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Term 4, Week 10

Tuesday, December 11, 2013.

From the Principal



Our most important assembly of the school year was held on Tuesday, 10th December at the CRC hall. Our annual **Presentation Day combined with our concert** items is always a wonderful way to recognise and celebrate the achievements and talents of all the children. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all our friends and colleagues at the CRC. Their combined ongoing support and assistance for our school is outstanding and is always extremely appreciated by all of us here at NPS!

There are many people who I could thank for their contributions to make our annual Presentation Day a success. At the risk of omitting individuals who have made wonderful contributions, I will also thank the amazing children at NPS (especially our Student Leadership Team), the dedicated staff at NPS (very capably led by Mrs Tammi Ryan and supported in administration by Mrs Noelene Hugo), the hard working P&C members and all our family and friends who came along. This weeks newsletter features many photos from our Presentation Day – enjoy!

You will find our P&C Association report from the President Mrs Debbie Wickes in this newsletter as well as in our **2013 Annual School Report** that will be up on the school website by early 2014. The 2013 Annual School Report will also include our sport report and reports from me and our school captains.



I invite all our newsletter readers to read this annual school report when it is made available.

Our **2014 School Plan** will also be on our website in the near future and I thank everyone for their input into our school evaluation and planning processes in recent months.

Despite a cold day last Thursday, our **2014 Kindergarten children**, their families and some staff members enjoyed a BBQ lunch and combined this with a chance to find out a little bit more information to support children's transition to 'big school' in 2014. A brief information session was repeated at 6 p.m. for families. From all reports our 2014 Kindergarten children are well-prepared to begin their learning journey at NPS. Thank you to Mrs Julie Neville and Mrs Jean Galluzzo for their leadership and care as our Kindergarten Transition coordinators and teachers.

I have spoken to Narrandera High School staff members, our Year 6 students and Mrs Janet Hugo about the 2-day **Year 6-7 transition program** that was held last Wednesday and Thursday at NHS. The program has received high accolades and has resulted in students having a strong understanding about what to expect at high school next year. Many children have said 'they can't wait' to start high school but are also sad to be leaving NPS behind. Our **Year 6 Farewell** on Wednesday

evening, 11th December, will be a special event for the boys and girls as well as for parents/caregivers and staff members.

Congratulations to our outgoing Year 6 class members and I wish them all the very best in their future studies. I am sure that we shall hear about many individual successes in the coming years.

All the children at NPS have been learning some **Christmas carols in readiness for the Narrandera Carols in the park.**

We will have a whole school fun practise in the hall on Friday afternoon. I do hope that many children and families will come along to the park and join us for this special community event. Children can meet me at the park at the start of the program. The singing starts at 6pm and children are encouraged to wear casual clothes. See you all there!

We shall welcome Miss Karla Hartwig to NPS this Thursday morning and all day next Tuesday. Karla is our **new Assistant Principal** and one of our Year 3 class teachers beginning in 2014. We look forward to meeting Karla and welcoming her to our NPS team.

Classes for 2014 and learning support timetables will be finalised by the end of this term. We are still accepting enrolments in all grades. I suggest, where possible, that families enrol this term and have conversations with NPS staff members before the holidays so that individual learning and well-being needs can be met to begin the 2014 school year.

Finally, thank you to all families who supported this year's **10-day swimming program** for their children. I hear from the children and swimming instructors that many new swimming and water safety skills have been learned with lots of 'guess-what-I-did-at-swimming-today' stories!!!! Thanks to Mrs Toni Kerr for your organisation of this most important program and thanks to all staff members who made it all happen for the children!

Have a great week in the lead up to the end of the school year.

Susan Ruffles



Calendar of Events

Date	Event/s
December 11	Year 6 Farewell
December 13	Cricket - NHS
December 18	Noah's Ark Excursion K,1,2
December 18	Last Day of 2013 School Year
2014	
Tuesday, January 28	Staff Development Day
Wednesday, January 29	School Commences - Years 1 to 6
Monday, February 3	Kindergarten commence

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Junior Basketball Grand Finals - This Thursday will see the Junior basketball Grand Finals played. There are a few time changes so please check carefully the times of your games.

The draw for Thursday night is as follows:

4pm Intermediate Girls, Maroon v Light Blue. Referees Tess Mercuri, Renae Galvin.

