Principal’s Message

I believe our school plays an important role within our local community. While the school’s main role is to educate our students to be 21st century citizens, it is also a community resource for the people of Narrabri. This is one reason why our school holds special events like the Narrabri Garden Expo, Holiday Kids Club and so on.

Accordingly, I was delighted to receive a letter last week from one of our parents, Allison Tomlinson, who is also president of the Narrabri Stingrays. She writes:

“On behalf of the Narrabri Stingrays, I would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to you for allowing us to use the Narrabri Public School grounds for our special event “Joanne’s Pink Splash Day.” Without your support this special community event would not have come to fruition.

The event was extremely successful and resulted in funds raised in excess of $7000 with all proceeds being equally distributed to CanAssist, Moree Hospital Oncology Unit and the McGrath Foundation.

As most people have been, or will be, affected by cancer, our club was heartened to receive so much support from the Narrabri community and to see so many people attend this event.

Your contribution by way of providing the venue for the day is very much appreciated and it made a perfect setting for a memorable fun family experience for everyone who attended.”

Thanks Allison. Our school is always prepared to support such a worthy cause.

Student of the Week

This week’s Star of the Week, Jinali Trindall, was recently nominated by Narrabri Public School for the Indigenous Achievement Awards held recently at the Crossing Theatre.

Jinali is a high achieving indigenous student at Narrabri Public School. He is very proud of his cultural heritage and is an exemplary role-model for all students. Jinali wears his uniform with pride and strives for excellence in everything he undertakes. He shines academically and on the sporting field displays good sportsmanship. This is his second award as Star of the Week – a rare honour indeed!

Jinali enjoys school. His favourite subject at school is maths. Mrs Young is one of the best teachers I’ve ever had,” he says. His best friends in class are Ashton Smith and Miles Campbell. He loves playing soccer on the Back Flat and is a keen Parramatta Eels supporter. At home, Jinali likes playing games with his sister. He likes going out the back and jumping on the trampoline and drawing.

Jinali was really excited and very proud to be nominated for the Indigenous Achievement Awards. “I was sitting in maths when somebody came up and told me that Mrs White needed to see me in her office. I didn’t know what it was for and when I got there she asked me some questions and told me I’d been nominated. I was really excited.”
Week 5
Monday 3rd November
K-6 Assembly – Primary COLA @ 3.00

Tuesday 4th November
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30–3.45pm

Wednesday 5th November
Proposed P&C Fruit Day
School Banking
1R Assembly @ 2.40

Thursday 6th November
Silver Ceremony in hall @ 11.20
Infants Disco – 2.00-3.20
SRC Disco Yrs 3-6 6.00-8.00

Friday 7th November
Pete the Sheep @ Crossing Theatre

Week 6
Monday 10th November
K-6 Assembly – Primary COLA @ 3.00

Tuesday 11th November
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30–3.45pm

Wednesday 12th November
Proposed P&C Fruit Day
School Banking
5B Assembly @ 2.30*  
* We are handing out Newcastle Permanent Certificates

Thursday 13th November
Silver Ceremony in hall @ 11.20
Combined Scripture Service

On-line Parent Survey
Our on-line school feedback survey is ready to be completed on-line and here is the link via Survey Monkey. You are encouraged to complete this survey if you possibly can to help us with future school planning.

You will also be able to pick up a printed survey form. There is a box where completed surveys can be returned.

These printed surveys are preferably for parents who don’t have internet access.

The link for parents for the school newsletter is: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NPS_Parents

K-6T Special Unit of Work
The kids in my class are really enjoying their literacy sessions at present. K-6T is currently learning about how to represent friendship in their writing through the classic children’s book “Charlotte's Web.”

This amazing book has inspired the kids to really enjoy writing about their own friendship experiences. We are learning about what qualities make a good friend. We are also modelling these qualities in the playground and the classroom.

This literacy unit has evolved into a social skill development activity as well as a literacy activity.

The creativity that has been displayed in the students art works and writing has been amazing!

If you enter our room you will think you are on the set of Charlotte's Web.

It’s been very rewarding experience for all of us in K-6T.

Mrs Allison Trudgeon

Orientation Morning 2015
It was encouraging to see our new enrolments bringing their parents along to last week’s Orientation Morning on Wednesday 30th October!

This important “get together” was held in the school hall. Kindergarten teachers for 2015, Mrs Irvine, Miss Morris and Mrs Young did a fabulous job “meeting and greeting” these special visitors while handing out orientation packs at the front door.

