Principal’s Message

Two special events are planned this week which I’m certain will be of great interest to you.

The first one concerns science education. Narrabri Public School takes pride in being known as “The Science School.” We aim to be innovative in our approach to science, always looking for new and exciting ways to introduce scientific concepts to our students.

On Tuesday 18th March, CSIRO Education will be visiting NPS with the amazing “Force and Movement Show.” Specially trained science educators will be presenting dynamic, interactive science theatre. This show features hands-on experiments which have been developed around real-life CSIRO research. Students are part of the performance. This is an engaging, entertaining education that all students will love.

A note about this special event went home with each student today. The cost of this performance is only $5.00 per student, but permission notes and money must be returned by tomorrow please.

The second highlight of the week is our Grandparents Day celebration. We are holding this on Friday, 21st March. We are inviting all grandparents and senior citizens in our local community to come along and enjoy our school’s hospitality. We have organised some great entertainment from students, a delicious morning tea and lunch as well as an opportunity to visit children’s classrooms. Festivities will kick off promptly at 10:30 and finish around 1:50.

Star of the Week

Jake Foran

Jake Foran is a happy young man with a positive attitude to life. He is a member of Mrs Allen’s class.

Jake enjoys playing football with his mates on weekends and is a keen Sydney Roosters fan. He loves riding his motorbike around the farm too. He especially enjoys doing “cattle work” marking calves and ear tagging cows. However, Jake says that he always lets his Dad do the drenching!

On Saturday 1st March Boggabri held its second “Relay for Life.” Jake was invited to have the honour of cutting the ribbon along with two other Boggabri Cancer Survivors. Jake was diagnosed with a retinoblastoma at the age of 13 months and subsequently had to have his right eye removed. Jake was lucky enough to have been given a donor eye casing therefore allowing his eye socket to grow as Jake grows therefore allowing natural movement of his prosthetic eye. Without this donor eye, Jake’s disability would be much more noticeable.

Last week was Donor Week. Jake asks you to please think long and hard about becoming an organ donor. Jake Foran you are a genuine star!

Jake Foran at the recent “Relay for Life”
Contact & Medical Information Update
From time to time, people move or change their contact phone numbers. The increasing popularity of the mobile phone has made keeping contact phone numbers up to date more difficult. It is vital that the school has up to date information and reliable phone numbers for parents, carers and other contact people. If you have changed your number in the past 12 months or intend changing it soon, please promptly return the phone contact information section of the attached note.

Likewise, we are publishing an updated medical register for all students who have allergies or medical conditions. We have found that important medical information is sometimes not always written down on school enrolment forms.

If this is the case, please complete the special medical section of the attached note on your child’s behalf and return it to the front office.

Yr 3-6 Wednesday Assembly
On Wednesday at 2.40 students will gather in the hall for our next primary assembly. Class 6A will be hosting this one and plenty of awards will be presented to deserving students. Parents are most welcome to come along and support their children.

Rugby League Gala Day for Stage 2
Around 40 girls and boys from Yrs 3 & 4 will be participating in the Rugby League/Touch Football Gala Day being held at Cooma on Thursday 20th March. Mrs Young and Miss Wardell will be accompanying students on the day. A big thank you to Mrs Allen who co-ordinated this event for us. Interested parents who’d like to assist on the day are welcome to contact these teachers.

P&C Meetings
The Day Branch P&C held its Annual General Meeting last Wednesday morning. It was pleasing to see a good number of parents attending. Congratulations to Mrs Joe Gordon who was elected President. This busy group of parents has already planned an exciting year of activities with cake days, fruit days, an Easter Hat Parade and a bush dance too.

Meanwhile, our NPS Night Branch P&C is holding its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday night at 7.00 at the Narrabri Bowling Club. All interested parents/community members are welcome to attend.

The Week Ahead
Week 8
Monday 17th March:
Boys Soccer Trials
Assembly @ 3.00

Tuesday 18th March:
P&C Uniform Shop open 8.30-9.30 pm
CSIRO Workshops
“Force & Movement Show”

Wednesday 19th March:
Day Branch P&C Stage 3 Cake Day
6A Primary 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:
Guitar Lessons @ 1.10 in hall begin
Grandparent’s Day @ NPS

Sunday 23rd March
Lord Taverner’s Meeting @ RSL 9.00am

Week 9
Monday 24th March:
Assembly @ 3.00

Tuesday 25th March:
P&C Uniform Shop open 8.30-9.30 pm
Netball Clinic Yrs 5-6
1.50-3.20

Wednesday 26th March:
Infants Assembly 1/2T @ 2.40pm
School Banking

Thursday 27th March:
MAX FM
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30—3.45pm

Friday 28th March:
Costa from Gardening Australia visiting NPS
12.00-1.00
Guitar Lessons @ 1.10 in hall

Saturday 29th March:
“Nosh on the Namoi”
Gamilaraay Choir performing at 12.15
NPS has Resounding Win against Wee Waa Public

The weather was particularly kind, the pitch was excellent and the teams were keen! What a perfect platform for a friendly but highly competitive boys cricket match!

