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## Principal's Report .....

What a wonderful day we had for our Presentation Day on Tuesday. We really enjoy celebrating and recognising the achievements of our students. It was great to see so many family and friends supporting their children as well. A massive thanks to Mrs Ryan for all her hard work in organising Tuesday's ceremony. Our 2011 School Captains and Prefects did an amazing job of hosting the ceremony and I congratulate them for their efforts. We inducted our school leaders for 2012 yesterday and I congratulate them all and I'm sure they will do an outstanding job. Special congratulations to our new School Captains, Kyle Spencer and Annie James.

We continued recognising the achievements of our students at the Proud and Deadly awards last night. Congratulations to all award winners and thanks to Gina, Richard, Simone, BJ and Brent for all their hard work in organising the awards.

We farewell our year 6 children tonight at the golf club. I know that the children are very excited and enjoyed their transition day at the high school on Monday. We wish you well year 6. School reports will be handed out on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December. If you want to discuss your child's report with their class teacher, please contact the school.

If you know your child will be absent in the last week of term, can you please notify your child's teacher asap.

Brad Lyne - Relieving Principal.

## Calendar of Events

Date	Event/s
December 8	Year 6 Farewell
December 12	P & C Dinner - Charlie's on East - 7pm
December 14	STARS to 'Oasis'
December 16	School Assembly - Afternoon Last Day 2011 School Year - STUDENTS
December 19-20	Staff Development Days - STAFF
December 20	Last Day 2011 School Year - STAFF
<b>2012</b>	
January 27	School Resumes for STAFF
January 30	School Resumes for Yr1 - Yr6
January 31	Kindergarten commence

## Class News - 4C

What a great week we had last week at the camp. The children were presented with many new experiences during our stay. The benefit in developing their social skills were obvious. Thank you to Mrs Carroll and Richard Gilbert for their wonderful support and to all of the other staff members who helped, visited and especially those who delivered **real** coffee.

A big thank you to Mrs Seymour, who always gives up her time to help me prepare tea.

Well done to the children who realised that it is not so hard to be independent and not rely on someone else to do everything for you. Mums and Dads, they can do it by themselves when they have to!

A note has gone home for our end of year class party which will be at Lake Talbot Swimming Complex. Please return your note as soon as possible.

We look forward to a busy 2 weeks to end what has been a great year.

Thank you.

Kerryn Cassidy - Year 4 Class Teacher.

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### Class News - 6L

As this will probably be our last article for the year (where has the time gone?), I would like to say a big congratulations to everyone in Year Six. You have done a fantastic job as the leaders (official and unofficial) of our brilliant school and Year Five have big shoes to fill next year.

Stage three did a great job with their item at Tuesday's Presentation Day and they should be very proud of themselves. I know that Mr Hunt, Narrandera High School's principal, was very excited about receiving such a talented group of students into his school next year.

Year Six had a great day at the high school for the final stage of our transition on Monday. The students handled the changes with ease and mixed with children from other schools well. They are extremely well prepared for the next stage of their lives and a continuation of the same levels of effort will see them succeed in achieving their goals.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Year Six Farewell tonight. For those I don't get a chance to catch up with, have a great Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Paul Lucas – 6L Class Teacher.

### Class News – 3F

Well what a fantastic day/night we had last week at the year three sleepover. A highlight for myself and all the teachers there was seeing just how far our students have come in their ability to work together and get along. Congratulations to all Year Three students who received awards at our Presentation Day. It was great to recognise those students who have gone above and beyond this year. Lastly, I would like to thank the parents who have assisted this year in any way. I believe it has been a great year for the students and they have all made amazing gains, so thank you.

Brent Fennessy - 3F Class Teacher.

### Sport Report

A THOUSAND APOLOGIES – due to an oversight on my part at the Presentation Day yesterday, the champion houses were not awarded until we returned to school. They are as follows:

*Swimming – Kywong*

*Cross Country – Widgiewa*

*Athletics – Morundah*

*Overall Champion House – Morundah*

Congratulations to David Saunders and Moesha Bright (Widgiewa), Michael Morton and Jamilla Sharpley (Morundah) and Annieka James and Zane Charles (Kywong) on their efforts as House Captains this year.

Paul Lucas – Sports Co-ordinator.

