From the Principal ....

2015 Kindergarten Transition programs.
On Tuesday, 13th May NPS hosted visiting parents from the Dixon Park pre-school who participated in a tour of Narrandera’s 3 schools. As I said to the group on the night, families have a big decision to make, and a somewhat difficult one, as they have a choice of 3 very good schools each with professional and caring teachers. We see our role at NPS as one of assisting families to make an informed decision, regardless of which school they will enrol in.

To this end NPS will host a very special informative and practical evening on THURSDAY, 22nd May starting in our school library with light refreshments from 6 p.m. and beginning our information session at 6:30 p.m. A flier has been sent home to all NPS families on Monday, 19th May and the same flier has been distributed within the community. I would appreciate it if you could ‘spread-the-word’ about this parent evening as we have some great information for all Narrandera families.

Further to this, the NPS Kindergarten Transition Program will start early in Term 3. Our community can read more about this program in todays Argus and people can pick up information packages from the school at any time. Your NPS contact for our free Kindergarten Transition program is Julie Neville.

Class notes for Term 2.
On Monday, 19th May all families would have received a note from the school specifically for their child’s class. If you haven’t received your copy, please contact your child’s class teacher or go to our school website to find a copy. We continue to encourage lots of communication between home and the school so that we can maximise children’s learning and well-being so please keep in contact with your child’s teachers and support staff members.

Bus Safety issues – a reminder.
- No children or adults should cross over Adams Street between the school and the park through the bus zone. Adults are asked not to call children across the road to the park in the bus zone area.
- Please do not drop off or pick up children in the bus zone during bus zone times. Local police will impose fines if people are found doing this.

Infants Assembly.
Last Friday I attended our infant’s (K-2) assembly in the Kindergarten rooms. What a lovely assembly for the little ones at our school. The children received lots of recognition for great learning and for following of our 4Bs (Be safe, Be responsible, Be respectful and Be a learner) and sang some fun songs. Thanks to the parents who were able to come along for our first infant’s assembly for the year. Our next infant’s assembly will be held in Kindergarten rooms on Friday, 23rd May starting at 10:30 a.m. We hope you can come along.

Aboriginal Education initiatives.
Community members are invited to join staff members from Narrandera Public and Narrandera East schools to plan for:-
1. NAIDOC activities (to be held at NPS on Friday, 27th June) and
2. This year’s Indigenous awards event (date to be confirmed). This meeting will take place in the NPS AEO room starting at 1p.m. on Thursday, 22nd May. We look forward to hearing ideas and from people.

Student Reports.
During the next couple of weeks each class teacher will meet with me to discuss each child’s learning progress leading up to the writing of Semester 2 half-yearly student reports. Teachers and support staff will spend a lot of time in the next weeks talking about children’s learning progress and will continue their planning to meet individual student needs. We will let all families know when parent/teacher interviews will take place for each class.

Professional Learning for NPS staff.
At NPS our Professional Learning is a key to children’s learning success. We are moving towards developing staff at state facilitator levels in a number of quality learning programs. David Tallon (Year 3) is preparing for his state-based training as a Targeting Early Numeracy (TEN) facilitator and will return to NPS and train all staff during the second half of the year. Maree Bonham (Year 2) and Shelley Day (Year 1) began their L3 (Language, Learning, Literacy) training this week. Bianca Dunn (Year 4), Kira Hoogers (Year 2), Tammi Ryan (learning support teacher), Julie Neville (learning support teacher) and Karla Hartwig (Year 3) have completed their second training session for Focus on Reading (FoR). The L3 and FoR training continues into the second half of the school year for these teachers. Further to these training opportunities all teachers are currently studying research relating to children’s well-being and we continue to have many professional conversations about children’s progress on the Literacy and Numeracy continuums of learning. Finally, NPS will host regional training in our computer room on Friday, 23rd May. This training is for surrounding schools involved in implementing new management systems. If you would like to know more about any of these learning programs please contact the school and we can link you up to have a chat with a teacher who can explain them well to you.

Have a most enjoyable week.
Susan Ruffles
Calendar of Events

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COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Junior Basketball - This week will see finals begin for junior basketball. As it is finals, all registrations must now be paid in full this week. All teams will play in the finals this week except Intermediate boys team Maroon. They are Ben Pearson, Heath Reilly, Heath Chappell, Jeremy Johnson, Dylan Johnson, Bryce Hickson & Clayton James. Maroon is on top of the ladder and will have the bye this week.

Wednesday 4.45pm Junior boys, referees Lee Longford, Jack Grintell, Matt Dillon & Jacob Pettigrew
5.40pm Intermediate boys, referees Lee Longford, Jack Grintell, Matt Dillon & Jacob Pettigrew
& Senior boys at 6.30pm Lee Longford, Matt Dillon & Jacob Pettigrew.

Thursday 4.45pm Junior girls, referees Lee Longford, Matt Dillon, Bella O’Mahoney, Casey Bright-O’Connor
5.40pm Intermediate girls, referees Lee Longford, Bella O’Mahoney, Casey Bright-O’Connor.
Senior girls at 6.30pm, Referees Lee Longford, Colin Longford, Casey Bright-O’Connor & Jacob Pettigrew.

