Narrandera Public School Informer



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Principal - Mr Derek Noffke

Term 4, Week 6

Tuesday, 17th November, 2020

Calendar

Week 6

Tuesday, 17th Nov ◆Little Learners G1 Wednesday, 18th Nov ◆ Little Learners G2 Year 7 Orientation Friday, 20th Nov Assembly NAIDOC Day Students to wear the following colours this Friday: K/1/2 YELLOW 3/4 RED 5/6 BLACK

Week 7

Tuesday, 24th Nov • Little Learners G1 Wednesday, 25th Nov • Little Learners G2 • Year 5 Speeches Round 1 • Book Club Due Thursday, 26th Nov • Yr 2-3 Transition

Friday, 27th Nov

Advent Walk 9.30am -11.15am





Remembrance Day

Our school leaders laid wreaths as part of our school Remembrance Day service last Wednesday.







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From the Principal

<u>Kindergarten</u>

Our Kindergarten transition has commenced and continues up until Wednesday 2nd December. We are continuing to take enrolments for our Kindergarten class for 2021, so please come into the office and get an enrolment form. Also, if you know anyone with Kindergarten aged children, please encourage them to consider our school.

Presentation Day

Our Annual Presentation Day will be held on Tuesday 8th December, starting at 10:30am. The awards handed out on the day will be very similar to previous years. This is a time when we formally recognise the achievements of our students and all the hard work they have put into their studies this year. <u>COVID</u> restrictions have changed and we are now allowed to invite parents. Saying that, the number of parents will need to be restricted due to the size of the facility we are using. Further details will be released soon, however we are headed in the right direction to get back to school 'as normal'.

<u>Yr6-7 Transition – Narrandera High School</u>

Narrandera High School are starting their High School Transition for our Year 6 students as follows:Where:Narrandera High schoolWhen:Tomorrow - Wednesday 18th November 2020Wednesday 2nd December 2020Time:8:45am - 3pm Students are required to get their own way there and home again at the end
of the day.

Please contact the High School if you require further information.

Year 6 Graduation

Our Year 6 graduation ceremony and dinner will be held on Tuesday 1st December at the Exies Club. Notes and information was handed to Year 6 students last week. As you would have noticed we are moving between locations throughout the night. The reason for this, is to allow greater numbers of family members to be involved to witness their child finish the last year of primary school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the front office.

Student Reports

Student Reports will go home from Monday 30th November 2020. Once again, we are hoping to arrange a formal interview process to discuss our students progress in 2020. This process will obviously depend on restrictions at the time, however plans will be made to progress this way. This is a time when you can have any questions or concerns regarding your child's education answered. Further details this week.

End of Year Activities

As you would have noticed on our school calendar all our end of year activities for our students have been booked. We are now currently investigating and talking to providers to work out what differences there may be this year as compared to previous due to COVID. We will endeavour to keep you updated as information comes to hand, however we are looking into every avenue to provide an exciting time for our students toward the end of the year.

NAIDOC Week – Next Week

Our NAIDOC Week celebrations will be held this Friday. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society. We encourage all Australians to participate in the celebrations and activities that take place across the nation during NAIDOC Week. Students will have the opportunity to experience a variety of activities throughout the day. They will also enjoy a free sausage sizzle lunch.

Have a great week.

Derek Noffke Principal





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Term Four	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
6	16 November	17 November Little Learners Group 1	18 November Little Learners Group 2 Year 7 2021 Orientation	19 November	20 November Assembly NAIDOC Day	21 22 Nov
7	23 November	24 November Little Learners Group 1	25 November Little Learners Group 2 Year 5 Speeches Round 1	26 November Year 2-3 Transition	27 November Advent Walk	28 29 Nov
8	30 November Reports go home	1 December Little Learners Group 1 Year 6 Farewell	2 December Little Learners Group 2 Year 7 2021 Orientation Year 5 Speeches Round 2	3 December	4 December Assembly	5 6 Dec
9	7 December P & C Meeting @ 5.30	8 December Presentation Day @ CRC Church	9 December	10 December	11 December Fun Day	12 13 Dec
10	14 December K-2 Noah's Ark Star Rewards Night	15 December Year 3-6 Pool Party	16 December Last Day of school for students	17 December SDD	18 December SDD	19 20 Dec

CanteenOrder SUSHI OR CHICKEN & RICEWednesday morning for Thursday LunchNewsSushi \$3.50 Chicken & Rice \$4.50

Specials for Recess ONLY

Wednesday – Scone scrolls \$1 Thursday – Coloured popcorn \$1 Friday – Pasta Salad \$1.50



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Aboriginal Education News

Little Booris playgroup

Last week at Little Booris playgroup we celebrated NAIDOC week. We dot painted little animals and some Aboriginal art colouring in. Playgroup is on every Thursday in the SAC centre 9:30 -11:30 at NPS.









