Welcome back to all. I trust everyone had an enjoyable and safe break. Term 3 is already looking quite hectic as we head towards a Life Education visit, athletics carnivals, school photos, upcoming Education and NAIDOC Week celebrations and major excursions for Stage 3 in Week 5 and Stage 2 in Week 10. Whew!

This term will also see the arrival of a new class teacher for Stage 3. As you know, Mrs Stephanie Stow took up a permanent position at Howlong Public School. However, we were fortunate in having an outstanding replacement in Mrs Emily Quirk. Emily is a local woman with a strong commitment to Narrabri and district. She has been teaching part-time at Boggabri during 2014 and doing an outstanding job there. Last year, Emily completed her internship under the supervision of Mrs Tame. Emily impressed us at this time as a dedicated, professional and caring young teacher with a bright future. We are sure the school community will come to value both her teaching skills and rapport with staff and students. For her part, Mrs Quirk looks forward to getting to know students and parents.

In addition, a fourth year intern is about to commence a ten week practicum here at school. Ms Chloe Suckling with be working in Mr McIntosh’s class until the end of term. We welcome Chloe to NPS and trust she will enjoy her time with us.

Eight-year-old Jorja Hackett only arrived last term, but she’s certainly made herself at home and settled into Narrabri Public School like a pair of old comfy slippers. For this reason alone, Jorja deserves our first Star of the Week for Term 3. She also tried giving me a beautiful cardboard mask to wear this morning as soon as she arrived, but that’s another story!

Jorja has two sisters here in Year One, Rique-Lee (Mrs Aitken’s class) and Bella (Mrs Trindall). They all arrived here last term from Lightning Ridge. “My old school was really big,” said Jorja. “The high-school kids were there in the school playground and their classrooms were near the canteen.” Lightning Ridge, you might have guessed, is a central school.

Jorja’s teacher is Mrs Charles. When I asked her what she likes about Mrs Charles she just replied, “Everything!” I think this might mean that Mrs Charles is doing a wonderful job!

Jorja loves school with maths, homework, spelling and craft being some of her favourite activities. She has made good friends with her classmates too with Kaitlyn Wall and Chelsi-Jo Everson being singled out for a special mention.

As I said earlier, Jorja is an artistic little girl who came to school this morning with some beautifully coloured masks she made during the holidays. I hope you enjoy Term 3, Jorja.
The Week Ahead

Week 1

Monday 14th July
School Development Day

Tuesday 15th July
P&C Uniform Shop open 8.30-9.30 am
Life Education Van
Assembly under Primary COLA @ 3.00

Wednesday 16th July
Life Education Van
School Banking
No student assembly
Night Branch P&C Meeting @ 7.00

Thursday 17th July
Life Education Van
Bronzy Party for all recipients
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30-3.45pm

Friday 18th July
Infants Sports Carnival
Life Education Van
State Cross Country

Week 2

Monday 21st July
Life Education
Riding for Disabled – K/6T
Assembly under Primary COLA @ 3.00

Tuesday 22nd July
P&C Uniform Shop open 8.30-9.30 am
Life Education Van
Assembly under Primary COLA @ 3.00

Wednesday 23rd July
School Photo Day (winter uniform)
Life Education Van
School Banking
No student assembly
K-6 Fruit Day
Boys and Girls Touch Football v NWPS

Thursday 24th July
School Athletics Carnival
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30-3.45pm

Friday 25th July
Bronzy Party for all recipients

Infants Athletics Carnival

We’d like to extend a warm invitation to all parents and interested persons to our Infants Athletics Carnival this Friday 18th July. It will be held at Narrabri High School and all students will travel to and from our school by a bus (no cost).

A note about his went home late last term, and this needs to be returned to your child’s teacher. As always, we would appreciate any parent help on the day. If you are able to do so, please see Miss Morris at the high school before the commencement of the carnival at 10.00am.

Lunch can be ordered from our canteen on the day. Special thanks to Narrabri Little Athletics for the loan of sporting equipment.

Student Reports & Interviews

Reports went home in the last week of term, and hopefully every parent/carer has received their copy. However, if for any reason you have not received your child’s/children’s report/s, please contact our school office as soon as possible please.

Likewise, additional reports are always printed for parents who are separated from their former partner/wife/husband. This can be problematic, but you can help us by please ensuring that we are told a second report needs to be printed. We also require the mailing details to enable us to post off a report to those parents. We do our very best to ensure our records are accurate, but sometimes the occasional parent does miss out when we are not told of changes to personal circumstances. Your assistance is appreciated in this matter.

Regarding teacher interviews … in a few cases, parents are sometimes asked by teachers to come in for a chat regarding strategies being put in place to support their child’s learning. These meetings have already taken place or been arranged for this next week or so.

