

# Narrandera Public School Informer



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"We learn and meet on Wiradjuri Country"

Principal - Mr Derek Noffke

Term 1, Week 2

Tuesday, 2nd February, 2021

## Calendar



### Week 2

Friday, 5th Feb

- ◆ Swimming Carnival
- ◆ Book Club Due

### Week 3

Tuesday 9th Feb

- ◆ Kinder Bus Safety

Wednesday 10th Feb

- ◆ Parent/Teacher BBQ

Friday 12th Feb

- ◆ LNPSSA Basketball

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## Smoking Ceremony



Uncle Mick gave a traditional Welcome to Country and performed a Smoking Ceremony for the students and staff of Narrandera Public School to mark the start of the new school year.



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

Welcome back to another term of learning and growing together, I trust that each family has had a restful summer holiday.

There are a number of new families to our school this year, I know you will make them feel welcome. I encourage parents to regularly discuss their children's progress, both academically and socially throughout the year and encourage parents to become involved with school activities. COVID restrictions permitting, these include assemblies, sports carnivals, special events, offering assistance in the classroom and by becoming involved with P&C. Your children are the ones who benefit the most from your involvement.

Please feel welcome to come and say hello. If you have any concerns or worries regarding our school, please come and discuss them with me so I can continue to make this school a happy and rewarding place for your child/ren.

### **Updating your Child's Health Records**

We would appreciate information from parents about their child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. It is important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health related issues should be provided. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

### **Please also remember to notify staff of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.**

We appreciate your assistance in this matter and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your child's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

### **Swimming Carnival**

Our swimming carnival will take place this Friday, depending on weather conditions. Department COVID restrictions allow parents to attend the event, however there will be restrictions on where parents can sit. Unfortunately, we cannot have any parents on the pool deck or around that bottom area this year, which will make things difficult but it is a stipulation that the school is required to adhere to. On the positive side, I am happy that parents are allowed to attend an event to cheer our students on, which I know they will appreciate. Again, we thank you for your help with this situation.

### **Attendance**

Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as a part of their duty of care, monitor part or whole day absences. If your child is sick, please send a note in to explain this absence within seven days of returning to school. Alternatively, you can respond to our daily SMS alerts or ring the Office staff. Information is required to explain why the child was absent as well as the date or dates this occurred and must be provided by a parent or guardian. Hub staff will also assist in this area this year, so please feel comfortable to talk to staff about any attendance issues.

We are currently devising a 2021 attendance reward for students who attend regularly and show improvement in attendance throughout the year. More information soon, however every student is encouraged to attend school on a regular basis.

Thank you for your help with this matter.

**Parent Meet and Greet**

As there are a few changes in staffing and classes this year, we are holding a Parent/Teacher Meet and Greet on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, commencing at 5:30pm. Parents are welcome to come along and meet their child’s teacher whilst enjoying a free sausage sizzle. There will also be an information session, hosted by our Instructional Leaders, letting parents know what to expect this year and how parents can support their child at home in the area of reading. Due to COVID requirements, we ask that you maintain social distancing whilst you interact with others and you will be required to scan the NSW Health QR code on arrival. This outdoor activity has a maximum time limit of one hour. Please feel welcome to come along. Have a great week.

Derek Noffke  
Principal



**Meet and Greet BBQ**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

**5.30 - 6.30 pm**

Parents are invited to come along and meet their child’s classroom teacher, other staff at the school and find out what is happening in the classroom this year. We will run two identical sessions led by our Instructional Leaders -

1<sup>st</sup> Session at 5.30pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Session at 6.00pm.

Parents are welcome to attend either session.

The free BBQ sausage sizzle will be available from 5.30pm onwards. Kids are welcome to attend with their parents.

Entry will be via the Front Gate and parents will be required to maintain social distance and sign in using the NSW QR code.



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**Canteen News**



**Specials for Recess ONLY**

Wednesday – Zucchini slice \$1

Thursday – Jam muffins \$1

Friday – Triangle Wrap \$2

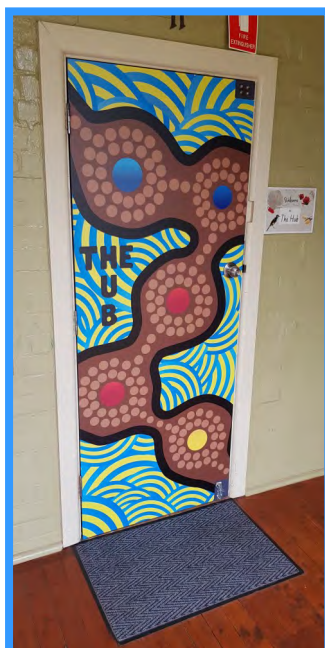
Don't forget to order your Sushi or Chicken & Fried Rice Wednesday mornings for Thursday lunch.