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Then it was time for some entertainment courtesy of the combined Kindergarten choir. The kids performed two delightful songs including one about being a robot! After this, the pre-school children left with Kinder teachers for some fun learning activities in the classroom.
Parents stayed in the hall and watched a DVD about beginning school. Then, NPS school leaders Beau Tomlinson and Zoe Campbell addressed the parents followed by Mrs Jo Gordon and Mrs Nicole Gleeson-Landon (P&C), Mrs Donna Bower (Uniform shop) and Mrs George Gourley (Canteen Committee).

After these speeches, NPS Principal Mr Michael Clare, spoke to parents about why Narrabri Public School is such a great place to enrol their child.

Following a quick talk from local bus proprietor, Peter Etheridge, the Kindergarten teachers returned children to the hall around 11.00 am. It was now the right time for a lovely morning tea. Judging by the smiles on these youngster’s faces, a great time was had by all!

State Athletics News
NPS would like to acknowledge those fine athletes who represented North-West at the recent State Athletics Championships on 15th & 16th October at the Sydney Athletic Centre in Homebush.

Our school is proud of you and what you have achieved this year. You have all trained very hard to make the most of your natural talents to reach this standard of excellence. It’s gratifying to see all your hard work pay off with some outstanding results against the best young athletes in the state. Sincere congratulations to you all.

Junior Boys’ Relay: (Joc Ford, Alistair Gourley, Cooper Hall & Angus Gourley) 22nd in state

Senior Boys’ Relay: (Connor Finn, Thomas Ether, Felix Johnson & Beau Parker) 35th in state

Angus Browning – Senior Boys’ Discus 16th

Joc Ford – 10 Years Boys’ 100m 28th, Jun Boys Long Jump -34th & Jnr Boys’ Shot Put- 35th

Miles Campbell – Jun Boys 800m 34th

Analise Woodham - 8Yrs Girls 100 metres 7th in her heat

Angus Gourley – Jnr Boys 800m -37th

Alistair Gourley – Jnr Boys 200m - 26th

Stephanie Stuart – Snr Girls High Jump - 28th, Snr Girls Long Jump - 26th

Makayla Beddow – Snr Girls High Jump - 17th Snr Girls Long Jump - 27th

Sam Soper – 11Years Boys 800m - 22nd

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BOYS SOFTBALL
The Narrabri Public School Boys Softball travelled to Camden, Sydney, to play Mt Annan in the Quarter Finals of the PSSA Knockout last Tuesday.

The team consisted of (Captain) Thomas Woodham, (Vice Captain) Sam Cain, Angus Browning, Jacob Nipperess, Angus Gourley, Tom Eather, Felix Johnson, Connor Finn, Adam Wright, Beau Parker, Patrick Simpson, Campbell Hancock, Ethan Irvine. Absent: Alistair Gourley.

It was a close game with Mt Annan winning 5-3. NPS started well and snuck ahead 3-2. Our fielding was outstanding! Mt Annan coach, Mr Williamson, was surprised by Narrabri’s talent & skill and found it necessary to bring off the bench the NSW State Pitcher.

We are extremely proud of the team and have enjoyed coaching these boys all year and strongly feel that this game could have gone either way. We would also like to thank all the parents and grandparents that have travelled to this game and others throughout the year. Thank you for your support!

Mrs Hancock & Mrs Young.
INFANTS SRC DISCO

WHEN: Thursday
6th November

TIME: After lunch
till home time.

COST: Gold coin donation

DRESS: Out of uniform...sensible shoes please.

All children will receive an Icy pole to cool down from the funky dancing!

SRC Primary Disco

When: Thursday, 6th November

Time: 6pm – 7.30pm

Cost: $5.00 entry

Every child receives a packet of chips and drink

Glowsticks for sale:
3 for $2.00

Bronze Awards
Kaleb Barnes

Silver Awards
Felicity Chapman, Layne Parker, Amielia McCauley, Lachlan Eather, Leo Palmer, Reanna Doolan, Mikayla Hald, Michael McDougall, Samuel Soper, Kyle Suckling

Cool Kids Crunch&Sip®!

Don't forget the bottle of water and fruit or vegetables for Crunch&Sip® everyday!

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**Melbourne Cup Day**

**SRC Mufti - Day**

Come to school in your uniform and add a stylish race day hat or fascinator.

