travel outside of vacation periods will now be included as absences.

Appointments

We believe in working with parents to best meet the needs of our students. There are times when you may wish to discuss an issue occurring at school related to your child. Please seek the class teacher as your first port of call and be mindful of privacy and decorum. To meet with your child's teacher, please email the school requesting a meeting and times suitable or contact our school office. The class teacher or office will then contact you to confirm a time. Mornings and afternoons are very busy for teachers and we are not usually available for impromptu discussions. Staff meetings are held each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, so these times are not available for interviews. We appreciate you working around these times.

Assemblies

Stage 1 Assemblies are scheduled at various times throughout the term. The whole school assembly timetable is still being finalised.

Canteen / Food

The canteen is open during recess and lunch. Lunch orders are to be ordered online (see instructions on the last page). As our school has a number of students with nut allergies we would appreciate your help in making our school a nut free zone by not sending foods with nuts in them.

Crunch and Sip

Students are encouraged to have a 5-minute break each morning to refuel and reenergise by eating vegetables or a piece of fruit and sipping water. Please send in a small piece of fruit or a vegetable. Cut up into bite sized pieces and in a small container is best.

Curriculum

English

English is treated in an integrated manner using the new English curriculum during a daily literacy session. Literacy sessions include spelling, quality literature studies, comprehension skills, writing, use of multimodal texts, handwriting and grammar. The Effective Communicators Competition will take place in Semester Two.

Maths

Teachers use a range of strategies to meet the needs of students in mathematics. Pre-assessments enable teachers to find out what students already know and their next learning focus. Student skills drive our mathematics programs, not textbooks. Teaching and learning programs are differentiated so that each child experiences success and is also challenged appropriately and problem solving is a whole school priority.

Dance

Each class will attend a weekly 30 minute dance lesson with specialist dance teachers during Term 2 and Term 3. We will have a concert during Term 3 showcasing our skills. A performance dance group of Years 1, 2 and 3 students will be selected to dazzle all at the Sydney North Dance Festival at the end of Term 2. Group members will attend a one-hour dance lesson each Thursday during lunch.

Dates for your Diary

Please refer to our fortnightly newsletter, school app and our term calendars for other upcoming events.

Excursions

Excursions are a great learning experience and are an important part of the learning program. All students are required to attend planned excursions. Unfortunately if your child does not pay or return their permission notes they will not be able to attend.

High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE)

There are a number of HPGE / Enrichment opportunities provided for Years 1 and 2 students that have been identified. Teachers different for adjusted student learning activities and throughout the year our HPGE team conducts various enrichment groups.

Swimming School

Every Year 2 students will participate in a 10-day program at the Warringah Aquatic Centre later in the year.

Homework

Stage 1 homework introduces special news topic tasks as well as literacy and numeracy activities. Daily home reading is an integral part of homework. Parents are responsible for entering home reading information into the reading log as they are completed. The Department of Education website provides parents/carers with practical help.

Library

Stage 1 classes will visit the library weekly with their class teacher for borrowing and brief library skills lessons. Reading is the key to success so please support your child by ensuring they bring their library bag on their designated library day.

Money / Permission Notes

Permission notes should be returned to school in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Should you misplace a permission note, please remember that wherever possible, notes are available on the school website: <http://www.narranorth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>. All payments should be made online via the school website.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The PRC is an ongoing homework / assignment for Stage 1 students. All children are required to read 25 books from the Premier's Reading Challenge list by August. In August all record sheets must be entered online and verified by parents. We hope parents and students will complete the online form at home. Please see Mrs Koprivec, our librarian, if you have any questions.

Punctuality

It is very important students arrive at school ready to start work at 9 o'clock. Our most important learning usually takes place in the morning block, with many classes having literacy groups.

Reporting to Parents

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
<i>Parent Teacher Interviews</i>	<i>Semester 1 Student Reports</i> distributed at the end of term.		<i>Semester 2 Student Reports</i> distributed at the end of term.

RFF – Release from Face to Face

Release time refers to a teacher's release from face-to-face teaching utilised for programming and planning.

School Counsellor

The school counselor is Renee Eyre. Renee is at our school each Thursday and Friday. Should a class teacher seek counsellor support for your child an application will be made via the school learning support team. You will be advised and permission requested to support counsellor assessments.

Scripture and ethics classes

Scripture classes are provided for all children whose parents nominate a religion. Ethics classes are also on offer should there be a teacher available. Classes are held on a Wednesday from 9.00am until 9.30am. A high standard of behaviour is expected of children – scripture / ethic teachers are volunteers. If your child misbehaves he/she will be withdrawn for an appropriate time and scripture / ethic teachers will adhere to our school welfare policy. Children attending non- scripture are supervised in a classroom, computer room or the dome.

