I don’t usually come to school at six o’clock on a Saturday morning, but when painters are coming and need to start work early I’m happy to oblige!

Yes, as part of our planned cyclic maintenance program, both C Block and B Block are having much-needed “makeovers.” These areas were identified last year as the most “needy” sections of the school. For instance, the exterior near our uniform shop needs a coat of paint and the paint on the metal gates and doors is cracked and flaking.

However, the painters are not only doing exteriors - some teachers were pleased to discover last week that five classroom interiors (Mrs Young, Mrs Charles, Mrs Alison, Mrs McLeish and Miss Wardle) are also being painted.

This six man team spent the entire weekend with brushes in hand. The head painter Ray helped me with the colour scheme and the quality of the work completed so far is excellent. He told me they will complete the job today or tomorrow.

This week’s star is a likeable young lady, Adelaide Johnson. Adelaide is a well-respected member of Mrs Trudgeon’s K-6T class. She is a kind-hearted, cooperative student who always gives one hundred percent in the classroom.

Adelaide is a fine all-round athlete. Adelaide runs and is also a keen horse rider. She has been riding horses for as long as she can remember. That’s because her mum taught her from an early age. “I love riding a nice brown horse called Whisper,” she said. Adelaide is also a good athlete who enjoys running at Little Athletics. She is really looking forward to our school cross country this coming Thursday. “I want to win the horse doll,” she said.

Adelaide brought along a big green plastic basket this morning to my office filled with Angelina Ballerina dolls and costumes. “You get dressed up with them in clothes, Mr Clare,” she explained patiently. She loves playing “Angelina Ballerina” in a quiet part of our playground with her good friends Bianca Wilson and Jasmine White.

Well done, Adelaide. You deserve to be our Star of the Week and I really hope you win that horse doll!
Cross Country
I don’t know if you’re intending to come along to our Cross Country Gala Day on Thursday, but if the number of primary students who told me they’ve been training is anything to go by, it’s going to be a great afternoon!

Running is a great aerobic activity. It is also a cheap and easy way to keep fit and strong. Mrs Stow has organised a great event for this Thursday. The first six students in each division will be going on to represent the school at the regional cross country. We will also have 2 reserves for each division.

It’s also going to be a wonderful fundraiser for our school with children receiving prizes for completing their race. The ES1 Stage 1 walkathon is going to be fun to watch as well.

There will be photos, a full report and results in next week’s newsletter.

Bush Dance
Saturday 31st May is getting closer. Just in case you’ve forgotten, that’s the date for the P&C Bush Dance at the showground. Please come along – a family night out at a bush dance is always loads of fun for young and old. It’s also a great fundraiser for our school. The P&C Canteen Committee are organising the meal and they are hoping to finalise numbers over the next week for catering purposes, so please get your tickets as soon as you can if you intend coming. Please note: This event is being run by the Day Branch P&C. By the way, it is a BYOG event.

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
NAPLAN Reading*
School Banking
Assembly 1A @ 2.40 in hall

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

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.

Week 4
Monday 19th May
Assembly @ 3.00pm

Tuesday 20th May
P&C Uniform Shop open 8.30-9.30 am
ICAS Computer Skills

Wednesday 21st May
Musica Viva Performance
Assembly 3/4C @ 2.40 in hall
Night Branch P&C at Bowling Club @ 7.00pm

Thursday 22nd May
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30—3.45pm

Friday 23rd May
PSSA Regional Cross Country
School Council Report
The night may have been chilly, but the discussions were lively at last Monday night's NPS Council meeting. Mr Clare provided a fantastic overview of the school development day that focused on the student Welfare and Discipline Policy. All facets of the school community are providing input into the review of this policy, including teachers, staff, students and parents. This robust process will result in a much improved outcome. Joanne Petrovic will be the NPS Council representative on the newly formed policy review committee that will examine recommendations and develop the new policy document.

NPS Council recommendations for the Donations and Sponsorship Policy are close to being finalised. We hope this policy will assist in ensuring that any sponsorship transactions are consistent with National Guidelines and are carried out consistently and transparently.

Representatives from the Council will attend the NPS Work Health and Safety meeting this week to provide input into emergency preparedness at our school.

Our next meeting will focus on the formal NPS School Plan. As always, if you would like to discuss any matters with Council members, please do not hesitate to contact a parent representative (details at the front office).

Kind Regards,
Libby

Scripture News
Thank you to all families who have donated towards Scripture books. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.
If you have not yet donated, but would like to, it is not too late to return the money to the school any time.

Thank you
Margaret Baxter

WHITE CARDS
1st
Blake Boney, Jaylen Sharpley, Ashton Smith, Tom Wheeler

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS
ENGLISH:
Georgia Kirkby, Jake Bussell, Ben Wheeler, Bobby Wu, Poppy Smith, Cody Shepherdson, Malik Dennis, Brie Aitken, Annabel Read, Zac Stait, Ashton Smith, Rhani Fewtrell, Brooke Everson, Josh Taylor, Jessica Berney, Connor McLean, Georgie Baker, Tom Woodham

MATHS:
Sean McLean, Joss Kennedy, Hayley Whittle- McGrath, Cilla Hamblin, Laine Lindsay, Paige Dean, Ethan Irvine, Adam Wright, Lara Ciesiolka, Blake Boney, Jaylen Sharpley, Ellesha Anderson, Rhys Bower, Charli Cassidy, Cooper Lawrence, Rachel Charles, Wiki Mason, Luke Wieringa

ACHIEVEMENT:
Jordan Rankin, Luke Shields, Layne Foran, Makayla Cook, Sophie Eather, Candice Wright, Mikayla Hald, Angus Browning Callan Webster, Eryn Parkes, Emmjay Baker, Lily –Rose Baker, Zarli Owens, Mickel Baker, Angus Gourley, Tamika Dwyer, Alexander Loder, Chelsea Courtney

