Learning at NPS

Since the beginning of term students have been getting to know their new class mates and teacher and have been engaging in learning that has been carefully planned to meet their needs and deliver quality learning.

I have been talking with students to see how they feel about their start to school and it was no surprise when they were able to tell me the things they liked about their classrooms and learning.

Here are a few of the responses given…….
‘I like to be in the class with my friends.’
‘The teacher makes the work just right for me.’
‘I like learning with my friends in a group.’
‘Everyone is friendly in my classroom.’
‘My teacher is a good teacher.’
‘My teacher helps me.’
‘My class are respectful of learning.’

Each student I talked with was able to elaborate on the learning they had undertaken since the beginning of the term. Each individual had an area which they particularly enjoyed and experienced success.

At Narrabri Public School we recognise the need to support all students to be successful learners and value the achievements of each individual student, whether it be academically, in sport, music or personal growth.

The students were keen for me to take photos of them at work and of their work. I will have to publish them in instalments as the camera just kept clicking and clicking. Keep working hard everyone!
Students learning from students.

**Attendance**
School attendance plays an important role in student learning. Coming to school each day allows students to have consistency and to keep building on their learning. If your child is absent from school they require a note to be presented to their teacher on their return.

**Tell Them from Me Survey**
The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey.
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students in Year 4, 5 and 6. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by **Friday 11th March**.
**Drama Club**
Lights, camera and action! Drama Club notes are in the newsletter this week and this club is run after school for interested students in Year 1 to 6. Teachers volunteer their time to run this club and provide for students a range of dramatic experiences. It is important that your note is returned to the office if they are interested, as there is often a waiting list of interested students.

**Thank You**
I would like to say a BIG thank you to Katina Johns and Kate Bakhuis for their work with our school canteen. Both ladies are outgoing members of the Canteen Committee and have contributed to creating an efficient and successful canteen for our students.

Last year NPS took part in a community initiative to share the Kamilaroi Stories. This week I received two photos taken during filming from Penny Jobling who has been coordinating this project. I just had to share them and I look forward to seeing the video after it is released.

**Grandparents Day**
The official date for Grandparents Day is in October. We are claiming the date (28th October) now for Grandparents Day so that it can be marked on the calendar with high importance. The theme is ‘Moments that Matter.’

Good luck to our Regional Swimmers today!! We look forward to hearing your stories.

Enjoy your week and I hope to see you at the P&C Day Branch meeting this Wednesday.

Marion Tame
Principal

**Core Values in Action**

Respect   Resilience   Responsibility   Achievement   Inclusion

Respect at Infants Assemblies. Students are in class lines and are doing the 5L's.

Legs crossed, Lips closed, Looking at the speaker, Listening, hands in Laps

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Pattie Lettice and Jacquie Jones sharing their stories.

**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY**
On Friday our students participated in the Australia wide initiative Clean Up Australia event that first started in 1990. The purpose of this day is to recognise that every little bit of rubbish cleaned up can make a big difference. It is about working together for a common cause. Well done to all our student volunteers for their efforts in cleaning up.
P&C Daybranch
MONSTER EASTER RAFFLE
Attached to next week’s newsletter will be tickets for the Easter Raffle. Tickets 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 leave these at the front office for our P&C ladies to pick up. The mega draw will be held on the last day of school which is Thursday, 24th March.

Thank you for your support

Dates to Remember
Term 1
7th March-Regional Swimming
9th March P&C Day Branch 9:30am
14th March Primary Rugby League Development talk
16th March P and C Night Branch Meeting 7pm
30th March Year 6 visit Federation Farm
31st March HNE Vision Screening Kinder
1st April Vision Screening Years 1-3
4th April Dinosaur performance
6th April P&C Fruit Day
8th April Vision Screening Years 1-3

Term 2
5th May Fun Run
6th May CPR Year 6
20th May Zone Cross country
31st May Bullying Show
May Narrabri Eisteddfod
3rd June Region Cross country
16th June School Photos
17th June Sacrament Ceremony at SFX
23rd June Dance performance

Term 3
5th August Zone Athletics

Canteen News
Our new Canteen committee will be meeting on Wednesday, 9th March (this week) at 2pm in the Canteen. This is to finalize the pricing so we can get a new menu out. Most things will remain the same but there will have to be some increases due to increases in costs from suppliers. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring your ideas and come and meet the new committee.

Canteen Roster
Tuesday, 8th March
Maureen Malcolm
Wednesday, 9th March
Lisa Hartog
Thursday, 10th March
Liana Pitt
Friday, 11th March
Velvet Craigie
Monday, 14th March
Cathy Coleman

Thank you to everyone who has put their name down. This is the first time in a long time we have a volunteer for every day. Fabulous!!!

If you have your name down and can’t come for any reason please call us and let us know. The canteen number is 67921925.

Thank you
Kim Owens  Nikki Finn
Supervisor  Assistant

Good for Kids good for life

We’ve all heard that breakfast is the most important meal of the day and it’s true! Research has shown that children who eat breakfast before school have higher levels of concentration and are less likely to feel lethargic.

Below are some ideas for a nutritious breakfast:

- Wholegrain cereals such as Weetabix, Cheerios and Sultana bran
- Unsalted muesli topped with low fat yoghurt
- Wholegrain toast topped with avocado, tomato or low fat cheese
- Raisin toast
- Fruit & vegetable smoothies

If you’re short on time, some quick ideas to send to school with your child includes: a tub of low fat yoghurt, cereal to munch such as fruity bites, breakfast drinks such as Tip & Go or some fruit.

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