Principal’s Message
As I sit here typing away at this keyboard, I can see a large pile of student reports sitting on my desk from the class teachers. Each one of these I will read and sign before they are sent home at the end of term. I write a brief comment for each student when I sign to help make them feel special. It’s an enjoyable task.

The Semester One report is an opportunity to reflect on each student’s progress. The school year is almost half over and students are well settled into their class routines by now.

It’s a funny thing, but every time I sit down and read student reports, the same old questions come to mind over and again. Yes, our NSW schools are undergoing big changes at present with curriculum and government policies, but some things (such as what a report means) don’t change no matter the changes to report formats. I’d like to share these questions with you. I hope they might help when you read your own child’s report this term.

Of course, let me preface this by saying that no two students are the same and ability levels vary a great deal between kids, but I believe certain “basics” are relevant for all successful students. They are:

#1 Is my child working to the best of their ability?
#2 Does my child get along with his/her classmates and other children?
#3 Does my child listen to and obey teacher’s instructions and follow the school rules?
#4 Has my child improved, stayed the same or needs assistance in any of the above?

That’s about it as far as I am concerned. Now, if you are worried that your child is struggling in one or more of these areas, it’s a good idea to contact your child’s teacher and contact them by phone or arrange an interview time here at school.

Star of the Week
Riley Dauth-Searle
Our Star of the Week is a delightful seven-year-old named Riley Dauth-Searle. Riley is in Mrs Ross’ Year 1 class. According to his teacher he is a great student and truly deserving of this award. Riley only enrolled in Narrabri Public last term, but he’s already impressed us with his wonderful manners and conscientious attitude.

Riley was enrolled at a school in Tamworth, but said he loves being here at Narrabri Public. “Mrs Ross lets you go on the computer during free time,” he said.

Riley’s best friends in 1R are Darcy Gleeson, Taylah Bell and Helena Mclean. At lunch time he likes nothing better than playing on the fixed equipment. According to Riley, the best thing about Narrabri Public is that the children here are so friendly.

When he’s at home, Riley enjoys playing handball with his big brother, Luke. Riley’s favourite singer is Pink and the best program on television is “Adventure Time.” When asked why he replied, “Because the people in it have these dreams and they find a way to get away from an invisible monster and have to push the button on a machine to get back.” It sounds like a very exciting show, Riley!
Week 8
Monday 16th June
ICAS Writing
Assembly under Primary COLA 3.00
“Beyond the Line” student teachers begin their visit

Tuesday 17th June
ICAS Spelling
P&C Uniform Shop open 8.30-9.30 am

Wednesday 18th June
3C Assembly @ 2.40
School Banking
PSSA Netball v Moree
Ron Harbourne Netball Courts @ 11.30

Thursday 19th June
PSSA Softball v Narrabri West (boys & girls)
Girls game @ 10.00 Boys game @ 11.30
Trials after the games
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30-3.45pm

Friday 20th June
Yr 6 Combined Schools Sports @ Gately Oval

Week 9
Monday 23rd June
Softball v Tamworth TBA
Assembly under Primary COLA 3.00

Tuesday 24th June
P&C Uniform Shop open 8.30-9.30 am

Wednesday 25th June
KI Assembly @ 2.40
Stage 1 Excursion – Lake with scientists
School Banking
Student Reports go home

Thursday 26th June
MAX FM – Yr 6
Rugby League v Moree 11.15 start
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30-3.45pm
Student Reports go home

Friday 27th June
Yr 6 Combined Schools Sports @ Gately Oval
Student Reports go home

Cross Country Results:
The home of the legendary 'black stump', Coolah is nestled in a picturesque valley of undulating hills and river flats almost three hours from Narrabri. Last Friday 13th June, it played host to primary students from all over the North-West to compete in the Regional Cross Country Championships. To have reached this event, students had to have finished in the top six at school and zone level, so we are talking about elite runners.

This venue is chosen because it has a picturesque and challenging course that tests the skills and endurance of this region’s best cross country runners. Our school enjoyed a very solid representation on the day with talented runners competing in the various divisions.

Congratulations to our students who are heading to Eastern Creek for the State Cross Country event. This year sees our biggest representation for many years. A tremendous effort. Results below:

Miles Campbell – 2nd
Zoe Campbell - 7th (reserve)
Angus Gourley - 5th
Amelie Johnson – 3rd
Felix Johnson – 6th
Sam Soper – 2nd

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Rugby Union Gala Day

Thursday 5th June was a magnificent day for Rugby Union in Barraba. The Narrabri boys arrived at the ground with plenty of time to prepare. The whole team were excited to be given the first chance to play with our school’s new Rugby Jerseys. They look fantastic and a big thanks to the sponsors for their kind donations. Not only did the boys look fantastic but their behaviour and sportsmanship was exemplary at all times.

