Principal’s Message
Thursday 18th September sees a special movie premiere for the students of Narrabri Public School. Night Branch P&C has managed to arrange an exclusive first-run showing of the new hit Disney movie, “Planes: Fire and Rescue.” We are very excited and hope you support this event!

This special fundraiser will be loads of fun and excitement for the whole family. Planes: Fire & Rescue is a comedy-adventure about a dynamic crew of firefighting aircraft devoted to protecting historic Piston Peak National Park from raging wildfire. When world famous air racer Dusty (voice of Dane Cook) learns that his engine is damaged and he may never race again, he must shift gears and is launched into the world of aerial firefighting. Dusty joins forces with veteran fire and rescue helicopter Blade Ranger and his courageous team, including spirited super scooper Dipper (voice of Julie Bowen), heavy-lift helicopter Windlifter, ex-military transport Cabbie and a lively bunch of brave all-terrain vehicles known as The Smokejumpers. Together, this fearless team battles a massive wildfire and Dusty learns what it takes to become a true hero. Kids of all ages will absolutely love this movie – guaranteed!

The movie begins at 6.00pm. Cost per person is only $15 and this includes not only the movie, but popcorn and a drink as well! It would be wonderful to see as many people there as possible, love to see you there, so please come along, support our school and have a great night of fun into the bargain. Please note: Tickets must be pre-purchased at the front office.

Star of the Week
Olivia Verrier
Ten-year-old Olivia Verrier is a student who has accomplished great things without receiving the recognition she deserves. Her class teacher Mr McIntosh says of Olivia, “She is an exemplary role-model for all students. I think that personifies her.”

Olivia is an outstanding student whose attitude and general behaviour are faultless. Added to this, she received a Distinction in the 2014 ICAS Science Assessment. Olivia says, “Our classroom is always interesting and exciting. We do loads of experiments like can crushing. Mr Mac performs great magic tricks too!”

Olivia began learning to play the flute this year as part of our school’s music program. She must be a fast learner – she’s already playing a few different songs that tutor Mrs Smith has given her including “Just Dance” from Lady Gaga and “Rolling in the Deep” from Adele.

When she’s at home, Olivia likes nothing better than riding a friendly four-year-old buckskin pony named Sandiago around the back paddock. But it’s not only horses that she loves. Olivia has many pets including a guinea pig named Snuggles, a cat named Kitty, a dog named Jess and three pet chickens.

Congratulations on a great year at school, Olivia.
Book Week Competition 2014 Winner
Talented Year 1 student from Narrabri Public School, Madeleine Shields, has won first prize in the prestigious Library Book Week Competition. This is a great achievement because there were 529 entries from across the shire this year!

Madeleine is a proud member of Mrs Haywood’s 1R class. Her teacher says that Madeleine is not only a budding artist; she is also a talented student who enjoys all aspects of school life.

Narrabri’s local librarian and competition organiser, Jenny Campbell, came over to our K-6 school assembly on Monday afternoon to present a beautiful book award to young Madeleine.

The Week Ahead
Week 10*
Monday 15th September
Assembly under Primary COLA @ 3.00

Tuesday 16th September
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30–3.45pm
Yr K-6 Bronzy Party

Wednesday 17th September
Lake Keepit Excursion
School Banking
Chatswood High School band playing in hall @ 11.40
No Assembly
AECG Meeting 3.30 @ Bowling Club
Night Branch P&C Meeting 7.00 @ Bowling Club

Thursday 18th September
Lake Keepit Excursion
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30 –3.45pm
P&C Fundraiser Movie Premiere “Planes - Fire & Rescue” 6pm @ Crossing Theatre

Friday 19th September
Miss Suckling’s & Miss Christakos’ last day
Lake Keepit Excursion
Yr 5-6 Cricket Clinic 11.40-1.00
* No Silver Ceremony this week due to Stage 2 Excursion

Lake Keepit Excursion
Stage 2 students and teachers are all excited about this week’s trip to Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Centre. For your information, Mr Clare will also be attending this camp to help manage our students. Mrs White will be relieving in his place from Wednesday until Friday. Accordingly, there will be no guitar lessons for Mr Clare’s group this week. Mr Johnson’s group lesson will take place as normal.

Congratulations Mr McIntosh
Mr Tim McIntosh was successful recently at a merit selection interview for the position of Deputy Principal at Queanbeyan as a Deputy Principal. Queanbeyan is a great school with 800 students, and Mr McIntosh is looking forward to the challenge ahead as he moves ahead in school leadership.

