**Principal’s Report**

Narrabri Public is the sporting school. First of all, congratulations to our cricket team on their excellent win against Gulargambone last Friday. A full match report from Mrs McLeish is included in this week’s newsletter. Their next match will be a regional semi-final against Tamworth Public. We’ll keep you posted!

Meanwhile, our rugby league team is up against the strong Wee Waa side in a tough first round PSSA match this afternoon. The result is not yet known, but a huge thanks to the coach Mr McIntosh and Night Branch P&C President, Mr Ian Gourley, who arranged sponsorship for a new set of league/union jerseys for the team. They look amazing and will be arriving this week ready for the next game of football played.

Tuesday 6th May sees our school’s participation at a League/Touch Football Gala Day at Cooma Oval. Mrs Allen co-ordinated this for us, and many Stage 3 students are looking forward to it. And speaking of touch football, Friday 9th May sees selected senior students invited to a zone trial at No 2 Oval with those picked going to Tamworth the following Friday. Mrs Young is organising this event.

The upcoming School Cross Country Gala Day (Thursday 15th May) has created a great deal of interest amongst students, parents and staff too. This day is our school cross country event with a barbeque and fundraising aspect added. We want to encourage those children who might not necessarily win or who even dislike running cross country to compete this year. They will still “win” by completing the course and receiving a prize for achieving their own personal goal. Infants classes are getting involved this year as well. Their challenge will be to walk around No 2 oval to meet a set number of laps.

**Star of the Week**

Bobby Wu

Eight year old Bobby Wu of 3/4W is a clever young man full of ideas and with energy to burn. He’s already gained $180 worth of donations for our upcoming Cross Country/Walkathon Gala day!

Bobby was born in China and came to Australia in 2009. He has a brother Angus and a sister Kelly. His family runs Chan’s Chinese restaurant and explained that he’d decided to approach a few customers to see if they’d like to sponsor him! But Bobby wasn’t finished yet – he also asked local businesses for donations to reach this amazing total. Bobby is aiming to grab some great prizes from all his fundraising efforts. “I’m hoping to win a hotshot handball, a kazoo rocket, spy glasses and the car conversion robot!” “I’d also like to finish in the first eight in the cross country. I just wish the juniors were running three kilometres instead of just two,” he told me.

Bobby is a well-behaved, popular student. His best friends are Jesse Weeks, Oscar Haywood, Tim Clare and Alex Mison. He looks forward to coming to school and his favourite subject is maths. “Not many kids are better than me in maths,” he told me quietly. Not surprisingly, his favourite food is his father’s delicious honey chicken!
The Week Ahead
Week 2
Monday 5th May
Assembly @ 3.00pm
Rugby League v Wee Waa
School Council Meeting @ 7.00pm

Tuesday 6th May
P&C Uniform Shop open 8.30-9.30am
Gala Touch/league Day @ Cooma

Wednesday 7th May
School Banking
Canteen meeting @ 12.00pm
Assembly 5S in hall @ 2.40pm

Thursday 8th May
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30—3.45pm

Friday 9th May
Mothers Day Stall
PSSA Touch Trials 2.00-3.00

The Week Ahead
Week 3
Monday 12th May
Assembly @ 3.00pm

Tuesday 13th May
P&C Uniform Shop open 8.30-9.30 am
NAPLAN Language & Writing*

Wednesday 14th May
Day Branch meeting @ 9.30 in library @ 9.30
NAPLAN Reading*
School Banking
Assembly 1A @ 2.40 in hall
Night Branch P&C at Bowling Club @ 7.00pm

Thursday 15th May
NAPLAN – Numeracy*
No Scripture
Cross Country Walkathon Gala Day from 12.15 approx

Friday 16th May
NAPLAN Catch-up Day
Eisteddfod
PSSA Regional Touch in Tamworth

* Yr 5 will undertake NAPLAN in their usual rooms under test conditions supervised by Mrs White.
Yr 3 will be doing NAPLAN in the school library under the supervision of Mr McIntosh.

A Special Story From K-6 Trudgeon
We have a new class pet in K-6T. It is a Spiney Leaf Insect (Blossom). These insects live for about 12 months and they lay eggs that take about 3-9 months to hatch. We have already watched Blossom lay an egg today at lunchtime. We are going to wait and see if we get any babies towards the end of the year.

The Spiney Leaf Insect is a Phasmid. The eggs look like a seed and are collected by ants and stored below the ground in their nests which protects the eggs from predators. We have buried our eggs in some sand in a container.

They are parthenogenetic so the females don't need to be mated to reproduce. Therefore our Blossom can still reproduce.

Mitchell Wilson with Blossom

Changes to Reporting Procedures for English
As you might know, this year all schools have implemented a new Australian English syllabus. This brings one immediate change to our NPS school reports. The new NSW K-10 English syllabus is not structured around the strands which we have previously used. Therefore, teachers will be reporting using a comment on the overall student achievement. Years 1-6 teachers will also include an overall grade based on the A-E scale.

Please contact the school office if you’d like to see a sample copy of the altered report format. One is available.

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Healthy Start to the School Day

Research shows that kids who eat breakfast fare better in school, and have healthier diets. Eating breakfast promotes proper growth and maximises school performance, too.

Breakfast is often a victim of the a.m. time crunch. “Face it, breakfast is the one thing you can skip when you’re in a hurry,”

Simplify your morning routine with these eight tips:

1. Finish Homework and pack bags at night.
2. Decide what your children will wear to school before going to bed. Locate lost shoes for the next day.
3. Get up 15 minutes earlier.
4. Give up morning television and computer games.
5. Have healthy foods on hand. Shop for breakfast foods with your kids, taking into account personal preference.
6. Set out cereal the night before. For younger child, fill a zip-lock bag with her portion; she adds milk in the morning.
7. Allow older children to use the microwave oven (Most breakfast foods can be prepared in five minutes or less).
8. Let kids eat in the car or while walking to school.