\$3.50 per roll for Sushi

\$4.50 Chicken & Fried Rice



# NEW SCHOOL ARTWORK



Beehives on the canteen wall will feature the names of our graduating Year 6 students each year. Congratulations to the Class of 2020.

The new welcoming door to the HUB. Designed by our very own aboriginal artist Richard.



### **Set yourself up for a year of healthy lunchboxes!**

Healthy Lunchbox Week is here to help set you up with healthy lunchbox habits for the year ahead.

Fuelling our kids with the right stuff gives them a head start for both learning and long-term health. Check out Nutrition Australia's top three tips for lunchboxes in 2021.

#### **1. Smart swaps**

Make the switch from highly processed foods to healthier alternatives. It can be as simple as swapping white bread for wholegrain, chips for popcorn or fruit straps for a carrot. With a bit of planning and simple preparation, buying less processed foods can actually save you money and reduce packaging.

#### **2. Fuel their day**

Around a third of children's daily food intake is consumed at school. Kids who eat well are better fuelled to listen, learn and play. Including food from each of the five food groups will help children meet their nutritional needs and support their long-term health.

#### **3. Safe and simple**

No-one wants to eat a hot salad sandwich or a soggy, bruised banana. Keeping food safe and fresh between home and the school playground can have its challenges, especially during a hot Aussie summer. Be sure to keep lunchboxes cool using insulated bags and cool packs. Remember to keep it simple with a healthy snack, a piece of fruit or vegetable and an easy lunch dish. Even leftovers can be a hit.

With some trusty guides and recipes by your side you can stay in control of fantastic lunchboxes the whole year through. For more lunchbox inspiration, visit Nutrition Australia's Healthy Lunchbox Week website: [www.healthylunchboxweek.org.au](http://www.healthylunchboxweek.org.au)



# GOLD Star Lunches



Hannah & Blake enjoyed lunch with their families as a reward for reaching Gold Star level.



**SECOND  
HAND**

Our Clothing Store is running low on second hand items. All donations gratefully received.  
If you have any unwanted uniform items please drop off to the School Office.  
Thank you.



# T2S



## Transition to School Playgroup

T2S playgroup is a play based Early Childhood Program designed specifically for preschool aged children starting school in 2022. Programs will follow the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) and will be facilitated by an experienced Early Childhood Educator at the Schools as a Community Centre (SaCC) on the grounds of Narrandera Public School.

Children will have the opportunity to play, explore and learn as they participate in a variety of activities to prepare them for kindergarten.

T2S will incorporate the support of a parent to ease them into a structured program that will encourage greater independence during formal transition programmes later in the year.

**T2S will commence in Terms 1 & 2**

**T2S will commence Tuesday 16th February  
10-12pm and operate during the school terms.  
This playgroup will be by enrolment only with  
limited numbers.**

**For further information and enrolment  
[Melody.davies1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Melody.davies1@det.nsw.edu.au)**





## 1-2-3 Magic® & Emotion Coaching

**2 session program:**

**Monday 1 March**

**Monday 8 March**

**6.00pm to 8.30pm**

**Schools as a Community Centre**

**(SaCC)**

**Narrandera Public School**

**Bolton Street**

**Narrandera**



**This is a 2 session program—to complete the program you will need to attend all sessions**

**Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old.**

A program for parents and carers of 2-12 year olds.

Learn:

- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- How to sort behaviour
- How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour

**Bookings are essential. Please RSVP by emailing**

**Mel Davies at [melody.davies1@det.nsw.gov.au](mailto:melody.davies1@det.nsw.gov.au)**

**Or call on 69593894**

**Note: Spaces are limited due to social distancing requirements**

Tea, Coffee and a light supper will be provided

(Please advise of any special dietary requirements at time of RSVP)

Please note child care is not being provided

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

**Girls' Brigades resumes and welcomes new members**

Narrandera Girls' Brigade has resumed its activities for 2021 on Monday February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm, in the St John's Uniting Church hall. Girls' Brigade is a Christian-run program which addresses the spiritual, physical, social and educational needs of the girls in a fun way. Girls who have started Kindergarten in 2021 and above are welcome to participate. Girls' Brigade meets each Monday night from 6pm - 8pm during term time. Any girl or parent who wants to know more about Brigade is welcome to come along and chat to the leaders and other girls and see what our program offers.

Any further information can be obtained from Anne Beckett on 69592207

**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.**

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**1800 450 046**

*We hope to see you soon!!!*