Last Friday our school hosted the Zone Swimming Carnival at Narrabri Aquatic Centre. Once again our students performed extremely well. I am so impressed by the way our children represent the school. They always seem to have a smile on their faces and show exceptional sportsmanship. Good luck to the students who will move on to compete at the next carnival in Armidale.

Today the Executive met to work on our School Strategic Plan. All the information obtained from parent, staff and student surveys, NAPLAN results, and classroom assessments will be collated to complete the Plan. Once the Plan is completed it will be placed on our web site for all to read.

Last year Mrs Trudgeon our Special Education Teacher wrote a letter to the Lioness Club of Narrabri in regard to supporting our school to set up a Sensory Tools Library.

Sensory processing helps us to gain information about the environment around us and about ourselves. Our interpretation of sensory information is individual. Some children and adults have sensory processing difficulties and this can cause numerous problems throughout their lives. For example some people are very sensitive to noises and this can impact on many different aspects of their lives. Keeping this in mind we can use various tools to help us process sensory information. Children benefit from these sensory tools at school all the time. For example children that have trouble remembering things often benefit from singing. This is a common learning tool in Infants.

The Narrabri Lioness Club has kindly donated $500 to the school to set up the Sensory Tools Library to help children who have sensory processing issues. This is fantastic news and a very generous donation.

We will be holding our Clean Up Australia Day on Friday, 28th February. Mrs Tame has more information further in the newsletter.

The 2015 ICAS Competitions begin on Tuesday, 19th May, with Digital Technologies (Computer Competition) being the first assessment. Permission notes are attached to the newsletter and this MUST be returned with money to school by Thursday, 2nd April.

Drama Club begins again on Monday, 9th March. Mrs Tame and her helpers are ready to commence another exciting year of fun and entertainment. Attached to the newsletter is a permission note and information.

The P&C Night Branch are holding a Disco on Wednesday, 11th March in the School Hall. Come along and support our P&C plus have a good night. A flyer is included in this newsletter.

Week Ahead
Week 5
Monday, 23rd February:
SRC Representative Induction

Tuesday, 24th February:
Annual General Meeting School Canteen 2pm
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.45-3.30 pm

Wednesday, 25th February:
Infants Assembly - 2.45pm
School Banking

Thursday, 26th February:
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.45-3.30 pm
PSSA Tennis Trials

Friday, 27th February:
Clean Up Australia

Mrs Haire (Lioness Club) with Mrs Trudgeon & Mrs Croaker and class members of K/6T
6M Rock it Out at their Assembly
Following the formal part of the first 2015 assembly, parents, teachers and students of NPS were treated to a “Battle of the Bands”. The students of 6M delighted the audience with a fabulous display of enthusiasm and commitment as they battled out their two songs. The boys opened the performance with the first verse of ACDC’s hit song *TNT*, followed by the girls with *Ugly Heart* by G.R.L. They then went verse for verse, with students totally in the role of rock stars, entertaining the audience with attitude, moves and great singing!

It was then up to the audience to cast their vote on their favourite band. ACDC won with a resounding vote of confidence, however the girls certainly showed the male members of 6M which group really was boss, with their expressions and moves!

It was a joy for Mrs Hancock and myself to put this presentation together with such a respectful and co-operative group of young people. This Year Six group are a credit to their parents but more importantly to themselves.

PBL

(Positive Behaviour for Learning)

As part of our school community wide implementation of this very positive and respectful program, the PBL team would like to assist the students by requesting that parents acknowledge their part in its success, by displaying respect to the students in the following ways:-

- Turn off phones during assemblies
- If you have little children, position yourself near the back for an easy exit if young ones are unsettled
- Refrain from talking during assembly times

If we are to expect positive behaviour from our children, we all have a responsibility to exhibit this behaviour.

Thanking you in anticipation, PBL Team

More PBL News………………

The PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) Team are looking for artistic volunteers to paint the inside of the Primary and Infants toilets. The aim is for the students to display respect in all areas of the school. With the toilets being painted, the students will be encouraged to display respect towards each other and their surrounding environment. If you are interested in donating your time in the school holidays to paint the inside walls of the toilets, please contact Sue McLeish or Peta Irvine.
Canteen news

Canteen Committee AGM will be tomorrow Tuesday, 24th February at 2pm in the canteen.

