A final word from Sue ….  

Farewell for now.

It does feel a bit strange writing this newsletter note for, what will be, the last time for a while. You may or may not know that I have accepted the position of ‘Principal School Leadership’ with my base office located at Griffith. My new role will provide school leadership support to Principals and schools across the Riverina region and possibly beyond and will be in place for a 2 year period beginning Wednesday, 13th August. I shall return as Principal of Narrandera Public School at the completion of the role.

Staff role changes.

Mrs. Anne Nolan has advised the school that Mrs. Joanne Stamos will relieve as Principal. Mr. Paul Lucas will relieve as Assistant Principal alongside Miss Karla Hartwig who is the school’s other Assistant Principal. As Joanne is Relieving Principal, plans have been developed to ensure her class, 456S, continue their learning programs with minimal disruption. Joanne will continue to link to her class and will collaborate regularly with Mrs. Toni Kerr. Joanne will also continue to lead the School Spectacular dance group, the Years 5/6 excursion to Borambola and the ‘Sky Stories’ program.

Team work for school evaluations and planning – thank you!

The team at NPS is very well-positioned to continue to take the learning and well-being programs for children forward. Our team does not just include staff members and the children. Our families and many community members are essential members of our school team too. I do hope that you all contribute strongly to this year’s school evaluation process and that we can develop a very ‘local’ school plan that truly caters for our students’ learning and well-being needs. A group of volunteer teachers will be in touch with all families in the coming weeks to chat about our school and to gather ideas for our planning. Thank you so much for taking the time to be involved in these processes. In my new role NPS will be a school I will be supporting so I look forward to hearing about what people have to say about NPS and how we can continue to improve our work for children as we strive for excellence in student learning and well-being.

Congratulations in sport.

Since our last newsletter it has been confirmed that Deakin Bright and Rowan Matthews have gained a place in state carnivals. Deakin has qualified for long jump at this year’s NSW PSSA Athletics Carnival and Rowan has made the boy’s Riverina softball team to play at the NSW carnival. Well done boys and I know that you will have some great experiences being part of these sporting events. I’m sure we shall hear more from you both on return from the carnivals.

Narrandera Show – what fun!

The Narrandera show is fast approaching! Saturday, 6th September is the date. All teachers have the full show program and will encourage children to enter things into various sections of the show. A summarised version of the schedule for craft and cooking has been provided to the school too. If families want a copy of this, please contact the front office and we will copy it for you. NPS will shine at the show with a colourful display based on this year’s ‘Carnivale’. I am looking forward to going to the show and I will definitely be checking out the terrific work and entries from NPS children!!!

Great school attendance contributes to great learning!

The school has been working very closely with the Home School Liaise Officer to monitor the school attendance of all children here at NPS. This involves looking closely at full days away from school as well as information about children who come to school late in the mornings. It is a legal requirement that parents/caregivers provide the school with a verbal or written explanation as to why children are absent from school. It has been most pleasing to see some attendance improvements for children and I hope that this trend continues during the remainder of this school year and beyond. Absences, including coming to school late in the morning, will be marked in the school roll as ‘unjustified’ unless parents/caregivers provide a written or verbal explanation. Following parental notification, absences will be marked as ‘justified’. We thank you for cooperation with this legal process.

A final word….

I would like to personally thank everyone for their ongoing friendships and professional relationships during my time as Principal at NPS. What an amazing little school we have!!!! I very much look forward to continuing my contributions to NPS as the Principal School Leadership linked to this school. I especially want to say thank you to our students. What a unique and genuine group of little and young people we have in our care! I will have to come back and visit you all as I will miss you tremendously. Keep persevering with your learning and always strive to be the very best you can be.

I extend my best wishes and kind regards to all our school newsletter readers.

Have a most enjoyable week and a successful and safe second half of the school year.

Susan Ruffles
KIDS CLUB
Friday, August 15
4.30pm to 6.00pm
Cost $2
Kindergarten to Year 6
At CRC Church Hall
(Please sign children in and out)

Our School has students who are highly allergic to NUTS and NUT PRODUCTS. We seek your co-operation in trying to keep our school NUT-FREE.

Calendar of Events

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2H Assembly item this week at the whole school assembly. Please come along at 10.30am to watch our performance.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:
We have come to the end of our Net-Set-Go season with our final night being this Friday, 15th August. We hope to make this a fun night for the kids and get as many of the parents, grandparents etc. involved as possible. The older kids will be taking on the adults in a game of netball. The younger kids will be challenging the adults in some fun games to show off the skills they have been learning. There will also be a presentation and the girls will receive their packs and their ball. If you have any questions please give me a call - 0409695999.

Kate Hall.

Congratulations Rowan and Deakin. Both gained a place in State Carnivals. Rowan for Riverina Softball team and Deakin for long jump.

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On Thursday and Friday Miss Stamos' dance group went to Griffith to dance in KROP. On Thursday we went by private vehicles and left the school at 7.45am and arrived at 9.00am. When we got there we had to go to the change room and get costumes and make up done in an hour so we could go and watch the day performance. At 5.00pm we had pizza and subway. On the Friday we left at 9.00am and arrived at 10.00am. And 45 kids from our school had the chance to watch KROP 2014. For the finale we sung Geronimo and we had McDonalds for tea. My favourite part was when we sang the song for the finale.

Taylah Mohr.

Last Thursday and Friday the dance group went to Griffith to dance. There were lots of people and lots of waiting around. Over 500 children performed. 19 schools participated. Our dance was ‘I’ve got a golden ticket’ – songs from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Our costumes were really cool. There were lots of good dancers. We met lots of new people and our grand finale song was Geronimo. For Thursday night we had Subway for tea and Friday we had McDonalds.

By Trinity McDuff.

