I am sitting here at my desk with a yellow badge pinned to my shirt which says, “World’s Greatest Dad.” Now, I don’t know how many other fathers received one of these this morning (although I suspect quite a few did), but my son, eight-year-old Timothy, insisted that I wear it all day long!

Not only that, I now have a blue mini flashlight, a stubby holder and a fancy looking barbeque apron as well. My boys couldn’t wait to tell me this morning when they woke me up that they’d bought these presents for me at our P&C stall last Friday. I even managed somehow to look slightly surprised!

There’s no doubt that this stall is a great annual event and Narrabri Public School’s fathers, step-fathers, carers and grandfathers owe those hardworking Day Branch P&C volunteers a big thank you for running it.

Students, young and old, walked from table to table trying to find the perfect gift for that important man in their lives. I wish you could’ve seen the looks on their faces as they carefully took out their money and gave it to the person behind the counter.

Mrs Joe Gordon, Day Branch P&C President, told me that the morning went very well with about $1,200 being raised. This tremendous effort shows just how much our children enjoy this special event. “It was a great morning and sincere thanks to everybody who supported it this year,” she added.

Cody Shepherdson certainly deserved to be our week 9 “Star of the Week” according to his class teacher, Miss Butler.

Cody is a young man who loves the active outdoor life. Cody plays soccer and rugby union on weekends, but he also finds time to ride his motorbike and a quad runner too.

Cody has been here at Narrabri Public his whole school career, starting way back in Kindergarten in 2009. He thinks our school is the greatest place to be because “all the people are friendly” and he especially likes his Year 5 teacher, Miss Butler. “She’s just great,” said Cody. “We have a few jokes while we’re working sometimes, but she always gives us work that’s really interesting. Our class looks up stuff we didn’t know before.”

Cody is also learning to play guitar. He is part of our school guitar group that learns in the school hall with Mr Johnson on Fridays. He also has a much-loved iPod which plays all kinds of “cool music” as he puts it. Cody also enjoys reading and his favourite book series is “The Hunger Games.” His best friends at school are Ewan McFarland, Riley Emmerson, and Sam Soper.

Well done, Cody, and keep enjoying life!
School Council Report

NPS Council’s advice was sought by the school executive regarding the vision for our school plan 2015 - 2017 and the school survey that will soon be distributed to parents, teachers and students. Rarely are parents given the opportunity to have significant and meaningful input into the plan that shapes the future of our school and I strongly urge all parents to take a few minutes to complete the survey when it is distributed in Term 4. Similarly, if you have ideas regarding the vision for our school over the next few years, please share your thoughts with a school Council member before our next meeting so that this can be passed on. We thank Council member Joanne Petrovic for the large amount of work and effort put into the survey composition so far.

Recent events surrounding the hire of NPS facilities to the People of the Plains as outlined by Mr Clare in last week’s newsletter were also discussed. Council representatives presented their own and parent community member thoughts regarding these events and while opinions varied, representatives were unanimous in their view that Mr Clare acted in good faith and made every effort to comply with Departmental policy during this time.

If parents or carers have any concerns or questions about what is happening at the school, we encourage them to speak with school Council representatives, P&C executive members or Mr Clare. Council representatives include Ken Campbell, Joanne Petrovic, Joe Gordon, Tim Wilson, Rob Smith, Ian Gourley, Norm Webster, David Gourley, Cathy Charles, Jess Morris, Michael Clare and myself. Contact details are available at the front office.

Libby Guest – NPS School Council Chairperson

The Week Ahead

Week 9
Monday 8th September
Mrs Allison returns from LSL
Assembly under Primary COLA @ 3.00

Tuesday 9th September
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30–3.45pm

Wednesday 10th September
Canteen Red Day
1/2T Assembly @ 2.40
School Banking

Thursday 11th September
Yr 3-6 Touch Gala Day @ Gately Fields
Combined Scripture Service
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30 –3.45pm
Silver Award Ceremony in school hall @ 11.20 (Infants)

Friday 12th September
PSSA Cricket v Tamworth Public
Silver Award Ceremony in school hall @ 11.20 (Primary)

Week 10*
Monday 15th September
Assembly under Primary COLA @ 3.00
AECG Meeting @ 3.30

Tuesday 16th September
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30–3.45pm

Wednesday 17th September
Lake Keepit Excursion
School Banking
Chatswood High School band playing in hall @ 11.40
Night Branch P&C Meeting 7.00 @ Bowling Club

Thursday 18th September
Lake Keepit Excursion
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.30 –3.45pm

Friday 19th September
Lake Keepit Excursion
Yr 5-6 Cricket Clinic 11.40-1.00

*Week 10 Silver Ceremony and possibly a Bronzy Party to be arranged
A Special Find
Year 4 students, Eliza Weissen and Lana Parkes, came to see me recently with a special discovery of some historical interest. They couldn’t wait to tell me the story behind their exciting discovery. It was an interesting story, so I asked Eliza and Lana if they wouldn’t mind writing about it in their own words for this newsletter. The result is printed below. Well done, girls.

