Principal’s Message

Our 2014 school enrolments are looking extremely healthy with 429 students now enrolled at Narrabri Public School. Wednesday 19th February was the day when all public schools across the state officially sent in their student numbers. These important numbers have implications for all schools re losing, keeping or gaining teaching staff.

A growing school usually means a happy, healthy school, but one of the disadvantages is bigger class sizes until you reach the right number of students.

Therefore, it’s pleasing to announce that a brand new Year 3/4 class started today. This class is being taught by popular casual teacher, Miss Hannah Wardle. Miss Wardle’s class has been drawn from students in Mrs Allison’s, Mr McIntosh’s, Mrs Charles’ and Mrs Young’s classes. It is not a gifted and talented class – just a regular mainstream class to allow for smaller classes right across Stage 2.

A letter explaining these changes went home last Friday to parents of those children moving into 3/4W. Efforts were also made to contact every parent by phone. Parent responses were very positive.

The 3/4W classroom is located up in C Clock next to Mrs McLeish’s room. Students moved in this morning, and it was great to see them quickly settling down to work. I believe this new class is a real bonus for our school.

Star of the Week*

Elizabeth Caton

This week we’re featuring a special School Representative Councillor from Mrs Tame’s class, seven-year-old Elizabeth Caton.

Elizabeth was born in Australia, but her mother was born in Scotland. Elizabeth has relatives in both Scotland and England. She tells me that her family is hoping to travel overseas in June to visit them. How exciting!

Elizabeth likes to paint and draw. She also enjoys computer games which she plays on her Samsung tablet. Her favourite game is Subway Surfers.

Elizabeth also loves animals. She has five animals at home. There is a long-neck turtle called Shelton, a cat named Wumble, a dog named Spot and a nice little goldfish named Scales. The fifth pet is a rabbit named Fudge. “Fudge likes to bite. He bit my sister Rachel on the arm the other day,” Elizabeth added.

Elizabeth told me she was very happy to be elected as a school councillor because she “loves taking care of the school.” With a wonderful attitude like that, Elizabeth, there’s no doubt you’ll do an outstanding job!

*All parents are contacted prior to publishing to protect privacy
Administration Building Fence

The recent and ongoing drought conditions have put strain on the foundations at one end of our administration building. Over recent weeks, the cracks along the staff room have widened and split mortar between the bricks high above the windows is also evident.

I arranged for an engineer to inspect the building, and while no immediate danger exists, the safety of students and staff always comes first. Therefore, I requested that a large fence to be erected around that end of the building. Our school’s staff room is affected and plans are being made for an alternate venue for staff to enjoy a cup of coffee. P&C meetings, stage meetings etc will not be held there until further notice.

Please note: the main section of our administration building where the school office, principal’s office etc are located is unaffected.

NPS on the Boys Cricket Comeback Trail

Last Thursday saw the new Narrabri Public School Boys Cricket Team begin their campaign in the PSSA Knockout Competition at Narrabri West Public School. The team consists of Tom Woodham (C), Felix Johnson, Sam Cain, Adam Wright, Cooper Lawrence, Tyson Palmer, Luke Bentley, Tom Eather, Jakeb Nipperess, Jyemeil Hynch-Peters, Angus Gourley and Beau Tomlinson.

With kind weather and a small but enthusiastic group of spectators, our boys won the toss and went in to bat. Tom Eather and Jakeb Nipperess proved to be very worthy opening batsmen, with Tom making a solid 10 runs and Jakeb retiring on 40 (as required by Primary Cricket rules). Tom Woodham followed, also retiring on 40, thus setting up a strong 1st innings for NPS. Angus Gourley proved his worth with a creditable 9 runs followed by Jyemeil Hynch-Peters. In all NPS finished their bowling innings with an excellent total of 129 runs.

Following a well-deserved lunch break and a great catch up with the boys from NWPS, the NPS boys took to the field. Jyemeil and Angus the bowling. It was exciting to watch these boys at work. Jyemeil surprised the NWPS batsmen with his hostile pace and late in-swing. Quality bowling was the key to competing against such a strong side. The wickets were evenly spread and there was some great catching and fielding. Well done Tyson Palmer on a spectacular catch in mid-field!

