

# Narrandera Public School Informer



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"We learn and meet on Wiradjuri Country"

Principal - Mr Derek Noffke

Term 4, Week 8

Tuesday, 1st December, 2020

## Calendar

### Week 8

#### Tuesday, 1st Dec

- ♦ Last day Little Learners G1
- ♦ Year 6 Farewell

#### Wednesday, 2nd Dec

- ♦ Last Day Little Learners G2
- ♦ Year 5 Speeches Round 2
- ♦ Year 7 Orientation

#### Friday, 4th Dec

- ♦ Whole School Reward - Water Fun Day
- ♦ Assembly

### Week 9

#### Monday, 7th Dec

- ♦ 5/6D Narrandera Wetlands

#### Tuesday, 8th Dec

- ♦ Presentation Day

#### Thursday, 10th Dec

- ♦ Star Reward Day Griffith

#### Friday 11th Dec

- ♦ Fun Day



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## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

**\$1.00 PER TICKET**

**1st Prize - VOUCHERS** - Over \$400 worth  
*MJC Auto Parts, Vinnies Fruitz, Narrandera Gourmet Meats, Woolworths, Kmart, Caltex, Coles & Bunnings*



**2nd Prize - BBQ Package**  
Donated by Bunnings

**3rd Prize - DIGITAL Air Fryer**  
Donated by BIG W



\*\* Tickets available from the school office and Camjai

**DRAWN: MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER**  
**@ P & C MEETING**

All tickets need to be returned to the school by  
Wednesday 2nd December sold or unsold.

## ***From the Principal . . . . .***

### **Presentation Day**

Our Annual Presentation Day will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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. **After investigating how we may be able to invite parents, it was discovered that the CRC Church has limitations on numbers of people it can accommodate. Therefore, due to these number constraints, we have decided to Livestream the event and only have our students attend. We have a suitably qualified person to undertake this process to make sure the quality is of the highest standard. Further details will be released soon on how this will be streamed.** Unfortunately, on this occasion this is the only way we can keep our school together on this special day.

### **Yr6-7 Transition – Narrandera High School**

Narrandera High School final day for High School Transition for our Year 6 students is as follows:

Where: Narrandera High School

When: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020

Time: 8:50am – 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 tonight, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at the Exies Club. 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. A note was sent home at the end of last week, detailing the processes that are required to take place at each location. I hope our students enjoy their night, celebrating the end of their Primary schooling journey.

### **Student Reports**

Student Reports will be handed out with your child's formal parent/teacher interview. Notes have started to be sent home with allocated days for these interviews to take place. Please return these as soon as possible as it has been a quick turn around for these to take place. You will be notified of the day and time this week. This is a time when you can have any questions or concerns regarding your child's education answered.

### **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.

As you would have noticed, we have separated Stage 2 & 3 for the end of year pool party and pushed the time back to the afternoon. We were required to do this as the pool is re-opening later than expected and we wanted to give our students the best opportunity to use the facilities. We are hoping that the majority of other schools would leave the facility around the time we arrive, therefore the students will hopefully have less wait time.

## 2021 Classes

We are currently working on class structures for 2021. If you are moving away from Narrandera at the end of the year and your child will not be attending Narrandera Public School in 2021, could you please advise the school office as soon as possible. Also if you know of any families moving into the Narrandera zone and will be attending our school next year, please let us know, as grade numbers have a significant impact on the formation of classes.

## School Holidays

As the year quickly draws to a close, our last day of Term 4 will be Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, with the first day back being Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021. There are two Staff Development Days at the beginning of Term 1, these being Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January. The school will be open on these days if you require uniforms or other information.

Have a great week.

Derek Noffke  
Principal



### **Reminder to all students**

Last chance to redeem Merit awards this year will be at the assembly on the 4th December. Please hand your awards into the Front Office. Final chance for Year 6 to redeem their awards is on the final assembly, last day of school.



### **Reminders: money & notes**

*Star Reward Griffith - due Fri 4th December*  
*Pool Party notes - due Wed 9th December*  
*K-Year 2 Noah's Ark - due Wed 9th December*

### **LOOSE CHANGE FOR LOCALS**

At Narrandera Public School we love to give back to our community! This year, our group of year 6 students voted through their school parliament to raise money for Narrandera CanAssist!



## **Canteen News**

Order SUSHI OR CHICKEN & RICE  
Wednesday morning for Thursday Lunch  
Sushi \$3.50 Chicken & Rice \$4.50

### **Specials for Recess ONLY**

Wednesday – Fruit Salad & Ice-cream \$1.50

Thursday – Blueberry Muffins \$1

Friday – Rice Paper Rolls \$1





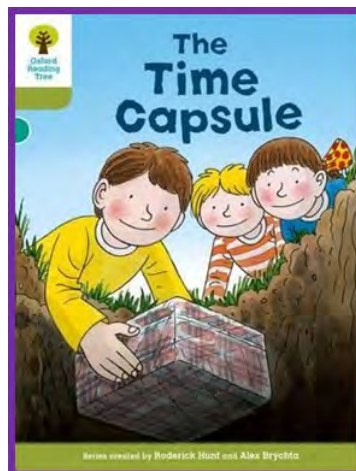
# K-6B NEWS



K-6B students have been collecting items over the year that have been special to them during COVID. After reading the story "The time capsule" we started discussing items they could bury to remember their time learning from home.

