Principal’s Message

Last Friday 21st saw Narrabri Public hold a wonderful Grandparents Day celebration. We invited grandparents and senior citizens to come along and enjoy our school’s hospitality. Despite the rain, the school hall was packed to capacity.

K-6 students performed a concert for our special visitors. Mrs Whan’s Year 5 class began with a cheeky poem entitled, “Nans are Old and Wrinkled.” This humorous recitation set the scene for a wonderful morning’s entertainment.

Kindergarten Lindsay students were next up on stage. They looked beautiful as they read stories and showed colourful portraits of their grandparents. The smiles on the elderly faces in the audience spoke a thousand words.

After a song on the guitar from yours truly, it was time for 2M to recite a poem entitled, “A Dog Called Spot.” This lovely item was well received too.

Then Year 6 school councillor, Brie Aitken, talked about the devastating impact of the drought. After her address, two Akubra hats were passed around for donations to a rural relief fund.

The final performance was a rousing version of “Scotland the Brave” from Ewan McFarland on the bagpipes. Ewan was dressed in traditional Scottish garb complete with a colourful kilt.

Our show concluded with a lovely rendition of “Advance Australia Fair” led by our clarinet group of Rachel Charles, Annabel Read, Zoe Campbell, and Brie Aitken. This finished proceedings nicely.

A delicious morning tea followed. Then it was time for a visit to children’s classrooms before a canteen lunch.

I am confident that our very special guests had a memorable day here at Narrabri Public School last Friday. Thank you for coming!

Star of the Week

Taylah Bell

Taylah Bell has every reason to smile. She is a happy six-year-old Year 1 pupil in Mrs Ross’ class. “Mrs Ross is nice. She smiles and gives us stickers and even jelly beans sometimes. She’s kind to our whole class.”

Last year Taylah was Kinder Irvine. Her best friends at school are Amity, Caitlyn, Zoe and Seb. Taylah loves playing on the play equipment at lunch time. Her favourite piece of equipment is the monkey bars.

Taylah likes playing with plasticine whenever she gets the chance during free play time. She is also a sporty young lady who likes nothing better than playing with a basketball at home.

Taylah was very excited about being Star of the Week because “I haven’t been Star of the Week before and I’ve always wanted to be one ever since I was in Kindergarten.”

Well done, Taylah. I’m told you always demonstrate excellent manners and behaviour in class too.
The Week Ahead
Week 9
Monday 24th March
Assembly @ 3.00 (weather permitting)

Tuesday 25th March
P&C Uniform Shop open 8.30—9.30 am
Netball Clinic Yrs 5-6
1.50-3.20 (weather permitting)

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

Thursday 27th March
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30—3.45pm
PSSA Cricket v Gulargambone (weather permitting)

Friday 28th March
Zone Soccer Trials
Costa from Gardening Australia visiting NPS
12.00-1.00

Saturday 29th March
“Nosh on the Namoi”
Gamilaraay Choir performing at 12.15

Week 10
Monday 31st March
School Leadership Conference in Sydney
Assembly @ 3.00

Tuesday 1st April
P&C Uniform Shop open 8.30—9.30 am

Wednesday 2nd April
Primary Assembly 4M @ 2.40pm
School Banking

Thursday 3rd April
MAX FM
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30—3.45pm

Student Leaders Conference
Next Monday 31st March our student captains, vice captains and councillors will be attending a fantastic leadership conference in Sydney accompanied by their parents and Year 6 teacher, Mrs McLeish. The aim of their trip is to develop leadership skills along with thousands of other school leaders who journey to Sydney each year to listen to inspirational and motivating guest speakers.

This year’s conference includes addresses from former NSW Premier and Foreign Minister, Mr Bob Carr, journalist, editor and media personality, Ita Buttrose, and award winning children’s author, Andy Griffiths.

I know our students will benefit greatly from this tremendous opportunity. Many thanks to those parents involved and of course Mrs McLeish as well.

We look forward to a full report and some photos from this exciting event.

Outstanding Art From NPS Students
The Isolated Children’s Parents’ Association recently held a conference here in Narrabri. Infants and primary students entered a combined art/craft activity on a quilting theme. You can see the outstanding results by Stage 2 in the photo below. Likewise, the infants work was equally good. Well done to all.

