From the Principal …. 

Narrandera Public School dancers were exceptional at this year’s KROP that was held at the Griffith Regional theatre Thursday and Friday of last week. A very special congratulation is extended to all the boys and girls! A final performance of their wonderful dance will be something to look forward to at our school concert to be held at the CRC theatre on Wednesday, 3rd September starting at 6:30 p.m. (please put that date and time onto your calendars as there will be a HUGE range of NPS talent on show at the concert and you wouldn’t want to miss seeing it!!)

THANK YOU Joanne Stamos and all families of the dance group for supporting this amazing creative arts opportunity for the children.

What do you want for your child from our school?

As our school prepares for a new 3-year school plan we are now beginning to take a close look at the progress of the 2014 School Plan. Staff at NPS will not develop our new plan without input from families, students and interested community members. Our school plan will be a SCHOOL COMMUNITY PLAN and is for everyone as we all combine our efforts to strive for excellence in student learning and well-being.

During the next three (3) weeks all families will be contacted by phone by a teacher. We have decided to make these calls instead of a written survey as we really do want ideas and feedback from everyone to help us plan for the coming years at NPS. We shall put together all the information we get from families and then work out what next steps we need to take towards developing our 2015-17 Strategic School Plan. I thank you in advance for your information, ideas and feedback in this most important process for our great school. Our teachers look forward to chatting to families.

Professional Learning (PL) for staff at NPS.

We know from experience and current educational research that the quality of our teachers is a highly recognised contributing factor to children’s learning and well-being success at school. We do, however, acknowledge that school attendance, home circumstances, health and well-being issues and other factors, also impact on children’s learning and well-being. At NPS we prioritise staff PL as a key to children’s success.

Here’s an up-date about some things that are happening in staff Professional Learning at NPS:

- Five (5) teachers are currently studying ‘Focus on Reading (FoR) – Phase 1’ and are joining all other teachers who are implementing FoR in our Years 3 to 6 classrooms;
- Two (2) teachers are studying L3 (Language & Learning Literacy) for Stage 1 and Paul Lucas is completing his second year implementation of L3 Kindergarten;
- David Tallon has trained as a NSW state facilitator of TEN (Targeted Early Numeracy) and has begun training all teachers and some support staff in all TEN modules. Support staff members have completed an introductory session on TEN to assist their work alongside teachers in classrooms. Four (4) teachers have previously trained in TEN and will be up-dating, and sharing, their knowledge by participating in David’s sessions;
- David Tallon and Karla Hartwig will introduce a new student learning data base to all staff next week and all class teachers will begin using this system to inform their teaching and learning programs (thank you David for your extra expertise, time and energy to develop these for NPS children and teachers!);
- David has also been asked to create an electronic version of grade Mathematics tests based on the new Math Syllabus incorporating the Australian Curriculum. The feedback so far for the trial of these in Year 3 has been very positive and the school looks forward to implementing them in all grades in 2015;
- Staff members have completed sessions to learn about NSW Department of Education & Communities reforms with a focus on new school planning and reporting requirements. We are one of very few schools in NSW that has completed these sessions;
- Joanne Stamos, Karla Hartwig and I will complete our coach training this year to become facilitators for coaching and plans will be put into place to facilitate coach training for all teachers in 2015. Coaching is a powerful skill that can enhance teaching in our classrooms and can assist PL of staff members;
- School leadership sessions are very important if we are to lead NPS in a strategic and progressive way. At NPS we are very involved in school leadership PL that focuses on our ultimate aim – to improve student learning and well-being outcomes; and
- All staff have completed all mandatory training including Work Health & Safety (WHS), Child Protection, Emergency/First Aid, Aboriginal Education Policy and Anaphylaxis and Asthma awareness and management.

School Photos.

Our school photos will be taken next Wednesday, 13th August. Pre-paid envelopes have been sent home to all families for each child. These envelopes are to be given directly to the photographers on photo day even if families are not ordering photos. The photographers will take all children’s photographs regardless of them ordering or not. Please note that the school’s front office does not manage any of the money for
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

LEETON SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC

The School Dental Clinic is available for all children aged from 0 – 18 years of age. We encourage all parents to make an appointment for your child to have a full dental check. Treatment at our clinic is FREE to all children who have a Medicare card. To make an appointment please telephone our call centre on 1800 450 046

We hope to see you soon!!!                      Sue & Cleo.

Pre-Paid School Photo envelopes - Please hand to Photographers on Photo Day - Wednesday, August 13

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Library news
The Book Fair was a HUGE success! THANK YOU to everyone who made a purchase at the Book Fair, we are now able to select $1035 worth of books for our library.

$10 voucher winners
- Molly Bassett
- William Cottom
- Rhett Bolton
- Louis Deen
- Sebastian Luck
- Stevie Saunders


2H Hot Spot
THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, to the parents who came and travelled with us around the world for Carnivale last week. The students really enjoyed having you there and it was great to see you in the school having fun. We will be performing at the next whole school assembly (the 15th of August) and it has been fun practicing our performance. Our class writing stimulus is due. Please remember to send in an item that the students are able to talk and write about. If the students would like to do a project for the CWA country study on Botswana that would be really good and it will be on display for the community to see. The projects will need to be returned by next Wednesday to go on display.
Thank you for your support and if you need anything remember to contact me at the school or come on in.
Miss Hoogers – 2H Class Teacher.

Knitting Up A Storm
The children in 2B have been learning to knit and we are becoming much better at it, we don’t drop nearly as many stitches as we used to!
We have a wonderful group of helpers, who come in on Thursday afternoons to help us and we would like to thank them very much.
KL News
A great start to term three has seen the students back into the swing of things very quickly. We have finished up our unit on Ancient Egypt and KL had a great time travelling around the world and seeing all the other classes and their fantastic work. It was great to hear one student exclaim that “It was good to be home back in Egypt” at the end of our tour!
Last week we had Carmen come to our school with her dog, Xena, to teach us about responsible behaviour around pets. The students listened beautifully and answered the questions in great detail as they learned about when they can and cannot touch animals and how to react if an aggressive dog comes their way. This Thursday we have a rail safety talk in the morning – another exciting opportunity for our class.
Well done to Taj Nielsen and Jaynie Saunders who received our special gold certificates at last week’s Education Week assembly. Congratulations to Molly Bassett (Star of the Week), Chloe Baxter (merit), Inneka Hutchins (merit), Sami-lee Stanley (merit), Myles Rankin (credit) and Hallie Briggs (credit) who were award winners at our Week Two Infant’s Assembly. Sami-lee and Hannah Beer also deserve a special mention as they were called up at the last minute to run the assembly and did a FANTASTIC job. Well done everyone.
Paul Lucas – KL Class Teacher.

Pilara Hawkins, Zeak Cottom-Fuller and Lyla Meredith following the correct procedure for asking and approaching a dog on a leash with its owner.

P & C News
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Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014
18 reading days to go!
This year’s challenge ends on the 22nd August. Please have your online reading logs up to date or give your lists to Mrs Kroek or Mrs Absolom to enter for you.
Happy reading!

LAST WEEK TO SECURE A YEAR 6 SHIRT
I give permission for my child ____________________________ of class __________ to purchase a Year 6 shirt.
I understand the cost will be either $35 or $40.
( ) I have enclosed $10 deposit.
Signed: ____________________________ Date: _______________
PLEASE RETURN THIS SIGNED NOTE AND MONEY TO THE FRONT OFFICE BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2014.