Many students made an object or animal from household materials. We plan to dig up our time capsule at the end of 2021.

Thankyou to Mr Madden for digging the hole!



# Lifeskills with Mrs Seymour

Our students enjoy learning many life skills with Mrs Seymour.  
Cooking Chocolate Weetbix Slice was a big hit with K-6B.





**As a whole school reward for reaching the next level in our BEE Box students are being rewarded with a.....**

## WATER FUN DAY

**FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER**

**NO COST!**

**This is a reward for positive behaviour.**

- Students can wear casual clothes
- Students must wear enclosed shoes to school
- Bring swimmers/rashie/shorts/shirts (clothes that can be wet) to change into.
- Bring thongs or shoes that can get wet. to wear during water fun time.

**Be Respectful**

**Be Responsible**

 **Be Safe**

**Be a Learner**





# NAIDOC Day

## activities





# Aboriginal Education News

## NAIDOC Day Celebrations

What an awesome day we had last week to celebrate NAIDOC day. Uncle Mick came with his famous Wattle seed ice-cream and kangaroo meat. We made Johnny cakes, a chalk art rainbow snake, tree art, learnt Aboriginal flag history, listened to Dreamtime storytelling and had traditional food tasting. Our human Aboriginal flag turned out amazing. Thank you to the high school for coming down to take the photo for us with their drone. A great day was had by all students and teachers involved.

## Little Booris Playgroup.

We only have 2 more weeks of playgroup left. We will be starting to do some fun Christmas art and craft just in time for Santa. Come along Thursday mornings 9:30-11:30 at NPS.

## Cultural lessons

We have finished our Stage 3 cultural lessons for this term. Thank you to all students and teachers for allowing us into their classrooms to teach a little about our local history, dreamtime stories and art. All of the art assessments looked amazing displayed in the hall for NAIDOC. Well done Stage 3. Stage 1 and 2 cultural lessons will occur over the next 2 weeks looking at art based on local traditional Dreamtime story.



## FROM THE COUNSELLOR'S DESK

Welcome to December!! The decorations are popping up, carols are playing and advertising is in overdrive. Christmas is meant to be a time of celebration, but the 'season of goodwill' can easily slip into ill-will and a stress. If you or your children are feeling overwhelmed and on edge, or if you or they are spending Christmas away from home, there are things they can make the holiday season easier.



### Why people get stressed at Christmas

Christmas and the holidays can be a massively busy time. Some of the reasons people get super-stressed, tired and argumentative with family at this time include:

- working long hours to get things finished before the holidays
- worrying about the financial cost of buying Christmas presents
- getting all the Christmas shopping done in time
- overdoing it with too many family, work or social events.



### Get some space

Because Christmas is usually jam-packed with family visits and activities, it's worthwhile making sure you (and the kids) have time out just to relax and be in your own space. Try these tips to avoid family conflicts:

- go for a walk
- ring a friend
- find a quiet space to relax
- put your headphones on and close your eyes.



### Spending Christmas away from the family

Celebrating Christmas away from the people you love can be lonely for adults and young people. If you or the kids are spending it with people other than family, plan for some fun activities:

- spend the day with friends who are also away from home
- plan a special Christmas menu with your favourite food
- line up some festive films to watch
- take a scenic walk, or play a fun game.

If you have to divide children's time between two parents' places, these suggestions might help.

#### 1. Work out a Christmas plan

Have a conversation about how to split time at Christmas. If both parents live close to each other, you might have children do lunch at one place and dinner at the other. If they live further apart, then you can swap who you spend Christmas with each year.

#### 2. Take time out

Spending a lot of time with someone you don't often see can be tough for anyone. Taking some time out from them might help both children and adults to have more fun when they're together. Try the tips above for getting some space.

Have a great week,

Kirsty Cochrane





# Little Learners

Hello  
my name

This week our Little Learners practiced making and writing their names.



They also played a game to practice taking turns, counting and recognising numbers on a dice.



They also practiced recognising and matching the letters of the alphabet and finding things that began with the same letter.





 <i>Every day</i> <b>COUNTS!</b> 					
When your child misses just ...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means, the best your child can achieve is...	
1 day each fortnight	20 days each year	4 weeks each year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 11	
1 day each week	40 days each year	8 weeks each year	Over 2 ½ years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 10	
2 days each week	80 days each year	16 weeks each year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7	
3 days each week	120 days each year	24 weeks each year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4	

*School success starts with attendance*

**Be Respectful**  
**Be Responsible**  
 **Be Safe**  
**Be a Learner**

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

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

**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 **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!!!*

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