Principals Message

As you can see from the protective fence around it, our school's administration building is in a poor state of repair. This is not a new issue, but the recent and ongoing drought has brought further problems and heightened our concerns. There are widening cracks in the walls and ceilings, splintered window frames and even a few bricks are falling out of walls. Two rooms in the building are currently unusable.

At our recent P&C meeting I mentioned that the New South Wales Government has allocated funds to help resolve this problem. Accordingly, a community group which represents local interests has now been formed Kerrie Haire, Ken Campbell, Ann Loder & Jo Gordon. This group is working closely with architects and Public Works to get the best outcome for our school and local community.

At present, we are looking at three possible options:

a) a new building
b) the restoration of our current building
c) a new building which incorporates the facade and other original sections into its final design.

As the photo below shows, a team of surveyors visited us last week.

This is a difficult issue for us all. The administration building is a beautiful building, but over $2 million has already been spent on it without fixing the problem. At this stage we are awaiting the results of an historical significance impact study before further consideration of our options. The next meeting is Tuesday, 5th August. I will keep you informed.

Star of the Week
Beau Tomlinson

This week's Star of the Week is Beau Tomlinson. Beau is a natural leader who has shown great maturity in adjusting to the responsibility of being one of our two elected school counsellors this year.

His teacher, Mrs McLeish, says that Beau is an energetic, outgoing and fun loving student. I have discovered for myself that he certainly enjoys getting the microphone in his hands during assembly time. Beau loves handing out awards and making speeches. It’s this easy-going confidence in front of people that makes him such a valuable member of our school leadership team.

Beau is also excellent young sportsman who has represented our school in rugby league, cricket, athletics and swimming. Having seen him play cricket in the nets, I can vouch that he has the potential to be an excellent hard-hitting batsmen and a wily leg-spin bowler.

When I asked Beau what's the best thing about being a school leader he replied, “Probably doing all the assemblies and helping other students.”
Week 3
Monday 28th July
Education Week Assembly & Open Day
Assembly under Primary COLA @ 2.40

Tuesday 29th July
ICAS English
P&C Uniform Shop open 3.00 – 4.00pm
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

Week 4
Monday 4th August
Riding for Disabled – K/6T
PSSA soccer v Tamworth
Assembly under Primary COLA @ 3.00
School Council @ 7.00

Tuesday 5th August
ICAS Maths
P&C Uniform Shop open 3.00 – 4.00pm
Administration Building Meeting
NHS 2015 Parent Night Meeting

Wednesday 6th August
6M Assembly

Thursday 7th August
Bronzy Party for all recipients @ 11.20
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30-3.45pm

Friday 8th August
Zone Athletics @ Wee Waa

Lining Up Nicely
As mentioned last week, this term sees a reduction in the number of primary and infants assemblies each day. We are trialling the idea of cutting back to just one morning assembly.

This began last week and it worked well with no problems or major issues reported. Each classroom now has a specific number. When the bell goes after recess and lunch, students are now lining up at their class painted spots.

Education Week
Today is the first day of Education Week. This year represents the 60th anniversary of this important event. This year’s theme is “Lighting the Way to a Better World.”

This year Narrabri Public’s activities included open classrooms, morning tea in the school hall and a special awards assembly. A note went home inviting parents to all these events.

Our awards assembly was a wonderful opportunity to present awards for significant educational contributions by parents and staff. We were delighted to be having an Education Week address by Mrs Kathryn Hamilton on the theme “Lighting the Way to a Better World” as well as musical performances by our students. Mrs Hamilton participated in the first Education Week as a student back in 1954.

NAIDOC Week
Narrabri Public School looks forward to celebrating NAIDOC Week on Friday, 1 August. There will be a morning tea, special assembly and a whole school BBQ lunch at a special get-together. The school choir from Walgett Community School will also be visiting us and performing.

All students are encouraged to dress in red black and yellow to help celebrate this important occasion. A note will go home with further information.