**When:** Tuesday, 4th November – Melbourne Cup Day

**Gold coin donation**

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**Funds raised support SRC Fun Day**

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**Primary Assembly Awards**

**English:**
Matthew Evans, Jinali Trindall, Bronte Ciesiolka, Claudia Penberthy, Charli Cassidy, Rachel Charles, Cooper Lawrence, Georgina Dries, Annie Gordon

**Maths:**
Logan Hanslow, Maddison Leech, Patrick Coleman, Joshua Pearson, Sean Allen, Connor McLean, Sahvanah Hunt-Falkiner, Brie Aitken, Makayla Beddow

**Achievement:**
Evelia Lantz, Georgia Stuart, Breanna Booby, Ashlee Yu, Elesha Anderson, Clayton Johannesen, Peta White, Stephanie Stuart, Beau Tomlinson

**Sports:**
Abby-Ann Orman, Blake Boney, Eliza Weissen, Takeesha Williams, Kaleb Teer, Brinexz Lantz, Kyle Suckling, Jake Foran, Chelsea Courtney

**Citizenship:**

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**School Banking**

**Redemption Day**

This Wednesday, 5th November will be **Redemption Day**. So for those students who have a Gold Token come and choose your reward item (see names below). If you haven’t yet earned a Gold Token there is still time as I will be having another Redemption Day later in the term.

*A couple of important reminders –*

*Please fill in your deposit slips before handing them in as this can cause confusion if there aren’t names on the deposit sheets*

*Bank books must be bought to Mrs Pawley’s room before 10.00am.*

**Thank you**

**These students have earned a Gold Token:**

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**Canteen News**

A big thankyou to everyone who made our Halloween Red Day so much fun. Our extra helpers in canteen and especially Lisa Hartog who had the great ideas and came in on Thursday to help Nikki prepare them. It was a very good day.

There are some Jelly cups left over $1.00 each until gone.

**Canteen Roster**

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I know people are getting busy but some extras on the roster would be great. Even if you can only spare an hour or two it all helps.

Mistake on Menu – Jelly Joys .20c each.

*We still have some hamburgers too;*

$3.60 Cheese & sauce &$4.60 with salad

Thank you

Kim Owens Supervisor
NPS Boys Cricket Team go Down Fighting!

Well I have to say Armidale turned on an uncharacteristic, magnificent spring day for the ‘showdown’ between Narrabri Public and Ben Venue Public at Jack Valance Oval. The boys looked resplendent in their individualised tops and NPS Cricket team caps, receiving comments from many of the oppositions’ support crew!

Everyone was there to enjoy the atmosphere of an exciting school boys’ competitive cricket match and the boys did not disappoint! NPS sent their two opening batsmen, Jakeb Nipperess and Tom Eather out to bat, while Ben Venue took to the field. Unfortunately Tom soon came to a sticky end, however third batsmen Tom Woodham then joined Jakeb and played a strong hand at the crease. Tom went on to retire at 40 not out and Jakeb combined with Jacob Sunderland to continue the building runs. Although this partnership was committed Jakeb was run out at 28.

The boys had to then dig in, but unfortunately several of our batsmen quickly found the Armidalian’s hands to be secure and were caught out! Sam Cain displayed great courage, playing his shots and putting some good runs on the board. Beau Tomlinson then came out swinging and was able to connect for a few good shots. Tyson Palmer hit a fabulous four and it was great to see all team members have a bat.

Lunch followed, with a congenial atmosphere of friendship and comradery. The Ben Venue side then came to the crease with a score of 110 runs to beat. The NPS boys displayed some quality bowling and the highlight of the day was Jakeb Nipperess’ clean bowl, sending the stumps flying into the air! Great stuff Jakeb, it made the drive to Armidale worthwhile! Felix Johnson showed his fielding prowess again with a great run out and consistent work in the field.

Captain Tom Woodham had some hard decisions to make as he rotated his bowlers and placed his field.

He kept his calm, but the opposition began their march to the finish line and pulled away with some excellent batting and maybe just a couple of lucky escapes!

Thanks to Mr Nipperess, all team members took to the field and were able to prove themselves as worthy team members. The 2014 NPS Boys Cricket Team is an incredibly responsible and fine group of young men and it has been my honour and privilege to manage them. Their parents should be proud of their sportmanship and desire to encourage their team mates, whilst giving their own personal best. Congratulations for making it to the final and all the best for your future cricketing careers!

A huge thank you to the parents and grandparents for their time off work, hours on the road and consistent support of the boys, it is so much appreciated! Thank you to Tracey Tomlinson for her unswerving attitude to scoring, even when she had to ask for another day off! Thank you to Troy for his commitment to training and positive approach to achieving the best for the boys. His enthusiasm and respect of the students was a pleasure to observe.

All in all a magnificent cricketing season for 2014! Great work NPS!

Yours in cricket Sue McLeish