Staff Cultural awareness at the Sandhills

Last week all NPS staff headed to the Sandhills for an afternoon of cultural awareness by learning about many artefacts, arts, food and sites that are significant to our local Wiradjuri people in Narrandera. Uncle Michael Lyons from Sandhills Artefacts showed us through his work shed where he creates traditional Aboriginal artefacts such as Didgeridoos, Boomerangs, Clap sticks and Coolamons,

just to name a few. We then had a look at some of the local artists paintings on display in his gallery. Uncle Mick then took us on a tour to look for bush tucker and visit some significant sites in the Narrandera area. Well done to Mr Mellon for being the bravest teacher and eating a raw witchetty grub straight out of the tree. We finished off the afternoon with some of Uncle Micks beautiful lemon myrtle ice cream with quandong jam. Big thankyou to Uncle Mick from NPS staff.

NAIDOC day celebrations

This Friday we will be celebrating NAIDOC day by having group rotations participating in various cultural activities. We will be learning about Aboriginal artefacts, traditional foods, storytelling, art, language and many more activities. All students will have a free BBQ lunch on the day. We will be recreating the Aboriginal flag so all students are asked to wear clothing the colour that has been assigned to their year:

K/1/2 YELLOW 3/4 RED

5/6 BLACK

Simone & Richard



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Always Was, Always Will Be. 8-15 NOV 2020

Tuesday, November 17

K1B News









K1B have enjoyed learning about different fairy tales over the past few weeks. So far we have read Jack and the Beanstalk, The Three Little Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood. We have been learning about sequencing, character traits, settings and character point of view.

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Hayley Bullen



Learners





After reading the story 'Pete the Cat & His Four Groovy **Buttons', the Little Learners** played a game where they rolled a dice and put the correct number of buttons onto Pete the Cat.









They worked on making patterns using beads, buttons and shapes.























FROM THE COUNSELLOR'S DESK

Mental health is an ongoing concern for all members of our community irrelevant of age, gender or profession. Recently a mental health hub for students, parents and teachers was released by the NSW government.

Please see information below from the media release put out last week:

MENTAL HEALTH HUB FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Students, parents and teachers will now have easily accessible mental health advice and support at their fingertips, with the NSW Government today launching their new online *Mental Health Hub.*

Minister for Education Sarah Mitchell said the website has been developed to ensure advice is available to anyone who needs it, at any time.

"Mental health support for our students has to be varied and accessible for everyone," Ms Mitchell said.

"We know that overwhelmingly students do their own research before they reach out for help, so we need to make sure that information is accessible and designed for our school communities.

Minister for Mental Health Bronnie Taylor said the *Mental Health Hub* will be a useful toolkit for students, parents and teachers.

"The hub has some really practical resources, from tips on how to start a conversation with someone doing it tough to finding ways to improve their own mental fitness," Mrs Taylor said.

The website is broken down into three categories; information for parents, information for teachers and information for students.

"The hub has been designed for everyone in the school community, I encourage anyone who has questions, stressed or wants to know how to support people in their lives, to go onto the website" Ms Mitchell said.

The site can be accessed by teachers, parents and students across every school sector, including independent and catholic schools, and has had input from leading mental health advocacy groups, including ReachOut, headspace, Kids Helpline and Beyond Blue.

The Mental Health Hub: <u>https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/</u> <u>counselling-and-psychology-services</u>

This resource brings a lot of evidence-based information together into one place which makes it easier to find, and you know it is accurate because only information with evidence has been included. There are separate sections for students, parents and carers and teachers, but there is no reason why you can't look at all three sections if you are interested. Keep the link bookmarked and you'll have it there ready when you need it. Check it out today.

Have a great week,

Kirsty Cochrane





headspace



P & C Christmas Raffle

With a challenging year for everyone we are pleased to be able to offer our annual Christmas raffle. Tickets will be go home later this week.

We have been very fortunate to gain some wonderful prizes from businesses and our very own school families.

We would like to acknowledge the generosity of Coles Narrandera, Woolworths Leeton, Kmart Wagga Wagga, MJC Auto-Matt & Jodie Cotton, Hutchins Bros-Heidi & Bill Hutchins, Sally & AJ Gillespie, Ashley & Mel Beer, Big W Wagga & Bunnings Griffith for their kind donations to this wonderful raffle.





If your child is unwell they must not come to school. Parents/Carers and other non essential visitors are not allowed at school.





COMMUNITY EVENTS:



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