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**WHITE CARDS**

1st
Jorja Hackett, Michael Sharpley

**BRONZE AWARDS**

Cooper Lawrence, Ewan McFarland, Samuel Soper, Kyle Suckling, Michael McDougall, Daniel Swain, Paige Dean, Taylah Bell, Jasmin White, Joshua Taylor, Kishaya Gibbs-Eulo, Alicia Morgan-Ferguson, Ethan Condran, Oliver Morris, Tom Webster, Angus Ciesiolka, Ciani Welsh-Lobo, Toby Michell-Smith, Jararl Zarka, Leo Palmer, Ella Maskill, Kevin Condran, Keira Bennett, John Allison

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**P&C Daybranch Fundraiser**

Don’t forget to get your orders in for this great fundraiser.

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

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Beanbags in AV Room Arrive

Our AV room finally has beanbags for our students to use thanks to Mrs Clare’s trip to Tamworth last Monday. As you can see from the photo, they are colourful and look pretty comfortable. 4M were the first class to use them and gave them the “thumbs up” although they made quite a loud squeaking noise Mr McIntosh and his class found quite disconcerting!

Students were doing a research lesson in the AV room being taught by our fourth year intern, Ms Chloe Suckling.

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Kindergarten pictured with their Year 6 buddies learning a song for NAIDOC week.

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Lucky Winner

As you know, all parents and carers who paid their voluntary school contributions went into the draw for a fabulous prize of a free family pass to Western Plains Zoo – value $117.30. Pictured below is our winner, Simon Gray, receiving the prize on behalf of his family, Simon was very excited about winning and told me that his two sons Kyle and Koby are really looking forward to going to Dubbo.
Athletics Carnival

Last Thursday 24th July saw NPS hold its annual primary athletics carnival at the Narrabri HS sporting oval. The weather was mild and our students arrived dressed in their house colours. They were keen to compete and have a really enjoyable day. Some students had painted arms and legs, crazy wigs and coloured tutus!

It was a wonderful carnival. The standard of competition was high and, as always, the fierce but friendly competition between the four houses was great to see. There was also much excitement when a long-standing school record was broken by Chloe Irvine in the 8yrs girls 100 metres. Likewise, the track and field events were hotly contested in every race. I'm pleased to say student behaviour was excellent with no major issues reported.

This year one of the goals we set ourselves was to boost and encourage student participation, not only in races but also in the novelty events. We wanted to ensure all students had the opportunity to engage in physical activity all day long. Judging by the sea of happy faces over at the novelty events area this goal was well and truly achieved!

Many thanks to all those parents and family members who attended the carnival. Big thanks also must go to our tireless P&C volunteers who worked on our barbecue stall providing delicious hot food. Finally, I would like to congratulate our very own Angela Young who organised this year's event – a great effort!

Results are outlined below:

8yrs Girls 100ms Final
1. Chloe Irvine
2. Annalise Woodham
3. Claire Eather

9yrs Girls 100ms Final
1. Amelie Johnson
2. Georgia Stuart
3. Claudia Penberthy

10yrs Girls 100ms Final
1. Mickel Baker
2. Rhani Fewtrell
3. Rachel Charles

11yrs Girls 100ms Final
1. Cassidy Staines
2. Charlotte Penberthy
3. Shona McFarland

Senior Girls 200ms Final
1. Stephanie Stuart
2. Makayla Beddow
3. Annabel Read

13yrs Girls 100ms Straight Final
1. Hayley Orman
2. Teleisha Dick

Junior Girls 200ms Final
1. Amelie Johnson
2. Georgia Stuart
3. Claudia Penberthy

8yrs Boys 100ms Final
1. Jye Anderson
2. Oscar George
3. Bobby Wu

9yrs Boys 100ms Final
1. Cooper Hall
2. Rhys Bower
3. Miles Campbell

10yrs Boys 100ms Final
1. Joc Ford
2. Alistair Gourley
3. Angus Gourley

11yrs Boys 100ms Final
1. Kyle Suckling
2. Patrick Simpson
3. Sam Soper

12yrs Boys 100ms Final
1. Tom Woodham
2. Connor Finn
3. Tom Eather

11yrs Girls 200ms Final
1. Cassidy Staines
2. Charlotte Penberthy
3. Shona McFarland
Junior Boys 200ms Final
1. Alistair Gourley
2. Angus Gourley
3. Cooper Hall

11yrs Boys 200ms Final
1. Sam Soper
2. Patrick Simpson
3. Cooper Lawrence

Senior Boys 200ms Final
1. Tom Woodham
2. Connor Finn
3. Tom Eather

Junior Girls 800ms
1. Amelie Johnson
2. Georgia Stuart
3. Chloe Irvine

11yrs Girls 800ms
1. Shona McFarland
2. Danielle Sunderland
3. Charlotte Penberthy

