Principal’s Message
I am sure that like me, most people went along to visit Nosh on the Namoi last Saturday. It was great to see the sunshine, but it was also very exciting to see Narrabri Public’s students and parents being involved.

For example, the photo above was kindly emailed to me by Jane Trindall. She wrote, “Hi Michael. Thanks so much to you and Pattie for bringing the Gamilaraay choir down to Nosh on the Namoi. They were fabulous. Also a lot of NPS kids participated in the Nosh triathlon. I took a photo and thought you might like to acknowledge them in the newsletter.”

Yes, Jane, I certainly do want to acknowledge them on a marvellous effort. What endurance they have!

I’d also like to thank all those parents who brought in jars for us to sell at Nosh 2014. Your generosity helped make the school $350. Of course, these school stalls don’t just happen. A big thank you to our organisers, Ann Loder and Kerrie Nipperess and those students who assisted on the day.

As Jane mentioned in her email, it was wonderful having the school’s Gamilaraay music group entertain at the Nosh on Saturday. One local radio announcer from MAX FM was so impressed that he’s asked them to come and sing live on air on Wednesday 9th April.

Finally, I make mention of a memorable visit to Narrabri Public from ABC’s Gardening Australia host, Costa Georgiadis. A full report from 1/2T is featured elsewhere in this week’s newsletter.

Star of the Week
Noah Teer
Noah Teer is excited to be our Star of the Week, but not as excited as his big brother Kaleb was when he found out about it! Noah is in Year 2 in Miss Morrissey’s class. “Miss Morrissey is a good teacher because she gives me interesting work to do.”

Noah’s best friends here at school are Angus, Campbell and Isaiah. His favourite activity at school is playing tips and various running games with his friends at lunch on the grassed area. Noah also plays soccer with his brother at home. He likes rugby league too and is a keen Storm supporter.

Like most young people today, Noah is comfortable with technology and has an iPad and iPod at home. His favourite computer games at the moment are Cool Maths Games, especially the motorbike maths ones.

Just after Christmas, Noah and his family went to the Gold Coast. He tells me that he had the time of his life. “We stayed in this lovely apartment. It was number twenty in a big building right beside the beach. There was this nice pool and a crazy waterslide and we went to the beach and I found some shells.” While they were holidaying there, Noah and his brother Kaleb played tips in the water and they enjoyed a lovely barbeque.

Well done, Noah.
Welcome Costa

On Friday Costa visited 1-2T to share with them information on gardening and sustainable practices. 1-2T was excited to share with Costa all the gardening activities that they had been involved with. They shared with him their propagating trays and Costa went on to tell them the importance of seeds to gardening.

He explained to them how to harvest seeds for future planting. This is something that we will do with our basil plants this week when things dry out.

Costa did a magnificent bee dance and had the students identify why bees were essential to plants. When we went out to our garden we saw honey bees and blue wing bees (these are our native bees). This indicated that our garden was healthy.

The girls (our chooks) were discussed and the students and Costa shared information on how they are able to recycle. We told Costa that the chooks recycle scraps into eggs and Costa told us that they recycle scraps and make eggs and *make poo* which is good for building healthy soil.

1-2T also asked Costa advice on how to cure the olives so we could eat them. The children had harvested the olives and he said they are a good size for eating with plenty of flesh. Costa is going to send us a recipe so we can start the process.

Amazingly we did lots of singing and dancing during this time, reciting chants to help us learn about the soil. We even taught Costa our special class song and dance that we do when we understand something. It was a great, fun filled hour for our budding gardeners.
Student Leaders Conference

It’s an exciting time for student captains, vice captains and councillors today as they attend a leadership conference in Sydney. They are being accompanied by their parents and Year 6 teacher, Mrs McLeish. The aim of this conference is to develop leadership skills. They are in excellent company. Each year thousands of other school leaders from across NSW journey to Sydney 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.

A full report and photos next week.

Nosh on the Namoi was a huge success thanks to everyone’s efforts. We had 165 jars donated and the winner of the $20 itunes voucher goes to the Goulden family with an impressive 48 jars. The day was a huge success and we sold all the jars within the hour raising an impressive $330 towards our school.

Our other fundraiser was the easter egg guessing competition. With the jar being at the school for the week and with over 100 guesses. As of 3:30pm Friday the exact number had still not been selected. Mrs Josephine Morley guessed 143 eggs and was the winner. Joe has generously decided to donate the eggs back to the school to Mrs Young (142) and Mrs Stow guessing (144). I am sure all the students in these classes will be very happy.