On Friday 14th March the NPS Boys Cricket Team faced up to Wee Waa Public at Cooma Oval. Our captain Tom Woodham won the toss and elected to bat. Our opening batsmen Jakeb Nipperess and Tom Eather both had a solid innings. Tom bowled out for 11 and Jakeb staying at the crease alongside Tom Woodham for 26 runs. Tom went on to make 18 and this was followed up by Jyemeil Hynch-Peters and Angus Gourley making 14 and 3 respectively, not out. The boys had a short lunch break, but were keen to get out into the field, where they shone.

All team members played diligently and made better use of Troy Nipperess’ coaching advice, listening more carefully to Tom’s requests and field placing. Jyemeil opened the bowling assault and was soon in the swing of things taking 3 wickets in 3 overs and completing a maiden over. It was great to see Jacob Sunderland back in the action, displaying solid bowling and keeping the runs to a minimum. This was followed by Tom Woodham who achieved a superb hat trick and fantastic figures of 4 wickets for 5 overs. Angus Gourley displayed his prowess with a fine wicket during his 3 overs.

Felix Johnson came up with a sizzling one handed catch to bring about the demise of another Wee Waa player. It must go down as one of the catches of the season! Great work Felix!! Jyemeil kept us entertained with his superb throw from the outfield to take the middle stump ‘clean out of the ground’ and the wicket of yet another member of the opposition.

Both teams came together at the conclusion of the match and were congratulated on their sportsmanship and competitive spirit. Peter Carrett (Wee Waa Principal) told the NPS boys he will watch their progress with interest and wished them all the best in their future games.

A huge thank you to the parent support we have received, it is very much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

Yours in Cricket …… Sue McLeish

ABC Celebrity at Nosh

Nosh is delighted to announce that Costa Georgiadis from ABC’s Gardening Australia is attending our event this year on the 28th and 29th of March. Costa has a passion for plants and people. A quote from the ABC Gardening website states that “Costa believes in embracing and celebrating mother nature's cycles and seasons and nurturing her balance, beauty and bounty organically. He is super enthusiastic about his trip to Narrabri and has expressed a desire to visit our school on Friday 28th of March.

Nosh on the Namoi – NPS Update

Nosh will be held on Saturday 29th March. We are having a bottle stall and also a guessing competition to raise money for the school. If students could bring in a bottle or jar of edible goodies it would be much appreciated. As it is Nosh, they do need to be filled with food items. We have decided that we will do a gift voucher for the student who brings in the most bottles.

I am also happy to accept empty jars or bags of lollies if this makes it easier for people. If parents/students would like to help on the day for even half an hour that would be great.

Thanks,
Kerry Nipperess
Parent Organiser

Lords Taverner’s Meeting on Sunday

An open letter from Stan Gilchrist, father of Test cricketer Stan Gilchrist ….

Hello Friends somewhere near Narrabri district

It is my intention to bring several members of Lord’s Taverners Northern NSW to Narrabri for a meeting with interested people on Sunday 23rd March 2014, with a view to gathering a small group of current members of our branch and their friends together to inform them of what our organisation is about.

Right from the start, please let me assure you that we are not a commercial organisation asking for funds or commitments. We are a charitable organisation whose mission is to give the young and disadvantaged a sporting chance, and we achieve that through awarding grants of money or other assistance to deserving young people so that they might be able to pursue their sporting dreams at whatever level and in whatever sport. You can see what we are about by visiting our website (soon to be significantly upgraded and improved) at www.lordstaverners-
northernns.com.au, but let me explain a little of why we are coming to Narrabri.

There are only eleven branches of The Lord’s Taverners in Australia, and the other ten are in very large cities across Australia from Perth to Brisbane, from Darwin to Hobart. When I was inspired by the famous cricket commentator and journalist Mike Coward to start a branch, I was concerned that we would just not have the population to be able to provide the funds necessary to be a viable charity. But from somewhere in the ether the idea came to call ourselves Northern NSW branch, and to establish a network of members outside of our major centre, Lismore. And not just that, but to encourage one of those “remote” members in each location to become our local “captain” and give her/him the role of promoting our mission and our role in the local community. This has worked beautifully thanks to all those great people who have already joined as far away as Collarenebri, Taree, Singleton, Tweed, Woodenbong and so on. This program is described in the section on our Captains on the website.

We already have some members and a captain in Narrabri and we have already made one special grant to a local youngster who I believe will be present at the meeting.

