Principal’s Message

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all students and staff. I hope you’ve enjoyed a relaxing holiday break with family and friends. If you’re a South Sydney supporter like some members of my family are, you’ve probably feeling “over the moon” right now!

It was great seeing NPS students returning this morning dressed neatly in summer uniform eager to start another exciting term. As we all know, Term 4 is a busy time of year with school reports, Jump Start commencing, swimming school, Presentation Night, saying farewell to our Year 6 students and much more. Hopefully, we can work together to continue to provide the best learning experiences academic, sporting and social, for all our students.

On a lighter note, it was reassuring this morning to see that all our Stage 2 students had recovered from the rigors of their Lake Keepit excursion. Speaking for myself, it took me quite a while to recover from the exertions of rock climbing and swinging from a rope twenty metres above the ground! But seriously, it was great excursion and my sincere thanks to our staff who supervised students with such professionalism while away at camp. Believe me, they all went “beyond the call of duty” on quite a few occasions, but this is probably what makes them such wonderful teachers.

Student of the Week

Keira Bennett is a six-year-old with loads of “get up and go” as well as plenty of determination. Over the past few weeks of Term 3, Keira kept asking if she might be our Star of the Week. Well, persistence sometimes pays off, especially when your behaviour and general attitude is as good as Keira’s.

According to her teacher, Mrs Tame, Keira is a well-behaved student who always works diligently in class to complete her work. “Keira Bennett’s just a beautiful girl and you couldn’t find a better candidate for a Star of the Week,” she added.

Keira loves animals and music. She has one dog, a cute Tasmanian Devil Chihuahua (yes, there is such a breed) named Teddy. She is also crazy about music with songs like “I’m All About the Bass” Trainor and “Ugly Heart” being two of her current favourites. She is also devoted to her beautiful three sisters Billie (Year 5), Abbey (4 years) and Ellie (1 year).

Keira also enjoys playing X Box 360 and she loves her iPad too. Emily Emmerson, Chloe Large and Felicity Chapman are some of her best friends at school. Well done, Keira.
Jump Start and More

Next week sees the start of our popular K-2 Jump Start program. (Wednesday and Thursday between 9.45 and 11.15 during Weeks 2&3) Week 2 involves K-2 students and Week 3 involves the whole school.

This innovative program involves students “moving up” to the year above their current grade e.g. Year 2 children get an opportunity to see what’s it’s like being in primary school with a teacher such as Miss Wardle or Mrs Charles. “Jump Start” helps many children get used to the idea of moving up a grade and coping with a new teacher with considerably less anxiety than they might otherwise have.

Of course, our new enrolments for 2015 from preschool also come along during this time and have their first extended taste of “big school.” This program culminates with our traditional Kindergarten Orientation Morning which will be held on Wednesday 29th October.

However, it’s not only the little ones who are “moving on” to bigger things. Our Year 6 students are not missing out either with Amy Johnson from Narrabri High coming along to work with them during this time. In addition, the next few weeks sees them visiting (and hosting) other local schools such as Narrabri Public and St Francis Xavier as part of the high school transition program.

The Week Ahead

Week 1

Tuesday 7th October
Mrs Maher – Long Service Leave
Administration Building Meeting @ 11.30
Relay Training at lunch No 2 Oval
Assembly under Primary COLA @ 3.00
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30–3.45pm

Wednesday 8th October
Boys’ PSSA Touch v Gunnedah
No class Assembly @ 2.40
School Banking

Thursday 9th October
Narrabri Cricket Challenge v NWPS @ 10.00
Played at Narrabri West Public School
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30 –3.45pm
Silver Award Ceremony in school hall @ 11.20
(Infants)

Friday 10th October
Garden Expo set-up in school hall
Primary Sports Groups begin
Silver Award Ceremony in school hall @ 11.20
(Primary)

Week 2

Monday 13th October
Relay Training at lunch No 2 Oval

Tuesday 14th October
Relay Training at lunch No 2 Oval
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30–3.45pm

