Weeks Ahead

Monday, 17th August
K-6 Assembly 2:45
Canteen Committee Meeting 2pm
Stewart house

Tuesday, 18th August
Stage 3 Gala Day
High School Transition Back to School Night for parents
Girls State Softball Wagga
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.45-3.30 pm

Wednesday, 19th August
Assembly 3-4W
P&C Night Branch Meeting 7pm at Bowling Club
Student Banking

Thursday, 20th August
Police Youth Liaison Talk for Year 5
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.45-3.30 pm

Friday, 21st August
Boys Softball at Tamworth
P&C Raffles at the Crossroads at 5pm

Week 7

Monday, 24th August
K-6 Assembly 2:45

Tuesday, 25th August
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.45-3.30 pm

Wednesday, 26th August
Assembly 2C
Student Banking

Thursday, 27th August
PISCE Class Projects due
P&C Uniform Shop open 2.45-3.30 pm

Friday, 28th August
Regional Athletics Tamworth
P&C Raffles at the Crossroads at 5pm

NPS History

Our School Badge provides an immediate visual link to Narrabri Public School. Generations of students have associated the symbols and colours with the school and I have been interested to find out the history associated with our badge.

The original School Badge was designed by a Headmaster William Mulholland in 1931. The colours of the badge, blue and gold, represent the blue skies and the golden sunshine and harvest. The wreath signifies the sportsmanship, the torch truth and the book, learning. The branch represents the meaning of the word ‘nurra’, a fork or forked stick. The undulating lines represent the water of the Creek and River, the branching or forking of which is supposed to be denoted in the word ‘nurra’.

Over time there have been variations, particularly in colour, however the symbols have remained the same. After having identified the history behind the badge we will ensure that we remain true to the original version. The blue and gold are very much a part of Narrabri Public Schools identity.

The meaning of our school motto, ‘Savoir Cest Pouvoir’, encourages us to strive and achieve. These words stand for ‘Knowledge is Power’.

Great Ambassadors for NPS

Earlier in the semester each class was asked to nominate two representatives for their class. These students play an integral link in sharing information, representing NPS at local events and planning activities that support our school or fundraise to support worthy causes.
On Saturday this group of students were asked to represent our school at The Victory in the Pacific Service that took place at the RSL. They were wonderful ambassadors and conducted themselves in a manner that is befitting of their position. Each one of the students wore their school uniform proudly and participated in the service that took place. Many interesting facts were shared by Mr Ken Craddock, Richard Barry and the Captains from the West School.

Thank you to the parents for bringing the children along to represent the school and for supporting this community event.

PBL Celebrations

On Friday, we are having a PBL celebration to acknowledge the steps we have made in promoting Positive Behaviour for Learning. Our PBL journey started in 2015 and involved all members of our school community undertaking surveys and being asked to contribute to the establishment of our core values of RESPECT, RESILIENCE, RESPONSIBILITY, ACHIEVEMENT and INCLUSION.

Through PBL at Narrabri Public School we have placed an emphasis on school-wide systems of support that include proactive strategies for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviours to create positive school environments.

Now that our core values have been established, we are ensuring that we continue to teach and share each value, guaranteeing that students have a clear understanding of each value.

On Friday we are hosting a PBL Picnic to celebrate our journey. There will be an official launch for PBL in the hall at 12:30 pm for our entire school. I am looking forward to this occasion and we will continue to share and highlight the importance of PBL in our school. Following the official presentation we would invite you to bring along a picnic rug and join your child from 1 to 1:45 for a picnic lunch on the back flat.

School Procedures

We continue to insure that schools are a safe place for all of us and ask you to support us in this process by signing in and out at the office. By doing this we know who is on school grounds and if there is an emergency we are aware of visitors who we need to account for.

PBL Statements

I believe that the PBL system has had a positive impact on me. It has taught me to be more respectful, have responsibility and resilience (letting the hard times make me stronger). I also believe if people listen to the PBL system that society, will become more moral. This system should be introduced at all schools because, if everybody listened to these ideas then our generation would be the most outstanding generation that has ever been seen!

By Phoenix Watt

Premier’s Reading Challenge Urgent update

Parents/Carers,

Please note the latest students can hand in their reading logs is now Tuesday, 18th August, 2015. I encourage Students to hand in their reading logs as soon as they are completed and preferably before the closing date.

It was necessary to bring the closing date forward as it will allow me or Lorraine Scott more time to enter individual student reading records on line and to check they have read the required number of books to successfully complete the challenge. It is also a requirement of the challenge that all student reading records must be completed before, or by 21st August, 2015 and validated by a coordinator, myself or Lorraine Scott before 28th August, 2015 for students to receive a Certificate during Term 4, 2015.

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No late reading logs can be accepted after the 21st August, 2015 and coordinators cannot validate reading records after the 28th August, 2015.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Deb Maher Teacher/Librarian.

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Father’s Day is just around the corner and as always our Daybranch P & C has come to the rescue!!
The Father’s Day stall will be held on Friday, 4th September.
Anyone wishing to donate gifts – especially wrapped lollies would be amazing.
The ladies are having a wrapping day in the Uniform Shop at 10.00am on Wednesday, 2nd September if anyone would like to help

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**Book Fair 2015**

Thank you to the many Parents, Grandparents, Carers and Students for contributing to a very successful Education Week and Book Fair for 2015.

Over the four days the Book Fair ran for, my helpers and I sold $6,547.00 in books and stationery items. Thanks to your generosity, the school’s Library will receive books to the value of $2,000.00, for all students K-6 to enjoy and learn from.

I would like to thank Mrs Liz Jackman and Mrs Lorraine Scott for giving of their time to assist with the running of the Book Fair. I would also like to thank Mrs Kelly Fry, Mrs Caroline Emmerson, Miss Ellen John and Miss Tegan Mahar for their assistance over the four days too.

Deb Maher Teacher/Librarian.

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**BRONZE AWARDS**

Emily Booby, Zoe Sutton, Bella Druce, Charlie Dams, Caitlyn Taylor, Cleo Owers, Samual McLean, Costa Rooze, Sean McLean, Ashton Smith, Jobe O’Regan,

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Don’t forget that I will need some extra help next week – especially Thursday and Friday. Please let me know if you can – 67921925. We still have Lasagna @ $4.00. Check out the meal deals for Friday. That will be the only choices available. Slushies and milkshakes can’t be ordered on Friday. They will still be available at lunch.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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Kim Owens
Supervisor
Congratulations Molly!!
Molly Michell-Smith had a week in Brisbane at the ‘Ekka’ riding her Galloway Kirreway Hayley. It was a wonderful experience and a big week. Molly placed 5th in the Girl rider 10 under 12yrs and 11th in led riding pony on Saturday. On Sunday she participated in Led saddle pony placing 7th and ridden saddle pony placing 9th. She then had 3 days off but still managed to get up at 5am each morning to ride her horse, she also participated in the Grand Parade on Wednesday. On Thursday she placed 5th in her child’s Galloway and then won her open Lightweight Galloway class.

PSSA Touch Football
On Tuesday our boy’s played Wee Waa in the second round of this competition. When the final whistle blew it was five apiece and then in extra time Narrabri Public scored. Congratulations and thank-you to Mrs Young and Mrs Hancock for your devotion to this team.

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 Hot Shots 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.
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