

# NARRANDERA PUBLIC SCHOOL INFORMER

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Term 3, Week 9

Tuesday, September 14, 2010.

From the Principal's desk....

Thank you to our families and community members who came along to school during the **Wiradjuri Echoes** 3-day visit last week. This fun, knowledgeable and talented group of Aboriginal performers thoroughly entertained us all and taught us a lot about Aboriginal art, dance, stories and traditional artefacts.

Years 5 and 6 students and staff members will combine with some NHS Year 9 students and staff members this Friday when we visit **Warengesda**. We will have some reports about this excursion for you in the coming weeks. Don't forget to get your orders in (with money) for our **special paver's project** in our outdoor learning area. I will be sending orders away very soon! Remember – all current students and staff members will get a free paver. We only want orders for extra family members who may have a past connection with NPS as a student or staff member.

New concrete edging is being done this week by the Department Of Education and other work will be completed in the holidays in readiness for our pavers to be laid next term. Order forms are available at the school's front office or call us and we can send one home for you.

The boys and girls going to Griffith this Thursday for this term's **'gold hat' recognition activity** are all very excited. A special treat like this day is an excellent way to recognise and celebrate the achievements of children as they show they are great learners and are respectful and responsible school members. Our list of gold hat boys and girls is growing very, very fast!

Thank you to the handful of people who came along to the golf day on Sunday. We had a lot of fun with a mix of good, and not-so-good, golf shots and a very yummy BBQ. What turned out to be an unsuccessful fund raising activity for the P&C and School Parliament turned into a very pleasant way to spend a Sunday morning!

Don't forget that our school photos are being taken on Wednesday – smiles all around!

A very important **ROAD SAFETY** message...

Please do not park or pull up in the marked disabled parking area on the Bolton Street side of the school (near the entrance next to our infants classrooms).

The local police and school staff members will be monitoring this problem and hope that people take notice of this advice to avoid parking fines that could be imposed.

### **P&C news...**

Last night your P&C met and the following things were discussed:

- A **garden tour** of some beautiful gardens in the Wagga area is being organised for Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> October – more details will be sent to everyone after the holidays.

### Calendar of Events

Date	Event/s
September 15	School Photos
September 16	Gold Hat Excursion
September 20	Canteen OPEN today
September 20-24	Senior Excursion to Borambola
September 24	Last Day Term 3
<b>Term 4</b>	
October 11	Term 4 Commences for Staff & Students <b>NOT A PUPIL FREE DAY</b>

- P&C will be looking into holding a **local 'shopping trip'** next term leading up to Christmas. The details are yet to be worked out but supporting our local businesses was seen as high importance rather than organising a shopping trip to Melbourne.
- People can still send their **orders for our paver's project**.
- I gave a **summary of school planning and evaluation** processes that have started as we get ready for 2011. There will be information sessions and combinations of surveys and focus groups for parents coming up next term. The school values and expects feedback from families, children and staff members as we prepare for each school year.
- P&C discussed ways in which it could encourage **MORE people** to come along to meetings. Ideas will be discussed again at the next P&C meeting. Meetings have been getting about 10 people in attendance and these people would love to have others join them as they plan for fund raising activities and ways in which they can support the learning and well-being of all the children at NPS.

The next P&C meeting will be held on **Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> November at 7 p.m.** in the SaCC room. Please put this date and time in your diary and try and come along!

Have a great week.

Susan Ruffles

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**Junior Cricket 2010/11**

(Circle the date on your Calendar)  
Registration evening for all junior cricketers on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 (6:00pm-8:00pm)** at Henry Mathieson Oval with regular competition & fun nights starting Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2010

**WHO**

**Boys AND Girls (Ages 5-16)**

Milo Cricket = Ages 5-8 (or starting kindergarten in 2011)

Junior Cricket = Ages 8-16

Come along and have some fun in a safe and relaxed environment with other kids from the town. You don't need to be able to play cricket, just come along, enjoy yourself, learn some new skills, and maybe even meet some new friends.



For more information contact Justin Langley on 6959 3353 or Nic Jenson on 0428 593 677

**JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING CLINIC**

**PROFESSIONAL TENNIS COACH, ROMAN ADAMCEWICZ, WILL BE CONDUCTING A WEEK LONG COACHING CLINIC DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT THE NARRANDERA TENNIS CLUB.**

**THE CLINIC WILL RUN FROM MONDAY,**

**27 TH SEPTEMBER UNTIL FRIDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER.**

**LESSONS WILL BE HELD 1 PM – 4 PM EACH DAY.**

**THE COST FOR THE CLINIC IS \$90 PER PARTICIPANT.**

**JUNIORS OF ALL STANDARDS ARE WELCOME.**

**TO REGISTER, CONTACT ROMAN ON 0439584125 OR**

**CALL BETSY DURNAN ON 69597466.**

**RSVP BY 22 ND SEPTEMBER.**

**2010 INDIGENOUS STUDENT AWARDS**

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Narrandera High School Hall

6.30pm

All welcome to attend

If you have any enquiries, please contact

AEO's NPS 6959 2144 or NHS 6959 1744

**Boys basketball is now on Wednesday afternoons**

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**Narrandera Little Athletics**

**FUN, FAMILY, FITNESS!!!**

'Come and Try' and Registration – Monday, September 20 and 27 at Henry Mathieson Oval from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Anyone aged between 4 and 17 are most welcome to attend.