Kerry Nipperess

The Week Ahead

Week 10

Monday 31st March

School Leadership Conference in Sydney
Rep Rugby League Trials
Assembly @ 3.00
AECG Meeting @ 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

Friday 4th April

Regional Soccer Trials in Armidale

Week 1

Monday 7th April

PSSA Cricket v Gulargambone
Assembly @ 3.00
Selected NPS Kids playing at Touch Football Final
School Council Meeting @ 7.00

Tuesday 8th April

P&C Uniform Shop open 8.30-9.30 am

Wednesday 9th April

Day Branch P&C Meeting @ 9.30
Gamilaraay Choir visiting MAX FM 9.00am
No Afternoon Assembly
School Banking
Night Branch P&C Meeting @ 7.00

Thursday 10th April

ANZAC Assembly in COLA @ 9.30
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30—3.45pm

Friday 11th April

Easter Hat Parade and raffle draw @ 2.30
Mobile Phone Update
Parents who have downloaded our school’s mobile phone app began receiving messages from the school last Thursday.

Yes, the technology is now in place for us to send messages from NPS directly to your phone. In fact, we are changing our procedures at school to ensure that more messages from staff will be sent this way to keep you informed of what’s happening around the school.

To those who wondered when this would happen, we are now definitely in business. My advice is to go online and google “Narrabri Public School on the App Store on iTunes” and then download to your phone.

By the way, our EFTPOS machine finally arrived at school last week. Please blame the bank for the delay…not us! Good news is that EFTPOS facilities are now available. Mrs Coleman was our very first EFTPOS customer – pictured with Mrs Scott.

School Calendar
While on the subject of technology and its value to our school community, I’d like to say a huge thanks to Gabby Woodham and Libby Lantz who came in last week and volunteered to update our school calendar. I know a number of people would like to see more information on our school website, especially sporting dates etc.

School Fees
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. A lucky winner will be drawn this Friday 4th April and announced in our newsletter Week 11.
IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO BE IN THE DRAW!

Guitar Lessons
A note went home last Friday to twelve students asking if they wish to have guitar lessons. These students have until this Friday to return their note and tuition fees.

All other students who auditioned have been put on a waiting list. These students will be offered a place next week if these “first offer” students do not respond by Friday 4th April.

Lessons will begin the first week of Term 2.

Sporting Representation – Media Permission
If your child goes on to represent our school at zone or regional level, you need to know that schools have a responsibility not to forward a child’s name for further representation if parents have advised that publication is not permitted. There have been examples where names have been published in heat sheets, event managers and carnival results etc.

If you would not like your child’s name published please inform our PSSA Organiser, Mr Tim McIntosh.

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
WHITE CARDS

Te Wiki Mason, Alexander Loder, Mitchell Holland, Angus Browning, Sekia Milsom, Isabelle Howard-Phemister, Tanika Clark, Molly Michell-Smith, Sahvanah Hunt-Falkiner, Tamika Dwyer, Cassandra Merritt, Azander Key, Malik Dennis, Ewan McFarland, Samuel Soper, Liam Wilson, Dylan Tibbett, Matthew Clare, Tyler Cowell, Timothy Clare, Ciani Welsh-Lobo, Jakeb Nipperess, Luke Bentley, Brooke Miskle, Bronte Ciesiolka, Orlando Dams, Rhani Fewtrell, Adelaide Johnson, Angus Ciesiolka, Savanna Orman, Chloe Winsley, Mikayla Milsom, Cruz Parson, Savannah Gold-Reis, Veronica Weekes, Jayda Hannaford, Elijiana Welsh, Oliver Morris, Skye Manning, Alicia Morgan-Ferguson, Ethan Condran, Lawrence Milsom, Hamish Webster, Seth Van Bommel, Kishaya Gibbs-Eulo

K-2 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

ENGLISH:
Charley Woodham, Wilby Bussell, Sam McIntosh, Madeleine Shields, Charlie Dams, Travis Gibbs-Eulo, Brigette Rose, Angus Ciesiolka

MATHS:
Taylah Bull, Seth Van Bommel, Ceanna Toomey, Charlie Baker, Annabella McLean, Ella Maskill, Amelia McCauley, Thomas Ryan

SPORTS:
Armani Shields, Brielle Bourke, Jayda Hannaford, Geoffrey Crean, Jasmin Stove, Isabella Suckling, Ian Berney, Laine McCauley

CITIZENSHIP:
Alistair Atkins, Menzie Baker-Harvey, Hazel Prouting, Riley Dauth-Searle, Savanna Orman, Harry Parkes, Jayde Arnold, Krista Zarka

ACHIEVEMENT:
Zeikin Green, Olive Almagro, Jobe O'Regan, Stephanie Rose, Campbell Bulmer, Johnathon Charles, Deacon Cuell, Halle Rooney

CANTEEN NEWS

A BIG thankyou has to go out to our volunteers, Friday lunch time Ron Bower and our 2 year 6 helpers Mikayla and Chelsea. Without their help Nikki and I would be still trying to get the lunch orders packed and out. Included in those orders were 15 which came in after the 9.20am bell and 1 which came up at lunch time. PLEASE remind children to hand their orders in especially on Thursday and Friday. It is hard enough to do the preparation for that many lunches without having to keep track of the late orders and make sure the food is right AND the drinks make it to the boxes.

