

# NARRANDERA PUBLIC SCHOOL INFORMER

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Term 4, Week 8

Tuesday, November 27, 2012.

### *Some bits and pieces from the Principal....*

The NSW public school's 'School Spectacular' was indeed VERY spectacular. Our 12 dancers (along with Mrs Stamos, Miss Lee and our wonderful parent helpers!!!!) had a long, tiring but exciting experience in Sydney last week. The children made us all feel especially proud and have some lasting lifetime memories. I think they all discovered that being a performer is not always glamour and dazzling stage lights. Even Jack Vidgen had to endure the backstage waiting, rehearsals and filling in time between performances. I am sure the children, teachers and parents will share more about their time at 'School Spec'. You will be able to see the complete show on ABC TV on New Year's Eve. Something not to be missed!

We have some very hot weather heading our way so we do encourage all children to bring their water bottles to school each day. The wearing of school hats, spending time in shade areas and the application of sun block will also help to ensure good personal health during hot days. Our Year 4 camp planned for this week has been postponed. We will still go ahead with the camp but the time will depend on the passing of these hot weather conditions.

What an extraordinarily busy end of term we have to look forward to. Please check our school calendar so you and the children don't miss out on any of the planned events/activities.

One of the most anticipated activities for our Year 5 students will be this Thursday's Captain/Prefect election speeches and whole-school voting. Thanks to the Narrandera Election Office personnel we hold a very democratic election to decide some very important student leadership positions. Our 2013 School Captains, Prefects and Sport Captains will all be announced at the school's Presentation Day to be held on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December at the CRC theatre starting at 12 o'clock.

We are also looking forward to this year's Narrandera public schools' 'Indigenous Awards' night. We hope to see many of you at our school hall Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November for a 6:30 p.m. start.

Our choir and dance group will perform at the Narrandera 'Monster Street Party' on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> November starting at 7:30 p.m. The choir will begin singing at 7:30 p.m. outside Landmark and the dance group are due to perform at 8 p.m. Come along and join in the fun! We have sent home a special note to our choir and dance group members so they know about all performances between now and the end of year.

Stay cool and enjoy your week.

Susan Ruffles

### Calendar of Events

Date	Event/s
November 28	Proud & Deadly Awards – 6.30pm
November 29	Transition BBQ – 12.30pm Student Leader Elections
November 30	Scripture Nativity Event
December 3	P & C Christmas Dinner – Charlie's on East – 7pm
December 4	ThinkUKnow Online Safety & Security
December 5 - 7	Year 4 Camp
December 6	Transition ends Book Character Dress-Up Parade
December 11	Presentation Day
December 13	Year 6 Graduation/Farewell
December 19	Noahs Ark visit School End for 2012 for Students
December 21	School End for 2012 for Staff

### 2013

January 29	School resumes for STAFF
January 30	School resumes for YEARS 1 - 6
January 31	KINDERGARTEN students commence

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## Swimming School

Thank you to everyone who has returned their swimming notes on time. If you haven't sent in your child's note and money please do so ASAP. Final numbers are needed so planning of groups and instructors can get underway. If you have misplaced your note you can get a replacement from the school website <http://www.narrandera-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/> click on the "Current Notes" tab or from the School Office.

*Toni Kerr*

Teacher/Technology Coordinator.

## ThinkUKnow - Online Safety and Security for Parents, Teachers and Carers.

When: Tuesday 4th December

Time: 6pm - 7.30pm in the school library

### A presentation on how parents can keep youth safe online.

Presented by Microsoft, Australian Federal Police and ninemsn.

Trainers will show real life case studies and videos.

The presentation is for **adults only** and is not intended for children.

*Toni Kerr*

Teacher/Technology Coordinator.

## NARRANDERA 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.*

## Class News – 5/6H

Last Thursday 27 year 4/5 students went on an Environmental Excursion within the local area. They started the day with a bush walk down to First Beach. It was there and along the way that they discovered a few interesting facts about our local area and people. There was even a kangaroo in the distance who was also listening in on the learning. For example did you know that the Murrumbidgee is the only river in NSW that is still called by its Aboriginal name? There are four main reasons and uses for the river - Indigenous culture, Economy, Environment and Community. We had morning tea on the banks of the Bidgee and then the students were involved in water testing to make sure that it is healthy, as it turns out river water is not healthy for human consumption.

From the river it was a short trip out to the fisheries. There the students were in awe at the size and variety of fish that they have in the pond and aquarium. After a short lunch the students were split into groups and learnt about the young fish and using electrons to stun the fish for research purposes.

At the end of the day the students were informed that next year they will need to create a production for the fisheries and it will be on display for anyone that visits the centre.

All students were on their best behaviour and represented their school with pride. Thank you to Richard for coming along and to the people out at the fisheries as well as the members of the NSW water conservation.

Kira Hoogers – 5/6H Class

Teacher.

## P & C Christmas Raffle

First Prize: Family Season Ticket – Lake Talbot Swimming Pool.

