From the Principal ….

An 11-week term is a long one for the children but we are nearly to the holidays. We still have a busy couple of days ahead of us with GRUNT on Thursday and our fabulous Easter Assembly (including the drawing of our Easter raffle and our hat parade) on Friday. We will also host our whole-school Cross Country Carnival at the park on Wednesday. We hope to see you at school at some time this week as it will be a great couple of days for everyone.

Some reminders:
Please keep sending in your chocolate and Easter egg donations for the raffle – we have 3 boxes full of yummy things already but the more donations we get, the more prizes we can have on Friday.

It would be just wonderful if all NPS students could come along to the Narrandera ANZAC march and service to be held on ANZAC Day, Friday 25th April. This is the last Friday of the school holidays so please pop a reminder onto your calendar. Children are to meet school staff members in the Narrandera Ex-Service’s Club car park at 10.15am. Children who participate in this community event should wear their winter school uniform and will receive a special credit for their participation. All captains, sport captains and prefects are also expected at the march and service and they will be supplied with a school blazer to wear on the day.

Everyone is welcome to come along to school on Thursday morning at 9:30a.m. for our school ANZAC service that will be held in the hall. Each class will lay a wreath as a part of this service. On behalf of all the staff and students at NPS, I wish you all a happy and safe holiday and we shall see all students back at school on Tuesday, 29th April all rested and ready to be great learners in Term 2!

Enjoy the holidays!

Susan Ruffles
GRUNT – The Musical
All students from Narrandera Public School will be attending the musical “Grunt” at the CRC Church on Thursday, April 10. The students will arrive at the Church at around 10.45am and watch the hour and a half long performance before returning to school. There is no cost for the performance although everyone is welcome to make a gold coin donation.

P&C News
Your P&C Association met last night and the following things were discussed:

- New school jumpers will be available for sale at the P&C uniform shop after the holidays. These jumpers will be embroidered with the school logo.
- There will be 3 major prizes in this week’s Easter raffle as well as lots of smaller prizes. Donations will be accepted right up till Friday morning as many small prizes are a feature of this raffle. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the school’s Cross Country carnival on Wednesday and on Friday morning before the Easter assembly.
- P&C sold glow stick products at the recent school social. These products were a hit with the children and raised $338 for the P&C.
- There are a number of changes to events at school this week due to possible rain on Thursday and Friday. A note was sent to families on Monday 7th April from the school to explain these changes. In summary:
  Tuesday 8.4.14 the finals of the high jump were held at school. Classes have been doing high jump during Sport/PE and the finals were held this term as part of next term’s Athletics Carnival to be held Wednesday, 7th May.
  Wednesday 9.4.14 NPS Cross Country to be held at the park starting with a walk of the ‘course’ at 12 and the first event starting around 12:30. This is a whole school event.
  Thursday 10.4.14 NPS ANZAC Service to be held at 9:30 a.m. in the hall. Early recess at about 10:00 and then walking to the CRC hall for the GRUNT performance from 11:00 until 12:30 p.m.
  Friday 11.4.14 Our Easter assembly including the Easter hat parade and the drawing of our Easter raffle. We will start at 9:30 a.m.
  • A possible working bee was discussed. The school is looking for volunteers to help do some general gardening, in particular tending to the vegetable garden area. The P&C thought that it will be difficult to set a day and time due to many weekend sport commitments. If anyone has some time to spare could you please contact the school and speak to Lyn Seymour. We would really appreciate some help with this.

This newsletter is produced with the support of the following local businesses:

A special thank you is extended to all our volunteer helpers in the P&C’s school canteen. Without these volunteer helpers, it would be extremely difficult to run the canteen for the children. People are asked to consider volunteering sometime in the canteen next term. Just pop into the canteen and speak to Kris.

The next P&C meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the school library on Monday, 5th May. We hope to see you there.

AECG News
The Narrandera Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) met at the Foundation on Tuesday, 1st April. Some things that were discussed:

- Representatives from the NSW Department of Education & Communities spoke to the meeting and explained changes that are happening in personnel and their roles due to the Department’s realignment.
- Schools may combine and organise a NAIDOC event with a possible date being the last day of Term 2, Friday 27th June. This event will be discussed in more detail at the next AECG meeting in Term 2.
- NPS and NHS will coordinate their own Indigenous Awards presentations this year.

The next AECG meeting will be held at NPS at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 6th May in the AEO room.

NPS Cross Country
Wednesday, April 9, 2014
Our school Cross Country will take place at the Narrandera Park and will start at 12.30pm. We would love to have as many family and friends as possible there to support and cheer on the students. We look forward to seeing you then!

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A Story from Audrey Simpson of 6H

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Please put June 4 at 2.45pm on your calendar and join us in the Library to learn more about road safety for your children.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS:
NetSetGo – Commencing Friday, May 2 for approx. 10 weeks excluding School Holidays. Cost - $60 includes rego, Gilbert, ball, ANZ NetSetGo shirt and SWIPTS pencil case. 4.30pm to 5.30pm – Registration starts from 4pm. Narrandera Sportsground, outside Netball courts. For more information Contact Kate Hall on 0409 695 999 or Narrandera Netball Association.

Leeton United FC Holiday Soccer Camp – April 15 to 17. 9am to 12pm at The OVAL. Cost - $40. More information contact Lena Porcu on 6953 6422.

