Over the weekend a number of homes were damaged by a destructive hail storm. Hopefully everyone is safe and ok. My thoughts are with families who have lost roofs and had significant damage to their homes.

**Maintenance:** On Wednesday members of the P&C and staff will be pulling down our Flag Pole to carry out much needed maintenance. It is important that every school flies the national flag, especially as we will be commemorating ANZAC DAY 100 years on, this year.

Over the next few days our Library, Canteen and D Block will be painted externally and the guttering will be replaced on the library. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause our families, students and staff.

**Important Reminder:** Our procedure at Narrabri Public School has always been;

- If you are picking your child up early during the day you will need to come to the front office located in Doyle Street
- If arriving late your child will be given a late note to take to their class teacher.

These procedures are in place to ensure the safety of all students in our school.

**1st White Cards Awardees**

**Week Ahead**

**Week 9**

**Monday, 23rd March**

**Tuesday, 24th March:**
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.45-3.30 pm

**Wednesday, 25th March**
Cake Day – Stage 3 to provide cakes please
School Banking – Redemption Day

**Thursday, 26th March**
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.45-3.30 pm

**Friday, 27th March:**

**COSTA MAKES A RETURN VISIT TO NPS**

Some of the Stage 2 & 3 students were fortunate enough to experience the enthusiasm and creativity of Costa Georgiadis, from ABC Gardening Australia. He advised the audience of the importance of engaging, entertaining and informing and his resulting talk certainly proved to be all of the above!

Costa delighted his audience with great ideas for sustainable gardens, recycling and environmentally friendly pest reduction and he actually referred to this as a *Bug Hotel*! Costa talked to the Year Six students about good decision making regarding the environment and teaching younger children to respect these ways. In his words, to ‘*encourage habits and then make habits a culture*’. Some of his ideas were; to make composting a regular habit, to embrace Earth Hour and to conserve our most valuable resource – water.

Costa really enjoyed the students questions, particularly ones such as protecting plants from frost without having to cover at night and take off again in the morning, the right season for growing passionfruit in this area, the varieties of fruit and vegetables he grows presently, how long he has been growing his beard (24 years – coming up to a quarter of a century celebration!) and his most liked question – what is his favourite poo! His idea regarding this is *VARIETY*!!

It was fabulous having Costa, as he is so passionate about the environment and kids becoming involved with gardening. We look forward to drinking lots more *green* drinks in the future!

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**P&C Daybranch**

**MONSTER EASTER RAFFLE**

*Attached to your newsletter are tickets for the Easter Raffle.*

Attached to the newsletter are tickets which are $1.00 each. There will be extra tickets available from the front office.

We are asking for donations of Easter Eggs to put into our raffle. **PLEASE**

The mega draw will be held on the last day of school which is Thursday, 2nd April.

**Thank you for your support**

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Debbie looking like a real Aussie Farmer
Canteen News
Tuesday next week will be our Red Day at canteen. That is Tuesday, 31st March. For those new to our school this is the day we have lollies for sale and some zing drinks, LOL’s and GLEE drinks too. Check next week’s newsletter for prices.

Canteen Roster
Tuesday, 24th March
Kate Bahuis
Caroline Emmerson

Wednesday, 25th March
Cassie Webster

Thursday, 26th March
Tarnia North

Friday, 27th March
HELP NEEDED

Monday, 30th March
HELP NEEDED

Some extra help for Red Day would be really appreciated.

Thank you
Kim Owens Supervisor
Nikki Finn Assistant Supervisor

Congratulations Joc Ford & Angus Gourley
North West Rugby League representatives

Cake Day
Wednesday, 25th March
All cakes, slice etc .50c
Stage 3 to provide cakes

Cakes to be taken to the staffroom in the demountable building in Doyle Street – Thank you

Helpers are needed to serve cakes at recess 11.20am
Don’t forget to send cakes in disposable containers

PLEASE NO NUTS
Thank you for your support!!

P & C Day Branch

Integrity ♦ Excellence ♦ Respect ♦ Responsibility ♦ Cooperation ♦ Care ♦ Fairness ♦ Democracy ♦ Participation
State Swimming Championships

This week sees our NPS representatives for swimming head off to Sydney to compete in Relay and Individual events. We wish them all the best! A full wrap up of results and photo will follow.

Running Training

Running training will begin on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays starting on 31st March. Training will be held at the High School Oval starting at 4pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 9am on Sunday. During school holidays training will start at 9am.

*Any queries please contact Marion Tame on 67922246

Mrs Tame and her Aussie farmer helpers

Luke and Dominic – loving the hats