If you have a year 6 student who would like to come and help at canteen you need to fill in the appropriate form and return it to Mrs Allen. Then we SOS to Mrs Allen for help and she has a number of students to call on. The help we have had so far this year has been excellent. Well done Callan, Jorja, Chelsea, Chelsea and Mikayla.

Some of you may not know that our big fridge at canteen has died. Many children have automatically looked to it to see what we have in drinks and have thought we don’t have any because it is empty. We are managing with several small fridges and by freezing some stuff we might usually refrigerate so tell them to ask. We may have what they are looking for hidden away somewhere.

We now have Spaghetti Bolognaise and Mac Cheese available and will have Lasagne tomorrow. So all those people who misread last week’s newsletter and ordered these things last week can have them this week.

Our roster this week is still a bit empty so if you have some time please come to see us.

The rosters for Term 2 are in the canteen so please let us know if you can help. There are cake boxes rom Stage 3 Cake Day in canteen. I would be grateful if you could collect them before the end of term.

Kim Owens
Canteen Supervisor

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Beau Tomlinson & Joc Ford travelled to Homebush to attend the Athletics State Championships. Beau came 21st in the state in under 11 boys shot put & Joc finished 17th in state in under 10 boys 70 metre sprint. Well done boys!!

**Fruit Day** is on Wednesday, 2\(^{nd}\) April for all stages.
Volunteers are needed to help cut up fruit PLEASE.
We will be meeting in the school hall at 9.45am.
THANK YOU

Congratulations to Shona McFarland and Chloe Winsley who received 2\(^{nd}\) and 3\(^{rd}\) respectively in the colouring in competition for the Narrabri Fish Farm. Well done girls!!

**Monster Easter Raffle**
Thank you for the donations so far.
Your response has been fantastic!
Please keep them coming.
All tickets are to be returned to the front office by Thursday, 10\(^{th}\) April
The raffle will be drawn on Friday, 11\(^{th}\) April
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
Daybranch P&C

**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: Tuesday, 1\(^{st}\) April at 5pm
*See Mrs Hancock for a Rego form OR Register on line*
WHO CAN FOSTER ABORIGINAL CHILDREN?

To become an Aboriginal foster carer you must have the maturity to provide care to Aboriginal children & young people.

Single people, couples, families with or without children of your own can be foster carers.

You do not need to own your home, but have enough room for a foster child or young person.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A FOSTER CARER:
- Loving
- Socially and Community Minded
- Resourceful
- Good Listener, Communicator and mediator
- Patient
- Open Minded & Understanding
- Good Role Model
- Positive Outlook

WHY DO WE NEED ABORIGINAL FOSTER CARERS?
Aboriginal children make up a very large proportion of children in care.
Tamworth & Armidale Aboriginal Children's Services (TAACS) is very keen to engage more Aboriginal carers to prevent our kids from being separated from their communities and families. Sadly there are not enough authorised Aboriginal foster carers for the number of Aboriginal children in care.

THAT'S WHY ABORIGINAL FOSTER CARERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED!
TAACS Phone 67613436 or call into the office at 8 Darling Street Tamworth 2340

Why Kids Swear
As your child grows, he expands his vocabulary by listening to the people around him - and no-one spends more time with him than his parents.

- Along with learning new words, he also learns the type of reaction a word will get (which is why the word 'no' is so popular - he sees how you react when he says no to you.) So if he thinks that certain words have power to them, he will try them out to see how you react.
- If you swear a lot, you are modelling behaviour to him that he will eventually model back you - so if you don't want your child to swear, you need to stop swearing yourself.
- If you communicate to him by laughing that he's funny or cute when he swears, he will try to please you by doing it again and more often.
- If you get angry when he swears, he may be tempted to throw the swear word at you when he's angry and wants to upset you.

What to do when kids swear
Make sure that both you and your partner are quite clear about what is acceptable in your home and what isn't. Once you've decided what words are unacceptable coming out of your child's mouth, try to follow the same guidelines yourself.

- If your child picks up a swear word from outside the home, try to feign disinterest. Tell him very calmly that you don't like that word and you don't want to hear it again. Try to ignore it and avoid responding. Once he sees that the word is having no effect on you, he'll be less likely to use it again.
- If your child swears when he's angry or upset, it will only fuel the fire if you reprimand him at that exact moment.
- Perhaps suggest some other words that will just as effectively communicate how he's feeling - 'mad, frustrated, cross' are all good strong words that won't offend anyone.
- If you think that your child is using swear words for effect but doesn't understand, explain that it is offensive to many people and can hurt their feelings.
- Talk about what words are OK to use to express feelings and which ones are not OK.

NARRABRI SOCCER CLUB

2014 Junior Soccer Season starts May 3rd

Register now at myfootballclub.com.au
Information and registration days at Gately Field April 5th and April 26th (9-12am)

For more information: narrabrisoccer@northerninlandfootball.net.au
David Coleman on 0428950017
Graeme Sunderland 67904042 (8am-4pm weekdays)

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