Principal’s Message

Like any good business or organisation, Narrabri Public School is always looking for ways to improve what we offer students. Whether these changes are small or large, we believe it’s important to cast a critical eye on our current practices from time to time.

Accordingly, Term 3 sees the beginning of a trial regular assembly routines. For some years it has been our usual practice to have primary and infants assemblies in the morning, after recess, and also after lunch. This term we are going to experiment and see if some learning time can be gained by cutting back to just one morning assembly.

As you can see from the picture, our general assistant Troy Nipperess has been extremely busy with the line marker painting room numbers onto areas of the playground. Each classroom now has a specific number and when the bell goes after recess and lunch, students will line up at their class marker and wait for their teacher’s arrival. It is anticipated that this small change of routine may possibly save about ten minutes per day and this can only benefit students.

To their credit, our staff discussed this issue in small groups during our Term Two Development Day on student welfare and suggested this as an option. As always, we welcome your feedback on this idea.

Star of the Week

Lara Ciesiolka

Lara Ciesiolka, our school’s vice-captain, is an outstanding school leader and a great candidate for Star of the Week.

Lara consistently sets a wonderful example to young and older students alike. She is polite, hard-working and always caring towards others. Lara fulfils her leadership duties admirably. In fact, many of the personal qualities we look for in our school leaders are personified in Lara.

“I really loved the leader’s conference in Sydney and helping around this school,” she said.

Lara came to Narrabri Public in Year 4 from Wee Waa. She is a well-rounded student who loves all sports. Lara is a keen swimmer who trains all year round at the local pool with her coach, Carla Carruthers. Lara plays netball on the weekend and receives tennis lessons before school with Shane Murphy.

Lara is also an accomplished musician who plays the flute in our school band. She’s only been playing this instrument for a short time, having played clarinet last year. She is also dedicated to her learning and is looking forward to high school in 2015.
Athletics Carnival
As you know, this week our Athletics Carnival is being held on Thursday, 24 July at Narrabri High School. It promises to be a great day with plenty of exciting events that students can enter, fun novelties throughout the day, as well as a yummy barbecue canteen being run by our Night Branch P&C.

Parents, family and friends are invited to come along and make a great day of it. Students will be dressing up in their house colours and, as usual, this event is sure to be hotly contested. Students are travelling there and back by bus.

Many thanks to Mrs Angela Young who organised this day. We're sure it's going to be a big success - all we're hoping now for is a little warm weather!

See attached information re events etc.

See you there.

P&C Nightbranch BBQ
Primary Athletics Carnival
PRICE LIST
Steak Sandwich $5.00
Sausage Sandwich $3.00
Soup + Bread roll $4.00
Water $2.00
Juice popper $1.50
Tea $1.00
Coffee $2.00 - $3.00

Guitar Lessons
A note will go home for our students currently having guitar lessons. These students are requested to pay their tuition fees please. This money can be sent to the school office. Lessons resumed the first week of Term 3.

Guitar students are gearing up for a special assembly performance this term. It is also hoped that they will entertain at our end of year presentation night at the Crossing Theatre. No pressure kids!

The Week Ahead
Week 2
Monday 21st July
Life Education Van
Riding for Disabled – K/6T
Assembly under Primary COLA @ 2.40

Tuesday 22nd July
P&C Uniform Shop open 8.30-9.30 am
Life Education Van
NHS 2015 Parent Afternoon Meeting @ 4.30
Assembly under Primary COLA @ 3.00

Wednesday 23rd July
School Photo Day (winter uniform)
Life Education Van (last day)
School Banking
Mark Coulton MP visits
No student assembly

Thursday 24th July
School Athletics Carnival
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30-3.45pm
Federation Farm Meeting 7.00 @ St Francis Xavier

Friday 25th July
Bronzy Party for all recipients

Week 3
Monday 28th July
Education Week Assembly & Open Day
Assembly under Primary COLA @ 3.00
School Council @ 7.00

Tuesday 29th July
ICAS English
P&C Uniform Shop open 8.30-9.30 am
NHS 2015 Parent Night Meeting

Wednesday 30th July
K-6 Fruit Day
Touch Football v NWPS
KM Assembly

Thursday 31st July
Bronzy Party for all recipients
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30-3.45pm

Friday 1st August
Softball trials (boys) in Tamworth
NAIDOC Week Celebration & barbeque lunch from 12.00pm in primary COLA
NPS Auction Closes Friday!