However, if any parent is still concerned about their child and believes they need an interview with their teacher, please contact the office and this message will be passed on to the teacher concerned.
Technology Room Update
The tablet technology room is now fully renovated. Some teachers are beginning to take their classes there for special lessons involving research etc. The only remaining issue left is the tiered carpet which is somewhat cold and uncomfortable to sit on. However, we are currently waiting on the arrival of a room full of beanbags to help make our students feel right at home. These are due to arrive in the next few weeks.

Mrs Allison has volunteered to work on putting suitable educational and other engaging apps on these machines for K-6 students. When this task is completed, she plans to train teachers in the use of these Android devices and using the room effectively.

We are also planning to place an interactive smartboard into the room to make this a fully interactive learning environment for our young 21st century learners.

School Development Day
Yesterday our Term 3 School Development Day was held in the library. It was a combined schools presentation with staff from Wee Waa and Pilliga in attendance on the new mathematics syllabus. This day was run by our school executive team of Mr McIntosh (co-ordinator), Mrs White and Mrs Tame.

Greek Culture on Display at NPS
The last Thursday of term saw our Stage 2 students dressed in blue and white eating olives, tossed green salad and feta cheese as well as dancing arm in arm around the library to some very exotic sounding music. Why is this you ask? Well, according to their teachers Mrs Allison and Miss Wardell the children had been studying Greece as a unit of work last term and enjoyed the experience so much they simply had to celebrate with a Greek class party.

This feast had everything needed to celebrate traditional Greek cuisine – there was even a huge blue and white cake resembling the Greek national flag. The students were very enthusiastic. The sophistication of the students’ palates certainly surprised me. I must admit to being more than a little shocked when the children started eating Kalamata olives without spitting them out!

All that’s left to say is ...... Καλοψημένο (Just in case you don’t read Greek it says “well done!”)

Canberra Excursion Update
Our trip to Canberra is fast approaching and we are in the final stages of organising this Trip of a Lifetime. The final cost of this excursion has been set at $515.00 and the entire amount must be paid by Friday the 25th of July. A note with how much you have paid and the amount owing, was sent out today and the information and medical notes will be available to you this week.

Thankyou to everyone for keeping the payments coming in and we are all looking forward to this excursion. Stage 3 have been learning all about democracy in HSIE and are excited about visiting our national capital and seeing all it has to offer.
Boys Softball Team

The Narrabri Public School Boys Softball team had a sensational win over Tamworth West last term winning 24 – 3.

All of the boys went into the game with a positive attitude and displayed their natural sporting skills. Their training paid off as they used tactics and game play to their advantage.

During the game selectors and coaches of the North West team arrived to watch and were excited to see the talent NPS displayed. Angus Browning featured in the Tamworth paper with a photograph and an exciting article about NPS now being Regional Champions.

The boys will now play the winners of Western and Sydney West.

Thank you to all the parents and Grandparents for their support on the day.

Well done boys!

Mrs Hancock & Mrs Young.

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AFL Auskick

Every Tuesday from 4pm to 5pm at Leitch Oval
Ages 4-13 welcome
Free to try
Only $20 to register includes a backpack, water bottle, football, hat and other items
More information call Matt 0428395485
AFL will be running all school term

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TEACHING HOW TO COPE WITH DISAPPOINTMENT

- **Help your children identify the emotions** they feel and express them in an acceptable way. Keep a clear head yourself. Sometimes you can get emotional too and logic goes out the window. The simple act of remaining calm will defuse some of your child's negative feelings.

- **Give them an opportunity to talk** about why they think things didn't go the way they expected them to go. This way they can get it out of their system especially if you just quietly listen without criticising or jumping in with solutions. Venting to a trusted adult can be a helpful release.

- **Celebrate having a go** as if it were a win. Give as much praise for having a go as you would do for winning. Reinforce the message that winning isn't always the most important thing – what’s important is the effort you put in, your positive attitude, and the fact that you should keep on trying.

- **Hugs and words of encouragement** can ease the pain of disappointment.

- **When people are gushing about one child’s achievement, siblings may feel sorry for themselves.** Raise your children to congratulate each other. Being able to put your own disappointment aside to be generous to others is a sign of maturity.

- **Medals or certificates can cause upset when a child misses out**, especially for younger children. Sometimes they just want to have something to show for all the hard work and effort they’ve put in. That’s when parents can find a special treat to show they recognise the child’s good work.

- **Children watch how you respond** to failures in your own life. It’s helpful sometimes to share your disappointment and show them how you learn from the experience.

- **Learning to lose at something with grace** will eventually help your child develop into a more resilient person in life. Congratulate them on handling a setback so well.