Grandparents Day

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Cake Stall
Last Wednesday saw another successful Stage 3 Cake Stall held. Parents were kept busy during recess, and the quality of cakes and slices which were brought to school for sale was excellent.

Rugby League Trials
Rugby league trials took place last Monday. 8 boys represented Narrabri Public School in an exceptional way. The Zone trials were at Gately Oval.

Trials are never easy. We started with agility activities followed by forwards verses backs in attacking and defending manoeuvres. Then we went on the passing and controlling the ball “in traffic” (where there are lots of other players). Next they had to practise their triangles and skills at making passes that make the opposition do the work.

We finished off with a trial game of league. By the end of the time, many students were tired and trying to catch their breath.

It was great to see all students “having a go” and well done to all those boys how made the Narrabri Zone Team. These are: Cooper Lawrence, Jacob Sunderland, Angus Browning, Andrew Coleman, Brienz Lantz, Thomas Woodham, Sam Soper and Jacob Nipperess

Tim McIntosh

White Cards

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Primary Assembly Awards

English:
Logan Hanslow, Amelie Johnson, Lana Parkes, Sarah Draheim, Julaan Fish, Riley Emmerson, Brianna Walton, Charles Fawcett, Beau Tomlinson, Jayden Rose

Maths:
Talisha Sims, Cooper Hall, Eliesha Anderson, Jake Bussell, Olivia Verrier, Amelia Jones, Daniel Swain, Kira Manning, Georgia Garden-Thorn

Achievement:
Jacob Lewis, Layne Parker, Millie Goulden, Kaleb Milsom, Shae Murphy, Clayton Johannesen, Joe Ford, Hayley Orman, Jacob Sunderland

Sports:
Chelsea Joyce, Tyreese Campbell, Haylee Finn, Annalise Woodham, Millie Bruce, Brendan Lennox, Kianna Allen, Hilton Jackson, Thomas Woodham

Citizenship:
Zac Stait, Maddison Leech, Laine Lindsay, Hayley Whittle-McGrath, Anastasia Melbourne, Cassidy Staines, Alistair Gourley, Reece Anderson, Francesca Smith

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Table Tennis Fun
Table tennis is now available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at lunchtime in our hall for interested boys and girls. As you can see from the photo, children participating in this sport are having lots of fun as well as learning a new skill. Some basic coaching re grip and simple stroke production is being provided, but the real secret is practise, practise, practise!

Table tennis is great fun and it’s hoped that an alternative activity like this will give students another fun play option other than soccer, netball, league etc.

PSSA Cricket Update
Following our side’s outstanding victory over Wee Waa Public, our school cricket team finds itself travelling to Gulargambone, possibly this Thursday (weather permitting) for a 3rd round clash.

It promises to be a tough game of cricket away from home, but coaches Troy Nipperess and Sue McLeish are quietly confident that our well-trained team of boys will give an excellent account of themselves.

Good luck team. Represent your school with pride!

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Monster Easter Raffle
Thank you for the donations so far. Please keep them coming. Attached to the newsletter are raffle tickets which are .50c each

Please return all tickets to the front office by 10th April
The raffle will be drawn on
Friday, 11th April
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
Daybranch P&C

Canteen News
Thank you to everyone who came in to help for Grandparents Day. Especially those who haven’t been before. All those orders can be a bit daunting but it went very well with only a few mistaken orders and 2 missing lunches. (which did turn up later in the wrong boxes). We all did well. Again a BIG thanks.

CANTENE ROSTER
Week 9
Tuesday, 25th March
Cassie Webster
Wednesday, 26th March
HELP NEEDED
Thursday, 27th March
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Friday, 28th March
HELP NEEDED
Monday, 24th March
Cassie Webster

As you can see we need some more help. If you can spare some time please contact myself or Nikki on 67921925 (canteen) and let us write you into the roster.

