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Term 4, Week 9

Tuesday, December 3, 2013.

From the Principal

The NSW public schools' students and staff certainly put on an AMAZING event at this year's 'Schools Spectacular' held at the Sydney Entertainment Centre last Friday and Saturday. I hope you had a chance to watch the show on TV over the weekend. Our 10 dancers from NPS, some of their mums and Mrs Stamos had a huge week in Sydney – it was a great team effort to ensure the boys and girls had a very memorable experience. We will all have the chance to see the dancers perform at next week's Presentation Day but for now I wish to say CONGRATULATIONS and WELL DONE to the children!!! We have had some very proud moments this year due to the efforts and achievements of our children at NPS across many school activities and events. Our time in Sydney produced lots more 'proud' moments and life-time memories.

I will be working with teachers in the coming weeks to draft our classes for 2014. Class placement for children will be based on my final decisions following staff discussions. I would also like to invite parents to call me during the next week if they wish for me to consider any issues about class placement for 2014 for their child/ren. For your information the following class structure will be in place for next year but please be aware that staff circumstances can change between now and the beginning of the 2014 school year.

Kindergarten classes – Mr Paul Lucas and Miss Tahlee Hyde

Year 1 classes – Mrs Kara Kroek, Mrs Heidi Heath and Miss Shelley Day

Year 2 classes – Miss Maree Bonham and Miss Kira Hoogers

Year 3 classes – Mr David Tallon and Miss Karla Hartwig (Assistant Principal beginning at NPS in 2014)

Year 4 class – Miss Bianca Dunn

Year 5 class – Mrs Kerry Cassidy

Year 6 class – Mrs Janet Hugo

Year 4/5/6 class – Mrs Joanne Stamos

Learning support staff roles and timetables are yet to be finalised.

Our Year 6 boys and girls will spend 2 days at NHS on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th December. This will be a great introduction to high school timetables and programs and a wonderful way to get to know the teachers at NHS. I look forward to hearing about their high school experiences on return to NPS on Friday!

It is an exceptionally busy time of the year between now and Wednesday, 18th December so please keep an eye on our school calendar so you don't miss events and activities!

Have a most enjoyable week.

Susan Ruffles.

Calendar of Events

| Date | Event/s |
|-----------------------|--|
| December 2 to 6 | Swimming School continues |
| December 4 & 5 | Year 6 High School Orientation |
| December 5 | Last Day Kindergarten Transition Transition BBQ & Information Session |
| December 10 | Presentation Day – 12noon – CRC Hall |
| December 11 | Year 6 Farewell |
| December 13 | School Assembly – 10.30am 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 |

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We hope to see you soon!!!

Sue & Cleo.

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Year 4 camp

Year four students made the annual trip to the Narrandera Caravan Park for their camp last week. Students enjoyed the bright sunshine while enjoying different activities like bushwalking, a cooling dip in the pool, koala spotting and working out how to set up a tent on their own. All teachers were very impressed with the positive attitudes and behaviour displayed by the young campers. The boys and girls were also given a big 'thumbs up' by the Grey Nomads who were camped around us, who were very pleased with the manners and courtesy shown towards them.



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Transition News

This Thursday is the final day for Transition.

Thank you to everyone for being involved in the program. Children and staff have had a lot of fun.

On Thursday, December 5, there is a BBQ and information session at school at 12.30pm in the school hall for Transition children and their families.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Junior Basketball Finals - This Thursday will see Elimination finals for all junior basketball both boys and girls. The draw for this Thursday is as follows:

4pm - Junior Girls **Black v Maroon** & Junior Boys **Pink v Maroon**. Referees Renae Galvin, Olivia Mercuri, Matt Dillon & Lee Longford.

5pm - Intermediate Girls **Maroon v Pink** & Intermediate Boys **Light Blue v Pink**. Referees Renae Galvin, Tess Mercuri, Matt Dillon & Lee Longford.

6pm - Senior Girls **Pink v Maroon** & Senior Boys **Light Blue v Pink**. Referees Olivia Mercuri, Tess Mercuri, Matt Dillon & Lee Longford.

REMINDER - RAFFLE

Please return all raffle tickets to the School Office by Friday, December 6.

Tickets may also be purchased on Presentation Day on Tuesday, December 10.
Please support your school by purchasing a ticket in the iPad mini raffle.

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Class News – 3H

We are just about down to the final countdown to the end of the year - and what a full year it has been. I hope the students have had as much fun learning as I have teaching in the classroom. Recently the students have been putting their knowledge of procedures to good use. They have been decorating cupcakes and biscuits, just in time for Christmas. If you are cooking in the festive season ask your child to help out in the kitchen, they certainly know their way around an icing tub and decorative additions such as bullets, jelly lollies and freckles.

A lot of the students have been participating in the swimming lessons that have been on offer and from all accounts they are enjoying their time at the pool and increasing their water confidence. The major sporting events have finished for the year. Over the holidays doing some swimming, running or hanging out with their friends and family may assist to keep their skills up for the sports on offer next year. The school swimming carnival is in the first couple of weeks next year. We hope that many students will participate in this carnival. The students have been doing some great posters in the classroom. The students have chosen their own animals, although most have done reptiles, it is just amazing to see the end result of their own learning adventures. Soon the students will be doing more Christmas learning, not just art but investigating the Festive Season around the world. On an artistic note, they have been amazing. This term we have studied the seasons as part of art and linking this topic to the Science unit. In Winter we have snowflake and sparkles, Autumn brings in the falling leaves with amazing colour back drops; Spring has a great marbling effect with stencilling; and Summer has ended with brilliant but at times devastating bushfires. The Presentation Day performance will be one that I am very excited to be assisting with. I hope you will be able to come along to see the amazing talent within our class. Thank you for your support throughout the year. I hope you and your family have a happy and safe break.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Miss Hoogers.

Congratulations Year 4

To the Principal
Narrandera Public School
Adams Street
Narrandera. NSW. 2700

RE Positive feedback on the Narrandera Public School's Year 4 student visit to the Lake Talbot Tourist Park on the 20-22nd, November, 2013.

For the last 3 years, the Year 4 students from the Narrandera Public School stayed with us at the park. This year your teachers; Kerry Cassidy, Lyn Seymour, Adam Barclay and Michael Hay accompanied the students.

Each year the Lake Talbot Tourist Park encourages the students to select a children's charity organisation and their fees are donated to that nominated charity. This has been one of our own initiatives to help promote a community responsibility from the students. This year your students have selected Children's Diabetes as their target charity.

We have also received a number of positive comments about the students and in particular their attitude and good behaviour. We would like to thank the teachers and in particular the Year 4 students from the Narrandera Public School for displaying that a group of students from the Narrandera Public School have showcased their school and left a favourable and lasting positive impression with our guests.

I am proud to say that the teachers and the Year 4 students of the Narrandera Public school were outstanding.

Yours faithfully,

Jill Bolwell,
Lake Talbot Tourist Park.

Water Fun at Swimming School



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