This was an exciting day with NPS coming out the victors, but more importantly being part of a fabulous day with the two schools enjoying a great game of cricket together.

We are not sure of our next game yet, but will keep the boys posted! Congratulations to all members of the team and the squad in general. It was a privilege to assist these respectful and responsible boys. A big thank you also to Troy Nipperess for co-umpiring and coaching on the day. His coaching of this team is appreciated by both staff and students alike.

Sue McLeish

P&C Meetings

The Day Branch P&C met last week and it was their first meeting of the year. It was pleasing to see quite a number of parents attending. It was a great meeting with exciting activities planned such as cake days and fruit days, an Easter Hat Parade on the last day of Term 1 and an old-fashioned bush dance planned for Term 2.

The first meeting of Night Branch P&C is being held this Wednesday 26th February at 7.00 in the school library.
School Council
The first School Council meeting of 2014 will be held on Monday 3rd March. This meeting sees the arrival of many new faces and a change of direction for this important school organisation.

Last week’s newsletter incorrectly stated that the meeting was to be held tonight, Monday 24th February. Apologies to all concerned. A meeting agenda will come home this week.

Clean Up Australia
This Friday our students will be participating in “Clean Up Australia Day” by being out and about cleaning up our school. Each stage will be allocated an area in our school grounds to clean up. Children are allowed to bring rubber gloves or gardening gloves if they wish.

You are also invited to participate in the town’s Clean Up on Sunday 2nd March and anyone from our school wishing to join in is most welcome. Also families are invited to join Mrs Lindsay to help with the shire Clean Up Australia Day.

When: Sunday March 2nd
Where: Cameron Park
Time: 8am
What to bring: mum and dad! Clean-up gear, gloves, hats and t-shirts will be provided. Plus there will be a BBQ breakfast and prizes for the best cleaners!

Primary & Infants Assemblies
2014 assemblies started last week with our first primary (Yrs 3-6) assembly being Mrs McLeish’s Year 6 group. This week sees and the first infants (2S) assembly conducted next Wednesday. All parents of classes involved are invited to attend. Students receive a variety of awards and the host class performs. Students run the assembly building self- confidence and oratory skills. Having seen Mrs Shan’s class item at rehearsal, I recommend it highly and suggest that you come along this Wednesday at 2.40.

PSSA District Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to Mrs Allison for her organisation of another excellent district carnival last Friday. Also, congratulations to those NPS students who represented on the day. Once again, Narrabri Public School came away with many students making it through to the North West Area Carnival to be held in Armidale on Monday 10th March. Congratulations go to all students from all schools in the Zone for their participation and effort.

Another massive thankyou to all the parent help and support we received last Friday in the various capacities: time keepers, BBQ helpers, set up and pack up helpers. As I have said on many occasions, we could not run a swimming carnival without their help. I’d also again like to acknowledge the support that the Narrabri Swimming Club provides us. Thank you for the on-going use of your equipment and resources!

Here are the results from Friday:

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NARRABRI ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
It was another delightful day down at the pool last Friday 21st February for the Narrabri Zone Swimming Carnival. Once again, Narrabri Public School came away with many students making it through to the North West Area Carnival to be held in Armidale on Monday 10th March. Congratulations go to all students from all schools in the Zone for their participation and effort.

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Notes and information will be sent home with each Competitor today. Thank you again for your great effort and participation!

Mrs Allison
Zone Swimming Convener
2014

Parents Getting Booked
The three parking drop-off and pick-up car spaces directly outside the school are once again being targeted by parking officers. I just wanted to warn parents and carers about this. Only a fortnight ago a parent was fined over $300!

If you park in these spaces in the morning you are allowed to get out of your car and open your child’s door, get them out and wish them a happy day at school. You cannot leave your car and walk them into school.

In the afternoons you are allowed to pick your child up from this point, but not park and walk into school and get your child.

