Another busy term is shaping up and teachers have been planning during the holiday in anticipation of the students arriving back at school, refreshed and ready to undertake their learning.

Teachers have also had a chance to recharge their batteries and are looking forward to the opportunity to continue supporting students with their progress. There are many learning activities that have been planned in all Key Learning Areas for the term. Stage Newsletters will alert you to what is happening in your child’s classroom. Teachers are more than happy to share and discuss with you aspects of your child’s progress. Our home school partnerships play an important part of working to support students in their educational journey.

This term we welcome Melinda Squire to our school. She has spent time moving into her new classroom and has been looking forward to meeting her class and parents. 1L will now be 1M. We also welcome Ms Meldrum back to NPS. She has been working in the region and we are fortunate to have her expertise in our school again to assist with Learning Support.

There are other new faces that will be assisting us at school. Sally Urquhart a speech pathologist is going to be working across Kindergarten and Stage 1, providing a valuable service for students at our school. Parents will be advised of students who will be working with Sally.

During the holidays we were fortunate to have ‘The Big Lift’ arrive at our school. The Big Lift is an organisation that takes around 70 university students through rural NSW and Queensland. They undertake voluntary service projects to assist communities. Imagine the biggest sleepover in our hall to date. The students assured me they were comfortable and were ready the next day to undertake a variety of tasks. They worked solidly transplanting plants, mulching gardens and moving gear from the Old Administration Building. The new garden beds look wonderful and will brighten up the Doyle Street entrance.

I would like to thank Kim Owens for her catering and canteen facilities. The students were much appreciative.

I am looking forward to working with our school community again this term as your Relieving Principal.

Marion Tame

**Weeks Ahead – Week 1**

**Monday, 13th July**  
Staff Development Day

**Tuesday, 14th July**  
K-6 Assembly 2.45pm  
Life Education 1S, 3/4W

**Wednesday, 15th July**  
Life Education 6M, 1/2H, 3/4M

**Thursday, 16th July**  
Life Education 6A, 1M  
Student Banking

**Friday, 17th July**  
Infants Athletic Carnival  
State Cross Country  
Gala Sports Day - Stage 3 10.00am-11.20am Gately Field

**Week 2**

**Monday, 20th July**  
K-6 Assembly 2:45  
Life Education 2C

**Tuesday, 21st July**  
Life Education 5B, 2W, KM

**Wednesday, 22nd July**  
Life Education 3/4A, KY, and 5Q  
Student Banking

**Thursday, 23rd July**  
Life Education 3/4B and KI

**Friday, 24th July**  
Life Education  
3-6 Athletics Carnival

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Pie Drive Fundraiser

Daybranch P&C is holding a pie drive fundraiser this year in the winter months, so that you can get a supply of yummy pies and other warming food items! The school receives a percentage of the sales, which will go this year towards items such as the Life Education program in Term 3, Swimming in Term 4 and beautifying our school grounds.

An order form has come home today with newsletter and all products are made by our local Watsons Kitchen bakery.

Orders and money are due to the Front Office by Tuesday 4 August 2015.

Pick-up of pies will be Thursday, 13 August from 3 - 4pm near the school canteen. Thank you for supporting our Fundraising Drive!

PBL

The PBL team will be announcing the Narrabri Public School PBL Logo at a celebration early this term. The Drama Club have developed a series of plays about our core values and PBL. These plays will be shown to the school community at our celebration. Thanks to the Drama Club students for your amazing plays.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Dear Parents and Carers,
The Premier’s Reading Challenge concludes at the end of August. Your child needs to finalise his/her reading record and hand it to me by Friday, 22nd August, so I can enter it on line and validate the reading record before the 1st September. Students will receive their Premier’s Reading Challenge certificate in Term 4 of the 2015 school year.
Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Deb Maher Teacher/Librarian

WHITE CARDS
1st

Amy Beale, Zara Beale

BRONZE AWARDS
Blake Ford, Lakeiya Dennis, Dusty –Lee Walton, Nicholas Hand, Jake Bussell, Sarah Draheim, Bre Booby, Noah Teer, Oscar George, Olivia Spence, Eva Simpson, Mark Dennis, Ben Wheeler

Canteen News

Welcome back for term 3. Don’t forget for this cold weather we have soup. Chicken & Vegetable Soup $4.00 and $4.50 with bread & butter.
We also have Fried Rice (GF) @ $4.00 and Spaghetti Bolognaise @ $4.00
Pies, sausage roles & pizzas are also a warming option.
As you can see from the roster below we are a bit light on for volunteers this week so if you can spare an hour or two we would love to see you
Nikki and I would also like you to give some thought to being a part of the 2016 Canteen Committee. Two of our dedicated committee members have children in Year 6 this year so we will need some new faces to help us keep our committee going. Keep an eye out for the next meeting and come along. You can just watch or you can contribute and you would be very very welcome.

Thanks
Kim Owens – Supervisor

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Canteen Roster

Tuesday, 14th July
HELP!!!
Wednesday, 15th July
HELP!!!
Yr 6 Paige Dean, Amelia Jones
Thursday, 16th July
HELP!!!
Yr 6 Danielle Sunderland, Ashlyn Ritchie
Friday, 17th July
HELP!!!
Yr 6 Fynlay Dams, Georgie Milsom
Monday, 20th July
HELP!!!
Yr 6 Molly Michell-Smith, Phoenix Watt

SAVE THE BEES

Hi there,

Our bees are in crisis. Australia is facing a looming biosecurity threat to our food crops. This could change the way Australians live their lives in the future.

The problem is so serious, that we need to stop this silent disaster from happening before it’s too late. Click here to find out more.

Australia is the last continent in the world protected from a pest that is called the Varroa Mite. If these pests do come to Australia, we face the simple prospect of: No bees = No food.

65% of our food crops will disappear. We would see a dramatic decline in the pollination of two thirds of Australian agricultural output.

We have the power to do something about it!

Landcare Australia is running an appeal to “Save the Bees”. They are raising funds to protect our food security through the National Bee Pest Surveillance Program*. This is an impactful initiative from the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC).

They need to purchase 360 special hive traps in 42 ports across Australia that take advantage of smart phone technology to provide a low-cost form of surveillance. This will improve the likelihood of early detection, containment and eradication of overseas threats such as the Varroa mite.

These hive traps will be stationed around Australian coastal ports and detect and detain any activity within the hive to prevent infected species from escaping and spreading into Australia. Upon detection, an alarm will be activated to local government apiary officers so they can visit the hive within 24 hours to monitor the problem at the source.

It would be great if you could support this campaign.

Narrabri Tennis Coaching Options!!
Learn how to play tennis with 2 Tennis Australia qualified coaches!!
Private, semi-private lessons Mon - Fri (morning/afternoon) & Saturday mornings.
Group lessons using the Tennis Australia Hot Shots Program Mon, Tues, Wed afternoons and Sat morning.
Build your own group option also exists, grab a group of friends (minimum 3 people) and we’ll endeavour to find a timeslot that suits Monday to Friday 330pm to 5pm.
These coaching options cater for children from 4 years of age and be tackled by anyone!
Adult coaching also available!
For further information contact Narrabri Tennis on Facebook, simply drop into the Dangar Park Tennis Centre or contact Shane Murphy 0405151935.