After a short training run our first game of the day was against Gunnedah South. What a cracking start we had three tries from Beau Tomlinson, one from Thomas Eather and one from Felix Johnson gave us confidence. A big wrap to the forwards who dominated the positional play of this game.

In our second game against Moree, the back line cut loose and came into operation with tries to Angus Gourley, Felix Johnson, Jacob Sunderland and another to Beau Tomlinson. At this stage of the competition we were sitting at the top of the table.

We were next to come up against the strong Tamworth side. This was the crunch moment and we tried valiantly, but fatigue and injuries kept us scoreless. In our final game against Ben Venue they had to win with a big margin to be the regional champions. So we gave a valiant fight and as the game progressed we improved out of sight. Felix scored and if we had more time we could of fought back more.

It was an excellent day and a big thankyou to Mr Gourley, and Mr Woodham for their excellent coaching. Finally, a huge thanks for all the support from parents on the day. It was greatly appreciated.

Tim McIntosh

Forget eBay Think NPS!
The school is going to have a good old-fashioned clearance sale next week on unwanted items that may interest you. We have a piano, tables, cassette player, an old whipper snipper, various chairs, a blackboard and a stylish old desk that a number of staff keep eyeing off!

If you’re interested in picking up a bargain, please stop at the school office and ask if you can have a look at the merchandise. Next week a list outlining items will appear in our newsletter. All that’s then required is for you to tick the box on the form and place a bid in an envelope along with your name and phone number. The highest bidder will be offered the item early next term – simple as that!

Stage 2 Cake Day

Last Wednesday 11th June saw Day Branch P&C hold another wonderful cake day after their P&C Meeting. As you can see from these photos, Stage 2 parents helped them enormously by bringing in some fabulous cakes, slices and biscuits.

Sincere thanks to all those wonderful parents who contributed to this stall. You made lots of hungry children very happy as well as helped raise money for our school.
Bronzie Parties

Last Thursday and Friday saw us holding the first Bronzy Parties for 2014. There is no doubt that a number of hardworking and polite students have done extremely well in reaching this important milestone so quickly.

Sausage rolls, sandwiches, fruit and cupcakes from our school canteen were sent down on a silver tray and it was appreciated by these hungry partygoers – no food was left over on either day!

Of course, we mustn’t forget those famous multi-coloured caps either. They came out of the cupboard to signify that some great students were having fun and receiving a much-deserved treat.

Well done to you all!

BRONZE AWARDS

Primary party - Wednesday, 18th June

Primary party - Thursday, 19th June

Infants party - Friday, 20th June
Helena McLean, Penelope Longstaff, Riley Bartlett, Callum Lawler, Sam McIntosh, Catriona Ridley, Armarni Shields, Lily-Jane Smith, Charley Woodham, Alistair Atkins, Judah Hamblin, Matilda Trindall, Nicholas Coffey, Hamish Webster, Jessie Parker, Olivia Shields, Brigette Rose, Kelly Wu, Aniesha Krishna, Ethan Leech, Emily Emmerson

INFANTS ASSEMBLY AWARDS

ENGLISH:
Nakari Morgan, Hamish Webster, Beth Lindsay, Helena McLean, Cruz Parsons, Koby Gray, Kaitlyn Walton, Campbell Gourley

MATHS:
George Barton, Olive Almagro, Boston Kirkby, Brodie Fry, Jack McCahon, Braedon Mason, Payten Barnes, Tom Webster

SPORTS:
Alinta Morgan, Jessie Parker, Penelope Longstaff, Bella Nixon, Jayde Shaddock, Patrick Lindsay, Mathew McGrath, Krista Zarka

CITIZENSHIP:
Sam Yu, Oliver Morris, Jason Dick, Tiarna Gibbs-McDonald, Amity Stow, Emily Emmerson, Harley Petrovic, Laine McCauley

ACHIEVEMENT:
Paul Doherty, Matilda Trindall, Isabella Monticone, Charlie Baker, Rique-Lee Hackett, Johnathon Charles, Mietta Smith, Kate Weekes

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PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS

ENGLISH:

MATHS:

ACHIEVEMENT:
Jordan Rankin, Luke Shilleds, Layne Foran, Makayla Cook, Sophie Eather, Candice Wright, Mikayla Hald, Angus Browning, Callan Webster, Eryn Parkes, Emmjay Baker, Lily-Rose Baker, Zarli Owes, Michel Baker, Angus Gourley, Tamika Dwyer, Alexander Loder, Chelsea Courtney, Kaitlyn Wall, Tyrese Campbell, Bianca Wilson, Tashanny Clark, Sophie Eather, Candice Wright, Luke Scott, Isabelle Howard-Phemister, Tom Woodham

SPORTS:

CITIZENSHIP:

Mrs Young’s Contribution
Last week when I spoke about the wonderful contribution of our staff to Drama Club in this year’s eisteddfod, somehow I neglected to mention the name of Mrs Angela Young.