Senior Girls 800ms
1. Stephanie Stuart
2. Makayla Beddow
3. Annie Gordon

Junior Boys Discus
1. Matthew Penberthy
2. Angus Gourley
3. Joc Ford

11yrs Girls Discus
1. Jorja Bakhuis
2. Tahnee Barwick
3. Lucy Gordon

Junior Boys 800ms
1. Angus Gourley
2. Miles Campbell
3. Toby Michell-Smith

11yrs Boys 800ms
1. Sam Soper
2. Kyle Suckling
3. Brinez Lantz

Senior Boys Discus
1. Angus Browning
2. Beau Parker
3. Jacob Sunderland

Junior Girls Discus
1. Billie Dyball
2. Rachel Charles
3. Haylee Finn

11yrs Boys Discus
1. Matthew Penberthy
2. Angus Gourley
3. Joe Ford

Junior Girls Longjump
1. Georgia Stuart
2. Rachel Charles
3. May Krishna

Junior Boys Longjump
1. Joc Ford
2. Alistair Gourley
3. Toby Michell-Smith

11yrs Girls Longjump
1. Breanna Walton
2. = Cassidy Staines
2. = Zoe Campbell

11yrs Boys Longjump
1. Cooper Lawrence
2. Sam Soper
3. Kyle Suckling
Senior Girls Longjump
1. Stephanie Stuart
2. Makayla Beddow
3. Tanika Clark

Senior Boys Longjump
1. Connor Finn
2. Tom Eather
3. Angus Browning

Junior Girls Shotput
1. Rachel Charles
2. Haylee Finn
3. Billie Dyball

Junior Boys Shotput
1. Joc Ford
2. Riley Lamb
3. Matthew Penberthy

11yrs Girls Shotput
1. Jorja Bakhuis
2. =Paige Dean
3. = Lucy Gordon

11yrs Boys Shotput
1. Cooper Lawrence
2. Kyle Suckling
3. Tyler Cowell

Senior Girls Shotput
1. Chelsea George
2. Stephanie Stuart
3. Georgie Milsom

Senior Boys Shotput
1. Angus Browning
2. Beau Tomlinson
3. Connor Finn

Junior Girls Highjump
1. Molly Michell-Smith
2. Billie Dyball
3. Amelie Johnson

Junior Boys Highjump
1. Chris Clark
2. Dylan Tibbett
3. Nick Hand

11yrs Girls Highjump
1. Brianna Walton
2. Kira Manning
3. = Cassidy Staines
3. = Charlotte Penberthy

11yrs Boys Highjump
1. Joe Melbourne
2. Tyler Cowell
3. = Cooper Lawrence
3. = Daniel Swain

Age Champions
Junior Girls – Amelie Johnson
Junior Runner Up – Georgia Stuart
Junior Boys – Joc Ford
Junior Runner Up – Angus Gourley
11yrs Girls – Cassidy Staines
11yrs Runner Ups – Brianna Walton,
- Charlotte Penberthy
- Jorja Bakhuis
11yrs Boys – Sam Soper
11yrs Runner Up – Kyle Suckling
Senior Girls – Stephanie Stuart
Runner Up – Makayla Beddow
Senior Boys – Connor Finn
Runner Up – Angus Browning

Records Broken at the Narrabri Public School 2014 Athletics Carnival
• 8yrs Girls 100ms – Old Record held by Leesa Scott 17.23s in 2000       New Record Chloe Irvine 17.00s
• Senior Girls Discus – Old Record held by Emma Campbell 18.27m in 2006
  New Record Stephanie Stuart 22.81m
• Senior Boys Discus – Old Record held by Guy Gleeson 27.66m in 2008
  New Record Angus Browning 29.20m

Overall House Winner and The John Cavallaro Trophy – Wilga
House Effort Trophy – Kurrajong
The Col Stanford Marching Trophy – Barwan

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**NEWSFLASH – NPS CHANGE OF TIME**  
**CLOTHING POOL**  
*New hours on:*

- **Tuesday** are 3.00 – 4.00pm
- **Thursday** hours remain the same 2.30 – 3.45pm