The members of the NPS Cricket Team and eager parents met at school at 7.30 on Friday morning. After a distribution of very nice navy caps to the boys, the convoy left to wend its way through the mighty Warrumbungles to Gulargambone. It was great to hear the comments from the parents and boys who had not seen this spectacular mountain range and were excited to have experienced it!

It was a chilly but sunny day and the boys looked resplendent in their white pants, blue school polo tops and navy caps and as always we received many comments on their exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship. Well done boys!

The coin toss went NPS way and captain Tom Woodham nominated to bat. Tom Eather and Jakeb Nipperess opened our batting order and quickly found out that the Gular secret weapon took the form of a very able female (previously agreed on) spin bowler!! She and the Gular team made fairly swift work of our first 3 batters, including an unfortunate run out of Tom Woodham. It was then up to Angus Gourley and Jyemeil Hynch-Peters to ‘hunker down’ and consolidate a commendable partnership of 44 runs to set up a winning position for NPS and change the outcome of the game.

Although both Jacob Sunderland and Tyson Palmer were dismissed quickly the remaining batters, Sam Cain, Felix Johnson, Cooper Lawrence, Campbell Hancock and Adam Wright went on to create a solid score of 74. Beau Tomlinson was brought in early, to attempt some big hitting and thoroughly enjoyed his short but colourful time at the wicket!!

NPS went on to show its true colours in the field and were swift to make an impression on the opposition. Tom Woodham displayed consistent bowling taking 3 wickets, in 4 overs for 7 runs taking 2 great catches. Sam Cain is to be congratulated for his impressive bowling taking 2 wickets in an over and only conceding 1 run! Top performance Sam!!
Felix Johnson again showed his prowess in the field with a direct hit to the stumps from the outfield, causing a run out. His determination and enthusiasm is obvious, as he never stands still in the field and consistently anticipates the next ball.

Coach, Troy Nipperess, was pleased with the teams overall performance but acknowledges there is work to be done if there is to be future success. He endeavoured to give all the boys an opportunity both at the crease and in the field, which was great for both the team members and spectators alike. Thanks for your efforts Troy!

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The convoy returned home via Coonamble and Pilliga, giving Mr Lord a friendly toot as we drove through the thriving metropolis of Pilliga!!
As always it was a pleasure and privilege to take this group of boys away and they are an absolute credit to themselves and their parents! A huge thankyou to the parents who drove their cars and facilitated the team to continue their push in the PSSA competition. Also many thanks to Tracey Tomlinson for her support with the laborious job of scoring on the day. Much appreciated Tracey!

Our next match will be against Tamworth….let’s hope for a home game, so we can have many supporters!!
Yours in cricket, Sue McLeish

Narrabri Show
I hope everyone who attended the recent Narrabri Show took the time to visit the Schoolwork section in the pavilion. The standard of entries was excellent and reflected the time and effort of our students and their teachers put into these projects. Many of our children also competed other events such as horse events, cooking, poultry, Lego and handiwork sections. It’s great to see our school support this great community event.

School Fees
We are currently running a special scheme to encourage families to pay their voluntary school contributions. This month somebody paying their school fees will win a $25.00 WLT (why leave town) Gift Voucher.

In addition, at the end of this term everybody who has paid their contributions will go into the big draw for a fabulous prize … a family pass to Western Plains Zoo – value $117.30

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Georgie Baker and her horse Beau at the Curlewis Horse Sports Day.

Georgie and Beau had a very successful day taking home: 2nd in hack, 2nd Girl Rider, 1st Pairs, 3rd Barrels and 3rd Bonfield Bounce

Congratulations Georgie – a great effort!

P&C Daybranch – THANK YOU
A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED EGGS AND PURCHASED TICKETS FOR THE EASTER EGG RAFFLE. Together we raised $518.00 which will be used to purchase a new shade shelter.

Canteen News

It was nice to have a new volunteer in canteen on Friday. Ms Milsom has 5 children attending NPS and is studying part time as well so it is fantastic that she could find the time to spend the day with us. Thanks Nicci.

We have had some new volunteers this year although most have not come back to put their name on the roster again yet. Nikki, myself and the committee do understand that many parents work and when they have time off there are things to do at home, but it’s the volunteer hours put in which make it possible to keep our prices down for everyone.

Thank you to everyone for making the effort to get the lunch order in early. It truly does make our day much easier. Keep up the good work. Please also remember that now it is cooling down it is a good idea to order any hot recesses to save disappointment. Children have to pick up recess & lunches are delivered.

Canteen Roster

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Thank you
Kim Owens - Supervisor
Nikki Finn – Assistant Supervisor

Students may refer themselves to the school counsellor or may seek an interview at the suggestion of a teacher, parent or carer, or a friend.

This is a confidential service and counsellors will check with students, parents or carers before passing information along to others. Confidentiality will be maintained unless legal requirements, eg. child protection legislation, override it.

Managing Small Screen Time
Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screen time is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Commonsense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting

Books to Boost Brains
Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It’s also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!)

Li’l Ducklings
Family Day Care - Now Open
• Caring for 0-12 yrs
• Fulltime care • Part-time care
• Casual care (subject to availability)
• Before & after school care • Vacation care
• After-hours care for shift working parents from 7pm
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