GRUNT – The Musical – The Plaza Theatre, 35 Bolton Street (CRC Church). 11am Matinee Tuesday, April 8, to Friday, April, 11. 7pm Evening Thursday, April 10 to Sunday, April 13. Bookings phone Lyn on 6959 1439.

Be Safe 4 Youth Week – Poster and colouring-in competition. Students have the opportunity to get creative and win great prizes for Youth Week. Competition closes Sunday, April 13 at 11am. Entries can be submitted at: Narrandera Shire Council, Narrandera Library or bring along to Skate Day.

NOOSH - Great things happening at NOOSH over the school holidays. For more information contact NOOSH on 6959 4731 or copies of the Vacation Care Program can be obtained from NPS office.

Class News – 5C
Last week our merit winners were Isabella Handford, Mason Williams and Gina Paterson. Our raffle winner was Mason Williams. Congratulations. This is a very busy week to finish off the term. Yesterday was the netball/rugby league gala day in Leeton, high jump finals today, cross country tomorrow, Anzac service and Grunt on Thursday and to finish the week, the Easter hat parade on Friday. I wish all families at Narrandera Public School safe and happy holidays. Thank you for your support and we look forward to another great term after the holidays.

Kerryn Cassidy – 5C Class Teacher.

PARENT SESSION – YOU ARE INVITED!
NRMA Science & Road Safety Day – Wednesday June 4 at 2.45pm in the School Library.
Our school will be hosting an NRMA Science & Road Safety Day, a new road safety program delivered by NRMA motoring and Services as part of its commitment to road safety. Our school was chosen to take part in this free program that will visit 100 schools across NSW and ACT and educate 40,000 students.
This program looks at road safety from a science perspective so that children better understand the forces that act on humans when in motion so that road safety messages such as “Wear your seatbelt” or “Wear your bike helmet” become more relevant.
Parents play a vital role in keeping their children safe and so we would like to invite you to a workshop where we will review the key road safety messages that were covered on the day and also learn more about what you can do to keep your children safe on the road.

CANTEEN NEWS
Changes to Canteen times due to children going to see GRUNT.
Thursday Recess at 10am until 10.30am
Lunch at 1.30pm until 2.15pm
Lunch orders are still most welcome.
Stewart House
On the 17th March I went to Stewart House in Sydney for two weeks and came home on the 28th March. It was fun and I had a fantastic time. We travelled up to Sydney and home again by Lakes Coaches from Barham. Deandre went from the high school and James from the East school. I met a lot of new friends and lovely supervisors and teachers. My teacher’s name was Jodi. I was in the bottom girl’s dorm. I swam at Curl Curl beach which is across the road from Stewart House. There were storms also. The places I visited while at Stewart House were Taronga Zoo, Powerhouse Museum, Olympic Aquatic centre, Palm Beach (where Home and Away is filmed), Curl Curl, Tumbalong Park, Wiradjuri swimming pool, Australian Museum and the Cook and Phillips swimming pools.
At Palm Beach I met Matt, Jett, and Sasha from Home and Away. We had a barbecue with them. I got a photo taken with Matt and Jett and also their autographs on my hat. I also went on a ferry. I bought a lot of stuff home from dolphin shops as you get money for good behaviour. Stewart House is a school where you don’t get bullied as they don’t like it and people get into trouble for bullying. My time was great. I was glad to be picked to go to Sydney. Everybody please get behind the handball fundraiser as it helps a good cause. All money raised will be donated to Stewart House so that other children from NSW Public Schools can have a great time, just like I did.

By - Mariah Beauchamp - Year 5C.

Narrandera Public School - ANZAC Assembly
Thursday, April 10, 2014 - NPS Hall - 9.30AM
ALL WELCOME

Class News - Kindergarten
On Monday the 7th April Kindergarten from Narrandera Public School when out for a picnic lunch in the park with their preschool friends from Narrandera East Infants School and St Josephs. We had so much fun catching up with our friends and we hope to do it again in the not too distant future.
ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools)

ICAS provides an opportunity for Year 3-12 students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It also gives students the opportunity to improve their test taking skills.

There are tests in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. These tests are voluntary and there is a cost per test to participate. Students can select from the tests mentioned below.

All participants receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested.

ICAS tests are to be taken on specific dates and the cost per test varies. This information is outlined below:

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For more information, you can visit the ICAS website at [www.unsw.edu.au](http://www.unsw.edu.au).

URGENT - If your child wishes to participate in Computer Skills, permission slip and entry fee MUST BE RETURNED THIS FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2014. All other entries and money due to be returned by Friday, May 2, 2014. (Friday, Term 2, Week 1)

Karla Hartwig
Assistant Principal

2014 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

I give permission for my child  __________________________  of  __________________________

Child’s Name  Class

to participate in the following 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

___ Computer Skills  –  20 May, 2014 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
___ Science  –  4 June, 2014 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
___ Writing  –  16 June – 20 June, 2014 ($18.70 GST inclusive)
___ Spelling  –  17 June, 2014 ($12.10 GST inclusive)
___ English  –  29 July, 2014 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
___ Mathematics  –  12 August, 2014 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
___ All of the above ($66.00 GST inclusive)

Please find enclosed  __________________________  entry fee.

Amount

Name of parent/caregiver:  __________________________  Date:  _____________

Signature of parent/caregiver:  __________________________
ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS – 4.4.14