Principal’s Report

2015 student leader nominees were given the opportunity to tell us why they would make great school leaders at our leadership assembly held on Monday 24th November. Students, teachers, parents and grandparents sat in our school hall and listened to these talented young hopefuls speak on stage.

What qualities are we looking for?
1. An enthusiastic attitude and pleasant personality
2. Maturity and outstanding manners
3. Willingness to be a positive role model and outstanding ambassador for our school
4. The ability to handle pressure and speak in front of people
5. A commitment to wearing our school uniform with pride

How will we decide?
The student vote constitutes 50% of the voting tally. The staff and teacher vote constitutes the other 50%. Voting took place last week. All votes were tallied by the school executive team of Mr McIntosh, Mrs Tame and Mrs White on Friday afternoon.

The names of our eight school leaders (four boys and four girls) will be announced at our special K-6 Awards Assembly on Monday 8th December. School Captains, Vice Captains and School Councillor positions will be announced the following night at the Crossing Theatre.

Narrabri Public is privileged to have so many outstanding potential leaders in its ranks. I am sure our 2015 leadership team will do an outstanding job.

Star of the Week

Alex Mison

Nine-year-old Alex Mison had a big smile on his face when told the good news that he was our Week Star of the Week.

Alex is a proud member of class 3C and his teacher Mrs Charles thinks the world of him. “Alex is one of those beautiful students who make you want to come to school every morning,” she said.

Alex is a deep thinker with a love of learning. His main interests are mathematics (probably no surprise given the fact that his mother is a maths teacher) and computers. He especially likes using his computer to go to YouTube and watch Skylanders videos. “Skylanders are really great. There’s loads of adventures and you can even trap villains,” said Alex.

Alex also enjoys sport and plays soccer during the winter. This season he was in the Barden Pumps team and scored two or three goals. His best friends here at school are Bobby Wu, Jesse Weekes, Oscar Haywood and Tim Clare.

When he grows up, Alex said he’d like to be a scientist who finds a cure for malaria. “I love science. Dad used to be a scientist for cotton research and I’m really interested in it too,” he said.
The Week Ahead

Week 9
Monday 1st December
NHS Taster Day
Swim School continues

Tuesday 2nd December
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.45–3.30pm

Wednesday 3rd December
School Banking – REDEMPTION DAY
Final Bronzy Party for 2014
4M Assembly cancelled

Thursday 4th December
Last day of Swim School
Silver Ceremony in hall @ 11.20
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.45–3.30pm

Friday 5th December
Special Gold Badge Assembly in COLA @ 9.30

Week 10
Monday 8th December
K-6 Special Assembly in COLA @ 9.30

Tuesday 9th December
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.45–3.30pm
NPS Annual Presentation Night - Crossing Theatre
6.00 for a 6.30 start

Wednesday 10th December
Year 6 Combined Assembly in hall @ 2.40
High School Presentation Night

Thursday 11th December
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.45–3.30pm
Year Six Farewell @6.00pm

Friday 12th December
Day Branch P&C Lunch - Crossroads @ 12.00
School reports go home

Enviro-Stories Assembly
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The idea behind the competition is for students to write and illustrate their own book. Through inspiring local literacy, the competition’s goal is to help connect students with their local environment (for example, a farm, bushland, school, beach etc) and then support the writing of a narrative that will engage and educate other students.

As you might imagine, this is a challenging task and the expected standard is high, but accordingly the rewards are great. Winning students have their book professionally printed and also published online on the Enviro-Story website.

Last Friday, 28th November a special Stage 3 assembly saw CSIRO science educator, Trudi Staines, presenting certificates of achievement and handing out books to our winning authors. Incredibly, four of the eight winners in the Namoi catchment this year were Narrabri Public students.

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Budding authors Charles Fawcett, Lara Ciesiolka, Felix Johnson & Thomas Wieringa

Commended Students - Molly Michell Smith, Liam Wilson, Brinez Lantz, Stephanie Stuart, Angus Gourley, Shona McFarland, Hilton Jackson, Alexander Loder, Joa Bakhuis, Georgia Garden-Thorn, Brianna Walton, Sofia Fawcett, Cooper Lawrence, Cassidy Staines, Ethan Irvine
Out of Uniform Day

Last Wednesday we held an out of uniform day for Royal Far West. Royal Far West specialises in improving the health outcomes for NSW’s rural and remote children through access to specialist health services. It was pleasing to see this initiative was generously supported by our school community.

Our SRC group collected about $430 on behalf of this wonderful organisation. Sincere thanks to all those students who brought along a gold coin donation and dressed in casual clothes. Your generosity is truly appreciated. This money will now be passed on to Royal Far West to help keep the organisation strong so they able to assist partner schools, such Narrabri Public when they require specialist medical and cognitive assessments.

The Return of the Dragon

The creative arts are a tremendous way to help develop the confidence and latent creativity of all children. They can also be loads of fun into the bargain! We are certainly fortunate in having a wonderful ongoing after-school drama program here at NPS. It goes without saying, of course, that the sixty or so students fortunate to be in Drama Club each year receive some great tutoring.