Wednesday 15th October
Day Branch P&C Meeting @ 9.30am
Proposed Cake Stall Day
Jump Start
School Banking
State Athletics in Sydney
3/4A Assembly @ 2.40
Night Branch P&C Meeting - 7.00pm at Bowlo

Thursday 16th October
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30 –3.45pm
Jump Start
State Athletics in Sydney

Friday 17th October
State Athletics in Sydney
Primary Sports Groups

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State Softball Carnival
September 16-18th saw six talented Narrabri Public students Tom Eather, Tom Woodham, Jakeb Nipperess, Felix Johnson, Angus Gourley and Angus Browning representing North-West in the State Softball Carnival. This prestigious event was held in Lismore this year and pitted the very best young players in the state against one another in a series of games played over three days. A professional group of umpires was arranged which ensured that the games ran smoothly and on time.

Unlike the 2014 girls’ carnival, the weather was beautiful and no games were washed out. There was also a pitching clinic arranged for the players which they loved. As for the games, the boys tried very hard, but the opposition proved extremely tough. However, North-west had a great victory against South Coast on the last day to avoid the dreaded wooden spoon. Perhaps the week’s highlight of the week was the ‘Vintage Game’ played between the coaches/managers and the boys to help celebrate 125 Years of School Sport in NSW public schools.

Administration Building Update
As promised, I am keeping the school community informed regarding the latest developments regarding the school administration building.

Our school/community group met once again this morning. This group’s main task is to work with architects, Narrabri Shire Council and Public Works to get the best outcome for our school. Although slow, progress is being made.

As you know, the committee has been looking at three possible options 1) a new building 2) restoration of our current building or 3) a new building which incorporates the facade and other original sections into the final design.

A heritage impact statement has been presented to the group. A preferred option is still yet to be determined.

Community consultation will take place as part of this process.

Rock climbing at Keepit

More fun on camp
Parent, Student Survey On-Line
As mentioned late last term, as part of our school’s self-evaluation process, parent/carer surveys need to be completed to get feedback on the operation of the school from students, teachers and caregivers. This is your chance to have a say about your school. What we do well and what we don’t do well. It’s all valuable information. Your feedback will help us so we can improve the job we do for your child.

Rather than send home paper forms to fill in, we are pleased to remind you that these surveys will be available to parents and carers on-line through Survey Monkey.

Thanks for this must go to our School Council secretary, Joanne Petrovic, who spent many hours assisting us with this project.

State Athletics
Next week some outstanding young athletes are travelling down to Sydney for the PSSA State Athletics Carnival. This prestigious event is to be held on 15th and 16th October at the Sydney Athletic Centre (Herb Elliot Drive, Homebush)

To have reached this stage, they had to successfully compete at first at school, zone (Wee Waa) and regional level (Tamworth). The students are Angus Browning, Connor Finn, Tom Eather, Felix Johnson, Angus Gourley, Makayla Beddow, Stephanie Stuart, Joc Ford, Cooper Hall, Annalise Woodham, Miles Campbell, Alistair Gourley, Sam Soper and Beau Parker.

We will publish results as soon as they become available. Good luck students!

Garden Expo
The annual Garden Show and Craft Expo is just around the corner. It’s on this Saturday 11th October. This is traditionally an enjoyable and exciting day. This year, as well as the plants and gardens, there’s a wonderful market day “feel” with some really different and interesting stalls for people to visit.

Children haven’t been left out either because our school’s S.R.C. (Student Representative Council) is

WHITE CARDS
1st
William Watson, Luke Dauth, Lillie Harvey

BRONZE AWARDS
Clarence Morgan, Jayden Rose, Luke Bentley, Mia Williams

INFANTS
Charley Woodham, Judah Hamblin, Tekaya Dennis, Olivia Shields, Jessie Parker, Nicholas Coffey, Matilda Trindall, Lillian Constable, Blake Bartlett

PRIMARY
Rachel Caton, Alistair Gourley, Georgie Baker, Chelsea George, Isabelle Howard-Phemister, Makayla Beddow, Azander Key, Matthew Clare, Riley Emmerson, Jacob Coxon

Garden Expo

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once again holding a “Kids Corner.” This activity centre is always welcomed by parents of school-age children. It gives them an opportunity to look around the show without worrying about what their children are doing.