Congratulations Tim. Your promotion is well deserved. I am sure all students, parents and staff will join with me in wishing you and your lovely family all the very best. It promises to be an exciting new adventure, both personally and professionally.

Fortunately for our school in the short-term, Mr McIntosh will be take up this new position at the beginning of Term 1 2015.

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Silver Ceremony
As you can see from these photographs taken last Friday, Narrabri Public School’s awards ceremony remains as popular as ever. Of course, it almost goes without saying that receiving the prestigious silver badge is a wonderful achievement. We hope that many more students will manage to achieve this during Term 4. Parents, family members and students love the opportunity to come together in our school hall and celebrate over a cuppa and a piece of cake.

Silver ceremonies will begin again early next term and letters will be sent home as per usual. Once again, congratulations to last week’s successful recipients.

Exciting Musical Event at NPS
The Chatswood Performing Arts High School is bringing their Senior Concert Band to the North West Region this week. They are joining with the Gwydir Concert Band which includes students from Warialda High School, Warialda Public School and Bingara Central Schools to perform in a series of concerts during the last week of this term.

The combined tour will take them to Narrabri Public School on Wednesday 17th September at 11.30am. They will visit a number of schools and their tour finishes with a Gala Evening performance at the Roxy Theatre in Bingara.
At Chatswood High School, over two hundred and fifty students are involved in musical ensembles. The Chatswood High School Music Department is led by renowned music educator, Gavin Staines who was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 1999 in recognition of his services to music.

Both Chatswood and Gwydir musicians and staff are excitedly looking forward to performing at various schools throughout the region and thank the local Principals and music staff for facilitating the concerts.

NPS Seasonal Farm Garden Update
During the winter months 4M has been maintaining a farm garden near our school library. The simple idea behind this project was for the school’s garden to “mirror” what is being sown and grown on local Narrabri farms. Students planted many different seeds including Durum Wheat, Purple Wheat, Triticale, Barley, Canola, Linseed, Chickpeas, Field Peas, Faba beans, Saff Flower, Lupins, Lentil and Fenugreek.

As an ongoing class activity, 4M have conducted simple experiments such as measuring the growth rates of the various crops and discussed the different needs of plants such as food, water, oxygen, carbon dioxide and soil. 4M even took some soil profile measurements.

Last week, local farmer and P&C President Mr Ian Gourley, spent some time with Mr McIntosh’s class. Now that spring has arrived, he explained to Year 4 students that their canola “crop” had flowered and was now bearing seed. Students peeled open some of these pods and took the opportunity to examine the tiny green seeds contained within.

It was a great learning experience for all. Thanks for your help, Mr Gourley.

Unscheduled Appointments
If you urgently need to see a teacher or a member of staff without an appointment at recess or lunch, you must go to the front office and ask Mrs Johnson to enquire if that person is available.

Please don’t come up to the staffroom without asking first.

Thanking you,

The Staff
NPS Boys Cricket too Good for Tamworth Public

On a brilliant spring day, Friday 12th September, the NPS boys cricket team showed their prowess against Tamworth Public at Cooma Oval.

With great anticipation we gathered at school to present Coach Nipperess with an NPS polo shirt and the boys with fabulous yellow trimmed navy caps embroidered with the school logo.

Following a team warm up and words of wisdom from Troy and well-known local cricketer Craig Trindall, the coin was tossed and Tamworth chose to take to the field.

Tom Eather and Jakeb Nipperess opened our batting line up. Unfortunately Tom was bowled early in the piece, however Tom Woodham and Jakeb went on to form a great partnership, both retiring when they made their 40 runs consecutively. Jyemeil Hynch-Peters joined Tom when Jakeb left the crease and had a good swing to finish off the required 25 overs.

NPS went to lunch with a smile on their faces, having notched up 107 runs. Although feeling confident that they had done their best, the afternoon opened with some solid batting from Tamworth. Jyemeil and Jakeb fronted up as our opening bowlers and completed some good overs, Jakeb taking 1 wicket for 13 off 3 overs. Sam Cain stood in for Jakeb as ‘wicky’, doing a superb job of catching against some fast bowling! He also displayed some awesome ‘right arm over’ bowling. Great job Sam!

Our Man of the Match Jacob Sunderland then took to the pitch and bowled straight and consistently with early success. He quickly took a wicket and then soon followed up with another victim caught by Jakeb Nipperess. His line was accurate and daunting and ended the day with 2 wickets and only 4 runs off 5 overs, including two maidens! Everyone agreed he was a deserving awardee and as always was humble in accepting this.