The menu for 2015 will be ratified at this meeting and then we will be able to send it home. We will be working on 2014 prices until then.

Thank you to all our volunteers who have found time to join our roster this year. It has been wonderful for Nikki and I to have your help. The canteen is a happy place to work and we love catching up with old friends.

Canteen Roster

Tuesday, 24th February
Kate Bakhuis
Caroline Emmerson

Wednesday, 25th February
Cassie Webster

Thursday, 26th February
HELP NEEDED!!

Friday, 27th February
Cassie Boyd

Monday, 28th February
HELP NEEDED

The year 6 volunteers have been terrific so far. Please think about letting your child participate. We love to see them here.

Thank you
Kim Owens - Supervisor
Nikki Finn - Assistant

Narrabri Zone Swimming Carnival News

Last Friday saw students from Bellata, Burren Junction, Gwabegar, Rowena, Wee Waa, Narrabri West and Narrabri Public Schools competing in the Zone Swimming carnival. It was a busy day with plenty of cheering and excitement from all supporters. There were some very quick races hence we are verifying our Carnival records to check if there were new records broken. All heats were timed events and those students placing first and second overall in each event now go on to the next level This North West Swimming Carnival which will be held in Armidale next Tuesday, 3rd March.

The students from Narrabri Public School off to Armidale are: Miles Campbell, Rachel Caton, Angus Ciesiolka, Bronte Ciesiolka, Darcy Gleeson, Lucy Gordon, Angus Gourley, Campbell Gourley, Chloe Irvine, Ethan Irvine, May Krishna, Brinez Lantz, Evelia Lantz, Shona McFarland, Connor McLean, Molly Michell-Smith, Toby Michell-Smith, Georgie Milsom, Alex Mison, Charlotte Penberthy, Matthew Penberthy, Cassidy Staines and Ella Tomlinson. Some of these students are part of the 4 relay teams from NPS who made it through and some are competing in individual events.

We wish our Zone team members all the very best for warm weather and quick times over in Armidale next week.

T20 What a Blast!!
ASSEMBLY AWARDS
STAGE 3

ENGLISH:
Bianca Wilson, Jye Anderson, Maeve Harris, Katie Weekes, Sophie Eather, May Krishna, Jessica Berney, Rachel Caton

MATHS:
Talisha Sims, Mac Goulden, Kaleb Milsom, Brigette Rose, Darral Haywood, Bronte Ciesiolka, Lilly Williams, Brodie Spence

ACHIEVEMENT:
Rhys Bower, Caleb Dawson, Jesse Weekes, Keera Tibbett, Kaleb Teer, Lachlan Large, Ethan Irvine, Lilly Williams

SPORTS:
Thomas Webster, Evelia Lantz, Millie Goulden, Angus Ciesiolka, Poppy Smith, Laine Lindsay, Georgie Milsom, Brinez Lantz

CITIZENSHIP:
Gypsy Williams, Megan Swain, Brayden McKenzie, Matthew Evans, Sean Allen, Julaan Fish, Alistair Gourley, Malik Dennis

Clean Up Australia

This Friday our students will take part in the Clean Up Australia initiative. It is our opportunity to be involved in making a contribution towards looking after our environment. We will be out and about cleaning up our school environment and immediate surrounds. Each stage will be allocated an area in the school grounds to clean up. Children are allowed to bring rubber gloves or gardening gloves if they wish. Classes will also start to plan their gardens for 2015.

Year Six Roles and Responsibilities for Semester one 2015

Assemblies: NPS Captains and Councillors
Flag: Shona McFarland, Rachel Caton
Gates: Luke Scott
Bell Ringer: Ethan Irvine
Absentee notes: Liam Wilson, Ewan McFarland
3pm Front Office runner: Shaunie Yu
Chess Set: Amelia Jones, Billie Dyball
Banking: Paige Dean
Newsletter: Councillors
Max FM: Semester 1 - Captains and Vice Captains
Semester 2 - Councillors


These positions will be offered again in Semester 2, so all Year 6 students have a chance to gain responsibility.

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Parent Information evening.........

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