For the paltry sum of five dollars, children at Kids Corner will receive unlimited access to face painting, coloured hair spraying, guessing competitions, use of an obstacle course and even craft activities such as pet rock making.

This is perfect entertainment for the kids while mum and dad get a well-earned break. All money raised from “Kids Corner” will go to our SRC Fun Day.

Canteen News
Just a reminder there will be NO Milos, Spag Bol, Mac Cheese or lasagne on the menu this term.
We are adding soft yogurt (not frozen) at $1.50. (The frozen is still available) at $1.80
There will be a new menu with next week’s newsletter.

CANTEEN ROSTER
As Nikki has to be away for 3 days next week I would love some help on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Even if it is just an hour to do the drinks it would really help.

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Cathy Coleman

Thank you
Kim & Nikki

Narrabri Touch Inc. Welcomes Expressions of Interest to assist in running a JUNIOR TOUCH COMPETITION (Yr 3 to Yr 6) on Monday nights before the summer senior competition games. Meeting: Monday, 13th October at 5.30pm at Narrabri RSL Club Board Room
Enquiries phone 04574023528 or 0458922512

Narrabri Tennis Coaching Options
Want to try a new sport or return to a sport you have tried before
- Limited places available for private Lessons/ Semi private lessons Mon to Sat morning/afternoons aimed at anyone/everyone/all ages.
- Group lessons that are part of the Tennis Australia Hot Shots Program aimed at children 5years to 12 years of age.
- Hot Shot Lessons available;
  - Monday @ 5pm to 545pm aimed at 5years to 10 years,
  - Tuesday @ 430pm aimed at 10years+,
  - Wednesday 5pm aimed at 5years to 8years and
  - Wednesday 530pm aimed at 8 to 12 years.
  - Sat morning 930am aimed at 8 to 12 years.

For further information on coaching options, pro shop questions or comp options contact Shane on 0405151935.

NURRUBY - OOSH
Before School Program
Nurruby OOSH will be opening for Before School Care for term 4. The centre will be opened Monday to Friday 6.30am to 9.00am and will provide transport to school. Our Before School Care Service will offer a healthy breakfast and early morning activities for school aged children from kinder to year 6.
For further information please contact Nurruby OOSH on 67923718 or at the Nurruby Childcare Centre on 67926566

Raising Kids
Raising children is hard work, often thankless and mind-numbing - and yet often the most rapturous experience available to adults. Most of us suppose that parents are both happier and more miserable than non-parents, that child rearing dictates a wider emotional range than people have generally known before it. Most parenting stresses its participants to their limits, no matter how much they love their children. Children upstage all the other components of their parents’ lives, and good parenting involves both helicoptering and disengagement.

One parent said, “I have never quite sorted out the conundrum of how I could be distracted into thinking about something as tiresome as e-mail when I was with my beloved kids. If I lost all my e-mails, I’d manage, but if I lost my children, I’d never recover; yet still I sometimes find it hard to stay in the moment with them”.

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There is no contradiction in this seeming paradox; tolerating our children is the cornerstone of loving them.

Children may complicate our lives but they also make them simpler. Children’s needs are so overwhelming, and their dependence on us so absolute, that it’s impossible to misread our moral obligation to them. We bind ourselves to those who need us most, and through caring for them, grow to love them, grow to delight in them, grow to marvel at who they are.

There is a useful distinction to be made between our ‘experiencing self’ – living in the present moment – and our ‘remembering self’ – putting together our life narrative.