The game score was 106-83 and it was agreed that the boys really came together as a team and were thoroughly supportive of each other, backing up and encouraging at all times. We thank everyone for their support and in particular Craig for his promise of ongoing coaching support.

Sue McLeish

Touch Gala Day

Last Thursday Stage Two and Three students participated in our area’s annual Touch Football Gala Day. We travelled to Gately Fields in the morning and quickly got the games under way. It was the perfect day for a bit of sport, with bright sunshine and a bit of a breeze. Teams alternated through 20 minute games, with some impressive passing and the always positive Narrabri Public School sportsmanship attitude!

All teachers commented on the student’s enthusiasm and eagerness to enjoy the day and their exemplary behaviour on the field and between breaks. Thank you to all parents and helpers that came down to lend a hand or some encouragement and to the students for participating with school pride!

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WHITE CARDS
1st
Jindalee Smiley, Lachlan Watson

BRONZE AWARDS
Julaan Fish, Shae Murphy, Sonia Kennedy, Joc Ford, Lane Shoobert, Dustin Cuell, Thomas Wheeler, Isaak Kinchela, Tamara Jones, Elisha Soper, Seb Myers, Aiden Gillen

SILVER AWARDS
INFANTS
Riley Bartlett, Beth Lindsay, Helena McLean, Elizabeth Caton, Emily Emmerson, Harry Parkes, Aniesha Krishna, Mac Goulden, Ethan Leech, Eiliza McLean, Lily-Jayne Smith, Elijiana Welsh, Alistair Atkins, Kelly Wu, Brigette Rose

PRIMARY
Layne Parker, Nicholas Hand, Ben Wheeler, Cleo Owens, Haylee Finn, Sean Allen, Tom Woodham, Tashannny Clark, Lakeiya Dennis, Timothy Clare, Hayley Whittle-McGrath, Patrick Coleman, Mickel Baker, Brianna Walton, Rhys Bower, Shona McFarland, Billie Dyball, Ethan Irvine, Tyler Cowell, Chris Clark, Georgie Milsom, Stephanie Stuart, Brie Aitken

K-2 ASSEMBLY AWARDS
ENGLISH:
Judah Hamblin, Nicholas Coffey, Riley Bartlett, Isaak Kinchela, Deegan Garden-Thorn, Emily Emmerson, Zoe Sutton, Noah Teer

MATHS:
Charley Woodham Cooper Shields, Penelope Longstaff, Thomas Wheeler, Rique-Lee Hackett, Felicity Chapman, Ian Berney, Jessica Stanford

SPORTS:
Taylah Bull, Skye Manning, Isabella Monticone, Isabella Hackett, Georgie McDougall, Isabella Suckling, Kaitlyn Walton, Halle Rooney

CITIZENSHIP:
Lily-Jane Smith, Kishaya Gibbs-Eulo, Jason Dick, Riley Dath-Searle, Campbell Bulmer, Ella Maskill, Jayde Arnold, Campbell Gourley

ACHIEVEMENT:
Klaryssa Briggs, William Lettice, Adam Farrar, Brodie Fry, Ollie Stait, Keira Bennett, Deacon Cuell, Krista Zarka

PINK SPLASH DAY
4th October, 2014
Joanne’s Pink Splash Day at Narrabri Public School from 11.00am
The Narrabri Stingrays Swimming Club invite you to attend a fun family day in memory of Life member of Joanne Barnes

CANTEEN NEWS
A big thank-you to our regular volunteers. We really appreciate all the time you have put in this term. Not just those who have come for the days but those who have found an hour to help us. All the time you can give us makes our life here in canteen easier. Thank you too to people who have baked for the canteen catering jobs. Again that helps us make a little extra to keep your prices down and we appreciate that help also.

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Kim Owens – Supervisor

Annual General Meeting
AECG
Wednesday, 17th September, 2014 at 3.30pm
at the Narrabri Bowling Club

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Holiday T20 Blast Cricket Clinic
Date: Wednesday, 24th September
Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm
Cost: $20.00
Age: 8 – 12 years

Come & try Cricket – T20 Blast
Date: Tuesday, 16th September
Time: 4.30pm – 6.00pm
Where: Cooma Oval
Age: 5-10 years

Well done Molly Michell-Smith who won her riding, hack and best presented classes, came second in running tee and came fourth in bends and flags at Bingara Horse Sports.

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 can learn from everything and should keep on trying are equally important life lessons.

- **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.