Out of the Oven
My mum was cleaning out a house when she came across this amazing book. It is from all the teachers that used to work here a long time ago. They all had a recipe in this book. It is a very old book because it was written in 1966. It says Narrabri Public School on the cover and the name of the book is “Out of the Oven” and it has a lot of yummy recipes. Yum, yum! As soon as I saw it, I put it in my bag and rushed to school to show Lana. Like me, she was amazed how old it was.

Cambodia Mufti-Day Appeal
This lovely email came through late last week from the co-ordinator of our combined school’s Cambodia Appeal, Kathy Bailey.

Dear Narrabri Public,
Thank you for allowing your school to be part of our Cambodia fundraising event. Talking to a few parents from your school, the students really enjoyed dressing up in costumes from other countries.

The combined of NHS & NPS raised over $1000 - a huge effort! These funds will be specifically spent on educational resources. Once home, we will send through some photos to you.

Regards,
Kathy Bailey
Instructional Leader, Narrabri High School

By the way, our lolly guessing competition winners were announced at last Monday’s assembly. Congratulations to classes and 5B and to Chelsea Lysaght.

Book Week Competition 2014 Winner
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, one talented student from Narrabri Public has won a prize in the Narrabri Library Book Week Competition. This year there were 529 entries from across the shire!

It’s time to announce the winner. It is talented Year 1 student, Madeleine Shields in Mrs Haywood’s 1R class.

Local librarian and competition organiser, Jenny Campbell, came to this afternoon’s K-6 assembly to present a book award to Madeleine.
Administration Building Update
The poor state of repair of our administration building remains one of the major issues for Narrabri Public School.

Sarah Wylie, the Project Manager, recently spoke to Sydney and asked if it may be possible to extend the project beyond the proposed June 30 2015 deadline. Effectively this means rather than handing the final project over in early Term 3, 2015, the building would be handed over in the second half of Term 4 2015. This decision was endorsed last week by our school representative committee. An historical significance impact study was also tabled at our meeting.

We’ll keep you informed all the way through this process and community consultation (via architect David Burdon) is planned for early next term.

PICSE Science Competition
Thursday 28th August saw the annual PICSE Science Competition held at the Crossing Theatre. Our students and staff support this event every year, and as you can see from these photos, some of our class projects were simply outstanding.

Pre-School Visit
The staff and some delightful pre-schoolers from Gumnut visited our Kindergarten rooms last Friday for a great morning of learning and fun. As you can see from our photo, Amy and Julie from Gumnut brought down some very nice children who are “four turning five.” It was a great opportunity to get to know our students, teachers and facilities.

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS
ENGLISH:
Evelia Lantz, Miles Campbell, Will Ryan, Tashanny Clark, Hayley Clark, Hayley Parker, Amelia Jones, Charlotte Penberthy, Tyson Palmer, Kyle Gray

MATHS:
Takeesha Williams, Claudia Penberthy, Ella Tomlinson, Oscar Haywood, May Krishna, Malik Dennis, Ewan McFarland, Alexander Loder, Luke Bentley

ACHIEVEMENT:

SPORTS:

CITIZENSHIP:
Abby-Ann Orman, Nicholas Hand, Eliza Weissen, Jesse Weekes, Lachlan Large, Rachel Charles, Brianna Walton, Zoe Campbell, Jacob Sunderland
BRONZE AWARDS

SILVER AWARDS
INFANTS
Adam Farrar, Catriona Ridley, Mylee Yu, Sam Yu, Armani Shields, Alinta Morgan, Taylah Bull, Mietta Smith, Hamish Webster, Wilby Bussell, Brielle Bourke, Menzie Baker-Harvey, William Lettice, Isabella Monticone, Sam McIntosh, Penelope Longstaff, Ayrlea Arnold, Lara Sunderland, Tiarna Gibbs-McDonald

PRIMARY

IMPORTANT NOTICE
School Banking
REDEMPTION DAY –
Wednesday, 10th September
If you have ten silver tokens or 1 gold token come and see Mrs Pawley to order your Reward Items!
And remember, to all the students who don’t yet bank but would like to start saving – come and see me and I will be very happy to get you started. Saving a small amount every week, even if it’s just .20c can quickly grow!

Mrs Pawley – School Banking Coordinator

CANTEEN NEWS
Red Day is Wednesday this week (10th September)
If anyone has a spare hour during the day but especially at 1.00 o’clock we would love your help.
Lollies and Red Day drinks may be ordered with lunch orders.