This was a sad oversight on my part, given the tremendous effort she puts into Drama Club each week. She is not one to complain, but I wanted to set the record straight. Sorry Angela – you do a tremendous job and I need a new editor!

Life Education Van
This popular program is coming to our school soon. Yes, good old Double H (as Healthy Harold the giraffe is affectionately known) and the Life Education Van will be here Term 3 from Tuesday 15th until Wednesday 23rd July. It is a great opportunity for our students to take the opportunity to learn about the benefits of healthy living.

Parents are aware that as their children become increasingly independent they are more likely to encounter situations in which they must make decisions which will impact on their own health or safety as well as on their relationships.

Parents and carers are encouraged to get involved with the Life Education Program, given the critical role they play in the development of their child’s health promoting behaviours. In addition to the opportunity to visit the Mobile Learning Centre, whilst on the school grounds, to learn more about the program, you are also invited to participate in family forums that provide the opportunity to share views with other parents and children, increase knowledge and develop strategies to support the healthy development of your children.
Thanks to our tremendous Day branch P&C this year’s visit is being subsidised with the cost being only $2.00 per student (RRP $5.00) A note will be going home shortly.

NARRABRI PUBLIC SCHOOL competes at local Horse Sports Day at Narrabri

On Friday 13th June NPS was represented by 10 riders at the NWPS Horse Sports Day. All of our riders had a very successful day and represented our school with great pride and sportsmanship.

The morning started out with great success with all our riders placing in their riding and hack classes. Johno Charles placed 5th in his class for best presented and Dominic Atkins placed 3rd in his boy rider class. The girls took out the morning with Molly Michell-Smith placing 1st in her hack class, pleasure hack class and girl rider class and 3rd for best presented. Millie Bruce placed 1st in best presented, 3rd in her girl rider class and 5th in her pleasure hack class. Rachel Charles placed 2nd in her girl rider class and 5th in her hack class. Savannah Hunt-Faulkiner placed 1st for best presented and 5th in her girl rider class and Geogie Baker placed 1st in her pleasure hack class and 4th in her hack class. Annabelle Read placed 1st for best presented and 5th and Sara Charles placed 5th in both her hack class and girl rider class.

With the rain threatening we stopped for a short lunch break and then got straight into the sporting. With something for everyone, Narrabri Public School had great success in the sporting events also, with Johno and Dom taking home places in all sporting events. The girls again took out the sporting events with Rachel placing 1st in running tee, keyhole, barrels, point to point and 2nd in bends. Sara placed 5th in the keyhole and bends and 4th in running tee. Savannah took out 4th in the running tee and Annabelle took out 5th in keyhole. Georgia placed 2nd in bends, 3rd in keyhole and 4th in the running tee and barrels. Molly placed 2nd in running tee, keyhole and barrels and Millie placed 3rd in running tee and 4th in point to point and keyhole.

The day ended on a high for Narrabri Public School with Georgia Kirkby winning Champion Girl Rider 9yrs and Molly Michell-Smith winning Champion Girl Rider 10 years. Millie Bruce and Rachel Charles also won Reserve Champion Girl Rider 10 years.

CANTEEN NEWS
We will be running down paddle pops till the end of term, but there are some very yummy Home Icecreams available if the children want an icecream and at $1.30 each they are a bit cheaper than a paddle pop.

Pumpkin soup is still available @ $4.00 with bread and butter

Congratulations to our first Bronzies last week. If you have a child with special dietary needs coming up for a Bronzie Party (or later in the year Siler Badges) let us know at canteen so we can provide them something special if possible to celebrate.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Tuesday, 17th June
HELP!!!!!
Wednesday, 18th June
HELP!!!!!
Thursday, 19th June
Georgia Gourley
Friday, 20th June
Nicci Milsom
Monday, 23rd June
HELP!!!!!

Thankyou
Kim Owens Supervisor
Nikki Finn Assistant