Sport

All K-3 students participate in our Fundamental Movement Skills Program taught by Mr Gab Sutherland. Please refer to your child's student timetable for the allocated class sport day each term.

Student Welfare

All students are expected to uphold the school PBL values, and students are recognised for their commitment to this. Students also receive awards in recognition of academic and sporting achievement. In accordance with the PBL values, Narrabeen North Public School embodies: *Achievement, Respect, Responsibility, Acceptance*.

Teachers explicitly teach the NARRA values and their importance in supporting a successful learning community. Students are taught to be responsible for their own behavior and to understand that there are clear consequences when behavior negatively impacts others. Students who do not uphold the school values will be subject to the consequences listed in the school welfare policy.

The Consequences

After being given opportunities to display appropriate behaviours by teaching rules and giving rule reminders, it may be appropriate to apply a consequence for students who 'break the rule'. Consequences are most effective when applied immediately. Consequences should also be applied by the teacher involved where possible.

WARNING

A WARNING may be issued when a student has broken a NARRA value. This serves as a reminder of appropriate behaviour. A record of students receiving warnings is kept on the school Sentral system and reviewed by class teachers. Should a pattern of repeated behaviours emerge, a think slip may be issued.

THINK SLIPS

A THINK SLIP is issued when a student's behaviour is a major cause of concern. THINK SLIPS can be issued when the first and second approach has not had the desired effect. THINK SLIPS can also be issued directly for more serious behaviours. Should your child receive a think slip, you will receive a phone call from the issuing teacher to explain why it has been given and your child will need to attend the reflection room. The deputy principal, Ms Russell, keeps a record of students receiving think slips.

Levels

Should a student continue to receive numerous Think Slips or their behaviour is extremely disruptive, it may result in them being placed on school monitoring. School monitoring is also referred to as Level One.

Level One may involve the following:

- Referral to the Principal
- Parent interview
- Implementation of behavior support plan developed by classroom teacher/executive in partnership with parents and child
- Daily report to the Principal or deputy
- Removal from the playground (where behaviour is safety related)
- Removal from school activities e.g. PSSA, excursions

Uniform

All students are expected to take pride in their appearance and the school uniform. School hats must be worn in the playground at all times and during sport sessions. Without a hat, students are requested to remain under the COLA (no backfield). Black or white runners and correct sports uniform should only be worn on sport or physical fitness days. On other days students are expected to be in full school uniform including black leather shoes. Girls are encouraged to tie long hair back. The only jewellery to be worn should be sleepers/ studs and a watch.

Valuables

We recommend that students leave all valuable items at home. Smart phones, iPods and iPads etc should not be brought to school. It assists us in keeping our students safe whilst at school from any cyber bullying opportunities and reduces the risk of theft and breakage. If it is necessary for your child to bring such an item to school it should be stored securely in their bag. Should you need to contact your child between 8.30am and 3.00pm please ring our school office. We also ask parents to ensure students do not bring large sums of money to school.

Waste Free Wednesday

Assist your child to bring a waste free lunch every Wednesday! Our Waste Free Wednesday program is a process of educating students about where our waste ends up and how we as individuals, can reduce the amount of waste we generate and send to landfill. Waste free lunches encourage the first step in the waste hierarchy - AVOIDING waste. Choosing products that have less packaging results in less waste that you need to dispose of. Waste Free Wednesday favours the use of reusable food and drink containers, utensils and organic waste. They discourage the use of disposable packaging such as pre- packaged/individual servings of food, plastic bags, disposable utensils, plastic straws, food wrapped in cling wrap and foil and other single-use items. Why not be WASTE FREE EVERY DAY!

Responsibilities:

Children:

