From the Principal ….
The children at NPS are having a busy time both in their classrooms and around the school. There is a lot of talk amongst them about our school social being held on Thursday evening – it will be a fun time for everyone who comes along! Today we all enjoyed a yummy cake stall. Thanks to all families who took the time to cook some lovely cakes to help us raise money for this year’s Years 5 & 6 excursion to Borambola Sport & Recreation Centre.

Our Easter Raffle is always a popular event on our school calendar. We invite everyone to send along donations of chocolates and/or Easter eggs between now and Friday, 11th April. All the donated chocolate will be made into lots of prizes – we usually have 3 bigger prizes to start off the raffle and then lots of small prizes which means lots of winners! We will draw the raffle at our Easter assembly to be held on the morning of Friday, 11th April before our school cross country carnival. So please start sending in your donations for this raffle. All donations will receive a free raffle ticket to go into the draw and families can send in more than one donation! Raffle tickets will be sent home today to families and more tickets can be picked up from the school’s front office.

Your next Narrandera AECG meeting will be held at the Foundation at 1:30 on Tuesday, 1st April. Some things that will be discussed at this meeting include: guest speakers from NSW Department of Education & Communities to talk about the Department’s realignment and the changes in locations and roles of Aboriginal Education personnel because of this system realignment; possible 2014 NAIDOC activities; and community support for the Indigenous Awards.

Your next P&C meeting will be held in the school library on Monday, 7th April starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is most welcome to attend both these meetings.

Have a most enjoyable week.
Susan Ruffles
COMMUNITY EVENTS:
Junior Basketball - Junior basketball will be in its fourth round this week. Wednesday is boys basketball with the Juniors playing at 4.45pm. Team Pink v Team Black & Team Maroon v Team Blue.
At 5.30pm Intermediate boys play, Maroon v Black & Pink v Green, Team Blue has the Bye. They are Seth Bolton, Riley Buchanan, Josh Hosie, Xavier Davis, Liam Mathieson, Maisyn Paterson & Adam Irons.
At 6.15pm Senior boys will play. Due to football training this will be the last Wednesday that Snr boys will play basketball. The new day will be Friday. I hope this suits most snr Boys. Please feel free to contact me if you will no longer be playing in the senior competition. The game time will probably be 5.00pm - senior boys only.
More information contact Lee on 0409443711.
Thursday afternoons sees the Aussie Hoops program commence at 4.00pm.
Girls also play on Thursdays with the juniors playing at 4.45pm, Intermediates playing at 5.30pm & Senior Girls playing at 6.15pm. The draw is Pink v Black & Maroon v Blue.

Class News - 5C
Merit winners last week were Isabella Handford, Aaliyah Hawkins, Clayton James and Ella Ireland. The lucky raffle winner was Riley Buchanan. Well done to all these students. Remember that we have fruit break every morning at 10am, so please remember to send in some fruit with your child.
Yesterday we had a visitor to our class. His name was Richard and he is a retired teacher from Perth who travels Australia following many of the festivals in rural areas. He spoke to the children about his travels. He was very informative and there were many interesting questions directed towards him. He then taught the students a couple of games and left our school to visit another school.
Our focus times tables this week is 7’s and our maths topics are fractions and length. In science and HSIE we continue to look at what events over time have influenced our Australian culture and identity including the convicts and soldiers in the 1700’s, the gold rush in the 1800s and the European migrants in the mid 1900’s. We have looked at inherited characteristics in people and now move on to inherited characteristics in animals.
Thank you to the children who bought in cakes for our cake stall today. Remember this weekly fundraiser is for your children to try to reduce the cost of our Borambola excursion later in the year. As we head towards Easter I would also like to remind families to donate eggs to our huge Easter raffle. Thank you for your on-going support.
Kerryn Cassidy - Year 5 teacher

EASTER RAFFLE
The Easter Parade and raffle isn’t far away. It will be held on Friday, April 11, 2014. Could everyone please bring in an Easter egg for the raffle? They need to be taken to the front office. All children who bring in some Easter goodies will receive a ticket in a separate draw which will be drawn at the Parade. The more Easter eggs the bigger the raffle.

JOB Colouring-in Competition Winners – Ella Wickes, Isabella Beaumont and Phoebe Romeo. Michelle Kilgower, John O’Brien Festival Organising Committee Chairperson, presented the colouring-in competition winners with their awards.

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As part of our re-launch of Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Day there were many co-operative activities happening throughout the school. These photos show some children working co-operatively to build the tallest tower possible with any of the materials available to them. The towers needed to stand for 5 seconds or more.

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**GET YOUR GLOW ON FUNDRAISER!**

At the upcoming School Dance on 27th March 2014 The NPS P&C will be selling glow products to make the night even more awesome than it was already going to be.

- Glow Bracelets (in 6 different colours) = $0.50ea
- Glow Sticks (in 6 different colours) = $2.00ea
- Glow Glasses (in 5 different colours) = $2.50ea
- Flashing Spike Finger Rings = $3.00ea

*All proceeds will be used to fund improvements NPS! Your support is greatly appreciated!*

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**School Assembly Awards - April 21, 2014.**
KH, KL & 456S NEWS !!
Recently, kindergarten and year 456s joined together to play the games that 456s had designed especially for the little kids.
We all had lots of fun and the bigger kids were very responsible, safe and respectful when they were teaching and playing their game with the kinders.

School Assembly Awards - April 21, 2014.
Learning in 4/5/6S

4/5/6S have been learning about culture. Students had to choose a country whose culture is part of Australia and present their information. These are some of their presentations.

Heath Chappell’s assignment was about Fiji. He bought in a pineapple, a drinking coconut and an eating coconut. The students had a lot of fun stepping out of their comfort zone and tasting these foods.
MORE CLASS LEARNING FROM 4/5/6S

Rebekah’s assignment was about India. Rebekah is lucky to have a nan who is from India – Jasmine. Jasmine was able to tell us about the Indian culture and show us how to wear a sari. The class was able to taste Indian food – pappadums.

Seth Bolton presented Mrs Rachael Hyde with donations of proceeds from the recent casual clothes day to support Jamie Osmond who has been diagnosed with leukaemia. Jamie attended NPS and we all wish him well for the future. The casual clothes day raised $240 – well done NPS students.