If you are at all interested in attending this meeting, and perhaps in becoming involved in Lord’s Taverners Northern NSW, please let me know by replying to this email with a simple Yes or No. No questions asked if you can’t come – this is very honestly an offer of a service for your communities that may work as well as it already has in Collarenebri, Singleton, Woodenbong and beyond. To those who indicate interest, we will provide details of location and times. If you know of anyone else who might be interested, please flick this message to them (I still can’t find my friend Les Knox – someone please help!). Our offer can only benefit kids in your areas, and not detract in any way.

Yours very sincerely

Stan Gilchrist

Voluntary School Contributions
Many thanks to those who have already paid their one-off contribution of $45 for one student enrolled at NPS or $60 for more than one student enrolled.

As the time of printing, 61 … yes 61 … fantastic families have paid their one-off contribution fees for 2014. This number has grown from 30 just two weeks ago. THANKS FOR SUPPORTING YOUR SCHOOL!!!

Voluntary fees are currently $45 for one student enrolled at NPS or $60 per family and are still set at the same level as three years ago.

I know some people wonder why public schools ask for contributions. After all, doesn’t their child have a right to a “free” education?

This week I’ll answer another of the questions people often ask.

Question # 1: What if I can’t afford it?

Answer: We understand that times are tough for many people and the big drought doesn’t help either.

BUT … the research tells us that when children see their parents valuing education they are much more likely to value it themselves. Fees can be paid off. In fact, anything you can afford is most welcome. By the way, we’re excited to tell you that EFTPOS facilities will be available within the next week or two at the school office.

REMEMBER … we currently have a special incentive to encourage families to pay (or begin to pay off) their voluntary school contributions. The names of all families who have paid their fees this month will go into a draw at the end of March. The lucky winner will receive a complimentary $25.00 WLT (why leave town) Gift Voucher. Winner will be drawn during Week 10 and announced in our newsletter Week 11.

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Thanks,
Kerry Nipperess
Parent Organiser

PSSA Soccer Trials for Boys
A number of NPS boys attending the local PSSA soccer trial today. Notes and information concerning these trials went home to selected students last week. Representation at out of school sporting events is dependent on school behaviour and students are made aware of this.

Girls Softball/Touch News

Dual training for both touch footy and softball will commence this Wednesday. As a number of girls will be involved in both sports we are combining to train and develop girl’s skills in both sports. During the afternoon session, drills and games for both sports will take place. Girls interested in learning the skills and game play for softball and touch can attend training this Wednesday. Training will commence at 3:30 and finish at 4:30pm.

Assembly Awards

3-6

English:
Alex Mison, Kaleb Barnes, Isaiah Ross, Riley Lamb, Lachlan Large, Daniel Swain, Eric Richards, Georgina Dries, Annabelle Gordon

Maths:
Dominic Atkins, Joshua Pearson, Ebonie Brown, Jesse Weekes, Josh Soper, Dylan Tibbett, Phoenix Watt, Chelsea George, Kyle Gray

Achievement:

Sports:
Chelsea Joyce, Miles Campbell, Eila Tomlinson, Tashanny Clark, Olivia Verrier, Brinez Lantz, Cooper Lawrence, Thomas Wieringa, Sara Charles

Citizenship:
Abby-Ann Orman, Megan Swain, Breanna Booby, Oscar Haywood, Ebonie Brown, Lilly Williams, Sonia Kennedy, Sekia Milsom, Patrick Simpson

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English:
Klaryssa Briggs, Isaac Hynch, William Lettice, koby Gray, Lane Shoobert, Lachlan Eather, Isaak Kinchela, Clarence Morgan

Maths:
Paul Doherty, Ethan Foster, Olivia Shields, Mac Goulden, Adam Farrar, Angus McLean, Taylor Hanslow, Eva Simpson

Sports:
Judah Hamblin, Mikayla Milsom, Cooper Shileds, Braedon Mason, Penelope Longstaff, Caleb Dawson, Tiarna Gibbs-McDonald, Tom Webster

Citizenship:
Alinta Morgan, Ayrlea Arnold, Caitlin Evans, Aniesha Krishna, Shakira Parker, Destiny Lewis, Olivia Parker, Shinae Gillin

Achievement:
Lily-Jayne Smith, Kiana Mason, Jessie Parker, Emily Emmerson, Riley Bartlett, Issabella Hartog, Tom Wheeler, Noah Teer

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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 (and even a very special performance from Mr Clare!), have a lovely morning tea and lunch and visit some classrooms.  

Beginning at 10:30, we have an assembly under the Primary COLA then our special visitors are invited to the hall for a morning tea. 11:25 is our recess time and grandparents can find their grandchildren around the playground. Between 11:45 and 1:00, grandparents are invited to visit classrooms before enjoying lunch at 12:45. The festivities will finish at 1:50. (Please note: if you are wanting to take students home with you at this time, it is essential that you notify their teacher)  

Please bring a gold coin donation that will go towards the Drought Appeal.  