### Narrandera Schools as Community Centre

At Tiny Tots playgroup this week we are making lots of bright and colourful Christmas cards, on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10.30am - 12.30pm. We are also having water play, memory games and bringing out the playdough. Lunch will be an assortment of red and green foods, keeping up the Christmas theme. We will be doing some quick and easy cooking with the Aboriginal Mums and Bubs group on Thursday (10.30am - 12.30pm).

The Schools as Community Centre will close for the year from Friday, December 16, and will open again Monday, January 30, 2012. However, we are holding **holiday playgroup sessions** in January at the park and the pool. On Tuesdays (10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> January) playgroup will be at the park from 10.30am - 12.30pm and on Wednesdays (11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> January) at the pool from 10.30am - 12.30pm. If the weather is bad, we will hold it at the library. A light lunch will be provided for children, but pool entry is not included. Contact Caroline on 6959 3894 or 0410 284 145 for more information.

### Class News – 5W

What a fantastic year it has been for 5W in 2011. The student's have worked extremely hard all year and they should be proud of their efforts and achievements. Congratulations to Verity and J'Aime for receiving their Bronze Star at last Friday's school assembly. Congratulations also must go to Stevie and Hannah on receiving their Silver Stars. Bree, J'Aime and Janeeka gained Middle size Merits for earning three small ones, and Jason won our special award for the fortnight. Well done everyone.

With Christmas just around the corner, the students have been busily decorating the classroom. It looks fantastic and everyone is more than welcome to come in and have a look. Hopefully, soon the Christmas tree will have lots of presents under it as part of our Secret Santa. For all the hard work and good behaviour, the students are privileged to have the opportunity to receive rewards such as the stars trip to Oasis, the year 4/5 class party to the pool and our 5W class party to hand out Secret Santa gifts. With all these exciting things going on, it is very important that we all maintain our good efforts in being safe, respectful and responsible. If we can all achieve that, our school will be a happy place to be, right until the end of the year.

Merry Christmas and enjoy your holidays.

Luke Walsh – 5W class teacher.

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**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

The CRC Church group, have invited our children to attend their Christmas Advent Pageant this Friday, December 9. All children from the school will be participating in the activities they have organized between 11.00am and 2.30pm. As we will be leaving the school at approximately 11.00am there will be an early recess on Friday.

Children will walk in stage groups to the Park, listen to a concert at which items from each of the local schools, including our Choir, will be performed, have a free lunch and join in activities relating to the story of Christmas before walking back to school.

The children are encouraged to dress up in either Christmas theme or in the style of Mary and Joseph if they are able, otherwise school sports uniform is fine. Costumes can be brought to school and put on just before leaving for the park.

There is no cost for this excursion and lunch is provided, though children are encouraged to take a water bottle.

**STARS TO OASIS**

For those children wanting to go on the STARS excursion to The Oasis Swimming Centre which will be next Wednesday, December 14, notes and money will need to be returned to the front office by THIS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 please. There are a limited number of seats left on the bus and these will fill quickly.

**5B News**

We have been continuing with our studies of Antarctica and were even lucky enough to have a visit from Wendy who has been a research scientist at Antarctica with both the British and Australian Antarctic Research Divisions.

She was very interesting and told us a lot about living there, the research being done and the animal life of the continent. A special thanks to Tanya Spencer who arranged for Wendy to come.

Maree Bonham – 5B Class Teacher.

**Swimming Lessons**

Congratulations to 97% of our students who participated in this years Swimming School. Even though the weather was terrible, the children showed great enthusiasm and bravery. There were a lot of achievements, big and small. Thankyou to the Austswim instructors and school staff who also braved the cold weather to make this program possible. I look forward to seeing a large number of participants at next years swimming carnival.

Toni Kerr - Swimming Coordinator.

***P&L Christmas Dinner***

*Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December*

*At Charlie's On East from 7pm.*

*Please RSVP to Julie by*

*Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December on 69597655.*

*Don't forget your \$5 Secret Santa gift!*



# Congratulations to our newly elected School Leaders



*School Captains  
Kyle Spencer & Annie James*



*School Captains & Prefects  
Kyle Spencer, William Roffe, J'Aime  
Pettigrew, Acacia Paterson, Sophie Madden,  
Braden Lyons, Annie James & Isaac Bowen.*



*Sport House Captains  
Janeeka Morgan, Zoe Baldwin, Stevie  
Williams, Chris Simpson & Joe Druitt  
(D'Andre Williams on Excursion)*



Congratulations to **Dux for 2011**

**Rachel Beer & Josiah Romeo**