From the Principal ....

Congratulations to the children, staff and parent helpers who all combined their efforts to make this year’s athletics carnival a great success. Since last Wednesday’s carnival we are gathering feedback so we can make our 2015 carnival even better. If you have any positive ideas/suggestions for next year, please let us know.

We were so proud of the children’s efforts and sportsmanship throughout the day and we were especially pleased to see the highest participation rates we have ever seen at NPS! Please catch up with all the news about our carnival in a separate article that details results and age and house champions.

Well done boys and girls and thanks to the athletic carnivals’ organising staff team who put in extra hours and efforts during the past weeks!!!

Thank you to the Narrandera Shire Council, the Narrandera High School and the Narrandera Eagles football club for their contributions to help our carnival run so well.

Kindergarten and Year 4 groups sang two beautiful songs for all our mums at last Friday’s school assembly. Thank you boys and girls and teachers for performing for us and I do hope that all mums had a wonderful Mother’s Day on Sunday. I saw many lovely cards and gifts being created in our classrooms so I know mums have received very special keep-sakes from the children.

On Tuesday evening (13.5.14) we welcomed parents to our school who participated in the Dixon Park’s pre-school event that involves a brief visit to Narrandera’s 3 schools for families considering Kindergarten enrolment in 2015. We have had enquiries from other families, whose children do not attend this pre-school, who would like to know more about NPS Kindergarten and Infants programs for next year. Invitations will be sent out to all families in Narrandera and surrounding communities considering Kindergarten enrolment in 2015 to let them know that Narrandera Public School will be hosting a special evening for families on THURSDAY, 22nd May at 6:30 p.m. starting in our Kindergarten classrooms and touring through our school. Please spread the word about this event on our behalf as we certainly don’t want people to miss out on any opportunity that will help them make an informed decision about the beginning of children’s ‘big’ school years.

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3 and 5 children began Tuesday, 13th May and will all be completed by Friday, 16th May. At NPS we expect all children to complete these assessments regardless of learning abilities or how long they have been at our school. These assessments provide information to teachers and families about children’s progress in learning from Kindergarten to the early weeks of Year 3 (Year 3 assessments) and from May in Year 3 until NAPLAN time early in Year 5 (Year 5 assessments). Unfortunately the system does not send results of these assessments to families and schools until later in the year but NPS school-based student assessments do provide comprehensive learning data and always support our ongoing conversations about children’s learning progress. I do hope that families and school staff (Kindergarten to Year 6) continue to maintain regular and positive communication to support our children’s learning and well-being needs.

There are so many things going on at school so I encourage all our newsletter readers to have a good read of our newsletters (including past newsletters archived on the school’s website), check out our school website (the address is in this newsletter) and/or ‘like’ Narrandera Public School on Facebook for up-dates. And if you still need information or clarifications on anything, please chat to your child’s class teacher or call the school at your convenience.

Have a most enjoyable week.

Susan Ruffles

Calendar of Events

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Library Borrowing Days

Monday – 2B, 3T, 3H, 4D and 4/5/6S
Tuesday - KH, KL, 2H and 5C
Wednesday – 1D, 1KH
Friday – 6H
WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 23 MAY 2014

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 23 May 2014!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

COMMUNITY EVENTS:
Narrandera Tennis Club - Junior Tennis - Narrandera Tennis Club has resumed its junior tennis program in second term finishing the last Tuesday in term two of school. Start time is 4.00pm for first group and 4.40pm for second group. $5 per child per session. Please contact Marcelle on 0478 097 985 for any enquiries.


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Narrandera High School Excellence Innovation Opportunity

“Hands on High School”

Wednesday 21st May 2014

7.00pm – 8.45pm

Are you interested in enrolling at a school that offers the opportunity to develop your child’s potential through academic, sporting and extra-curricular programs, in an environment that encourages and develops relationships? Then come along to our “Hands on High School” night.

PROGRAM

- 7.00pm – 7.15pm Welcome held in the Library
- 7.15pm – 8.30pm Workshops covering a selection of the secondary curriculum
- 8.30pm – 8.45pm Question and Answer time with supervisor provided by our Hospitality staff and students

Come along and experience:
- Lectures delivered using up-to-date technologies
- Diverse learning environments, meeting the needs of learners in the future
- The range of extra-curricular opportunities offered to all students
- Please wear comfortable clothing for physical activities

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2H & KH are always ready to read a great story – Photos taken by Robert Vidler and Hunter Robertson

Belly Dancing with 4/5/6S

456S started to learn how to Belly Dance with Mrs Seymour this week. It was so much fun. There were plenty of giggles had by all. It’s not easy!!!!
Mother’s Day Shared Lunch
Lots of special mums and grandmums shared lunch with us last Friday.

Narrandera Public School Athletic Carnival

Kindergarten girls at their first ever athletics carnival.

Heat 2 of the Kindergarten girls doing their absolute best.

Kindergarten boys ready to run it all the way out.

Jack Williamson, Rowan Matthews & Seth Bolton running the 800m at the start of the day.
Tyrek Afuamua running the senior 800m at the start of the day. But still had time to look at the camera 😊

Some winners from the infants running races – Jason Matthews, Thomas Lyons & Dakoda Bright.

Year 1 girls having a go at the infants field events. The sack races were lots of fun.

Rhiannon Dowdy doing infants shot put at the field events held for infants on the day.

Action shots of the kindergarten students doing long jump – Hannah Beer, Chloe Baxter, Molly Bassett.
Jobe Litchfield, ready to throw the discus at the infants field events.

MORE action shots of the kindergarten students doing long jump – Hallie Briggs, Ethan Lyons and Beljohn Atkinson-Johnson.

Rhett Bolton landing full on in the long jump pit at the infants field events.

Senior relays were the final race/event for the day – Elka Odgers, Samuel Papasidero, Mareece Macdonald, Drew Matthews, Jacob Brewer and Seth Bolton running for their sport house.

Relays were held at the end of the day and these students still had the stamina to run flat out. Junior girls - Zoey Ingram, Olivia Light, Jade Baldwin and Jahlia Hocking