**Grandparents Day:** A highlight of our Term 1 calendar is the celebration of Senior Citizens Week. We celebrate by hosting Grandparents Day and we are holding it this Friday, 13th March. We invite all grandparents and senior citizens in our community to come along and enjoy some entertainment from our students, have a lovely morning tea and lunch and visit some classrooms. Festivities will begin at 11.2am and finish at 1:50.

**Work, Health & Safety:** Over the next few weeks we will be reviewing our current Workplace Health and Safety policy (WHS). WHS is a very important part of any workplace, including schools and is everybody’s business. If you come to our school during the day you will notice some staff members will be wearing green vests. This signifies that they are on playground duty and the vests make them clearly visible for our students.

**Sportiest Town:** When I first came to Narrabri at the beginning of Term I saw a sign which stated that Narrabri was the sportiest town in Australia. I must admit I was a little sceptical about this bold statement. I grew up in Grafton and have always thought that it was a very sport motivated country town as my friends and I played every sport we could. Grafton, like Narrabri also boasts many international sports men and women from the population. I have since changed my thoughts about Narrabri considering the success our young students are having at the moment in an array of sports. Congratulations to all our students for their efforts.

**P & C Disco:** On Wednesday evening the P&C are hosting a Disco for all students K-6. The Disco starts at 5.00pm for students in K-2 and ends at 6.15pm. At 6.30pm Years 3-6 start their Disco, ending at 8.00pm. Hopefully we will have a good roll up and everyone will enjoy the Disco. Well done to the P&C!

**P&C Day branch:** This Wednesday at 9.30am is the AGM for the Day branch of the P&C. I encourage all families to become part of the P&C to support our students.

**Federation Farm:** The first meeting of the year is this Thursday at Narrabri Public School at 6.00pm. The Federation Farm is a joint activity involving the four town schools and the local council. It involves treated sewage being pumped out to Federation Farm for the use of growing a variety of crops including cotton and wheat. Numerous local companies also assist with the profits from the sale of crops being distributed among the schools and council. Over the years our school has benefitted greatly with well over $100,000 being sourced from this project. A committee representing the various schools, council and farm manager meet approximately six times a year to discuss the farms progress.

**Week Ahead**

**Week 6**

**Monday, 9th March**

Tuesday, 10th March:

P&C Uniform Shop open 2.45-3.30 pm

**Wednesday, 11th March**

P&C Day branch AGM

P&C Disco

School Banking

**Thursday, 12th March**

T20 Cricket on back flat 3.20pm – 4.30pm

P&C Uniform Shop open 2.45-3.30 pm

**Friday, 13th March:**

GRANDPARENTS DAY
**Canteen News**

Yes!!! It’s here again. Grandparents Day will be this Friday, 13th March. ALL orders for Friday – Grandparents, parents and carers and children need to be in by WEDNESDAY, 11th March.

A lunch menu for Grandparents Day is attached to the Newsletter.

It is short notice this year but we will really need lots of help. Any time that day will be helpful. If you can assist please call and let Nikki and I know on 67921925 so we can add you to the roster.

Also attached to the newsletter is an updated note regarding Very IMPORTANT information you need to know about our School Canteen.

**Canteen Roster**

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Thank you
Kim Owens – Supervisor
Nikki Finn - Assistant

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**P&C Day Branch**

Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, 11th March,
9.30am
in the staffroom

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**Dress as an Aussie Farmer Day**

Thursday 19th March

Aussie Helpers is a non-profit organisation which was established by Brian and Nerida Egan in 2002 to help fight mental health issues and to lift the spirits of those severely affected by drought.

Brian was Australian of the Year 2015 nominee and is a veteran of the Indonesian Confrontation and the Vietnam War in the 1960s who lost his own farm in the 1990s from a combination of drought and personal depression.

Aussie Helpers stand by the motto of care, share and respect which simply means that they care about people in need and will share whatever assistance they have available free of charge and will give the recipients the utmost respect and confidentiality. Families who need support are found via the “Bush Telegraph” with a family around Walgett recently receiving some assistance.

As this is close to our hearts in Narrabri, we will be passing an akubra around our visiting grandparents at the special assembly on Friday 13th March for donations to this worthy cause.

In addition, we are inviting all students of Narrabri Public School to dress as an Aussie farmer on Thursday 19th March with a gold coin donation going towards helping severely struggling families.

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Big Buddies
Last week Kindergarten were extremely excited to meet their big Year 6 buddies. Equally, Year 6 felt very proud to fulfil this important leadership role within our school.
Each week Year 6 will join their Kindergarten buddies to read or assist with craft activities. They also act as great role models for Kindergarten to look up to or to ask for help.

HEADS UP STAGE 3!
Cake Day will be held this term on Wednesday 25th March. It will be stage 3’s turn to provide cakes.

Further information regarding Cake Days will be attached in next weeks newsletter

Thank you for your support!

Horse Sports
On Friday 6th March Molly Michell-Smith represented Narrabri Public School at the 2015 Moonbi Horse Sports day. There were 157 riders and 8 events. The day started with a School march past and Narrabri Public School was sashed Best Presented School for the day.
Molly Participated in the 11 yrs age group winning her Hack and Riding class, 3rd in Pairs and Best Presented. Molly then went on to win Champion (12 yrs and under) Junior Girl Rider. The afternoon offered 4 sporting events in which Molly placed 3rd bends, barrels, sack race and 4th in keyhole. Molly finished the day winning Highest Point Score girl 11 yrs.
It was a great day and there were lots of kids having tonnes of fun on their horses.
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