Principal’s Message
As you know, last week our student leaders attended the national Young Leaders Day in Sydney. They were accompanied by their parents and Year 6 teacher, Mrs McLeish. The event, which attracted 5,500 primary students is hosted by the Halogen Foundation whose mission is to inspire young people to lead themselves and others well.

Guest speakers included author Andy Griffiths, Ita Buttrose and The Hon. Bob Carr. Each speaker brought their unique life experience to the platform as they shared insightful and encouraging sessions, instilling the message that despite circumstances, anyone can be a leader and make a difference in the world around them.

Last Thursday I received this lovely email from Mrs Ciesiolka who accompanied her daughter, Lara to Sydney. “Firstly, I wanted to thank you, on behalf of myself and Lara, for the opportunity for the school Leadership Team to attend the National Young Leaders Day in Sydney on Monday 31 March 2014. It was a wonderful opportunity for all of us that were privileged enough to be able to attend, and I feel confident that I speak for all of us when I say we got a lot from it. There was much excitement surrounding the meeting of a real, live author!”

Thank you, Mrs Ciesiolka I am sure that all these young leaders had an invaluable learning experience that will enable them to be great role models.

Star of the Week
Jinali Trindall
This week we’re featuring a great role model and a possible future school leader from Mrs Young’s Year 3 class, Jinali Trindall. Mrs Young says that his attitude and classroom behaviour are outstanding.

Eight-year-old Jinali was born in Brisbane, but he has lived in Narrabri since he was five and enrolled in Kindergarten. His first teacher was Mrs Irvine and he still has fond memories of her. By the way, Jinali has a little sister named Matilda who is in Mrs Irvine’s Kindergarten class this year!

Jinali loves nothing better than having sleepovers with his good mates like Ashton Smith, Cooper Hall and Will Ryan. “We love playing computer games on the Play Station and iPad,” Jinali said.

He is also a keen cricketer who played cricket in the Under 9s and is now enjoying footy training on Friday afternoons. When he was a little boy, Jinali had a favourite teddy bear. It was a yellow, black and red Aboriginal teddy bear called Murray. Jinali told me that Murray was a keen South Sydney supporter.

Jinali loves coming to school each day. His favourite subject is maths. He especially enjoys playing basketball and handball with his friends. “Sometimes we even go into the library,” he added.
Westpac Rescue Helicopter School Program
We are excited to be participating in the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Schools Program during Term 2. The program created in conjunction with Surf Life Saving, aims to provide our students, teachers and parents with information about the Service and its role in keeping our community safe.

Students will learn about our local helicopter base, parts of the helicopter and what the rescue crew do to prepare for a mission, through curriculum aligned episodes and lesson plans.

Our school may also have the chance to receive a visit from the local crew in May, which is very exciting. If you’d like to know more about the service you can check out the website here - www.westpacrescue.com.au.

FURTHER INFO ABOUT THE SERVICE
National Overview
• As the oldest civilian search and rescue service in Australia, the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service has performed more than 70,000 missions over the past four decades.

• It began in 1973 with just one helicopter in Sydney, and Wales Bank, now known as Westpac, has supported this vital service since its inception.

• Today the Service covers over 84% of the Australian population during the summer months with a national operation made up of 16 helicopters flying from 13 bases. The Service also includes two rescue boats, based in the Northern Territory and Victoria.

• Westpac has proudly supported the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service for more than 40 years, and recently reaffirmed its partnership for the next four years to 2017.

• Every Westpac Rescue Helicopter base across the nation is a free community service, no individual has ever been charged to be rescued.

• Australians touched by the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service can share their story, say thank you and if they wish, donate via www.westpacrescue.com.au.

The Week Ahead
Week 11
Monday 7th April
Assembly @ 3.00
Selected NPS Kids playing at Number 3 Oval @ 4.30
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
No Afternoon Assembly
School Banking
Night Branch P&C Meeting @ 7.00

Thursday 10th April
ANZAC Assembly in COLA @ 10.45
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30—3.45pm

Friday 11th April
Easter Hat Parade and raffle draw @ 2.30

NPS school leaders meet award-winning children’s author, Andy Griffith.

Lucky Winner Announced
As you know, we are currently running a special scheme to encourage families to pay their voluntary school contributions. The names of everybody who paid their fees this month went into a hat. The winning name was pulled out this morning by Mrs Wilson.

Congratulations to Georgia Parkin. Georgia, you have won and will receive a complimentary $25.00 WLT (why leave town) Gift Voucher. Well done, we will send your prize home with Darral this afternoon.

