Principal’s Message
It's always fun when our school community gets together for social events. Last Saturday night was an opportunity to do just that when an old-fashioned bush dance was held at the Narrabri Showground.

This night was the brainchild of our hardworking Day Branch P&C and parents from both P&C branches did the catering. And a tasty menu it was too I must say … sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches and yummy rissoles at very reasonable prices.

Parents, teachers and students dressed up in their best/worst country gear for the night. Music was provided by popular local band, The Marlins, who played great Aussie bush music as well as some rock 'n' roll classics. When the flashing lights and smoke started up, they soon had most of the crowd up on the floor dancing away.

There was also a 100s club prize of $100 won by the Goulden family and a lucky door prize on offer as well.

I would like to thank everybody who bought tickets and made the effort to come along and support our school, and especially thank the Day Branch P&C for organising this dance. It was a fabulous opportunity for parents, students and staff to get together outside of the usual school routine.

Star of the Week
Sonia Kennedy
As you can see from the photo, Sonia Kennedy enjoys soccer. She’s an outstanding player with a great left foot kick. In fact, Sonia is an all-round sportsperson who excels in ball games of all kinds. Our Star of the Week can hold her own against anybody in this school on the sporting field. In fact, teachers wouldn't be surprised if she ends up playing for Australia someday!

But Sonia who turned ten in April is not just an athlete. She is a quiet achiever who is making excellent progress in many other areas too. For example, Sonia has worked especially hard at improving her school work and general behaviour over the past twelve months. Her teacher, Mrs Stow, tells me that Sonia is a hard-working and well-behaved student in class who always tries her best.

“I really like doing maths groups with Miss Butler,” she told me.

Apart for the sports field, Sonia has lots of other interests including visiting her friends, climbing trees and swimming. Sonia’s best friends at school are Dylan, Clayton and Cassie. “I like coming to school every day to play soccer. It’s a great game because you have to share the ball with your teammates and try to score a goal.”

Well done, Sonia. You really are a star in the making!

Cowgirls Eliza Weissen & Lana Parks.
The Week Ahead
Week 6
Monday 2nd June
“Bully No More” – free K-6 educational performances today
Assembly @ 3.00pm
Eisteddfod – Public Speaking @ 5.00pm
School Council @ 7.00pm

Tuesday 3rd June
P&C Uniform Shop open 8.30-9.30 am
Eisteddfod – Yr 2 Poetry
Yrs 5-6 Group Mime @10.30

Wednesday 4th June
ICAS Science
Eisteddfod – Speech & Drama
Assembly 3Y @ 2.40 in hall
Drama Club perform at Narrabri Eisteddfod 5.30
arrival please for 6.00pm start
School Banking

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

Friday 6th June
PSSA Netball v Narrabri West @ 10.00

Week 7
Monday 9th June
Queen’s Birthday Holiday

Tuesday 10th June
P&C Uniform Shop open 8.30-9.30 am
Focus on Reading training continued

Wednesday 11th June
Day Branch P&C meet @ 9.30 in library (All welcome)
Stage 2 Cake Day
KL Assembly @ 2.40
School Banking

Thursday 12th June
Class party in our refurbished AV room for the class raising largest sum of money for NPS Fun Run.
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30—3.45pm

Friday 13th June
Regional Cross Country @ Coolah

Focus on Reading
K-6 teachers undertook a Focus on Reading training session on Tuesday, 27th May. This was run by our trained instructor, Mrs Marion Tame.

Focus on Reading Program is an ongoing key educational strategy for our school. This training is arranged in specific teaching modules and is ongoing. In fact, many schools right across New South Wales are currently training in Focus on Reading because it is best practice. Focus on Reading supports the explicit teaching of key aspects of reading in areas of comprehension, vocabulary and reading text fluency.

Mrs Tame & Mrs Allen during FOR Training

The program emphasises the importance and use of:
- rich texts, particularly subject-based texts, multi-modal texts and the types of texts that interest and motivate learners
- rich talk of the kind that encourages them to ‘show their thinking’ through talk
- ‘deliberate’ teaching that begins with insightful assessment; involves planning for explicit instruction based on students’ needs; supports and scaffolds students through modelled, guided and independent teaching; provides clear and purposeful feedback and constant opportunities for student reflection.

New School Jerseys Have Arrived
Our new school football jerseys arrived last week and they look great! Our former jerseys were long-sleeved cotton, old and faded and very heavy to wear.

This problem with the jerseys was brought to our attention by Night Branch P&C President and self-confessed football tragic, Mr Ian Gourley. He then kindly volunteered to try and arrange sponsorship for a new set of league/union jerseys. Ian must be something of an entrepreneur - he somehow managed to provide not only jerseys, but new shorts and football socks as well free of cost to NPS!
I'm sure our footballers will play in them with pride. Thanks for your efforts Ian, you’ve done a fantastic job!

