Principal’s Message
It was wonderful to be part of last week's 2014 Education Week Assembly. The theme “Lighting the Way to a Better World” was really quite appropriate.

Special guests, parents and family members enjoyed classroom visits, a delicious morning tea and our special awards assembly. All those happy, smiling faces during our assembly were great to see. Open classrooms, Mrs Hamilton’s great speech, the awards and the wonderful musical talents of our students all helped to demonstrate how Narrabri Public School is playing its part in lighting the way to a better world.

Our main speaker, Mrs Kath Hamilton, spoke beautifully about her childhood days at school back to those faraway days before computers. She had her audience captivated with stories and funny tales. I could see why she has been so successful at teaching public speaking to our students over the years!

Sincere congratulations to award winners – students, staff and community members. Education Week is our opportunity to acknowledge your important contribution to our school.

The photo below was taken after the open classrooms session. Year 4 students, Ellesha Anderson and Anastasia Melbourne rushed into my office with great excitement. They couldn't wait to show me the marshmallow catapult they’d made earlier that day. This, in my opinion, is what education is all about.

Star of the Week
Krista Zarka
Year Two student, Krista Zarka, is an example of a confident, proud young Aboriginal student. Eight-year-old Krista is in Miss Morrisey’s class and is becoming fluent in Gamilaraay language.

Krista surprised our school last week when she spoke so confidently in Gamilaraay at our NAIDOC celebration last week. She may have stolen the show!

When I asked Krista about how long she had been studying the language she said, “I’ve been listening to tapes and Mum has been teaching me. It’s very special knowing the same language your ancestors spoke.”

Krista loves school and her general behaviour is outstanding. Likewise, her attendance record is excellent and she very rarely misses a day for any reason. In the classroom, she especially enjoys spelling, craft and painting. Krista is a popular class member. Her best friends are Milli and Laine McCauley.

Krista lives with her mum and dad, Pattie and Noel Lettice. She has come a long way and if she keeps up her great work, she will make a great school leader one day soon.
Mrs Kath Hamilton “lighting her own way to a better world” while speaking at Education Week 2014.

Test Star Visiting NPS

Tim Horan AM is a former Australian rugby union footballer. He played for the Queensland Reds in the Super 12 and represented Australia. He was one of the best centres in the world throughout the 1990s.

Tim Horan is visiting our school on Friday 8th Aug in the afternoon to speak with our Stage 3 students. He is also going to conduct a skills clinic.

Horan is an ambassador for Spinal Injuries Association, speaking to school children regarding prevention of spinal injuries. Horan is also an ambassador for Aunties and Uncles - a non-profit organisation offering friendship, role-modelling and support for children in single parent or parentless families. He was inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame in 2006 and in 2009 he was made a Member of the Order of Australia.
Education Week 2014 Awards

Alan Keast: Long-standing and ongoing commitment to the teaching of Scripture and religious education at NPS
Sarah Ross: For her commitment to supporting colleagues, Aboriginal Education and students with special needs.
Nicole Gleeson-Lendon: Overall contribution to the students of our school in both the classroom and her P&C activities.
Donna Bower: For her outstanding contribution to our school’s P&C, running of uniform shop and creative dance tuition
Lorraine Scott: Volunteering her time at sports and swimming carnivals for many years.

2014 Student Award Recipients
ES1-Stage 1

Stage 1

Stage 2

Stage 3

NAIDOC Week Celebrations
Friday, 1 August saw a second big event celebrated at school this week. Yes, it was our NAIDOC 2014 awards ceremony. This year’s theme was “Serving Country – Centenary and Beyond.”

Helping us celebrate this special event were local Aboriginal elders Rose Hancock, Patricia Sullivan, AECG vice president Tammy Baker, talented performer Brenton Cochrane and the students of Walgett Community School. The school’s choir travelled over for the day to perform for us.

For our part, students and staff dressed in red, black and yellow and educational activities with an Aboriginal theme took place in the classroom during morning and afternoon sessions.

Before the awards ceremony began, a special morning tea was held at 11.20 for parents, staff and invited guests. It was a great opportunity to meet elders and the parents of our local Aboriginal community.

When the NAIDOC awards ceremony began and it wasn't long before students were clapping along to the music of YothuYindi’s “Treaty” while Brenton Cochrane (pictured) danced his way around the primary COLA.

After this our school’s Gamilaraay Choir sang the song ‘Didgeridoo’ led by Mr Clare on guitar and accompanied by Brenton Cochrane on the didgeridoo.

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Our guest speaker Tammy Baker also spoke to the students about the importance of NAIDOC Week. It was an exciting and interesting assembly with achievement awards presented by Patti Lettice and Merle Hurley. There was also a colouring competition with some great prize bags awarded to winners (one per class) by Mrs Sarah Ross & Pattie Lettice.

Of course, NAIDOC Week would not be complete without the traditional cutting of the cake. As you can see from the photo, one of the cakes purchased looked like it was a work of art! Every student received a piece of cake to help celebrate.

Finally, I would like to thank Whitehaven Coal for their generous financial support in supporting this special event for us. We appreciate your contribution.

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Softball Trials

Friday 1st of August was the day of the North West Softball trials in Tamworth. The following 11 Narrabri Public School boys arrived at 9am in Tamworth ready to play to the best of their ability. These included: Tom Woodham, Angus Browning, Beau Parker, Felix Cobb-Johnson, Angus Gourley, Connor Finn, Sam Cain, Tom Eather, Jakeb Nipperess, Ethan Irvine and Campbell Hancock.

40 boys for the North West region started the day with drills and skills of catching and throwing. Then the boys were split up into 4 teams and 2 games commenced with the selectors walking between each of the games. After a short morning tea, the teams were then rotated and another game was played. Lunch time came around and as the hungry boys ate, the selectors conferred and came up with 2 teams that were a mixture of possibles and probables.