Intermediate Boys, Maroon v Pink. Referees Lee Longford, Matthew Dillon.

5pm Junior Girls, Pink v Black. Referees Olivia Mercuri, Renae Galvin.

Junior Boys, Black v Pink. Referees Lee Longford, Matthew Dillon.

6pm Senior Girls, Light Blue v Maroon. Referees Tess Mercuri, Olivia Mercuri.

Senior Boys, Maroon v Light Blue. Referees Lee Longford, Matt Dillon.

Presentation will be made at 7pm for all divisions.

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

Narrandera Schools as Community Centre

Breakfast Club has finished for the year. It has been wonderful to see so many different faces over the school term. We will be back again next year, I look forward to having Breakfast with you ☺

Playgroup will finish with a Christmas Party on Wednesday 18th December in the park. A reminder that there will be no playgroup sessions this week (Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th December).

The centre will be closed over the Christmas School Holidays, if you need to contact me you can on 69593894 or 0410284145. You can also keep up to date with important SaCC announcements, playgroup times and date and other information on our Facebook page - Narrandera Schools as Community Centres.

Thank you for a wonderful year, have a Merry Christmas!

Julie Axtill - SaCC Co-Ordinator.

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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.

P & C Annual School Report - 2013

2013 has been a busy and successful year for our P & C. This year we were able to raise approx. \$10700. Our fundraising for the year was our bi-annual fete (\$5716), the Easter Raffle (\$1478), catering for PSSA Carnival & Rugby Gala Day (\$1530), Mother's Day & Father's Day raffles (\$400), Presentation Day Raffle (\$1550).

This wouldn't have been possible without the help of our small but dedicated group of Parents and Volunteers.

From our fundraising efforts we have been able to contribute to flyscreens on classrooms and refurbish playground seating (\$5000), the annual Library subscription (\$2250), new readers and National geographic magazines (\$2000). \$500 has been donated towards the School Presentation Day, \$250 was donated to our School Spectacular group and \$200 was also donated to the Gardening Project which the P & C will continue to support in 2014.

The P & C meets on the first Monday of the Month at 6.30pm for 1½ hours.

On behalf of NPS P & C I encourage all readers to come along to meetings and assist us to ensure that our Canteen and Uniform Shop remain operational and to help us raise funds for the benefit of all our students.

Debbie Wickes - President - NPS P & C.

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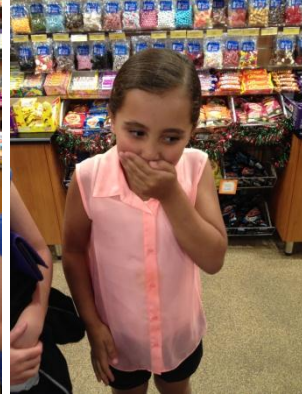
Dental Clinic: 1800 450 046

Narrandera Schools as Community Centre:

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2013 Schools Spectacular

The Lolly Shop in Darling Harbour sells THE MOST sour lollies you will ever taste. This is us trying them.



Performing on stage



Meeting the featured artists. Rebekah got to meet Darren Percival who was on the TV show The Voice. Anthony Nardi from Leeton High School sang Pure Imagination in our segment.



The Spectacular Finale (we are in there somewhere!)



2013 School Spectacular Dance Group

I have the best job in the world! To be able to give children unforgettable experiences is what my job is all about. I am honoured and proud to say that I had the best week in Sydney with my gorgeous Schools Spectacular Dance Group. They are an amazing group of kids who have now become 'one big spec family'. At times in Sydney things became tough. Dances were changed, new choreography was given to them with no time to refine and rehearse but despite all this they went out on the arena with their heads held high and did an amazing job. They made me, their families, their school and themselves very proud. I would like to thank the families of all 10 dancers who in some way helped the kids have this experience. I would especially like to thank Debbie, Mel, Brooke, Claire, Tamra and Simone who cooked, cleaned, shopped, sewed and supported me while in Sydney. Without them the week would not have run as smoothly as it did.

Joanne Stamos.

Report by Rebekah Beer

On Tuesday 26th of November, Narrandera Public School's 2013 Schools Spectacular dance group were at Narrandera Railway Station at 10.30am waiting to catch a bus to Wagga. The bus finally arrived and soon we were in Wagga. At Wagga Railway Station we had a picnic lunch and weighed in our bags for the train.