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**THE TRUE GOAL OF EDUCATION?**

*Is learning* is the best word for what we want from our schools? Learning is the right word if our aspiration is that students graduate as *learned* scholars, but that’s not what most of us have in mind for our schools. Learning is important, of course, but it’s a means to an end. The real goal of education, and of school, is *becoming*. Most of us would prefer our children become the very best people they can be, capable of effective thinking, acting, relating, and accomplishing in whatever field they enjoy and have a passion for. We spend so much time and effort looking at test scores, averages, and other measurements of ‘learning’ that we have little time or energy left to focus on who our students are (or are not) as individuals, what they love or hate, or what drives them. We shouldn’t be surprised, then, if they become people we do not like or respect, or if we have concerns about their potential contributions to society. How many people in the world have finished school without becoming what they could have? Some may have acquired knowledge and skills through their education, but have accomplished little or nothing. We should be asking, “What did you become that you weren’t before? Have you moved in a positive direction to better yourself and society?” Teachers could write annually to students and parents about what each student is becoming. And students should be asking themselves, “Who am I becoming? Have I become a better thinker? If so, in what ways? Am I able to do things I couldn’t before? What is important to me and why? Can I relate comfortably to individuals, in teams and in virtual communities? Can I make the world a better place?”

*If we had different expectations, who knows what our children might become?*

“*The Goal of Education Is Becoming*” by Marc Prensky in *Education Week*, May 7, 2014

*It’s hard work that makes the difference. I don’t care how smart you are or how smart you think you are. Smart simply means you’re ready to learn.*

Freeman Hrabowski

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**THE MATTHEW EFFECT**

The educational *Matthew Effect* is based on the Biblical passage – “For the one who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough. But the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken from him”. In other words, confident students engage by raising their hands and by engaging in classroom discussion they become smarter. But others decline the invitation to participate and miss out on the chance.

Keith Stanovich

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**LAST WEEK’S BRONZBY PARTY WAS BEAUT!!!**

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Thank you to the parents who helped cater for morning tea this morning. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Canteen Roster

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Kim Owens - Supervisor
Mark Coulton MP - Visit
Last Wednesday, as a part of our Term Three HSIE study of Australian democracy, Stage Three received a visit from Mr Mark Coulton MP. We learnt all about Mr Coulton’s life before parliament and how he came to be in politics. It was inspirational to hear about a community minded farmer changing his whole life in the service of the residents of the Parkes electorate, which is the largest electorate in NSW. Mr Coulton explained his role as the National Party Whip and talked to Stage Three about his roles and responsibilities in the many towns he visits each day. He discussed local issues relevant to our students and gave an overview of a day in the life of Mark Coulton. After some tough questioning from Year 5 and 6 students, Mr Coulton generously presented our School Captains with new Aboriginal and Australian flags. We all felt privileged to have Mr Coulton take time out of his busy schedule to visit and thank him very much.

Poet – Mrs Jacqui Warnock
On Thursday 17th July locally celebrated poet Jacqui Warnock treated Stage Three to an entertaining afternoon of bush poetry. The afternoon began with an interactive recitation of Jacqui’s poem ‘Don’t Call Me Mate,’ followed by an introduction to renowned Australian bush poets including Dorothea MacKellar and Banjo Patterson. We looked at the meaning behind the famous poem ‘My Country’ by Mrs MacKellar and were further entertained by a recitation of Australia’s unofficial anthem ‘Waltzing Matilda’. Members of the Drama Club were delighted to recreate Banjo Patterson’s ‘Waltz in the Courtroom,’ while a number of girls enjoyed miming the actions to Noel Stallard poem ‘lipstick capers’. The highlight of the afternoon was when Jacqui recited her famous poem ‘The Tale of Faye Green’s Humpy’. It was wonderful listening to the true story of Faye Green’s five day journey while being lost in Mount Kaputar National Park. There was even a very special link to Year Six student Jake Foran as his grandparents owned the farm Faye Green finally came upon, described in the poem as ‘embraced by kindness’. All in all an inspiring experience for the students leading into our Term Three literacy study of Glenda Millard’s book Lightning Jack and a selection of Banjo Patterson poetry. Thank you so much Jacqui Warnock for sharing your talent with us.