Congratulations to all of the Narrabri boys who played extremely well all day and to the following boys who were selected in the North West Team to attend the State Softball carnival in Lismore on 16th-18th of September – Jakeb Nipperess, Tom Woodham, Angus Browning, Felix Cobb-Johnson, Tom Eather and Angus Gourley.

Angela Young

Champion House 2014 NPS Athletics Carnival

The final result of our athletics carnival saw the champion house trophy going to Wilga House. Yes, the mighty blues won the day again and it was proud moment for captains Thomas Wieringa and Isabelle Howard-Phemister. “It was incredible winning this trophy for the fourth year in a row,” they said. “It was a great team effort and we’d like to thank everybody in Wilga House for participating and having a go.”
Athletics Records Broken

They say that records are made to be broken. Well, this was certainly the case at our recent athletics carnival. In fact, three records fell due to the outstanding efforts of three talented young athletes. I’d like to begin by mentioning Chloe Irvine’s wonderful effort in beating the long-standing 8 year girls 100 metres record. Chloe’s time of 17.00 seconds beat the previous record of 17.23. In the senior girls discus event, Stephanie Stuart threw an amazing 22.81 metres and smashed the previous record by over four metres. Likewise, Yr 6 student Angus Browning set a new record by hurling the discus 29.20 metres (previous record 27.66 metres.)

Claim the date

MSP Extra Photo Day
Tuesday, 21st October – Term 3 – Week 3

Photos being taken for:
SRC Semester 1 people, SRC Semester 2 people and Sporting House Captains
Students from our junior guitar group who entertained at 2014 Education Week Awards Assembly.

Keltan Williams at the Sports Day in Tamworth – learning new skills

INFANTS ASSEMBLY AWARDS

ENGLISH:
Armani Shields, Ethan Foster, Olivier Shields, Kevin Condran, Jayda Hannaford, Taylah Martin. Geoffrey Crean, Eva Simpson

MATHEMATICS:
Alistair Atkins, Kiana Mason, Ellen Alford, Travis Gibbs-Eulo, Jobe O’Regan, Kelly Wu, Tamara Jones, Lara Sunderland

SPORTS:
Elijiana Welsh, Charlie Dams, Menzie Baker-Harvey, Elizabeth Caton, Ella Draheim, Oscar George, Taylor Hanslow, Lillian Constable

CITIZENSHP:
Eiliza McLean, Isaac Hynch, Kaaden Sharpley, Elijah McIntosh, Blake Ford, Blake Bartlett, Jack Parkes, Riley Sampson

ACHIEVEMENT:
Leo Palmer, Chloe Winsley, Kishaya Gibbs-Eulo, Harry Parkes, Riley Bartlett, Caleb Dawson, Zoe Druce, Thomas Ryan

BRONZE AWARDS
Miles Campbell, Madeleine Shields, Georgina Dries, Charntaye Leonard, Sekia Milsom, Jazmin Nixon, Mitchell Wilson, Jobe O’Regan, Reanna Doolan, Mikayla Hald, Milly Michell-Smith, Luke Scott, Oscar Haywood, Takeesha Williams, Brooke Everson, Lachlan, Eather, Amielia McCauley

NEWSFLASH – NPS CHANGE OF TIME CLOTHING POOL

New hours on:
Tuesday are 2.30 – 3.45pm
Thursday hours remain the same
2.30 – 3.45pm

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Canteen Roster

Tuesday, 5th August
HELP !!!!!!!

Wednesday, 6th August
HELP !!!!!!!

Thursday, 7th August

Cassie Webster
Friday, 8th August
Cassie Webster
Nicci Milsom

Also a huge thanks to everyone who donated cooking and came in and helped on Friday –

THIS WAS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED

Nicci Milsom, Lorrie Bradley, Donna Bower, Kate Bakhuis, Lisa Hartog, Broodie Duff

Kim Owens & Nikki Finn

Touch Football Report

Wednesday 30th of July was a beautiful day to be outside for a touch game. Both the girls and the boys touch teams were scheduled to play the Narrabri West Public School at Number 2 Oval.

The girls played first, with Narrabri Public School scoring a try in the first 5 minutes of the start of the game. The next 30 minutes saw some brilliant plays with the Narrabri Public School girls driving the ball up the centre and then passing the ball around. Unfortunately, there were no line breaks. The last 90 seconds of the game saw Narrabri West run over the line for a try. This resulted in a drop off. Each team had to field 5 players and after 2 minutes a person would drop off. However, the Narrabri West Public School had first possession followed by Narrabri Public School at this stage both of the teams were unsuccessful in scoring. The next possession received by the West School saw one of their players run across the field and score in the corner, therefore ending the game. Two tries to Narrabri West – one try to Narrabri Public School.

The second game were the boys. Six of our year six and year 5 boys were able to have a run. Our school team has definitely some speedy individuals and this was evident in the final score 9-1 to Narrabri Public School.

A big thank you for two high school girls Lauren Nott and Tori Allison who were the referees for the day.

Angela Young

Girls Touch Football Team

Girls Softball team played in Armidale on Thursday

Wee Waa Zone Athletics Carnival

Friday 8th August sees many of our best young athletes competing at the zone carnival held in Wee Waa. Students selected to attend this carnival should have already received a note stating that they are competing.

Mrs Young and Mrs Mcleish will be attending with students on the day, but parents do need to provide transport to Wee Waa for their child unless alternate arrangements have been made.

We wish all students every success. Run hard, compete with enthusiasm, but above all be a proud ambassador for your school. Remember that success is sometimes more than winning a medal or a trophy.

A full canteen is available on the day, and this is printed for your convenience in this week’s newsletter.
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