If you wish to deliver your child to the playground or pick them up in the afternoon from the classroom please use the parking area next to the TAFE and utilise the supervised pedestrian crossing.

The Week Ahead

Week 5
Monday 24th February:
Canteen Committee AGM @ 2.30

Tuesday 25th February:
P&C Uniform Shop open 8.30-9.30 pm

Wednesday 26th February:
Infants 2S Assembly @ 2.40pm
School Banking
P&C Night Branch meeting @ 7.00 in library

Thursday 27th February:
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30—3.45pm

Friday 28th February:
Administration Building Meeting @ 11.OO
“Clean Up Australia Day” @ NPS

Sunday 2nd March:
Town clean-up – details in local paper

Week 6
Monday 3rd March:
School Assembly @ 3.00 pm
School Council meets @ 7.00 in library

Tuesday 4th March:
P&C Uniform Shop open 8.30-9.30 pm

Wednesday 5th March:
3/4 A Primary Assembly @ 2.40pm
School Banking

Thursday 6th March:
MAX FM
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30—3.45pm

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Upcoming Community and School Dates
QuickSmart (Maths) and Norta Norta (Literacy)
These student programs begin – Monday 3rd March
CSIRO Student Workshops – 18th March
Grandparents Day: Friday 21st March
Nosh On The Namoi: Saturday 29th March
Term ends with Easter Hat Parade: Friday 11th April
Narrabri Show: April 25th-26th April
Term 2 - Monday 28th May School Development Day
School commences for students: Tuesday 29th May
NAPLAN Testing: Yrs 3, 5, 7 & 9 13th to 15th May
Lionesses’ Children’s Cancer Fundraiser 17th May
Michael Clare

PRIMAR Y ASSEMBLY AWARDS

ENGLISH:
Nicholas Hand, John Allison, Orlando Dams, May Krishna, Sofia Fawcett, Azander Key, Campbell Hancock, Felix Johnson

MATHS:
Patrick Merritt, Claudia Penberthy, Eliza Weissen, Charlie North, Sam Soper, Shaunie Yu, Beau Parker, Cayleb Crocker

SPORTS:
Annalise Woodham, Evelia Lantz, Bronte Ciesiolka, Kaleb Teer, Rachel Caton, Chris Clark, Jake Foran, Tom Eather

CITIZENSHIP:
Georgia Stuart, Matthew Evans, Will Ryan, Holli Nipperess, Michael McDougall, Jessica Berney, Leonard Stoltenberg, Breeana Smith

ACHIEVEMENT:
Jinali Trindall, Debbie Haywood, Bobby Wu, Lakeiya Dennis, Azander Key, Campbell Hancock, Jazmin Nixon, Jyemeil Hynch-Peters

Namoi Toy Library
“OPEN DAY”
Thursday 27th February, next to the pool
From 10am – 12noon
Join up on the day and receive your 1st toy borrowing FREE
Ph 67923562

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Desperately needed – 2nd hand uniforms
We are really in need of preloved uniforms. Many new families have come to our school and we have been able to help them but now our stock is almost depleted.

If you have any 2nd hand uniforms at home PLEASE BRING THEM IN!!

Opening hours are:
Tuesday 8.30am - 9.30am
Thursday 2.30pm – 3.45pm

Canteen News
Thank you to those new volunteers who have come to help out in canteen. You have all been great.
Thank you to those who have returned the help form.
Keep them coming in.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 5
Tuesday, 25th February
HELP !!!!!!!!!!!!!
Wednesday, 26th February
HELP !!!!!!!!!!!!!
Thursday, 27th February
Cassie Webster
Friday, 28th February
Collette Prouting
Monday, 3rd March
HELP !!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Grandparents Day

A highlight of our Term 1 calendar is the celebration of Senior Citizens Week. We celebrate by hosting Grandparents Day and this year we are holding it on Friday, 21st March. We invite all grandparents and senior citizens in our community to come along and enjoy some entertainment from our students, have a lovely morning tea and lunch and visit some classrooms. Festivities will kick off at 10:30 and finish at 1:50.
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