Principal’s Report

I received an articulate and well-reasoned email last week about the idea of introducing the idea of Ethics Education for children not attending Scripture lessons.

As you probably know, I believe that giving students opportunities for enquiry about differing world views (including Christianity and other faiths) is important for developing well-rounded, enquiring young minds.

However, I am also on record at a School Council or P&C meeting last year as speaking in support of Ethics Education at NPS. Now, while this particular parent and I did not agree on every single point regarding my own general views on the value of Scripture, I believe there was still much common ground that can be pursued. As an educator I would welcome a positive alternative to the maths, spelling and colouring in sheets that students not attending Scripture fill in each week.

All that we require for such a project as Ethics Education to get “off the ground,” is to find committed people of good intent and suitable character willing to volunteer to train as tutors to deliver such a program.

Guitar Lessons

Judging by the amount of parent and student enquiries so far, there has been much interest in this. I am away Wednesday due to a family illness which means that auditions will be held over until Thursday 13th March with a second audition on Friday 14th March.

These auditions will take place in our school hall from 1.10. We plan to give as many children as possible an opportunity to try out. Prior musical knowledge is not required, but potential musical talent is needed. It is requested that children do not bring in their own guitars this week. Also, only one audition per student is allowed. Sadly, we are only able to offer twelve students places at this stage. A note will go home next Monday to selected students. Of course, students not selected this week will be put on a waiting list.

Star of the Week

Kaleb Barnes

As you can see from the photo, this young man is very happy indeed to be our Star of the Week. This photograph was taken a few weeks ago when our parent/teacher interviews took place. Kaleb walked over to me with a big grin on his face and politely asked if I might take his photograph. It was such a charming photo, I asked him if he’d like to be our Star of the Week. He loved the idea, so I promised him I wouldn’t forget.

Kaleb is in Mrs Young’s class for 2014. He says that he really enjoys being up in the primary school. “I like my new class and it’s great being in Year 3.”

Kaleb is a very keen football player. He plays in the front row and loves taking the ball up the middle of the ruck as hard as he can. No doubt he is really looking forward to our visit from the South Sydney Rabbitohs this afternoon. Well done, Kaleb.
Report from NPS Council

The new 14 member NPS Council met on March 3rd. The Council provides advice and support to the NPS executive in the areas of policy, procedures and administration. It consists of representatives from NPS parents, the P&C, the community, NPS staff and our Principal Mr Clare.

The aim of the Council is to assist in creating an ideal learning environment that will allow all children to develop to their full potential.

Current members of the Council bring a diverse and valuable range of skills to support our school. It was decided at the March meeting to review the school’s evacuation procedure to determine if any areas can be improved and provide input into a donations and sponsorship policy for NPS.

Our next meeting will be on April 7th. If you feel that there is a matter you would like discussed by the Council, please discuss it with one of the representatives.

Libby Guest Chairperson

List of Council Representatives 2014
Ken Campbell
Cathy Charles
Jo Gordon
David Gourley
Ian Gourley
Libby Guest
Jessica Morris
Jo Petrovic
Rob Smith
Norm Webster
Tim Wilson

The Week Ahead

Week 7
Monday 10th March:
Regional Swimming Carnival in Armidale
Special School Assembly Yrs 3-6 featuring NRL star Rabbitoh’s Matt King @ 2.30 pm

Tuesday 11th March:
P&C Uniform Shop open 8.30-9.30 pm
Table Tennis in hall 1.05-1.30

Wednesday 12th March:
Day Branch P&C AGM – 9.30 in library
Table Tennis in hall 1.05-1.30
2M Infants Assembly @ 2.40pm
KL is not performing this week - apologies
School Banking – Redemption Day

Thursday 13th March:
Selective High Schools Test
Guitar Auditions in hall – 1.10-1.50
(Please note change of date – Mr Clare absent Wednesday)
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30—3.45pm

Friday 14th March:
PSSA Cricket Knockout 2nd Rd v Wee Waa
(Please note change of date – out of our school’s control)
Guitar Auditions in hall – 1.10-1.50

Week 8
Monday 17th March:
Seniors Week
Assembly @ 3.00

Tuesday 18th March:
P&C Uniform Shop open 8.30-9.30 pm
CSIRO Workshops

Wednesday 19th March:
Day Branch P&C Stage 3 Cake Day
6A Infants Assembly @ 2.40pm
School Banking
Night Branch P&C AGM 7.00pm in library

Thursday 20th March:
MAX FM
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30—3.45pm

Friday 21st March:
Grandparent’s Day @ NPS

Integrity ◆ Excellence ◆ Respect ◆ Responsibility ◆ Cooperation ◆ Care ◆ Fairness ◆ Democracy ◆ Participation
Table Tennis
Our school recently purchased some table tennis tables, bats and balls. We are going to offer this activity first half of lunch on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in our school hall under the watchful supervision of Mrs Kate Wheeler. It is open to our primary aged children. Numbers each day are strictly limited to 16 players each day. These will change each day. All interested students will write their name down on a player list sheet.