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Science Engineering Challenge

On Wednesday 28th May, thirty-two Stage Three NPS students attended the 2014 Science and Engineering Discovery Day, hosted by The Crossing Theatre. The day was an amazing opportunity for our science enthusiasts to mingle with scientists and engineering personnel from Newcastle University. The day began with a quick explanation and rundown and then each of the eight groups of four students got into their morning activities. We saw budding electrical engineers testing out the most economical ways to power a town and structural engineers building bridges, chairs for babies, as well as houses that could withstand cyclones and floods and towers that would shake but not break!! Another group had the challenge of designing catapults that would send projectiles more than six metres and some were taking on the challenge of channelling water into various tanks.

After a delicious lunch provided by the Rotary Club we all watched a mesmerising display on using force to make a rocket fly. There were rockets propelled by pressure force, chemical force and the favourite of the day, combustion force! After that we all zoomed back into our afternoon activities, in anticipation of seeing the all important bridge testing at the end of the day. Despite not taking out the trophy we had a brilliant day and returned to school feeling inspired. A big thank you to the organisers of this event who every year coordinate an excellent day.

School Voluntary Contributions

As you know, Narrabri Public is running a special incentive scheme to encourage parents to pay their voluntary school contributions. Each month during Semester One we are giving away a $25 gift voucher. Each family who paid their fees during the month of May were put into this morning’s draw. We are pleased to announce that our lucky winner for May is Alexander Loder. Alex has won a complimentary $25.00 WLT (why leave town) Gift Voucher.

At the end of this term everybody who has paid their contributions this year will go into the big draw for a fabulous prize … a family pass to Western Plains Zoo – valued at $117.30. It’s not too late to be in the draw!
Netball NSW Schools Cup
Last Tuesday, ten of our aspiring netballers played in this event and what a great carnival it was! We played seven games back to back with a short break for lunch – a very tiring schedule. Although the team had not played competition together before, it was pleasing to see the way the girls developed strong combinations and worked collectively as the day progressed.

We did not win all our games, and the competition was fierce as the ball constantly went up and down the court. The team must be congratulated for their sportsmanship, fair play and good manners on and off the court. They were a pleasure to manage.

Thanks go to ex-students Jas Wheeler, Brittany Young and Grace Tomlinson for covering our umpiring duties.

The team was: Fynlay Dams, Chelsea Courtney, Georgina Dries, Annie Gordon, Sekia Milsom, Shona McFarland, Sahvanah Hunt-Falkiner, Sofia Fawcett, Rachel Caton and Chelsea George.

Mrs Jollow

PSSA Soccer Report
Two great games of soccer were played last Thursday. I must commend the positive behaviour and good sportsmanship of the students who attended.

The girls started the day and although beaten they played a brilliant game. They should be proud of their efforts. Sara Charles was fantastic in the backs and Rachael Caton took on the role of goal keeper and saved numerous goals. Likewise, Shona McFarland played exceptionally well in the mid field as did Sonya Kennedy who did not stop when on the field. The best part of this game was the positive fun spirit that the girls displayed. Final Score was 0 – 7.

The boys were next and they played in spectacular style. Each boy took on his role and stayed in position. The key to their effort was the fact that they worked together as a team. I was also really pleased with the positive sportsmanship they displayed. Well done lads, final score was 7 – 0.

Finally, a big thanks to the high school boys who acted as referees on the day and set up the field for us.

Mr McIntosh

P&C THANK YOU
On Saturday night we boot scooted and boogie to the tones of the MARLINS as we enjoyed the Narrabri Public School P&C Family Bush Dance. Thank you to those families who attended we hope you enjoyed your night. To all who helped set up, pack down, cook and serve thank you. The night was a success and if anyone has any ideas on how to improve the night please drop the P&C a quick note before our next meeting on the 11th of June, at 930am.
Drama Club Rehearsals

Wednesday 4th June @ 5.30 sees NPS Drama Club performing at the Narrabri Eisteddfod. That’s why Sunday 1st June was a special rehearsal day. Our drama students came to school for an extra few hours just to prepare and have a dress rehearsal before the big day.

Many thanks to those parents who brought their children to school on Sunday as well as tutors Mrs Young, Miss Morrissey, Mrs Tame, Mrs Trudgeon and Miss Wardle (pictured). Good luck on the big night!

Gypsy Tober

Gypsy Tober recently visited our school as part of the Musica Viva program for this year. This vibrant group of three female singers from Queensland presented a unique and exciting a cappella performance. Students were taught and then encouraged to participate by keeping the beat basic and syncopated, playing the clave, dancing the samba or singing. They were also introduced to musical instruments unique to other countries.

Students were keen to hear the group perform the songs they had previously only heard in their music lessons, especially those sung in a foreign language. The students also learnt about and were taught how to sing songs with parallel rhythms.

Twelve students were asked for an idea of something that made them happy. These twelve ideas were then put together by one of the singers to make a song which was then performed for everyone. The following is the song that was composed during the Infants session:

Had a holiday at Coffs Harbour
   We were playing in the sun
   I’m so happy when I’m swimming
   And making art – it’s so much fun.

I love weekends with my family
   When we jet ski down the river
   We built a snowman at Kaputar
   Sometimes I like to shiver.