As mentioned previously, we have a lovely piano, assorted tables, a VCR, CD/tape player, leaf blower, w/snipper/ assorted tables and chairs and storage shelves, plastic chairs and a great portable shelf that would look great in dad’s (or mum's) shed.

If you’re interested in placing a bid, please complete the form in this newsletter, put it in an envelope and return it to the school office. Bids must be in by Friday 25th July.

Local Member Visits

This Wednesday, 23rd July, Narrabri Public is going to receive a very special visitor. Mr Mark Coulton, Federal Member for the electorate of Parkes, is visiting our school in the morning. Mr Coulton plans to talk with our Stage 3 students who travel to Canberra in Week 5 for their annual school excursion. Mr Coulton is talking about parliament and his role as our local member. We look forward to his visit and are confident that our students will listen carefully and ask some interesting questions.

Cross Country in Sydney

As you know, five talented runners travelled to Sydney last week for the State Cross Country Championships at Eastern Creek. Our very fit representatives were Miles Campbell, Angus Gourley, Amelie Johnson, Felix Johnson, & Sam Soper. This event featured the best of the best. These young runners were pitted against the very finest athletes in the State, many of whom are trained by highly accredited coaches. We ought to be very proud of our students on their wonderful efforts.

School Fees

As you probably know, this year we have been running a special scheme to encourage families to pay their voluntary school contributions. Parents paying their school fees were placed in the draw to win a $25.00 WLT (why leave town) Gift Voucher. This is proven quite successful. But we know you wanted more!

Accordingly, it was mentioned in this newsletter last term that everybody who has paid their contributions would go into the big draw for a fabulous prize … a family pass to Western Plains Zoo – value $117.30. This is a terrific prize and we are happy to announce the lucky winner is The Gray family.

Congratulations. Please come the school office and collect your prize. Finally, thanks to all those who have paid their school contributions this year.

AV Room and Technology

Those comfy beanbags mightn't have arrived yet, but there's no stopping those enthusiastic students of 3C. Last week, Mrs Charles took the students into the room to do some digital moviemaking using our new Android tablets. As part of her class creative arts program, Mrs Charles plans to teach them how to record and edit their own movies. 3C students took advantage of the fact that our very own Gamilaraay Choir were practising their item for NAIDOC week. They managed to record a video clip featuring some great singing.

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Birthday Surprise

Last Thursday my family and I went out to celebrate my birthday (yes, 21 again) at the On Lee Restaurant. Now, it’s always nice seeing my friends Shaunie, Ashlee, Sam and Mylee Yu, but I was taken by surprise when they brought me out a beautiful dessert and arranged for happy birthday to be sung as well. Sincere thanks to the Yu family for your generosity and wonderful hospitality. In fact, it was the best birthday I can remember!

Combined K6-6 bronzy party held last week.

CANCEN NEWS

Canteen Roster

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As you can see we are a little light on for volunteers so far this term. Nikki and I would love to see some new faces alongside the established regular group of volunteers to help us maintain our level of service. If you can spare any time let us know or just call in.