SPORTS:
Eryn Parkes, Jamarl Zarka, Jye Anderson, Cilla Hamblin, Matthew Penberthy, Ethan Irvine, Charlotte Penberthy, Jorja Bakhuis, Jakeb Nipperess, John Allison, Claire Eather, Brooke Miskle, Tim Clare, Hayley Parker, Billie Dyball, Peta White, Connor Finn, Felix Johnson

CITIZENSHIP:

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

P&C Daybranch Meeting
Wednesday, 14th May
at 9.30am
In the school library
ALL WELCOME
Narrabri Public School Rugby League team had an excellent game against Wee Waa. We started strong into the wind and Jakeb Nipperess barged through the defence to open the scoring. Thomas Woodham wanted to make his mark on the scoreboard felt as well by receiving the kick off and running 85m through the Wee Waa’s defence to score the second try of the game.

Wee Waa regrouped and bent us back on a few occasions. Then, when we were camped on their try line Thomas Eather barged over for a try which was converted by Adam Wright. This left us at 14 – 0 at half time. During the second half break Wee Waa had an inspiring talk from their coach and came back early in the second half to score 2 unanswered tries. The scores stayed locked at 14 – 8 for some time. With about 4 minutes left on the clock Patrick Simpson danced through the defence of Wee Waa to score. With only moments left in the game Patrick kicked to the corner for Thomas Woodham to pounce on the final try of the game. The final score being 22 – 8.

A commendation to all the players for playing well and working as a team. Also to Wee Waa for their determined effort during the game. Huge thanks to Mr Gourley who did a magnificent job coaching the team. Training will start on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30ish on Cooma Oval for all students able to attend. We look forward to taking on either Baradine or Coonamble next time.

Tim McIntosh Coach

P&C Mothers Day Stall

It seems to be a Narrabri Public tradition that our Day Branch P&C holds a lovely Mothers Day Stall every year. I know that many students have been talking about it ever since a “secret” note went home to fathers last week. Accordingly, our K-6 students came to school on Friday “cashed-up” with money in their pockets and eager to buy a gift for that special woman in their lives.

P&C President Jo Gordon said, “We had another great day with lots of satisfied customers. I just want to thank our dedicated band of helpers who wrapped presents and worked on the stall.”
Rugby League and League Tag Gala Day

It was fabulous to see such a large contingent of students from NPS enjoying a great day out at Cooma Oval on Tuesday. Congratulations to Zac Russ and his helpers who organised such a fun Rugby League and League Tag Competition.

The children played a round robin of games and were rarely off the field. Our students were once again a credit to themselves and their school. Mrs Allen and I were very proud to be your supervisors.

Many of the girls experienced their first games of League Tag and though unsure at first, quickly got into the swing of it and were keen to improve as the day went on. It was evident by the smiling faces, chat between games and enthusiasm on the field, that the girls gained much pleasure from the Gala Day. Well done girls, your sportsmanship was superb, especially those who volunteered to join the ranks of two Wee Waa teams whose numbers were down!

The Rugby League was hard, fast and tough and fantastic to watch! I cannot speak highly enough of all the NPS boys who competed in this competition, as they played consistently all day and many as though their life depended on it!

The Year 5 boys were unbelievably courageous against their much bigger opponents, making sure the teams knew they were there to be competitive. Congratulations boys, the Gala Day looks great for you next year!

The Year 6 Blue team went through the day undefeated until their last game. Although St Xaviers proved to be too strong for them, they played tough, tackled hard and displayed great skills.

It was really exciting to see the Year 6 Green team get through to the final, as these boys literally played their hearts out all day! The power of tackling an opponent around the legs was self-evident as these boys of smaller stature toppled much bigger opponents - and tackle they did, time and time again! Congratulations boys, you were a force to be reckoned with, but unfortunately St Xaviers were better on the day!

Thank you to Mrs Allen for completing the organisation in preparation for the day, I am sure all the students appreciate the hard work that goes into making these days happen. Also, a big thank you to the parents in the canteen and to those who came and supported the players.

Sue McLeish

Upcoming Shows

We have two great shows planned for this term. I am aware of rising costs, but encourage you to support these performances.

Musica Viva is on Thursday 22nd May. The cost is $7.50, but it is a wonderfully colourful and exciting show. Anybody who saw last year’s performance would know it’s well worth the money.

The second show (2nd June) is “Bully No More.” I know many parents are concerned about bullying as an issue in our schools and also on-line. That is why I asked the P&C Night branch to sponsor this event to make it a “free” show. Thank you P&C.

Musica Viva note out this week. Please support!

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
• Normal hours Mon-Fri 6:30am to 6pm
Please Ring: 67924027 - 0487 227 509

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Canteen News
Due to the Fun Day activities on Thursday there are some one day changes at canteen

Thursday only
:: Infants children CAN order their lunch
:: Primary children CANNOT order their lunch.

Check your notes or with your teacher about where your children will be at recess:
ALL HOT RECESSES MUST BE ORDERED

Jumpie Chips, Popcorn, potato chips will also be available at recess.
Thankyou

A big thanks to those who have put their hand up to help Nikki on Friday. Especially as she has a small catering job on too.

Canteen Roster

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Week 4

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| HELP !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  |

The committee has asked me to mention that we will need some help with the catering for the Bush Dance. So if you think you might need a break between dances we would love to hear from you. Pop in to canteen or ring us on 67921925 if you can give us half an hour between 5pm and 9pm. More info next week.

Thanks
Kim Owens Supervisor
Nikki Finn Assistant Supervisor

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