There will be another winner next month.
Narrabri Public’s 2013 Annual School Report is now available. It covers such things as our school’s future plans, some NAPLAN data analysis and significant achievements from last year. Paper copies have been printed and are available at the front office. This important and comprehensive document is now available for download on the school’s website.

**Cricket Match v Gulargambone**

Our talented school cricket team was scheduled to play Gulargambone Public this week in a third round game, but the match has had to be postponed. The boys were disappointed to hear this bad news, but trained last week after school anyway. We are hoping to re-schedule this match for early Term 2.

**Next School Development Day**

This will be held on Monday 28th April. The day will focus on a revision of our school’s current discipline and welfare policy.

To assist us with this project, parent surveys were sent home late last week. Your contribution is indeed valued. If you wish to have your say, please complete the survey form and return it to school no later than Friday 11th April.

**Fruit Day**

Last Wednesday 2nd March, a small but dedicated band of Day Branch P&C volunteers organised a wonderful healthy eating opportunity for NPS students. Fruit Day always involves cutting up a huge amount of fruit in a short period of time, but the children really look forward to this and appreciate it. Thank you so much parents. The fruit was delicious too!

Some senior students are heading down to Number Three Oval this afternoon at 4.30. These boys and girls are playing warm-up games for the finals of the town touch competition. These games will also constitute part of our school’s team selection process. A barbeque is available if you’d like to come along and make a night of it. Finally, thanks to our coaches, Mrs Stow, Mrs Young, Mr and Mrs Hancock and Heidi Campbell who’ve been training these students after school.

**Easter Hat Parade**

Infants classes are holding an old-fashioned Easter Hat Parade on Friday 11th at 2.30 p.m. There will be a prize for the best hat in each class. These hats are being made in the classrooms.

Primary students will arrive for the raffle draw at 3.00. I also have it on good authority that the Easter Bunny will make a guest appearance!

**ANZAC Day Service**

Please note the change of time for this important school event. The starting time is now 10.45 a.m. on Thursday 10th under the primary COLA not 9.30 a.m. as previously advertised. This had to be changed due to an unforeseen clash with another event.

**Anzac Day Community March & Service**

We are hoping we can have a huge student turn out at this year’s march which commences from outside the school at approximately 10.30 a.m. Many of the staff will be marching and attending the community service at the Narrabri RSL. Students should wear summer uniform please.

**Grandparents Day**

It seems that our recent Grandparent’s Day was a big success. This lovely letter was sent to Mrs Irvine recently by two grateful grandparents and we believe it deserves a wider audience.

Dear Mrs Irvine,

Being a grandparent is such a great privilege! Thank you so much for hosting Grandparent’s Day at your school. Terry and I were very happy and proud to be part of this special day.

We enjoyed all the activities presented at assembly – a fabulous display of talent by so many students.

Thankyou to all the great cooks and helpers at the school canteen for a yummy morning tea and lunch.
We especially loved visiting your classroom …

Thankyou for sharing your time and showing us how clever you are about learning about so many important things. Well done.

It was lovely to meet our grandson’s classmates and friends too. We had a fabulous day!

With love from Terry and Lexie (Marnie) Killen

2014 Young Leaders Day

The NPS leaders including Francesca Smith, Tom Woodham, Lara Ciesiolka, Andrew Coleman, Zoe Campbell, Brie Aitken, Beau Tomlinson and Jacob Sunderland travelled to Sydney to be part of the Young Leaders Day held at Darling Harbour. This was an amazing experience for them.

Through teacher and student determination we were able to secure seating (none allocated!!) in the 3rd row right in front of the stage. Great excitement to begin the day and set the scene for a very positive day!

Our first speaker was the instigator of the Halogen Foundation (sponsors for the day), Mike Martin, who is an ex-Duntroon Army Officer and a great believer in promoting leadership in young people. He illustrated his ideas with a simple but effective diagram of a tree, with the most important part being strong roots of leadership built on EMPATHY, which he defines as the ‘ability to experience the feelings of others’. Other parts of the tree were made up of:

• Stuff is Safe- Physically, Emotionally, Intellectually, Environmentally
• Stuff is Fair- Hard work is recognised and rewarded
• Stuff is Awesome- How do you make leadership grow (the environment is right for great levels of achievement in all educational areas)

The tree needs to be nurtured by watering with books, quality movies, conversations/discussions with people and teachers and opportunities such as Young Leaders Day.

The day continued with the strong theme of the importance of EMPATHY in everyday life and the significance of ‘being able to place yourself in other people’s shoes’, an integral part of being a good leader.