Thank you

PS. Just a reminder that if your child is coming up for a bronzie party and has special dietary requirements to let us know and we’ll see what we can do to provide a treat for them

Kim Owens
Canteen Supervisor

WHITE CARDS
1st
Isabella Hackett, Justin Harriman, Niarla Robbins

BRONZE AWARDS
Kiarnah Eames, Olivia Parker, Darcy Gleeson, Charlie Baker, Stephanie Rose, Bella Nixon, Klaryssa Briggs, Isaiah O’Brien, Brodie Spence, Cassandra Merritt, Keltan Williams, Tanika Clark, Jake Foran, Angus Browning, Alex Loder, Wiki Mason, Joseph Melbourne, Lilly Williams, Bronte Ciesiolka, Brooke Miskle, Rhani Fewtrell, Haylee Finn, Kayden Lamb, Adelaide Johnson, Kyle Boney, Lyneah Mason, Claire Eather, Joshua Soper, Jacob Coxon, Hayley Parker, Clint Baker, Veronica Weekes, Ella Draheim

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Infants Sports Day
A great day was had by all at the Infants Sports Day despite the freezing temperatures. Many thanks to all parent helpers who assisted on the day.

Congratulations to the following students who won their age race:
5 years girls
1st Skye Manning, 2nd Lilly-Jane Smith, 3rd Ceanna Toomey and Jessie Parker
5 years boys
1st Seth Van Bommel, 2nd Blake Ford, 3rd Kaden Sharpley
6 years girls
1st Shakira Parker, 2nd Brielle Bourke, 3rd Kishaya Gibbs-Eulo
6 years boys
1st Ethan Foster, 2nd George Barton, 3rd William Lettice
7 years girls
1st Taylor Hanslow, 2nd Bella Suckling, 3rd Felicity Chapman
7 years boys
1st Declan Rooney, 2nd Darcy Gleeson, 3rd Braedon Mason & Angus Ciesiolka
8 years girls
1st Halle Rooney, 2nd Olivia Parker, 3rd Lyneah Mason
8 years boys
1st Oscar George, 2nd Campbell Gourley, 3rd Noah Teer
9 years boys
1st Caleb Dawson
P&C Daybranch Fundraiser

A Tupperware Lunchbox Drive Fundraising Brochure and order form has been sent home with your newsletter. Please feel free to show all your family and friends as the more lunchboxes sold, the more money raised for the school. Orders for additional Tupperware products can be made on the order form also. When purchasing from the Tupperware range 10% of all sales will go directly to the P&C.

All orders and payments should be returned to the school by Monday 4th August. Payment can be made using cash or by filling out credit/debit card details on the order form.

If you have any enquiries please contact Trish Atkins on 0428922033

Habits of Success

1. Successful students **persist**. They concentrate on the task and work on it until they have completed it successfully. They ask for help when they get stuck.
2. Successful students **have self-control**. They act thoughtfully.
3. Successful students **listen with understanding**. They are open to hearing another point of view.
4. Successful students **think flexibly**. They are able to view a situation from many perspectives and their minds are open to change.
5. Successful students **use problem-solving and decision-making skills**. They are able to make a plan, monitor their thinking, evaluate their progress and work out new ways to proceed and learn.
6. Successful students **strive for accuracy and precision**. They know what level they need to reach and are not satisfied with sloppy work.
7. Successful students **ask questions**. They are curious and seek evidence. They analyse ideas. They use lots of strategies to solve problems.
8. Successful students **think and communicate clearly and accurately**, both in speech and in writing. They avoid dismissing new ideas.
9. Successful students **create, imagine and innovate**. They look for different ideas and are able to think of original ideas of their own.
10. Successful students **respond with wonderment and awe**. They are fascinated with the world around them and are open to discovering new things.
11. Successful students **co-operate**. They know how to work together with others.
12. Successful students **are open to continual learning**. They admit when they do not know something and are eager to find out. They are always growing and learning.

Acknowledgement: Habits of Success by Jenny Edwards and Arthur L Costa, Educational Leadership, April 2012

NPS Blind Auction Form

Name:

Phone No:

I am interested in purchasing (please circle)

- piano
- table/s
- VCR
- satellite box,
- CD player
- tape player,
- leaf blower
- w/snipper
- chair/s
- storage shelf
- blackboard
- other

I am willing to bid $………… for this item

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