Principal's Message

It was certainly an exciting Week 4 with many different activities taking place.

Our teachers believe that Narrabri Public strives to provide an engaging, balanced curriculum which focuses on developing the whole child, academically, emotionally and physically. This philosophy was in clear evidence last week with the introduction of our new “Seasons for Growth Program.”

Monday saw a number of students undertaking the ICAS computer assessment. This was an excellent opportunity for them to demonstrate their technology skills and knowledge. On Tuesday morning, some infant students performed creditably at our local eisteddfod.

Wednesday morning saw the Day Branch P&C Fruit Day provide children K-6 with fresh fruit and vegetables free of charge. A great healthy treat!

Thursday was yet another exciting day – it was time for a visit from musicians. The talented Gypsy Tober group performed and put on a show which I know students enjoyed immensely. Sport was also on the agenda when our rugby league side played a tough first round game against Baradine.

Friday saw NPS cross country representatives travelling out to Bellata. It was a fabulous day of competition and our students excelled themselves in winning the Stephen Maher Trophy.

Star of the Week

Lily-Rose Baker

As you can see from the photo below there was a lovely smile on Lily Rose Baker’s face when she learned that she was this week’s “Star of the Week.”

Lily is eight years old (turning nine in August) and she’s in Mrs Allison’s 3/4 class. Lily is a friendly, well-behaved student. Mrs Allison says she’s a quiet achiever who writes beautiful stories and a great role-model for other students in the class.

When I asked her what’s the best thing about school she said, “playing games with my friends.” Lily is also an artistic person whose favourite activity is drawing. She also enjoys craft.

Lily enjoys school. “Mrs Allison is funny and I like her spelling lessons,” she said. Lily loves books too. “We’ve been reading a book in class called Five Times Dizzy and I really love it.”

Lily lives over near the bridge in town with her mum and younger brother, Charlie. At home, she enjoys playing outside with her dog Jolly.
Cross Country Success
On Friday 23rd over thirty Narrabri Public students competed at the Regional Cross Country event at Bellata. Apart from their wonderful running, I was especially impressed with the behaviour of all our students who proved themselves to be outstanding ambassadors for our school.

Runners who placed in the top six will go on to the Zone Cross Country event which is held in Coolah on Friday 13th June.

There were some outstanding results and some highlights are listed below.

8/9 year old girls
1st Amelie Johnson
2nd Georgia Stuart
5th Chloe Irvine
6th Claudia Penberthy

8/9 year old boys
1st Miles Campbell
2nd Toby Michell-Smith

10 year old girls
1st Hayley Parker
3rd Molly Michell-Smith
5th Mickel Baker

10 year old boys
1st Angus Gourley
3rd Joshua Soper

11 year old girls
1st Zoe Campbell

11 year old boys
1st Samuel Soper
4th Brinez Lantz

12/13 year old girls
1st Stephanie Stuart
2nd Annie Gordon
3rd Chelsea Courtney
5th Makayla Beddow

12/13 year old boys
3rd Felix Johnson
6th Beau Parker

The Mandarin Tree
K-6 T are very busy down at our Special Ed unit. One of their daily tasks is gardening and looking after a lovely mandarin tree they planted outside their classroom. Just imagine their excitement when the time finally came to pick their very first mandarin. They were so excited they even took a picture of it!
The Week Ahead

Week 5
Monday 26th May
Assembly @ 3.00pm

Tuesday 27th May
P&C Uniform Shop open 8.30-9.30 am
PSSA Netball Trials (Miss Morrissey)
School Netball Cup (Mrs Jollow)

Wednesday 28th May
Science & Engineering Challenge (Mrs Allen)
Assembly 1R @ 2.40 in hall
AECG Meeting – 3.45

Thursday 29th May
Science & Engineering Challenge @ Crossing Theatre
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30—3.45pm

Saturday 31st May
Day P&C Bush Dance

Week 6
Monday 2nd June
“Bully No More” – a free K-6 educational show
Assembly @ 3.00pm
School Council @ 7.00

Tuesday 3rd June
P&C Uniform Shop open 8.30-9.30 am
Eisteddfod – Speech & Drama

Wednesday 4th June
ICAS Science
Eisteddfod – Speech & Drama
Assembly 3Y @ 2.40 in hall

Thursday 5th June
Eisteddfod – Speech & Drama
Rugby Union Gala Day
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30—3.45pm

Science and Engineering Challenge
Year 6 students have been selected for this prestigious event and will be walking to the Crossing Theatre on Wednesday at 9.00 with Mrs Allen.

Bully No More
This is a free show (P&C Night Branch covering costs) which dramatizes what bullying is; physical, verbal, visual and offers positive strategies that enable children to deal with bullying. If you do not wish your child to attend, please contact the school office ASAP.

Seasons for Growth Grief Program
Learning to live with change and loss
Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At Narrabri Public School we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called Seasons for Growth which will commence in Week 5 of this term.