At Krop we [The Dance Group] had to get up at 7am on Thursday morning to dance at Griffith for KROP. KROP is a two day concert. Our dance is ‘I’ve got a Golden Ticket’ - Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. There are Oompa Loompas, the five people who found the golden tickets and the rest where Oompa Loompas and yes we did have Willy Wonka. We had a lot of down time while we were not on stage but it was lots of fun. We had students dancing to ‘I’m a Gummie Bear’ and students learning to crochet. We also went outside a bit. It was a great 2 days, I know I had a lot of fun and so did the other students.

By Ella Wickes.

Most of the time we were waiting and waiting in our dressing room. There was a Matinee and a night show for both days. On Friday it was a little bit later when we woke up, it was at 8am in the morning. It is always nerve racking when we were up on stage trying to remember to smile and to remember the moves of the dance, but we did it.

Isabella Beaumont

Last week Mrs Stamos’ dance group went to KROP (Kids Rapt on Performing). It was exciting! We had fun playing games with other schools and just hanging out. A lot of us were tired on the second day that we were there. We were the second last to perform because we were one of the best out of all the schools. Yay!!!! We loved the finale we all sang. A big thank you to Mrs Stamos and all the parents who helped.

Katie Johnson

**1T News**
It has been a busy start to the term in 1T, with lots of great learning happening. We had a fantastic time participating in ‘Carnivale’ and discovered lots of interesting facts about other countries. We have had two very informative visits to our school recently, one that taught us a lot about caring for and being safe around pets and another about safety around railways. We are busy working on our singing and acting skills in preparation for our whole school assembly item in week 7 and our school concert item in week 8. We hope you can come and watch these performances! We continue to work hard on our literacy and maths skills and have moved on to our new topic of Transport. Almost all of our students reached their Positive Behaviour for Success goal during the month of July and were rewarded with a hot chocolate last Thursday. Keep up the fantastic learning! Mrs Thiem – 1T Class Teacher.

**Visiting Nepal during ‘Carnivale’**
1T News (Continued)

Working hard during L3

**QUILT RAFFLE**

Recently our school ran a raffle to raise funds for Narrandera Public School Reading Program. We raised over a thousand dollars for this program. Our raffle was drawn by Rachael Hyde who kindly donated the beautiful quilt she had made.

**THANK YOU MRS HYDE - WE ARE SOOOOO APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR DONATION OF THIS LOVELY QUILT TO NARRANDERA PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**AND THE WINNER WAS KAYLEIGH CASSIDY LUCKY YOU KAYLEIGH**

**2ND AND 3RD PRIZE RECIPIENTS WERE MILLEY GODDEN AND CHARLIE HAMMER**
**Transition News**

Transition has been going for 3 weeks and began with lots of excited children, parents and teachers. Travelling to and from school on the bus is a big hit as is seeing brothers, sisters, mums and dads at school. A big thank you to Mr Beer for driving the bus each transition day.

Each day when the children come to school they have lunch or a snack, a play outside on the equipment and in the sand pit and then go inside for activities that will help them to get ready for school. All children need to remember to bring a packed lunch, a drink and a hat. It is also a good idea for children to wear closed in shoes as this is safer when moving around the school grounds.

Two weeks ago children joined in with ‘Carnivale’ and had fun going to different countries. The jeep at Botswana was great fun and a few children tried some traditional Botswana food. The beaver skin at Canada was soft to touch but not many children wanted to try the maple syrup. The seals and penguins at Antarctica were very cute and lots of children liked feeling sheep’s wool at New Zealand. We visited each country and got our passport stamped at each one.

Last week we began practicing for our concert item. The school concert is on **Wednesday 3rd September** beginning at 6.30pm at the CRC Church. It would be great if everyone could bring their children along. It will be a very exciting event.

If you have any questions about the transition program please contact the school.

Julie Neville (Transition to Kindergarten teacher).

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Lacey, Jack, Kathryn, Samuel, Jarrahn and Alex feeling how soft the beaver skin was from Canada.
EDUCATION WEEK ASSEMBLY

Gold Certificate Recipients    Infants Choir – First Performance

Class News – 5C
We are almost half way through Term 3. I am settling in again (slowly) after my extended break. Thank you to Mrs Kerr for maintaining the high standards expected in Year 5. I hear our room was great for ‘Carnivale’. As I only returned on Thursday there were no merits for this week. We had 3 raffle draws to catch up. These lucky winners were Lani Cooper, Cooper Papa and Avalon Lyons. Well done.
Our times tables this week are 4’s and our maths units are addition/subtraction and money. We have started our Science and HSIE units for this term. In Science we will look at weather and in HSIE we will be learning about gold and its discovery in Australia.

Thank you – Mrs Cassidy – 5C Class Teacher.

Infants School Assembly –
Friday, August 8, 2014.

 BJ & Elly host the Assembly
Birthday Awards
Stars of the Week
Credit Awards
Merit Awards
KH Performing – Well done KH – Beautiful singing
Riverina Athletics Carnival

On Monday, August 4, I went to Albury for the Riverina Athletics Carnival. I was in the senior boys relay with Ned, Mareece and Stanley from Leeton. We came 7th in heat 2. In our heat we were up against Wagga, Griffith, Hay and a couple of other towns. The kids from Narrandera Public who participated were Noah Bolton, Heath Riley, Ned McLeod, Mareece McDonald, Campbell Lyons, Tyler Mohr, Peter Walton, Deakin Bright and me. Deakin made it to State in Long jump which is in October.

By Jack Williamson

On August 4, Jack, Mareece and I travelled over to Albury for a relay. Our other team member Rowan had a sporting injury and he couldn’t participate so we got Stanley Herman from Leeton to take his place. In the relay we got flogged! We got seventh in our heat! But we had fun and had a good day.

By Ned McLeod.