Last week’s performance of the play, “Return of the Dragon” was the culmination of many months of hard work by students and their tutors. To call this play outstanding would probably be something of an understatement. Anybody fortunate enough to see it last Wednesday night would have to agree that it was a fabulous and truly entertaining show.

The quality of the acting, the singing and dancing and costumes were all first-class and ample testimony to the undoubted skill and dedication of our drama team, Marion Tame, Hannah Wardle, Angela Young, Alison Trudgeon and Shona Morrissey.

As for future film or possible stage careers who can say … some great acting talent has definitely been discovered this year!

Cast List “The Dragon Returns”

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WHITE CARDS
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Brayden Cotton, Tylan Fladrick, William McKenzie

BRONZE AWARD
Luke Dauth-Searle

SILVER AWARDS
Alicia Morgan-Ferguson, Tynan Williams, Kianna Allen, Amelia Jones, Ashlee Anderson, Briana Coleman, Eva Simpson, Zarli Owers, Campbell Bulmer, Noah Pearce, Isaak Kinchela, Jye Norris, John Allison, Connor Finn, Adam Wright, Sean McLean

AECG Executive Visit
Thursday 27th November saw an entertaining and impromptu visit by the North West Executive from the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG).

Being in Narrabri for a special educational conference, our guests arrived in high spirits with didgeridoos tucked under their arms and asked if they could visit classrooms and meet some of our children.

This seemed like too good an opportunity to miss!

After exchanging warm greetings, we all made our way down to the Special Education room looking for Kayden Lamb (a relative of one of the reps) to pay him a very special visit.

John McGregor and Matthew Priestley sat down with the children and quickly had the entire class captivated with their stories, charm and good natured humour. They also talked about local Aboriginal Gamilaraay culture. Best of all perhaps, when they heard those didgeridoos the children were captivated!

Pictured above are John McGregor for Collarenabri, Tammy Baker, NPS parent and local AECG chairperson, Matthew Priestley from Moree and Steve Ruttley from Walgett.

CANTEEN NEWS
The canteen is going to be a busy place from now til the end of term so anyone with any time will be very welcome at any time. Thanks to those ladies who packed lollies on Thursday. There will be more in at the end of this week so we will need some more help again one day next week. Check next week’s newsletter for the day and time.

SRC Fun Day lunch will be a sausage on a roll with sauce, cheese & coleslaw as optional extras. A Zing drink and a bog of lollies. All this for $5.00

There will be gluten free sausages and rolls available.

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Thank you
Kim Owers - Supervisor
Nikki Finn - Assistant

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Student Banking

Congratulations to all the students who have been saving their money this year. This Wednesday, 3rd December will be the last student banking for 2014. Below I have listed students who are eligible to order a reward item. You are able to carry over your tokens into 2015 if you do not wish to order. BUT if you would like to order a reward item the last order will be on Thursday, 4th December. Once again GREAT JOB to all the student bankers at our school!

*These students have 10 Silver Tokens and are entitled to order a reward item:*


Mrs Pawley
Student Banking Coordinator

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Parent P&C Survey

Our P & C Night Branch would like your ideas for 2015. We welcome all suggestions and would appreciate any ideas you might have.

An on-line survey will go out shortly on the mobile phone app. We are seeking your advice and honest opinions.

Alternately, you can use this slip below and return it to the school office in an envelope labelled “P&C Ideas 2015” for your suggestions to be considered next year.

Nicole Gleeson-Lendon, Night Branch P&C

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P&C Questionnaire

What new fundraising events would you suggest for next year? _____________

What would encourage you to become involved in your P&C? _________________

What would you like to see fundraising money contributed to? _________________

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WHAT TO DO WHEN THINGS GO WRONG AT SCHOOL

We all want to spring to our children's defence when they are upset or life seems unfair. Before taking any action, it's a good idea to sit down with them and let them tell you, without interruption, what has happened. Find out what has upset them. Ask them what they think would put things right. Children, like us, need the chance to unload to a sympathetic ear. Often children are prepared to fight their own battles and just want to vent. There's nothing worse than charging into the fray and discovering your child has got over it and moved on.

2 Help them think through what has happened. Often, clearly thinking about events gets things into perspective or helps them see how they contributed to what happened. A good lesson for children is to learn which battles to choose. Life holds many irritations and we learn to take most of them in our stride. Erupting over minor incidents is no way to build sound relationships with classmates or teachers – or our own credibility.

3 After you have slept on it, if you are still worried, or your child asks you to, contact the class teacher. The teacher may be worried too and will be able to suggest the next step. Or you will be able to get a clearer picture of, for example, class dynamics or reassurance that the incident was a minor one with no consequences for your child.

4 If you are still concerned, the principal’s door is always open to parents. Schools really appreciate parents who want to find solutions rather than lay blame, especially when you show them you understand they have to take into account the interests of all the children in their care and cannot be pushed into punishing other children. The principal is your ally and will be able to help you and your children.

5 Build on your relationship with your children’s teachers. Being familiar with the school and the other children helps you put together a more complete picture of what goes on at school. When you and your child’s teachers keep communications open, trusting and positive your child is the one who will reap the benefits.
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