We will have Spaghetti Bolognaise, Lasagne and Mac Cheese as of next week – Week 10.
Milo is now available in the morning $1.00.
We are looking at some breakfast specials so if you have any ideas let us know.
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**NOSH ON THE NAMOI**

Narrabri Public School will again be holding a bottle stall and guessing competition at Nosh on the Namoi 29th March 2014. We are asking for donations of jars of edible goodies. As it is Nosh they do need to be filled with food items. The student who brings in the most jars will be given a $20 itunes voucher. You can leave the jars in the box provided at the front office and I will collect them from there. Hope to see lots of jars coming and to see you all down at Nosh for a great annual event. Thank you for your support. Kerry Nipperess (Parent Helper)

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Costa is Coming

As you probably know, Costa Georgiadis from ABC’s Gardening Australia is attending Nosh on the Namoi this weekend. Costa has a passion for plants and people.

Costa has arranged a visit to our school on Friday the 28th of March. He is keen to visit our school. Mrs Tame’s class is going to show him our school gardens.

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**Update on Guitar Lessons**

Auditions took place two weeks ago and we are offering places to twelve students. *A note will go home this week to selected students asking if they wish to enrol for these lessons.* As per our school band, students will pay by the term for instruction and instrument hire. Students not selected will be put on a waiting list and may be offered a place if and when a spot becomes available. *Lessons will begin the first week of Term 2.*

Thanks to for your patience and co-operation. We’re getting there!
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**Netball Clinic**

Narrabri Public School Stage 3 girls are fortunate to be offered a free netball clinic on **Tuesday, 25th March (tomorrow)** conducted by NSW Sport and Recreation.

All stage 3 girls will participate in one of two 45 minute sessions. Girls will need to wear their **sports uniform** on this day, including comfortable joggers.

*Please direct any enquiries to Mrs Stow.*

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**Junior Touch Football**

On Monday 31st March 4 teams representing our school will be playing in a local junior touch afternoon. There will be 3 ten minute games for each team at no. 2 & 3 ovals. The first game kicks off at 5pm so please arrive at 4.30. When the games are finished there will be a short presentation to all players, which will be followed by the grand finals for the Narrabri Touch Men’s and Women’s competitions, and you may like to watch some good quality competitive touch. There will also be a BBQ operating during the finals.

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**NPS Student Playing Saxophone at Opera House**

Year 6 student, Luke Wieringa, is making a name for himself as a top musician. His instrument is the alto saxophone. This June, he is performing at the Sydney Opera House playing in the State Band. This is a tremendous achievement. To achieve this honour, he was selected in our New England Regional Band. While at a regional music camp, his playing impressed tutors so much that he was asked if he’d like to nominate for higher honours … which he duly did!

We look forward to hearing more from you in the near future, Luke.

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**Narrabri Tennis Holiday Tennis Clinic**

*When: 1st week of the holidays Monday 14th April through to and including Thursday 17th April*  
*Where: Narrabri Tennis Centre*  
*Cost: 9am to 12 noon - $80 for 4 days or $25 per day, 9am to 3pm - $120 for 4 days or $35 per day (Family discounts 3 or more children)*

Program Includes: learning through play coaching, group lesson format using timed rotations and multiple coaches, instruction on all tennis strokes and round robin singles/doubles matchplay. Plenty of fun and games!!

Extra Information: Suits everyone aged from 4-16 years, beginners right through to the advanced even if you have never played tennis before. Free racquet hire and party and presentation on the final morning. Drinks breaks including recess and lunch. Wet weather program in place.

Further info: Shane Murphy 0405151935

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**NETBALL SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC**

*When: Wednesday April 16, 2014 Where: Narrabri Netball Association - Bev Burrow Netball Courts, Narrabri, NSW 2390*

*Time: 9am - 12pm (arrive at 8:30pm for registration) Participants will receive a Netball NSW goodie bag including a Gilbert netball!*  
☐ 3 hours of netball fun  
☐ Age specific  
☐ Learn new skills  
☐ Try new netball moves  
☐ Tailored to participant skill levels  
☐ Accredited coaches on hand

Play lots of fun games and improve your netball skills all at the same time! **For:** Children aged 5 - 12 years old  
**Cost:** $40  
**Bring:** Healthy snacks, drink bottle, sunscreen and a hat

Registrations for this clinic will close: Friday 28 March, 2014.

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