As mentioned above the SRC are having a Gold Coin Donation for “We’re for the Bush” – to help drought stricken farmers in their hour of need. This appeal will raise much needed funds for food and fodder. THANK YOU!

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Cake Day
Wednesday, 19th March, 2014
Stage 3
to provide cakes & slices please
Thank you for your support
Please send items in a disposable container, to avoid loss of valuables.
Cakes and slices will be priced at 40c.

A reminder that due to the fact that we do have students who have severe allergies to nuts and nut extract all forms of nuts are to be excluded from cakes and slices.
Helpers are needed to set up and serve cakes – please meet us in the school hall at 10am

*Please take cakes and slices to the school hall.

Night branch P&C AGM
This Wednesday, 19th March at Narrabri Bowling Club – 6.30pm for a 7pm start
*Phone Melissa on 0428923533
MONSTER

RAFFLE
Daybranch P&C are organising this wonderful fund raiser to continue raising money for our students. They are asking for donations of EASTER EGGS to be brought into the front office. The raffle will be drawn on 11th April and tickets will be sent home next week.

Canteen News
Grandparents Day is on Friday. ALL orders for Friday need to be at canteen and paid for by Wednesday.
Not just visitor/grandparent orders but children orders too.
The children still need to put their class/box number on their order. The grandparent orders will be in the hall.
Choices for Grandparents Day –
**Hot Food**
- Pizza singles: Cheese & Bacon $2.30
- Ham & Pineapple $2.30
- Traveller Pies: $3.30
  (sauces) (tomato, bbq, sweet & sour)
- Dinosnacks $.50c

**Sandwiches**
- Egg & Lettuce $2.20
- Ham, Cheese & Tomato $3.00
- Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo $3.30

Any of the menu drinks can be ordered but ALL SLUSHIES ON Grandparents Day will be SMALL
We have some extra helpers on the roster for Friday but can always use more help. Even if you can only spare 30-60 minutes to make sandwiches, we would love to see you at canteen at some time.

Canteen Roster

**Week 7**
- **Tuesday, 18th March**
  HELP !!!!!!!!!!!!
- **Wednesday, 19th March**
  Louise Penberthy
- **Thursday, 20th March**
  Collette Prouting
- **Friday, 21st March**
  Kate Bakhuis, Georgia Gourley, Katina Johns, Helen Madden ????????????
- **Monday, 24th March**
  Cassie Webster

Thankyou – Kim Owers Supervisor
Nikki Finn Assistant

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NARRABRI NETBALL ASSOCIATION INVITES JUNIOR PLAYERS

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TO REGISTER FOR NETBALL
NET SET GO PROGRAM: 5-6 yrs $50.00
& 7-10 yrs $60.00
JUNIORS (11-17yrs) $75.00
WHERE: COMMUNITY CARAVAN ON SATURDAY MORNING
(9am to Midday), TILL END OF MARCH
ENQUIRIES: ANNE BENNETT 0457 901895

When: Joey Scouts – 6 - 7 yrs Tuesday at 5.30pm
Cub Scouts – 8 - 10 yrs Thursday at 5.30pm
Contact Carole Davis on 67922639 or 0438784012 if you have any enquiries

NPS Swimming team in Armidale

Your favourite toy is invited to
A sleepover
At Narrabri Library

Ever wondered what your toys get up to at night
Come for a pyjama party storytime
Friday 21st March at 6pm
Leave your favourite toy for a sleepover and then come back on Saturday morning to pick them up and see what they do late at night when you are asleep

To book in call 67923336

Want to join the Scouts?
Where: Wukawa Street

COACHING CLINIC WITH FORMER AUSTRALIAN CRICKETER
Narrabri Cricket Association in conjunction with ACA are hosting a junior coaching clinic
With
Former Australian Player
JASON KREJZA
Wednesday 19th March
Venue: Cooma Oval Nets
Time: Primary School Group 4 – 5pm
High School Group 5 – 6pm
For more details please contact Luke Meppem
0404 627 832

Kick Start your Rugby Union Season with Narrabri Junior Blue Boars in 2014.
Learn basic skills and drills by playing Rugby
Venue: Narrabri Rugby Club – Dangar Park
Date: 3 nights: Starting Wednesday 2nd April
       Wednesday 9th April
and Wednesday 30th April
Time: 5.15 – 6.30pm
Age Groups: Boys & Girls 5-14 years
Under 6’s, Under 8’s, Under 10’s,
Under 12’s and Under 14’s
Cost: $15 per player
BBQ available

Enquiries: Ken Campbell 0477 335 329
Tanya Nolan 0429 781 325

President: Robert Packer
Secretary: Daniel Kahl
Treasurer: Luke Meppem

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