

# NARRANDERA PUBLIC SCHOOL INFORMER

## EXCELLENCE, OPPORTUNITY, SUCCESS

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Term 4, Week 4

Tuesday, November 2, 2010.

### From the Principal's desk....

What a wonderful **return of our parent survey** we have had. So far, 63 families have returned this survey (on green coloured paper) to help us plan for 2011. Many people included ideas for us to include in next year's School Improvement Plan which will be drafted in the next couple of weeks. Survey results will be published in this year's Annual School Report which will be available to you all very early next year. Thank you to everyone who has already returned the survey to school. We look forward to receiving a few more surveys by the end of this week.

### Our PAVING project:

We will be sending our paver order away in the next week or so. All staff members and enrolled children at NPS in 2010 will have a paver each, paid for by the school. Families or individuals wishing to buy extra pavers can do so by requesting an order form from the office. Cost is \$25 for a single and \$50 for a double paver and extra orders will be taken until Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> November. We plan to have our pavers laid before the start of the 2011 school year and these pavers will 'finish off' a very attractive area next to our top playground equipment.

### AECG:

The AGM of your AECG will be held on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm at the NPS Cultural Centre.

Everyone is most welcome to attend this meeting as our public schools in Narrandera plan for 2011 programs alongside the community.

### P & C news:

Your P&C met last night. The following things were discussed:-

- The canteen is seeking EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST for a volunteer canteen treasurer. This job is not a big one and is only until the P&C AGM to be held early next year (although the person may wish to continue helping with this for all of 2011). Anyone interested can please contact me. A written application isn't necessary.
- The garden tour held on the weekend raised over \$1300.
- The school's evaluation and planning processes were explained and an outline of 2011 classes and programs were presented to the meeting.
- The P&C School Uniform Shop is VERY well-stocked with all your summer uniform requirements.
- The canteen's meal deal last Friday was a success with 84 orders. Some left over drinks and food will be sold this Friday.
- The next P&C function will be an end-of-year dinner to be held on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November.

### Transition programs:

At NPS we work very closely with other schools to ensure that children and their families are well-prepared as they begin various new stages of education. The outline of all activities for 2011 Kindergarten, Year 3 and Year 7 students will be made available to people as they are finalised. This week our Year 6 students are off to the Narrandera High School as part of their transition program into secondary school.

### Enrolments at NPS in 2011:

At NPS we are very mindful of our class sizes to allow us to ensure personal and explicit learning for all our students. We are encouraging everyone in Narrandera to contact us as soon as possible about enrolling for 2011 as we do not want any child to miss out on a place at NPS. Our classes are being sorted out now so it is a great time for families to secure their child's place in our forward-thinking learning team!

Last week we had over 500 'hits' on **our school website**. Have a look for yourself and give us your feedback so that we know we are providing you all with an easy-to-read and informative website. Enjoy the first week of November.

Susan Ruffles – Principal.

### Calendar of Events

Date	Event/s
November 10	Coin Line for World Vision Warengesda Visit
November 15	Canteen OPEN
November 16	AECG AGM
November 15 - November 26	Swimming School
November 30 - December 2	Year 4 Camp
December 3	Year 5 Fun Day
December 7	Presentation Day
December 9	Year 6 Farewell
December 15	School Year ends for Students
December 16	Staff Development Day
December 17	Staff Development Day

### MULHALL & GRAHAM



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PHARMACEUTICAL  
CHEMIST

*On behalf of the Narrandera Public School P & C I would like to thank Julie Roffe for all her hard work in organising the Garden Tour (Saturday, October 30). It was a wet but very worthwhile day. We all saw some wonderful gardens which gave us lots of inspiration. Congratulations on a job well done.*

*Tania Spencer.*

**Canteen News**

The Canteen is open every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for recess and lunch, as well as every second Monday. The next Monday we are open is **Monday, November 15.**

Help is needed on Wednesday and Friday at recess selling time (11am), so if anyone does have time to spare, please let me know.

See you in the canteen.

*There are still some Bandannas and pens for sale in the Canteen. \$2 for a pen, \$4 for a Bandanna.*

*All money goes to help support young people living with cancer.*

Denese Conserdyne – Canteen Supervisor.

**Creating with pattern**

*To encourage your child to understand the meaning of pattern:*

- *Discuss the numbers on houses in the street and ask your child to describe what is happening to the numbers as you walk along.*
- *Encourage your child to create simple dances that have repeated steps and movements.*
- *Have your child use beads, buttons or pegs to make a repeating pattern and then tell you about the pattern. Patterns could be based on colour, size, shape, or items, for example, peg, peg, spoon, peg, peg, spoon. Ask your child to describe the pattern and to tell you how many objects make up each pattern.*
- *Have your child make wrapping paper that has a repeating pattern stamped onto it.*
- *Have pattern hunts around the house and in the backyard. Search for patterns in clothes, furniture fabric, bathroom tiles and on book covers. In the yard, hunt for patterns in flowers, bark, the fence and paths. Walk to the park and have a pattern hunt there.*

Barbara Bryon - Assistant Principal.

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## Town & Country Garden Tour

The rain on Saturday certainly did nothing to dampen the spirits of 25 enthusiastic garden-lovers as we embarked on our tour of 8 gorgeous gardens in and around Wagga. It certainly was an adventure, travelling through areas outside Wagga most of us had not seen before and coming precariously close to getting bogged in the bus, but everyone had a great day and came home with a head full of ideas and inspiration!

Our raffle winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize – Di Siedel
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – MISS BONHAM!!
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize – Jack Hunt

Congratulations!

Many thanks to everyone who supported our school by selling or purchasing raffle tickets, to Linda, Denese and Tania who sold raffle tickets down the street and also to the staff and parents who attended the day. Special thanks to Anne at Shady Gum Nursery for her very generous donation of our major raffle prize, for selling our tour tickets and promoting our event.

The Town & Country Garden Tour, including raffle raised \$1333.45 for our school.

### Narrandera Tennis Club – Tennis Lessons

- Thursdays starting November 4
- Children from 4pm
- Beginners to advanced, private or group
- Contact Louise on 0409 587 838

### Junior Volleyball

Social competition starting soon.  
Contact Jo Fennessy for more details – 6959 2850.

## WORLD VISION

Everyday too many children are suffering from hunger and disease, without the opportunities we take for granted.

The lives of millions of children are being destroyed by poverty.

Sponsoring a child is a way to make a difference.

PLEASE contribute to our coin line NEXT WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

DON'T FORGET!!!!

Barbara Bryon - Assistant Principal.

*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*



*Can you identify this High School student from 50 years ago?????*

*She doesn't look much different now does she!!!*

*We were visited by lots and lots of ex NHS students who went to school here 50 years ago. Our Primary school was their old high school and they certainly saw some changes.*

*There used to be classrooms where the toilet block is now and the library used to be classrooms. There were over 400 high school students in those days and they sang a Wiradjuri war cry at each sporting carnival.*

*Students presented a sun dial and Narrandera history book to our school and watched some great performances by our students at Assembly.*

*What an interesting Reunion it was!!!!*

*Barbara Bryon – Assistant Principal.*

# Congratulations to all our award winners