This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research which highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks.

Narrabri Public School is pleased to be able to offer this important program and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those involved. If you require further information please contact Mrs Lindsay.

Collection of Disability Data
Last week a note went home to all parents about collection of disability data for students. If your child has a disability, please complete this form and return it to school ASAP. If your child has a disability and you don’t wish to take part in this, please let us know.

The national data collection will change and strengthen approaches to supporting students with disability. The national data collection will be mandatory in all schools from 2015 onwards.

Involvement in the national data collection in 2014 will assist schools to:
• become familiar with the data collection model
• formally and consistently recognise the support and adjustments provided to students with disability in the school, including those who do not receive individually targeted funding
• adopt a more proactive and collaborative approach to identifying support provided to students with disability
• shift the focus towards the professional judgements of school teams rather than relying on medical/clinical diagnosis alone.

For further information, please contact our Learning and Support teacher, Ms Emily Meldrum.
**Netball Update**

**Southern Trials**

Tomorrow, Tuesday 27th May, seven girls from our school netball team will be travelling to Tamworth to try out for the Southern team. If successful, they will then attend the final North West selection/development day at Armidale on Monday, June 2nd.

The girls need to be at the Tamworth Sports Dome by 10:00am sharp. We wish them the very best of luck!

**Netball NSW Schools Cup**

The Netball NSW Schools Cup is also being held tomorrow, at the Bev Burrows Netball courts here in Narrabri. A selection of Year 5/6 girls have been asked to be part of this team to represent our school. The games commence at 9:00 am and there will be a canteen operating on the day. Have fun!

Shona Morrissey

**Musica Viva – Gypsy Tober**

6M really enjoyed the Musica Viva performance, particularly:

- The variety of cultures introduced and languages the ladies sung in - (Portuguese, Swahili, English)
- The pandeiro instrument (like a tambourine). It was amazing the different noises, beats and it was like a full drum kit in one instrument.
- The different animal noises incorporated into the songs
- The group integrated our ideas of fun things to do and wrote a song which one of the ladies then performed
- their harmonies were perfect and interesting

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**Rugby League Report**

Last Thursday Narrabri Public took on a combined Baradine / Gulargambone team to progress through to the next round of the PSSA Knockout.

We started strong with Thomas Eather storming over to score the opening points of the game only to then receive the ball of the kick-off and single handily score under the posts in one run which was converted by Adam Wright. After a back and forward wrestle Angus Gourley popped the ball to Thomas Eather who stamped his authority again on the game by scoring his 3rd try. In the last moments of the first half Felix Johnson pounced on some loose ball to score under the posts which was converted by Sam Cain. At the close of the first half the score was 20 - 0.

In the second half the warm weather started to play a toll on our players and Baradine / Gulargambone had a few good sets to work the Narrabri defence. A well set up and much deserved try was scored by Tyler Cowell mid-way through the second half. Late in the game Sam Soper got the ball in some open space and bumped off a defender to score the final try of the match. The final score of the game was 28 – 0.

Overall a great game played in the right spirit. All students really put in a huge team effort. A big wrap for Mr Nipperess and his enthusiasm as a coach.

Thanks again to Mr Gourley for the training sessions

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**Bush Dance**

Don’t forget we are holding a bush dance this Saturday at the Narrabri Showground.

There will be live music and rock’n’roll performed by The Marlins. BBQ Food and non-alcoholic drinks are available for purchase, or bring a picnic and BYOG drinks.

It’s going to be a great night, and we are hoping for your support of this fundraising night of fun.
**WHITE CARDS**

**1STS**
Beau Parker, Mia Williams, Payten Barnes, Charlie White, Oliver Stait, Deegan Garden-Thorn, Campbell Bulmer, Jasmin Stow, Georgie McDougall, Jayde Shaddock

**2NDS**

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**CANTEEN RED DAY**

Red day is Wednesday this week (May 28th). Red Day is when canteen is allowed to sell lollies and drinks which are not available every day.

Red day prices are below. Lollies and drinks CAN be ordered with lunch orders. Please state the flavour choices when ordering or you will get what you are given.

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Due to a personal commitment Nikki will be away on Wednesday so I will need all the help I can get—especially at lunch time—PLEASE HELP.

I am also looking for more help for the Bush dance on Saturday night. Anyone who can spare 30mins between 5pm and 9 pm, I would love to hear from you 6792 1925. I hope you have bought your tickets for this event. It should be great.

The roster this week is

**Tuesday:** Cassie Webster
**Wednesday:** HELP (Nicci Milsom, Kate Bakhius lunch)
**Thursday:** HELP
**Friday:** Nicci Milsom
**Monday:** HELP

As you can see the same names are appearing week in and week out. Some new help would be very much appreciated as we don’t want to burn out the regulars at canteen.

A big thankyou to Shelley Wu who dropped in last Monday to help.

Thank you
Kim & Nikki