### Narrandera Public School Informer



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"We learn and meet on Wiradjuri Country"

Principal - Ms Susan Ruffles

Term 4, Week 4

Tuesday, 31st October, 2017

#### Calendar

#### Week 4

#### Friday, 3rd November

- ◆Grandparent's Day Picnic Lunch—11.15am to 12.15pm
- ♦Assembly—2:30pm

#### Week 5

#### **Tuesday, 7th November**

◆Little Learners and K-2 Teddy Bears Picnic— 12.15pm—2pm

#### Week 6

Wednesday, 15th Nov— Friday, 17th November

♦ Year 4 Camp

Friday, 17th November

Assembly—2:30pm

#### Week 7

Monday, 20th November -Friday, 24th November

**◆Swimming lessons** 

#### Week 8

Monday, 27th November -Friday, 1st December

◆Swimming lessons

## GRANDPARENT'S DAY

Grandparents are invited to join us for a picnic lunch this Friday, November 3, from 11.15am to 12.15pm to celebrate Grandparent's Day.

Bring your lunch, and a chair or blanket to sit on.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Full School
Assembly will be at
2.30pm.

Steve & Belinda Buchanan

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This week at Narrandera Public School we once again welcome Mr Ian Luscombe to work alongside staff focused on student wellbeing, teacher professional learning and planning for 2018. We have established a partnership with Ian this year that we will progress into next year with Ian leading our Staff Development Day at the beginning of Term 1.

On Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October, we hosted a parent information evening and welcomed some new and existing families to our school. The focus was on our 2018 Kindergarten and Year 3 classes as we are one of only a handful of schools in NSW that has a transition program for Year 2 students coming into Year 3. Thank you to staff, P&C members and attendees for coming along and making this event an informative time for everyone involved. If any family missed the opportunity to come along to this evening, we extend a sincere invitation to them to contact the school to arrange a tour and/or interview as part of their child's transition into the NPS learning team.

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, our school had its External Validation (EV) meeting with visiting Principals. As a part of the NSW Department of Education's School Excellence Policy, all public schools are to complete an EV process every 5 years. This is the second year of this process for all schools and this year, it was our turn. An EV is a component of schools' self-assessment processes against a document that is titled the 'Schools Excellence Framework'. This framework is informed by best practise and educational research. The 2 visiting principals had read our comprehensive EV submission prior to their 2-hour meeting with NPS Leadership Team members on Thursday. Our school judgements based on the 'Schools Excellence Framework' were validated by the visiting principals and the process assisted us to identify some 'next steps' for 2018 and beyond.

Thank you to all staff members who professionally contributed to the development of our EV submission during the past months. The submission required many, many hours of staff time as well as strong leadership from all our Leadership Team.

NPS staff members are now focusing their attention on continuing our school self-assessment processes to develop the 2017 Annual Report and the 2018-20 School Plan. Both these documents will be drafted this term and finalised during Term 1, 2018. Information about how parents/carers/community members can continue their involvement in the gathering of information that may inform the School Plan will be advertised in the near future. We thank everyone for their contributions to this process as we consider suggestions and ideas from across our whole school community.

Have a most enjoyable week. Sue Ruffles - Principal

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Dental Clinic: 1800 450 046

Narrandera Schools as Community Centre: 6959 3894

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

#### LEETON SCHOOL 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 <u>FREE</u> 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!!!

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#### **TEDDY BEARS PICNIC—7.11.17**



Little Learners, Kinder, Year 1, Year 2 and their families are invited to a Teddy Bears Picnic at Marie Bashir Park on Tuesday 7th November at 12.15pm. Bring your own picnic and join in the activities after lunch. Students will return to school by 2pm.

Operation Art is holding full day workshops at WAGGA WAGGA ART GALLERY



Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) - Wed 22 November 2017

Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6) - Thur 23 November 2017



## Places are limited - Bookings close Fri 10 November 2017 Book online now!

https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/visual-arts/operation-art/operation-art-student-workshops

Cost: \$50.60 (incl GST) per student

Presented by specialist teachers, workshops cover topic areas including painting, printing, drawing, mixed media and sculpture. Workshops are designed to extend skills and artmaking experiences beyond the classroom. All materials provided.

— This is not a school based initiative and teachers will not be in attendance. —











## Canteen News

Specials for Recess ONLY

Wednesday – Homemade strawberry milk ice blocks 50c Glitter jelly \$1

Thursday – Pretzel spiders 50c

Friday – Chocolate balls 50c



# Kinder's visit to the Life Education Van

















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#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

#### JOHN O'BRIEN FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

- ◆ Trivia Night at Narrandera Golf Club on Friday 3rd November—6.30pm for a 7pm start. \$10 a head, 8 per table. BYO nibbles.
- Bingo Night at John O'Brien Hall on Friday 24th November—6.30pm for 7pm start.

#### **NARRANDERA'S FARMERS MARKET**

 Sunday 5th November 2017 at Shady Gum Nursery car park 9am—12noon. Breakfast & coffee available. Lions train shuttle on the hour. All produce home-grown by local cooks and gardeners. All craft goods handmade. Vendors welcome contact Annie on 02 6959 1780.