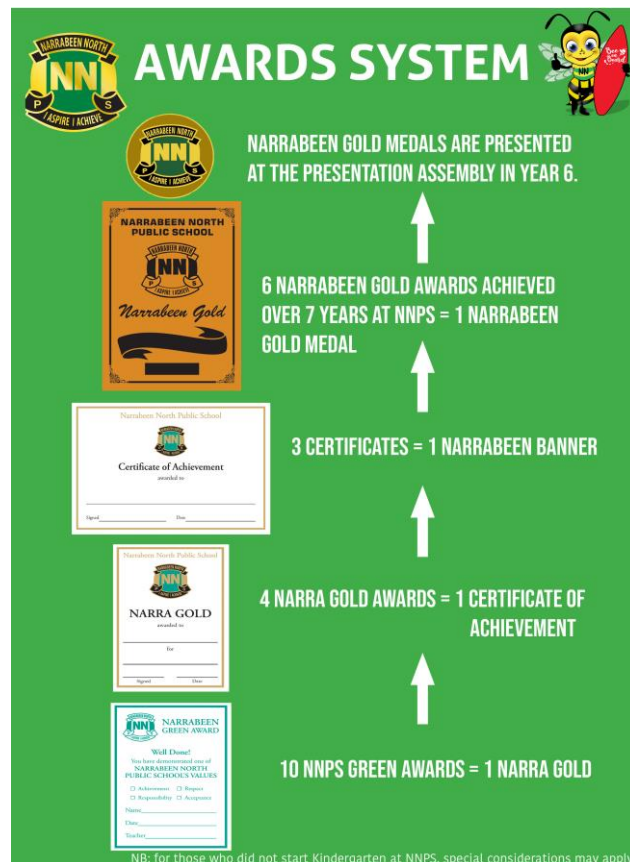
- Be responsible for own actions and belongings.
- Wear the correct school uniform and school hat.
- Follow school rules and PBL values.
- On arrival at school, take bags to classroom and proceed to middle playground.
- Wear your helmet if riding your bike or scooter to school and ensure you have signed the bike or scooter agreement. Walk your bike or scooter through school grounds and don't linger at bike rack.
- Skateboards are not permitted within the school grounds.
- Be in the right place at the right time. You should only be in classrooms during break times under supervision of a teacher for an organised school activity or for a class time-out due to inappropriate use of class time or disruptive behaviour.
- If you are not collected by 3:10pm tell your teacher and go straight to the administration office and wait there.
- If catching the bus home, go directly to the bus stop and wait against the wall. Have your bus pass available or money to pay for your fare. In case of rain students are to meet outside the MUSIC room with a teacher on duty.
- Return notes and money to the gold box in office (not to your teacher) unless otherwise indicated – no note, no go.
- Report issues that involve safety or bullying to the teacher on duty, your class teacher or the principal.
- Leave school via the correct venues – not through the staff car park.
- Use the correct bins for rubbish.

Parents:

- Encourage independence.
- Support teachers – uniforms, homework, library borrowing. We are all in this together and have your child's best interests at heart – Please trust our professional judgment.
- Monitor what your child brings to school – No valuables, nuts or large amounts of money etc. Mobile phones are for use outside school hours and should be kept in the child's bag.
- Make appointments for interviews and do come and see us before a problem develops or escalates. Refrain from discussing issues in public being mindful of privacy and respect for others.
- Please keep children home if they are sick to avoid the spreading of illness.
- Only send children to school before 8.30am if they attend a supervised school activity (e.g. Before School Care). Teacher supervision of the playground begins at 8.30am.
- Enter and leave the school via the pedestrian gates only, for your children's safety. The school car park is for staff only. No pedestrian access through school driveway gate.

Awards:

1. Most awards will be signed and presented by a classroom teacher or at an assembly. Awards can be taken home immediately. Awards are valid for one year from date received.
2. Students will be responsible for the keeping and caring of their awards. When they have reached enough NARRA Greens or NARRA Golds for the next level, students must present awards to their classroom teacher.
3. When a Certificate of Achievement is due, the classroom teacher will authorise the award and the information will be given to the office to arrange it. Certificates of Achievement will be presented in class or at stage assemblies.
4. When a Narrabeen Gold Banner is due, Certificates of Achievement need to be taken to the office who will authorise the banner.
5. When a student has received six Narrabeen Gold Banners, or the equivalent of one Banner per year (for late arriving students), they need to be brought to the office to record for a medallion at presentation day in Year 6.



Canteen ordering:

Our school canteen, The Healthy Hut, is operated by the P&C Association and is run by our paid canteen manager with the additional support of volunteers, who we rely on to be able to provide the Healthy Hut service to the school, 5 days a week.

Ordering lunch and recess is via our on-line system as follows:

1. Register for Flexischools by visiting www.flexischools.com.au. Add your student, their school and class to get started.
2. Top-Up your account via Visa, Mastercard, PayPal or direct deposit.
3. Make an order by selecting from the range of options made available by your school and proceed to make payment for the order listed in your order pad.
4. Review Orders by logging back in to your Flexischools account. You can set recurring orders, view transaction history or cancel orders via your Flexischools login.

All orders must be placed by 9.00am each day.

We look forward to working.
in partnership with you this year.



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