All enquiries:

President – Brenda Poole – Phone 6959 5423 BH or Secretary – Tamara Ellery – Phone 6956 2351.

Club Nights will commence on Monday, October 4 – 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

**NPS student published**

In late Term 2, Mr Gawne worked with a number of year 3 students on a Literacy and Art program called "Special Forever." Special Forever is a water education project for primary schools in the Murray-Darling Basin. Now in its 18th year, it is a joint project of the Murray-Darling Basin Authority and the Primary English Teaching Association.

The project focuses on the water systems and enables students to learn about the environment in which they live, engages them with their environment and encourages students to share feelings, opinions, and understandings with other students.

The class was taken to the John Lake Centre at Narrandera fisheries and also visited the Narrandera Wetlands on the way back to school. From their experiences, they had to create written, visual or multimodal texts for publication on the project website and for the annual anthology of writing and art, giving them an audience outside their classroom.

Two Narrandera Public school students made the final cut and were judged on their Literacy and Art in Griffith. They were Lateisha Bright and Charde Bobbine. The final judging took place in Sydney, with Charde earning a spot in the 2011 publication with her work "Bidgee River Fish". Charde has become the first Narrandera Public School student, in the 18 years of this program, to be published, and we are very proud of her achievement.

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Canteen: 02 69591141  
Dental Clinic: 1800 450 046

Narrandera Schools as Community Centre (Bonny):  
0405963585



# Father Chris Riley's Youth Off The Streets

NARRANDERA OUTREACH LAUNCH  
NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS ALLOWED  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2010  
1PM TO 5PM at NARRANDERA PARK  
Visit by Father Riley, Music and Performances  
Touch Football, Volleyball, Games, Free BBQ.  
Meet our Team

### *State Softball Carnival*

Jake Bolton and Wyatt Gilbert are off to Tamworth next week to participate in the State Softball Carnival as part of the Riverina Boys team. We wish them luck and we know they will have a great time. Enjoy yourselves boys!



### *Commonwealth Games off and running!*

What a wonderful day we had yesterday in the park! All our students participated in a Commonwealth Games theme tabloids afternoon. A big thanks to our senior students for helping our younger students in their groups. The weather was great and everyone was kept busy. Thank you for supporting this event.



**Gold Certificates**  
Lateisha Bright, Phoebe Deen, Zoe Baldwin, William Roffe, Emily O'Hare and Jakaila Warren.



**Gold Hat Badges**  
Zane Charles, William Roffe, Jacob Bolton, Callum Prior, Jacob Pettigrew, Kiara Bloomfield, Maverick Perram and Emily O'Hare.

**Congratulations everyone**

**Banners**  
Kiara Bloomfield and Monica Quince Madden



**Honour Badges**  
Lis Bourke and Michael Morton



## Narrandera Schools as Community Centre

**Hi Everyone!**

**Tiny Tots** - This weeks theme is Spring.

We look forward to a great spring theme this week with flowers, butterflies and some planting

**NEW Thursday Group for young mums**

In this group you will have the opportunity to complete the Parents as Teacher Program. This program is based on the importance of you being your child's first teacher. It goes through different developmental stages, gives ideas on different activities and lots more.

This group will have guest speakers including general health, natural remedies, financial advice, pampering for you, including beauty and relaxation techniques, a kids and adult fashion show, simple toy making, plus much more.

This group is all about young mums getting out, meeting new people while learning some new things and just having some fun.

All young mums are invited

**Parenting Tips**

I will be including websites each week to help with parenting tips and advice.

<http://www.kidspot.com.au/kids-activities-search/Arts-Crafts-Science+1+.htm>

[www.allfreecrafts.com/kids/index.shtml](http://www.allfreecrafts.com/kids/index.shtml)

[www.community.nsw.gov.au/parents\\_carers\\_and\\_families/parenting.html](http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/parents_carers_and_families/parenting.html)

[www.raisingchildren.net.au/](http://www.raisingchildren.net.au/)

**Breakfast Club**

Remember if anyone has some spare time on Tue, Wed or Thurs mornings between 8.40am and 9.00am and would like to volunteer at breakfast club I would love to hear from you.

Have a great week

Bonny Stephens- Facilitator

Narrandera Schools as Community Centre room 14

Ph 6959 3894



### **Tiny Tots Playgroup**

On every Tues and Wed  
Time 10.30-12.30 Cost- free  
Everyone's welcome  
Morning tea provided

## Canteen News

Helpers for this week:

Wednesday 15/9/10 HELP PLEASE

Thursday 16/9//10 Mary Ann Riddell

Friday 17/9/10 Joan Winnell

Student helpers for this week are Molly Heald, Emily Roffe, Terri Lee Quince Madden, Tyla Johnson, and Callum James

The canteen is open every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for recess and lunch, as well as every second Monday. The next Monday the canteen is open is Monday 20th September 2010.

This week we are once again participating in the Sydney Markets "Fresh" promotion. This means that for every "Fresh" product the students buy, they will receive a sticker. When the students collect four stickers, they return them to the canteen to receive a crazy straw, and their entry form will go into major state wide prize draw. This promotion will run for two weeks. The canteen will sell food that will fit in with the "Fresh" promotion.

Wednesday for recess we will have "Fresh" fruit pizza's, Thursday for recess we will stick with the "Fresh" spud'n'gravy cups. Also available will be apples, mandarins and banana custard cups.

See you in the canteen.

Denese Conserdyne - Canteen Supervisor.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25  
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Info please contact Annie Warren*

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