KL Class News

An exciting start to term two has meant many new experiences for KL. The athletics carnival was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. A huge thank you to Miss Hoogers and helpers for organising the infants’ activities that took place after the running races.

KL was excited to be a part of their first infant’s assembly for the year on Friday. These will be a regular event and will take place on every Friday that we do not have a whole school assembly.

We are currently learning about water in Science. We have conducted a few experiments and have been learning how to record them so that others can do them later. We will be making a book of experiments to take home and to share with the rest of the school as well.

You will begin to find home readers in your child’s school bags soon. Please read through these with your child and listen to them read them back to you at least once a night. The extra one-on-one time will mean even greater improvements in your child’s reading.

Thank you again to all parents, relatives and friends who have come in to help with our reading activities. If you would like to spend some time in the classroom then feel free to contact me at school to organise a time that suits.

Paul Lucas – KL Classroom Teacher.

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**Year 4 Crocheting**

Mrs Seymour, her mum (Mrs Patterson) and her niece Fiona, are coming into the Year 4 classroom on Tuesday afternoons to teach Year 4 students how to crochet. In week 2 we learnt how to tackle basic finger knitting and last week, week 3, we started working with our hooks to make simple chains. All of the students enjoy this activity, even though a couple have found it challenging. We hope that eventually we may be able to make little squares and put them all together to make a blanket. Wish us luck!

Miss Dunn and Year 4.

**Class News - 2B**

2B have been studying Italy for Carnivale, which means cooking Italian food. We have recently made pizza which we all enjoyed making and most of us enjoyed eating. Next week we will be making spaghetti, probably on Friday.

Well done to those children who have reached 25 and even 50 nights in their home reading journals, and congratulations to the Mermaid table who were table points winners last week and to Wesley Bamblett who was our weekly raffle winner.

Maree Bonham - Year 2B Class Teacher.
School Assembly - May 9

Year 4 Performing

Gold Certificate Recipients

Middle Size Merits Special

Kinder Performing

Middle Size Merits

Neatest & Tidiest Classroom Representative Emily Tallon of 1KH

Sports Awards

Stage 2/3 Assembly
Tony Lockett Shield
Last Friday, 16th of May, I had the pleasure of taking 18 boys and girls across to Griffith to represent the school in the Tony Lockett Shield. The team boasted a great mix of experienced and beginning Australian Rules players with all of them improving throughout the day. Our first game was against Griffith Small Schools and after a sluggish start the team got going and recorded a close victory. The final score was 6.4 – 40 to 4.5 – 29. Desperate defence and team work were features of the side’s victory. In the second game we came up against a well-drilled Parkview Public School side. Parkview got a couple of early goals and looked in control of the game but Narrandera never gave up and a couple of goals just before the half time siren saw us come in with plenty of confidence. Cleaner ball movement and hard running saw us pile on another three unanswered goals in the second half which meant the game ended with our second victory. The final score line was 5.4 – 34 to 2.2 – 14.

Finishing on top of our pool meant that we were given the opportunity to play in the preliminary final against the perennial powerhouse Leeton Public School side. Our Narrandera side battled strongly throughout the game and desperate defence and pressure acts kept us in the game until a couple of late goals sealed the deal for the Leeton side. The final score in this game was Leeton 4.11 – 35 to Narrandera 1.0 – 6.

The boys and girls were commended for their sportsmanship and never-say-die attitudes throughout the day and it was an absolute pleasure to take them over to this event. We would all like to thank Simon Hitchens, Kellie Goring and Robert Hutchison for taking the students over to Griffith and also Sue Hosie for offering. We would also like to congratulate Leeton Public School who went on to claim the Tony Lockett Shield in the final against the combined Ardlethan/Ariah Park Central Schools team.

Paul Lucas – Co-ordinator.

The team warming up before the preliminary final.

**1KH news**
This week we are having lots of fun learning about division in Maths and revising how to work out addition problems quickly in TEN by counting on from the larger number and using known facts. Stellaluna was our focus book last week and we LOVED comparing bats and birds using venn diagrams. See Jaxon Curry’s merit winning venn diagram below.

Congratulations to Rachael Ingram who was awarded our ‘1KH Star of the Week’ at our recent Infants assembly. Rachael has been going above and beyond in her efforts, particularly in writing. We are all working hard and making it very tricky for Mrs Heath, Mrs Thiem and Mrs Kroek to decide who our next Star of the Week will be!

Congratulations to our other infants assembly award winners - Emma Mills (merit), Jaxon Curry (merit and credit), Riley Cosgrove (merit), Rachael (credit for ‘Star of the Week’), and Malaya Greedy (credit).

- 1KH students, Mrs Kroek, Mrs Heath and Mrs Thiem.
Year 4/5/6, Year 5 and Year 6 had a visit from the Riverina Environmental Centre about the environment. We all got split into groups and went to different activities. We got to learn how worm’s bodies work and how to make pots out of newspaper. We also learnt what we can and can’t recycle. We all had lots of fun!!!!

Ella Wickes.