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Salt & Pepper Mills & Cook Book

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Christmas Cook Book

Tickets - \$1 each

Can all books please be returned to the Front Office by Friday, December 7.

Drawn Tuesday, December 11 at Presentation Day.

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Narrandera Schools as Community Centre:

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**TRANSITION INVITATION**

Dear Parents and Carers,

You are invited to join Transition children for an end of Transition program BBQ lunch and Information Session at the school on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30pm.

You may like to bring a picnic rug or chair to sit on. Younger brothers and sisters are welcome.

Children will be picked up from homes as normal by the bus. If your child won't be travelling on the bus please ring and let the school know.

Thank you,

Ms Julie Neville, Mrs Gina Galluzzo, Mrs Joanne Stamos and Mr Paul Lucas

**Class News – 3C**

Over the last few weeks we have been consolidating trading and carrying in subtraction and addition. Most children now understand the process but will continue to need practise with these. Our maths topics last week were multiplication and division and length. The students have been measuring using centimetres and millimetres and the times tables were 11's. This week's times tables are 9's and the topics are fractions/decimals and area. In Science we have been doing a few experiments and have been recording what happens. We made a simple flying machine and have discovered why corn kernels pop when we heat them. In HSIE we have been discussing different celebrations within families and what we do to celebrate them. Merit winners in week 6 were Lani Cooper, Aaliyah Hawkins and Tyler Mohr. Week 7 merits were, Mackenzie Winnell, Trinity McDuff and Kobe French. I am going to the Year 4 camp this week and Mr Davis will be on class. Next week swimming school starts. Thank you to all the families that have returned notes and money. Year 3's are two of the better classes for this. Well done. Let's hope it stays nice and warm. Don't forget to label all of your equipment so that if it gets lost, it can be returned.

Thank you.

Kerryn Cassidy - Year 3 Class Teacher.

**P & C Christmas Dinner**

Monday, December 3 – 7pm

Charlies on East - \$10 Secret Santa

RSVP to Debbie Wickes – 6959 4409

## **Narrandera Business Group Christmas Street Party Thursday, November 29**

The Narrandera Business Group has organised a Christmas main street party.

This event will be held on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> November from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The Lions train will operate, shops will be open and Father Christmas will arrive via this transportation.

Performers will perform on every corner of East Street, including performers from Narrandera Public School outside Landmark from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

Our school choir, KROP dance group and School Spectacular dance group will perform. We will send more details home for children involved at a later date.

If there are any students, adults or groups that would like to be involved and perform in the NPS area could you please let Sue know by Thursday afternoon.

Once we know who will be performing on the night we can work out a timetable for the hour we have been allocated.

We hope to hear from people keen to join us and perform at this community event.

**Murrumbidgee Girls Cricket**

*Have you ever wanted to play the wonderful game of cricket? Well now is your chance. Murrumbidgee Girls Cricket are calling on all those females out there who are interested in giving it a go.*

**Where:** Henry Mathieson Oval

**When:** Wednesday, November 28

**Time:** 4pm to 6pm

**Cost:** Gold coin donation

*(All equipment will be supplied, if you have your own feel free to bring it)*

*For more information contact:*

*Riverina Academy Coach Steven Weckert  
on 0413 062 515*

## **Narrandera's Farmers X'Mass Market**

**PRODUCE & CRAFT**

December 2, 2012

At Shady Gum Nursery

Car Park 9am – 1pm



## Book Character Dress-up parade

To celebrate this year's 'National Year of Reading' students are invited to **dress up as a character** from a book for a 'Book Character Parade' on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. Prizes will be awarded on the day for best dressed.



## Assembly Award Recipients



***Class News – 3D***

Today we welcome back Hannah and Noah who have been involved in the School Spectacular. No doubt they will have much to tell us about their time in Sydney.

We have been having fun in Science investigating the impact heat has on various substances. It is even more fun when we can eat our experiments. Yummm the smell of hot popcorn. For homework over the next couple of weeks the children have been asked to interview a family member on how they celebrate a special occasion such as Christmas, Easter or a birthday.

In Maths we are solving addition and subtraction sums with trading. Many children found this challenging at first but are now asking for harder problems!

We are all looking forward to attending the Prefect speeches on Thursday and having the opportunity to hear from our future school leaders.

Kerrie Davis- 3D Class Teacher.

***Class News from 1/2H...***

Yesterday Year 1 and 2 participated in a session with 'Keep Australia Beautiful'. Students learnt about the different objects which they can recycle, items that can only go into the rubbish bin and how food scraps can be used to create compost for the garden. We all came away with new knowledge and it was very pleasing to see many of the students putting into practice what they had learnt about littering and were busy at recess running around picking up rubbish and putting it in the bin. Well done to everyone for a great effort.



We have had some more fantastic projects completed and brought back to school this week. Well done to Rene on her slide show about dinosaurs, Hayley for her poster about ladybirds and Maeve for her model of an ant nest. We hope to see the last few projects brought into school in the coming weeks.

Charmaine Heather - 1/2H Class Teacher.







# School Spectacular