Table tennis is great fun and it’s hoped that an alternative activity will assist in some small way to relieve the number of students in our school playground.

Homework Centre
The idea of an after school homework centre is being proposed by Louise Rooney of the Narrabri & District Community Aid Service. A survey is included in this edition of our newsletter. Your completion of this survey will help with the possible planning of this exciting initiative.

Grand Final- Narrabri Touch Inc.
Narrabri Touch Inc. is holding their Grand Final for this summer competition on Monday 31st of March and has invited our school to showcase their talents as the pre-game entertainment. We will have four teams present on the night. A note regarding this event has been distributed to our senior touch football players. Students will be required to attend training leading up to the night as these sessions will determine selection of the school teams, which will be announced after the exhibition game.
Boys’ training will be held on Thursday afternoons from 3.30-4.30 in conjunction with boys’ softball and girls will training will be held on Wednesdays from 3.30-4.30 in conjunction with their softball training. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Young, Mrs Hancock or Mrs Stow.

Congratulations Tennis Players
Last Friday several of our school tennis players attended the PSSA Tennis trials hoping to gain selection in the team to move onto the Regional Trials in Tamworth on Tuesday March 11th. Well done to Luke Wieringa and Stephanie Stuart on your selection.

Harvey Norman Moree Super Star
Moree Super Star is a music competition which involves young people aged 8-13 and 14-24 from Moree and the surrounding areas including northern NSW and southern QLD, with categories including both individual and group performances.

Taylor Henderson singer/songwriter and X Factor Australian runner up will be a guest at the grand final. Auditions will be held at the Narrabri Bowling Club on March 30th at 2pm. (NSW time)
A prestigious “Australian Academy of Country Music” scholarship may be offered to a finalist who can meet the academy’s criteria. Prizes are to the value of more than $5000. More information and entry forms are available at the front office.

Clean up Australia Day
Last Sunday, 2nd March, our shire held a Clean-up Australia Day at Cameron Park. Thank you to the families who woke up early to represent Narrabri Public School at this important environmental event. Santos sponsored the day and provided hats, gloves and a free BBQ breakfast.
Narrabri Public School received a $50 ‘WLT’ promotions gift card for having such a tremendous turnout. The Emmerson family also received a $25 ‘WLT’ promotions gift card for picking up the most rubbish. They kindly donated this voucher to the school. The school will use these vouchers to replenish our existing vegetable patches with new seedlings.

State Cricket Carnival
Congratulations to Thomas Woodham who has just returned from a week of playing cricket against the best in the state. Thomas attended the PSSA Cricket Carnival which was held on the Central Coast. The North-West team came 7th out of 14 teams which is a great result. Tom was an all-rounder in this team and scored a total of 56 runs and took 3 wickets. Tom is our School Captain and who knows what the future holds. Maybe one day he might just wear the baggy green and captain Australia. Tom was runner up as the most valuable player for the North West team. Well Done Tom!

Narrabri Little Athletics Club
ABN 89588263599
EMAIL: narrabrilittleathleticsclub@hotmail.com
Narrabri Little Athletics
Starts Wednesday 30th April at 3.45pm
Narrabri High School (Selina Street)
Term 2 & 3
Registration and Cake Stall at the Maitland Street Kiosk
on Saturday 5th April from 9am
$70 per child/$55 per tiny tot
Ages from Sept 30th up to 1st Oct 1996
Canteen news

Grandparents Day is coming up soon and we here at canteen are getting organized. Grandparent (and visitor) orders need to be in by Wednesday NEXT week 19th March. Children too if they know what they want. The choices for everyone for Grandparents Day (that is children as well as grandparents and other visitors) are:

Hot food –
Pizza single cheese & bacon
Ham & Pineapple $2.30
Traveller Pie $3.30
Dinosnacks .50c

Sandwiches –
Egg & Lettuce $2.20
Ham, cheese & tomato $3.00
Chicken, lettuce & mayo $3.30

*Drinks can be ordered (off the menu) but ALL SLUSHIES on Grandparents Day will be SMALL*

Canteen Roster

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Thank you
Kim Owens – Supervisor
Nikki Finn - Assistant

School Banking

This week I will be having a Redemption Day. As there are those of you who ALREADY have a Gold token I have decided to have TWO Redemption Days this Term.

So, on Wednesday when you do your school banking bring in your GOLD Tokens and you can order from the NEW Reward List.

The reward items available for Term 1 are the 2014 Handball and the new Scented Pencils. We also have headphones as well as Pru, Spen and Pat moneyboxes leftover while stocks last.

If you would like your child to do School Banking see me and I can arrange it for you.

Mrs Pawley
School Banking Coordinator

Book Club 2014

Book Club

Issue 2, 2014, is due back to school by Friday, 21st March, 2014. All orders need to be placed before or by this date please.

Deb Maher

Boys Rugby League/Girls League Tag Gala Day

Notes will be coming home tomorrow regarding the Gala Day on Thursday, 20th March at Cooma Oval.
Notes need to be returned by Friday, 14th March.

Mrs Allen Coordinator