I have often said to Year 6 that you do not need a ‘badge’ pinned on your uniform to be a leader; you just need to be one! I feel a leader is someone who feels comfortable walking beside themselves for the rest of their lives, because they have made good choices and developed the ability to assist others to do the same.

The students were introduced to some amazing speakers who each gave an insight into their life experiences and revealed how they have developed their leadership qualities. Someone who really inspired the students was Coen Ashton. Coen is a 16 year old boy with Cystic Fibrosis. This is a disease that affects the lungs, causing huge amounts of mucus to build up and prevent children from living a normal life. He has been hospitalised for most of his life. Some of his advice was to put 100% into everything every day. When faced with death Coen, with family support, decided to jet ski down the Murray River which took him seven weeks. His lungs were so bad he desperately needed a lung transplant and after a false alarm he had surgery, which took six hours. His new lungs were a little too big for him because they were a set of adult lungs as there were no kid’s lungs available. After a long recovery and with his new pair of lungs he again decided to jet ski the Murray. This time taking him only seven days! Coen’s biggest message was to have the chat with your parents about being an organ donor and giving people like himself a second chance at life. (Lara Ciesiolka)

Famous children’s author, Andy Griffiths, had us ‘in the palm of his hand’ with his stories and motivated myself as a teacher, to return to more imaginative writing rather than always thinking ‘deliver the curriculum’!!

It was a great pleasure also listening to Ita Buttrose and it was particularly interesting to watch the students, who were transfixed and subsequently inspired by her life story of work and leadership in the workplace starting from her first job of coffee girl at 16, but quickly aspiring to much greater heights!

The students are to be congratulated on their impeccable manners and courteous behaviour. Beau is to be congratulated for having the fortitude to have his hand up the entire time for questioning without being chosen!! Thank goodness though, Andy Griffiths used one of his ideas as part of a story …..we all breathed a sigh of relief!

It was a privilege and honour to accompany our quality NPS team of leaders to this conference and to experience such a meaningful day with their parents.

The leaders and myself are presently creating a Stage 3 leadership power point presentation which we hope will inspire and motive all our senior students to become leaders now and in the future.

Sue McLeish

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WHITE CARDS

ASSEMBLY AWARDS
3-6

ENGLISH:
Georgia Kirkby, Jake Bussell, Ben Wheeler, Bobby Wu, Poppy Smith, Cody Shepherdson, Malik Dennis, Brie Aitken, Annabel Read

MATHEMATICS:
Sean McLean, Joss Kennedy, Hayley Whittle-McGrath, Cilla Hamblin, Laine Lindsay, Paige Dean, Ethan Irvine, Adam Wright, Lara Ciesiolka

ACHIEVEMENT:
Jordan Rankin, Luke Shields, Layne Foran, Makayla Cook, Sophie Eather, Candice Wright, Mikayla Hald, Angus Browning, Callan Webster

SPORTS:
Eryn Parkes, Jamari Zarka, Jye Anderson, Cilla Hamblin, Matthew Penberthy, Ethan Irvine, Charlotte Penberthy, Jorja Bakhuis, Jakeb Nipperess

CITIZENSHIP:
Chloe Irvine, Toby Michell-Smith, Sean Allen, Ashley Yu, Holli Nipperess, Tyler Cowell, Lucy Gordon, Samuel Cain, Mikayla Beddow, Adelaide Johnson

Good luck to these boys who are at the Rugby League trials today.

Thomas Eather, Wiki Mason, Joc Ford, Patrick Simpson

CANTEEN NEWS
All the regular things are available this week. Thanks to Connor who I missed last week in my year 6 helpers.

A donation of a pumpkin or two next term for soup making would be great.

We have no one so far on the roster for term 2.

Just a reminder that the more volunteers we have the cheaper we can keep the menu prices.

Have a safe and happy holiday
From Kim Owens – Supervisor
Nikki Finn - Assistant

Netball News
Thank you to all the girls who have been regularly attending netball training this term.

The netball team for this year will be pinned on the noticeboard outside the AV room on Tuesday morning.
If you have not been placed in the team, you are still invited to join us for training each Thursday from 3:30-4:30pm.
See you this Thursday!
SAVE THE DATE!

NPS P&C Committee

Family Bush Dance

Saturday, 31st May, 2014

Music by The Marlins

at the
Narrabri Showgrounds

Tickets $10.00 a family if purchased before, or $20 on the night

More information coming soon .......

Sausage sizzle

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