**Principal’s Report**

**Welcome to the 2013 school year!**

We have had a great time this morning, welcoming back the students who are returning for another great year at Naranga. We have also started to settle in our new students, including six Prep students who started their schooling life today. There have been a few tears along the way, but we know that the new students will start to make friends and enjoy school life at Naranga very quickly.

This term is only 8 weeks’ long, and we have a lot of learning and activities to get through before the end of term on **Thursday 26th March**.

There are always lots of things happening and information to remember at the start of the school year, so please feel free to call us if you have any questions at all – the office number is **9788 2222**.

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**E.M.A. (Education Maintenance Allowance)**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (**29th January 2013**). The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **28th February 2013**. Contact the school office on 9788 2222 if you require an EMA form. **No late applications!**

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**Naranga School Events**

**Term 1, 2013**
- **Thursday 14th February** – proposed AEU strike day
- **Tuesday 5th March** – House Athletics, Ballam Park Athletics Track
- **Wednesday 6th March** – Student Support Group meetings
- **Monday 11th March** – Labor Day HOLIDAY
- **Friday 22nd March** – Inter-school Swimming, Ashburton Outdoor Pool (selected Middle & Senior students)
- **Tuesday 26th March** – Photo Day
- **Thursday 28th March** – last day term1. Students finish at **2pm**

**Term 2 2013**
- **Monday 15th April, 2013** – School resumes
Call for spare uniforms

If you have any items of school uniform that are no longer needed by your child, please consider sending them in to school for use by other students.

We keep a collection of uniforms for emergency situations, and we also like to distribute uniform items to families in need.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

Parents and Friends Association

A reminder to all parents that the PFA meetings are held on the last Thursday of every month at 9.30 am in the Welfare Room. All Parents Welcome.

Moonlit Sanctuary School Holidays  
Young Ranger Program  
Environmental Activities, Native Animal Care, Fun and Games during January 2013.  
Monday 7th, Wednesday 9th, Friday 11th January  
Monday 14th, Wednesday 16th, Friday 18th January  
Monday 21st, Wednesday 23rd, Friday 25th January  
Cost: $39.00 per day, or $105 for 3 days.  
Bookings essential - suitable 7-14 years. Hours: 10AM – 3PM  
Wear closed-toe shoes and long pants and remember your hat.  
Lunches: BYO or available for $7.50  
Moonlit Sanctuary 550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale  
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