From the Principal …

2015 Kindergarten.

On Thursday evening, 22nd May, we welcomed a number of families to our school when they came along to learn more about Early Learning Programs for Kindergarten. Everyone had the chance to take a quick look around our schools’ facilities and to ask teachers questions about learning programs our public schools offer our learners. We are very much looking forward to working alongside families in support of children’s education and preparation for ‘big school’ when our Kindergarten Transition program starts next term on Wednesday, 23rd July. An enrolment and information pack for our 2014 Kindergarten Transition program can be picked up from the school’s front office or families can contact the school and we can mail these to them. We have a great interest in this program so we ask families to get in early so that children do not miss out on a place in this free program. It has proved to be an exceptionally positive before-school experience for children since the program began 7 years ago.

Cross Country fun!

5 NPS students arrived back at school on Friday, 23rd May with age champion medals proudly displayed around their necks! Many children came up to me on their return from this year’s Leeton/Narrandera PSSA Cross Country Carnival telling me about the course, the places they ran and about what a great day they all had! Our school was placed 2nd in both the overall school competition (only missing out by 2 points!!) and the school handicap competition. This is our best result for many years. What a great team effort boys and girls – well done to you all!!

Aboriginal Education news.

On Friday, 27th June, the last day of term 2, NPS and Narrandra East School (NES) will combine for a fun day as part of NAIDOC celebrations. The program, at this stage of planning, will include a free community BBQ lunch starting at 11 a.m. followed by activities for the children as well as static displays from community service providers. We will finish off the day with a mini concert in our hall. If community members would like to assist in any way, please speak to any member of the NPS Aboriginal Education team or, to the staff at NES. We would welcome community volunteers who may like to run their own activity, or help someone run an activity. Just let us know please in the next week or so to allow time for us to finalise all the activities for the children.

This year’s Indigenous Awards will take place on Tuesday, 2nd December. At this stage, NPS and NES children, their parent/carers and community elders will be involved in this event which will include a luncheon. Details of this event are still to be finalised.

Students at NPS have made over 100 book marks that have been placed in conference bags for the up-and-coming Local Government Area Network (LGAN) conference being hosted by Narrandra in September. Staff and children will also be busy making placemats and practicing dance and singing for performances at this conference. Once again, community members are most welcome to contact our school to talk about ways in which people can help us prepare for our student involvement in this conference.

Professional Teacher Development initiatives.

NPS continues to support quality teaching and learning for our students through a number of teacher development/learning initiatives.

Thanks to Mrs. Mel Beer for her professionalism and commitment during her 4-week teacher training placement with Mrs Cassidy and SC. We wish Mel all the very best in her future studies.

This week we welcomed high school students and staff members from Macquarie Fields High School (MFHS) in Sydney. MFHS Principal Mrs. Jan Dolstra (formerly Principal of Narrandra HS) and her staff are leading a ‘Future Teachers Club’ for students at MFHS encouraging students to take a close look at teaching as a career and to encourage future teachers to consider teaching careers in rural areas. NPS hosted 14 students in our classrooms and we hope that their experiences in this club might lead to some high quality teachers for our schools in the future.

NPS staff members are very busy studying across a range of learning and administration programs. L3 and Focus on Reading courses are keeping teachers busy after school hours and Mr David Tallon is preparing to head to Sydney soon for state-based training in ‘Targeting Early Numeracy’ (TEN). David will return to NPS and will train all teachers beginning next term. This will be very timely training as we become more familiar with the new K-6 Mathematics Syllabus incorporating the Australian Curriculum – a syllabus that all Australian schools have to begin using in 2015.

It is such a busy time at NPS so please keep a careful watch on our calendar of events! Have a happy week.

Susan Ruffles
COMMUNITY EVENTS Cont:
Narrandera's Farmers Market – Sunday, June 1, 2014. At Shady Gum Nursery Car Park – 9am to 12noon. Breakfast and coffee available – Lion Train Shuttle on the hour. All produce home-grown by local cooks and gardeners. All craft goods handmade. Vendors welcome contact: Annie on 6959 1780.