At last I'm sitting on the train. The train ride is long but fun. Yes! We are in Sydney! This trip is going to be fun!

Our walk to the motel seemed like forever but the motel is nice. That night we had chicken noodles for tea and went to bed and we didn't forget our showers.

The next morning breakfast was at 6.15am, coming after a late night. We have to walk all over Sydney and catch a train to our segment rehearsal. Wednesday was stressful as we learned different dance moves and had our first segment practice with the schools from Sydney, who had been able to practice together before. We also had to make some changes to our costumes. That night we went for a swim and there was a spa and a normal pool on the roof. After refreshing swims we had showers and went down to Darling Harbour. It was great fun playing at the parks and the water activities and then we had dinner and went to a big lolly shop before we went back to the apartment.

Thursday we had a segment practice at the Sydney Entertainment Centre and then a full dress rehearsal. Afterwards we went back to our apartment and had a peaceful evening.

Friday was our first performance day and it was great fun. Before the evening show I met Darren Percival and the dance group and I met Human Nature. The two shows were very exciting to be part of.

Saturday morning we went down to Circular Quay and saw the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Sydney Opera House. That night we also saw fireworks from the Entertainment Centre.

We had lots of group hugs after our performances and told our dance teacher, Mrs Stamos, how much fun we had being involved in Schools Spectacular.

Sunday we were up, dressed and breakfasted before 7am and we had the long trip home.

Schools Spectacular was a great experience. Some of the highlights were going to see the Harbour Bridge and the Opera House, being in the Spectacular, going for swims in the rooftop pool and spa and going to Darling Harbour.

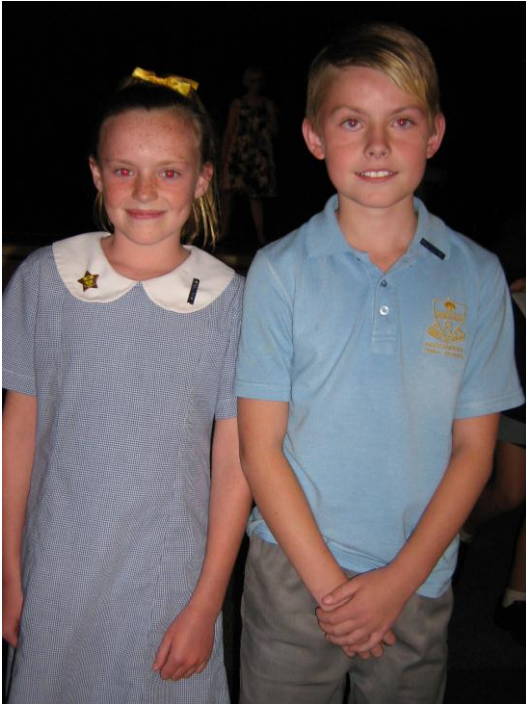
We got to learn new things, meet new people and go to amazing places.

Being part of Schools Spectacular was fun!

By Rebekah Beer.

2014 School Leaders

2014 School Captains - Paige Godden & Jack Williamson



2014 Prefects - Mareece McDonald, Seth Bolton, Elka Odgers, Bryce Baxter, Alexa Hitchens, Jacob Brewer



2013 School Dux - William Taringa

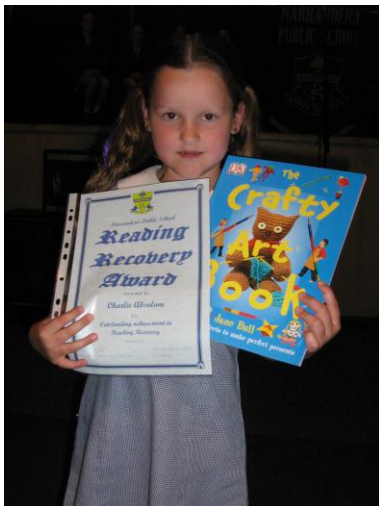


2014 Sport House Captains - Morundah - Tyrek Afuamua, Katie Johnson, Widgiewa - Rowan Matthews, Jade Manley, Kywong - Deakin Bright, Taylah Mohr

2013 School Captains - William Taringa & Chelsea James



Presentation Day Awards



4/5H Performance - "Rockin' Robin/Hound Dog" (Ukuleles)