Prices for Red Day are:
Sunfruit faces 5c each limit 10
Party- mix lollies 5c each – 50c bag or $1.00 bag
Ghost drops 5c each limit 10
Honey/eucalyptus 3 for 20c limit 9
White choc jewels with white, blue or pink sprinkles
3 for 20c – 60c bag or $1.20 bag
Sour straps – toffee apple or water melon – 20c each limit 5
Wicked Fizz – grape, blue/raspberry, fizzberry (pink) – 25c each limit 4
Killer Pythons 80c each limit 2
Zombie Chews – Cola & Blue 80c each limit 2
Chocolate – freddo frogs & furry friends $1.00 each limit 1
Koala cordial drinks (red, blue or green) $1.20 each limit 1
LOL’s (tropkl, razzbri or blackcurrant) $2.40 each limit 1

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We have run out of Lasagne, Spaghetti Bolognaise and have 2 Mac Cheeses left. Fried rice is still available
Thank you
Kim Owens & Nikki Finn

Tennis
Friday afternoon Term 4 Junior Tennis Comp - open to all players. Divisions will be created to cater for all ages and all standards. Sign up/Social Night Friday 10th Oct 5pm - 6pm. Comp will start the following week.

Wed Night Adult Comp - 7pm onwards starting October 2014. Teams need 4 players each week, any standard, all male, all female, mixed to play 3 doubles matches.

Further info about comps drop into the tennis centre or contact Shane Murphy 0405151935.

Narrabri Tennis Holiday Clinic
When: 1st week of the holidays
Monday 22nd September through to and including Thursday 25th September.
Where: Narrabri Tennis Centre
Cost: 9am to 12 noon - $80 for 4 days or $25 per day, 9am to 3pm - $120 for 4 days or $35 per day (Family discounts 3 or more children)

Program includes: learning through play coaching, group lesson format using timed rotations and multiple coaches, instruction on all tennis strokes and round robin singles/doubles matchplay. Plenty of fun and games!!

Extra Information: Suits everyone aged from 4-16 years, lesson format using timed rotations and multiple coaches, Program includes: learning through play coaching, group lesson format using timed rotations and multiple coaches, instruction on all tennis strokes and round robin singles/doubles matchplay. Plenty of fun and games!!

Further info: Shane Murphy 0405151935

LEARNING TO BE ON TIME
Are you always late? Are you the one your friends are always waiting for? Or always racing in late to class and missing the first minutes of a lesson? Being on time is not only considerate to others, it is also important for doing well at school. Being punctual is a life skill that will help you all through your life. Here are some suggestions.

Rethink the meaning of being on time. People who are always on time are really people who arrive slightly early every day. When things go wrong these students arrive on time because they have planned for the unexpected.

Understand the importance of being on time. Students who are always on time are the people who understand the work, are well prepared and get good results. In the working world, the people who are always on time are the people who get ahead.

Get enough sleep. If you have trouble getting out of bed in the morning, make a serious effort to get to bed earlier. Sufficient sleep is essential for maximum brain function anyway, so you get a double benefit. Wake up when you're supposed to wake up. Move your alarm clock out of reach from your bed; that way, you have to get up to turn it off. By getting up late you are setting a pattern of lateness for the rest of the day.

Give yourself a realistic amount of time to get ready for school. Get up early one morning and time yourself to see how long it takes you to get ready. You may be surprised at the time it actually takes.

Know exactly when you need to be at your destination and allow ten minutes to establish your arrival time. This will give you time to chat with friends or find the right room or go to the toilet. What time are you expected to be seated for your first class? If class begins at 8:45, you should arrive at school by 8:30 and be in your seat at 8:40.

Know your teacher’s preferences. If your teacher wants you to be in class before the bell rings, then do so. Make it your business to meet your teacher’s expectations.

Communicate any problems. If your bus is always late or you have to take your little sister to school and it always makes you late, explain this to your teacher. And then try to reorganise your responsibilities so you can be in class on time.

Listen to traffic news. If you travel by public transport or car, know if there are any accidents or delays on your route and allow more time. Have a backup plan for your transport.

Set your watch forward by ten minutes. This is a little psychological trick that many people play on themselves. It usually works.

Be realistic. Things usually take longer than you expect, especially if you have a poor sense of time. Realistically assess the time you will take and then add 10 minutes more to allow for unexpected delays. Use a stop watch to time how long it takes you to do routine tasks.

Always carry something you can read in short waits. This makes it easy to be early, since in the 10-15 minutes you can get a few pages of reading done.

You have as much time as everyone else. If they can be on time, so can you. Like all good habits, punctuality takes some self-discipline and planning but the pay-off is huge.
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First Silver Ceremony Photos