Class News - 5C
We have had a great 4 weeks in 5C with the valuable contribution of Mrs Mel Beer. She has now completed her time in our classroom and will move to the East School next week for a further 4 weeks teaching experience. We thank Mel for her contribution to our class and the care and professionalism she has shown while teaching in our class. This week’s merit winners were Siara Moore, Denver Miller, Riley Buchanan and Shauna McHale-O’Keefe. Merits were also awarded to those students that ended up on ‘Outstanding Student’ on our positive behaviour chart. These children were Avalon Lyons, Mariah Beauchamp, Noah Watson, Hannah Barnes, Mackenzie Winnell, Ella Ireland and Shauna McHale-O’Keefe. Well done everyone!
We had two draws for our raffle this week as we missed out drawing one last week. Lucky winners were Clayton James and Mason Williams.
Our maths topics this week are multiplication/division and 2D shapes. We are revising 2 digit multiplication algorithms and short division. With the 2D shapes we are looking at their sides, angles and lines of symmetry. Our focus times tables is 6’s. We need a fair bit of practice on these ones. If you can find the time at home to help reinforce this, it would be great.
Over the last few weeks we have been looking at so many amazing facts about our ‘Carnivale’ country, Antarctica. We have looked at explorers, possible mining, management and the wildlife. This learning will be followed up with our trip to ‘Traversing the Antarctic’ in Wagga on Monday. If you have not returned your note by tomorrow, Wednesday 28th May, it will be opened to other students. Information about a project relating to Antarctica will follow shortly.
We will soon be moving our focus to Science. Our unit is ‘Space’. We will study the planets and their features, space travel and the scientific study of space.
As you can see we are having a very busy time. Parent-teacher nights will be conducted for 5C in weeks 8 and 9. Your child’s reports will not be available except at these meetings. Notes will be sent home shortly to organise times.
Thank you - Kerryn Cassidy – 5C Class Teacher.

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Class News - KL
Another fantastic week in KL with science experiments, drum beat and the infants’ assembly being the highlights. Be sure to ask your child about the photos in this article so they can tell you about their learning!

Credits for week four went to:
- Chloe Baxter for always having a smile on her face and making others smile.
- Keith Christian for being a great mate.

Merit Awards for week four went to:
- Lyla Meredith for using her background knowledge to make fantastic predictions.
- Hallie Briggs for being more responsible with her belongings.
- Molly Bassett for being a dedicated student who loves learning.

Hannah Beer (KL) and Ethan Lyons (KH) get the rhythm on the drums.

Students learnt about evaporation and ‘tree sweat’ in our science experiment and they all enjoyed getting outside to conduct our experiment as well as looking at our oats growing in the vegetable patch.

A big thank you to Mrs Seymour, Ms Neville and the drum beat group for coming down and performing for Kindergarten. The students loved watching almost as much as having a go themselves. Keep up the practice – you sound fantastic!

We have started our unit on Ancient Egypt. If you have anything at home that may be of use during this unit and would like to show it or lend it to our class then feel free to come in or give me a call at school.

Home readers will be starting this week. A note will come home with your child’s first lot of books to explain how our system will work.

Paul Lucas – KL Class Teacher.

Class News - 1D
This term 1D have been having lots of fun learning about India, which is our country of study for ‘Carnivale’. Students have learnt some Hindi greetings and numbers. Our focus for reading last week was ‘The boy who loved words’, students thoroughly enjoyed creating artworks of the book cover which were displayed at the infant’s assembly on Friday. These assemblies will be a regular event and will happen every Friday when there is no whole school assembly. Congratulations to our last week’s assembly award winners: Huntah Brooker (credit for ‘Star of the Week’), Jobe Litchfield (merit and credit), Dakoda Bright (merit), Jorja Davies (merit), Stevie Saunders (credit).

Miss Day - 1D Classroom Teacher.

LNPSSA Cross Country
On Friday 23rd May, forty of our students travelled to Murrami PS for the LNPSSA Cross Country Carnival. The course was throughout the school grounds and was varied and interesting for the runners. The carnival ran very smoothly and we were lucky to have such beautiful weather. All our runners did their very best and their sportsmanship and behaviour were exemplary. Well done to all our competitors for doing our school so proud.

Mrs Thiem, Mrs Cassidy and Mrs Beer.

Our Age Champions on the day were: Rowan Matthews, Deakin Bright, Campbell Lyons, Jahlia Hocking, Heath Wasley-Reilly. Other children to qualify for Riverina Cross Country in Deniliquin on Tuesday, June 10 are: Mackenzie Mohr, Noah Bolton, Jack Williamson, Noah Watson, Seth Bolton, Alexa Hitchens and Brad Hutchison.

Our science experiment on ‘tree sweat’.
**Infants Athletics**


- Year 1 Winners – Charlee Lyons, Huntah Brooker, Charlie Winnell, Darinda Bright, Kyiah Watt, Malaya Greedy.

- Year 1 Winners – Morokai Mondo, Jobe Litchfield, Jason Matthews, Samuel Hunt, Rhett Bolton, Dakoda Bright.

- Year 2 Winners (Under 8) – Coby Hodges, Thomas Lyons, Clayton Ewers, Rhiannon Dowdy.

**Assembly K/1/2**

- 1D showing their artwork.

- Charlee and Rhett hosted the Assembly

- KH Awards Ethan Lyons, Ella Patrikis and Jaida-Lee Lyons

- KL Awards Lyla Meredith, Hallie Briggs and Molly Bassett

- 1KH Awards Mia Spencer, Emily Tallon and Rhianna Hocking

- 2B Awards Isabella Bateup, Thomas Lyons and Rhiannon Dowdy

- 2H Awards Preston Patrikis, Robert Vidler, Meleke Ozsoy.