New arrangements from 2013
Narooma High School is currently planning to organise pods of laptops to be held in various faculties throughout the school and to be used by students in Years 7-9 who do not currently have a laptop. This will include the ability for students to have a temporary loan of the laptops to complete class assignments where necessary.

This decision is based on a desire to optimize the opportunity for students now and in the future to benefit from this final allocation of laptops. Another factor is that unlike previous years the 2013 laptops will not be considered part of the state wide pool, there will be no transfers of laptops between schools and the laptops remain the property of the school. Mrs Nicole Swadling, who has been employed as our Technology Support Officer from 2009, has been a significant part of the success of this program and her contract finishes at the end of 2013. Therefore the school also needs to consider the level of technical support it can provide after this year.

After consultation with the community, staff and students we believe this is the best option for not just Year 9 but the wider school community. More information about how to organise temporary loans of the DER laptops will be provided when our planning is complete.

IMMUNISATIONS
The Narooma Community Nurses will be coming in early March to immunise Year 7 and 9 students. The consent forms have been given to students. Please return the consent form by Friday 8 March 2013. Any inquiries, please contact Faith Worboys 4475 7200.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
On Wednesday February 20th the Zone swimming carnival returned to Narooma pool after 3 years at Candelo. The standout performer was Clifford Taylor who won several events and was runner-up as age champion in the 15 yrs boys. Others to impress were Ben Nitsche, Brooke Allison, Khan Schroder Turner, Tommy Driscoll, Matthew Swadling, Max Carter, Maddie Czubara and Ashley Walpole who all finished second in events.

Along with Ammon Beard, Crystal Czubara, the boys 17+ yrs, 14 yrs, open medley relay teams, and girls 15 yrs and open medley relay teams all qualified for Regional swimming in Dapto in week 6 of this term.

Good luck to all at the next level and congratulations on reaching this high standard of performance.

K Preston

DIGITAL EDUCATION REVOLUTION LAPTOP PROGRAM
Since 2009 the DER-NSW program has delivered laptops to Year 9 students. The Australian Government’s DER National Partnership Funding finishes at the end of 2013. Students who already have a laptop under this program (i.e. Years 10, 11 & 12) will continue to use them under the terms of the Laptop User Charter while remaining at a NSW government school, with transfer of ownership on final completion of Year 12. In 2013 there will be a roll out of laptops to schools, similar to previous years based on Year 9 numbers but the 2013 DER-NSW laptops will have no transfer of ownership, instead they will remain school property. Each school now has to decide how it will manage these laptops.

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION 2013
The Australia Mathematics Competition sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank (AMC) is a mathematics competition containing 25 multiple-choice problems and five questions requiring a number answer.

There are two primary and three Secondary divisions. The time allowed is 60 minutes for the primary divisions and 75 minutes for the Secondary divisions.

Students are assessed only against other students in the same school year and country or Australian state so age or curriculum differences between students are irrelevant.

The problems are very easy at the start of the paper and become progressively more difficult until the end when they are challenging to the most gifted student. Students of all standards will find a point of challenge.

The AMC has run every year since 1978 and is a significant international event. Entry fee is $5.00.

HASSET CUP CRICKET
On Friday 1 March Narooma High’s U14 cricket team played Moruya High in the first round of the state wide Hasset Cup knock out competition. Under overcast skies, with a real threat of showers, Moruya won the toss and elected to bat on a very damp Bodalla oval. Both sides agreed to play 32 overs each due to a late start, with Moruya amassing 105 runs for 6 out for their allotted overs. Best bowler for Narooma was Ryan Sweeney with 4 for 18, who also took a sensational catch. Seb Hannebery (1 for 19) and Brock Lazzaro (1 for 12) also bowled well.
In reply Narooma got off to a good start with a solid partnership between Seb Hanneberry (31) and Liam Clothier (11). Unfortunately a slow start and middle order batting collapse resulted in only 76 runs for 7 wickets off 32 overs, with Narooma falling 30 runs short.

It was a competitive performance by the NHS boys, played in good spirit, on a surprisingly rain free day. Better luck next year.

K Preston

NAROOMA HS CROSS COUNTRY / FUN-RUN

We will be holding an Adidas School Fun-Run in conjunction with the Narooma High School cross-country as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on 20 March 2013 at the farm block to the eastern side of the school grounds.

The Adidas School Fun-Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students have received a sponsorship form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to purchase sports equipment for the school.

We ask all parents to read the sponsorship form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. Students who raise $10 or more will receive a reward for their effort. In the sponsorship form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a family holiday to Disneyland!

Students wanting to train for our event and to receive advice from sporting heroes like Sally Pearson and Jonathan Brown can do so by logging onto schoolfunrun.com.au/students and clicking on mi adizone.

Finally, we would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the Narooma High School Adidas School Fun-Run event day at the school on 20 March 2013 to help cheer on the students.

If you would like to volunteer and help out on the day please contact the school on 4476 4377.

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NAVIGATING TEENAGE DEPRESSION

A free community education presentation presented by the Black Dog Institute - the presentation will cover -

- What is depression?
- What is bipolar disorder?
- How to spot early warning signs
- Understanding the risk factors
- How to build resilience
- What to do

This one-hour presentation is delivered by a trained presenter who has a personal experience of a mood disorder or of caring for a loved one. It is suitable for parents, teachers and people who work with young people. Topics include signs and symptoms of depression and bipolar disorder, how to spot early warning signs in young people, when and where to seek help, how to support a young person you care about and how to build resilience.

Where: School Library
When: 6pm - 7pm Wednesday 20 March 2013.

To register your attendance contact the NHS office 4476 4377.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 18 March ~ P & C Meeting
Friday 22 March ~ Formal Assembly & SRC Induction
Friday 29 March ~ Good Friday Public Holiday
Monday 1 April ~ Easter Monday Public Holiday

Narooma High School
Cross Country Organisation 2013
Wednesday 20 March

The day structure for the school cross country will be altered. The day structure will run as follows:

8.55 -9.04 Roll call
9.04 -9.25 Assembly to organise the cross country
9.25 -11.05 Periods 5 and 6. (This would normally be the timetabled sport time in the afternoon. In lieu of sport, the cross country will be run in age groups).
11.05 -11.25 Recess
11.25 -1.05 Periods 1 and 2
1.05 -1.45 Lunch
2.35 -3.25 Periods 3 and 4

The Cross Country Program is as follows:

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