- **Teach self-calming skills.** This may be going outside to kick a ball, listening to upbeat music, taking a deep breath, having a chat, using positive self-talk, reading a book, getting a hug, watching a funny movie, going for a walk. Give suggestions if your child is little or provide a diversion but by the time they are 7 or 8, they should be able to figure out for themselves what helps them calm down and move on.
**WHITE CARDS**

1st
Rique-Lee Hackett, Jacob Barwick, Kaaden Sharples

**BRONZE AWARDS**

Isabella Suckling, Laine McCauley, Tom Eather, Liam Wilson, Connor McLean, Alistair Gourley, Tamika Dwyer, Amelia Jones, Riley Emmerson, Noah Teer, Jessica Stanford, Jorja Bakhuis, Chelsea George, Isabelle Howard-Phemister, Chelsea Lysaght, Jayda Hannaford, Jack McCahon, Jakeb Nipperess, Chelsea Courtney, Zac Stait, Cooper Shields, Richard Hill

**PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

**ENGLISH:**
Bailey Taverner, Miles Campbell, Haylee Finn, Bobby Wu, Charlie North, Matthew Clare, Rachel Caton, Chelsea George, Sara Charles

**MATHS:**
Sean McLean, Kaleb Milsom, Cody Sunderland, Jinali Trindall, Josh Soper, Shaunie Yu, Cody Shepherdson, Georgina Dries, Jack Searle

**ACHIEVEMENT:**
Evelia Lantz, Emmjay Baker, Laine Lindsay, Sarah Draheim, Millie Bruce, Ethan Irvine, Kyle Suckling, Tanika Clark, Jakeb Nipperess

**SPORTS:**
Joshua Pearson, Cooper Hall, Ben Wheeler, Claudia Penberthy, Holli Nipperess, Angus Gourley, Sahvanah Hunt-Falkiner, Leonard Stoltenberg, Jacob Sunderland

**CITIZENSHIP:**
Zac Stait, Talisha Sims, Lana Parkes, Hayley Whittle-McGrath, Mickel Baker, Fynlay Dams, Azander Key, Thomas Wieringa, Beau Tomlinson

**INFANTS ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

**ENGLISH:**
Lily-Jane Smith, Cooper Shields, Lane Shoobert, Tom Wheeler, Kaine Everson, Ethan Leech, Deacon Cuell, Briana Coleman

**MATHS:**
Klaryssa Briggs, Richard Hill, Chelsea Lysaght, Olivia Parker, Savanna Orman, Mark Dennis, Kelly Wu, Jessica Stanford

**SPORTS:**
Charley Woodham, William Lettice, Shakira Parker, Dakoda Bower, Annabell McLean, Keira Bennett, Lucinda Coffey, Clarence Morgan

**CITIZENSHIP:**
Judah Hamblin, Skye Manning, Adam Farrar, Madeleine Shields, Jack McCahon, Aniesha Krishna, Amielia McCauley, Halle Rooney

**ACHIEVEMENT:**
Taylah Bull, Caitlin Evans, Sam McIntosh, Riley Dauth-Searle, Jasmin Stove, Jye Norris, Mia Williams, Angus Ciesiolka

The final Bronzy Party of Term 2

Last Week of NPS Auction!

Time is running out. As mentioned previously, our school is having a clearance sale on various useful items that may interest you. 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 the end of next week Friday 25th July.
Cross Country in Sydney

Good luck to those talented runners who are competing at the State Cross Country Championships in Sydney at Eastern Creek. This year sees our biggest representation for many years. Representatives are Miles Campbell, Angus Gourley, Amelie Johnson, Felix Johnson, & Sam Soper.

Tupperware Lunchbox Drive

A Tupperware Lunchbox Drive Fundraising Brochure and order form will be sent home with your newsletter next week. 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.

Horse Sports

Congratulations to Molly Michell-Smith
Highest Point score 10 yrs and Toby Michell-Smith runner up highest point score at Gunnedah Horse Sports on the last day of term.

Life Education Purchases

Please note that students are only able to buy Life Education merchandise if they are attending Life Education lessons and that the only available time for any of these purchases is directly after your child’s lesson.

Narrabri Tennis Coaching Options

Want to try a new sport or return to a sport you have tried before -
Limited places available for private Lessons/ Semi private lessons Mon to Sat morning/afternoons aimed at anyone/everyone/all ages.
Group lessons that are part of the Tennis Australia Hot Shots Program aimed at children 5years to 12 years of age.
Hot Shot Lessons available;

- Monday @ 5pm to 545pm aimed at 5years to 10 years,
- Tuesday @ 430pm aimed at 10years+,
- Wednesday 5pm aimed at 5years to 8years and
- Wednesday 530pm aimed at 8 to 12 years.
- Sat morning 930am aimed at 8 to 12 years.

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