And I love to see my Nan
   We cook and share the day
   Sometimes I take my friend to Nan’s
   We have a lovely play.

I play Star Wars with my brother
   Peppa Pig with Dad and Mum
   Hopscotch with my friends
   And on my own I love to hit the drums.
   (Gypsy Tober)

Mrs Shann

School Uniform Expectations

I want to remind parents and students about the school’s uniform expectations. As an example, correct school uniform is outlined in the photo above. Sports shorts are not worn except on Fridays. From Monday through to Thursday school shorts are worn.

Black sports “skins” are also an issue. They can quickly become a status thing rather than an athletic aid. Accordingly, they can be brought to school on Fridays or when PSSA event days are on, but not worn to school. I have no problem with students changing into skins for Friday sport, but I do have an issue with them being worn to school because they are not part of our school uniform.

Likewise, North-West jumpers should only be worn on Fridays or PSSA event days. They are not intended to be everyday school wear. Black school shoes, apart from Friday sport is also the desired footwear.

If you have any concerns, please come and see me.

Michael Clare

FREE ENCYCLOPEDIA’S

St Vincent de Paul has children’s encyclopaedias’ to give away. Just call in to the shop in Barwon Street this week if you would like them.
### Official Cross Country Results

**Results Bellata – Zone Cross Country 23th May 2014**

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**K - 2 Assembly Awards**

**English:**  Isaiah O'Brien, Georgie McDougall, Brielle Bourke, Chloe Large, Justin Harriman, Gypsy Williams, Kye Allen, Noah Teer

**Maths:**  Tekaya Dennis, Ben Allison, Nicholas coffey, Kevin Condran, Callum Lawler, Zoe Sutton, Zoe Druce, Koorie-James Hamilton

**Sports:**  Kate Partridge, Oliver Stait, Seth Van Bommel, Ella Maskill, Shakira Parker, Oscar George, Darcy Gleeson, Elisha Soper

**Citizenship:**  Mylee Yu, Kyan McKenzie, Jacob Barwick, Felicity Chapman, Hazel Prouting, Tynan Williams, Tamara Jones, Laura Richards

**Achievement:**  Nakari Morgan, Deegan Garden-Thorn, Lawrence Milsom, Mac Goulden, Ella Draheim, Lyneah Mason, Isabella Hackett, Lara Sunderland

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**Netball**

**Southern Trials**
Last Tuesday seven of our netball girls travelled to Tamworth for the Southern trials. Unfortunately they were unsuccessful in being placed in the team; however three of the girls were lucky enough to make it into the possibles and probables (Stephanie Stuart, Zoe Campbell and Annabel Read).

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who took the time to take the girls to Tamworth. They played solidly throughout the day and improved game by game. Well done girls on a fabulous effort!

**PSSA Knockout**
Our school netball team will be playing against Narrabri West Public School this Friday the 6th June at the Bev Burrows Netball Courts, at 10:00am.

A permission note detailing travel arrangements will be given to the girls this week. Mrs Trudgeon and Miss Morrissey

**Canteen News**
Thank you to all the helpers on Red Day. We were actually finished serving before the back to class bell rang. A first and I’ve been here for lots and lots of Red Days!!

Thank you too, to the canteen committee members who helped with the Bush Dance BBQ. What a great night everyone seemed to be having and we had a good night too.

LOL’s and Quelch fruit drinks left from last week’s activities can be ORDERED with lunch orders this week: LOL’s - $2.20 (only a few left) flavours Razzbri Strazbri + Tropkl Quelch Drinks - $2.00 flavours Lemon/lime, Apple/raspberry, Blue raspberry + Cola These are amber so one as a treat is OK.

**Canteen Roster**

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**Stand Up Don’t Stand By**
1. Help others who are being bullied. Be a friend, even to students who are not yet your friends. Let them know how you think they are feeling. Help them talk to an adult about what has happened.
2. Stop untrue or harmful messages from spreading. If someone tells you a rumour that you know is untrue or sends you a message that is hurtful to someone else, stand up and let the person know this is wrong. Don’t laugh, send the message on to friends, or add to the story. Make it clear that you do not think that kind of behaviour is cool or funny.
3. Get friends involved. Encourage them to stand up too.
4. Make friends outside your usual circle. Eat lunch with someone who is alone. Show support for others.
5. Find out about the bullying policy here at your school and keep it in mind when you witness bullying.
6. Welcome new people at your school. Introduce them and help them feel comfortable.
7. Refuse to stand by. If you see friends or classmates laughing along with the bully, tell them that they are contributing to the problem. Let them know that by laughing they are also bullying the victim.
8. Respect others’ differences and help others to respect differences. It’s cool for people to be different – that’s what makes all of us unique.
9. Educate yourself about bullying. Why do kids bully? Where does bullying take place most often? Who can you tell? What are the effects of bullying? Why are people afraid to get involved? Understanding this information will help you if you are bullied and will help you to stand up to bullies.

Acknowledgement: From BullyBust: Creating a Community of Upstanders from the National School Climate Centre (NSCC).