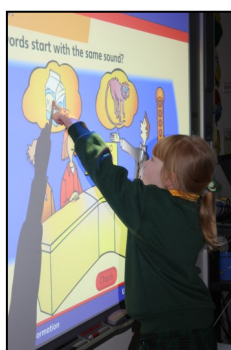




# Narrandera East Infants School

Providing Excellence in Early Learning



## A tradition of excellence

Established in 1961, Narrandera East is a specialist Infants School offering quality educational programs to children from five to eight years, in an excellent learning environment. It is the only separate Infants School in the Riverina and one of seventeen in the state.

Narrandera East Infants School is located next to the Showgrounds and within easy walking distance of both the High School and the Sports Stadium.

Our school is a modern co-educational public school with a long tradition of providing quality specialised education for students from Kindergarten to Year 2 in a stimulating and caring environment. It is widely regarded as a progressive country school with very nurturing and encouraging values.

Our school has been recognised for its outstanding academic achievements brought about by a team of teachers and staff dedicated to a culture of constant improvement. This culture ensures the most current teaching strategies and resources are utilised for the benefit of the students.

The students also have the opportunity of attending performances and day excursions both in the town and surrounding areas.

Narrandera East prides itself on its excellent facilities including the addition of a new outdoor learning area and resource room for STEAM activities. The school also boasts extensive and beautiful grounds planted with many Australian native trees and shrubs.

Parent participation and involvement is a strong feature of our school. We operate an Open Door Policy which means that parents and friends are welcome to visit at any time.

A number of buses service the school covering an extensive area to ensure that all students have an efficient transport system to and from school.

## Discipline and Awards

An outstanding feature of the school is the well-developed and effective student welfare system. This system focuses on developing and maintaining strong relationships with students and their families and promoting sustained positive behaviour, values and attitudes amongst students by providing a well established support network at all levels.

Emphasis is placed on developing acceptable rules and an understanding of behaviour consequences within the classroom and in the playground. Good discipline is fundamental to achieving these aims.

The school has a behaviour management plan which has clear guidelines, well defined expectations and support structures to acknowledge appropriate behaviour and address inappropriate and unacceptable behaviour. Bullying and insolence will not be tolerated at our school.

Narrandera East run a positive behaviour program titled Go For Gold whereby the students are rewarded for kind and thoughtful behaviour toward others.

Yellow tickets are given out daily:  
6 yellow tickets = 1 small yellow certificate and a treat  
3 small certificates (18 tickets) = 1 large yellow certificate  
A large yellow certificate entitles the child to a special afternoon tea with the staff and parents at the end of term.

Every month a citizenship award known as the "Aussie of the Month Award" is presented to a child for dedicated school service. The child's photograph is taken and displayed in the Hall of Fame in the front foyer for that year. All framed photos are then presented to each student at Presentation Day at the end of Term 4.



## Awards and Uniform

The students also receive positive reinforcement by means of a merit award system for good behaviour and effort in the classroom and playground. Three small merits are awarded in each class at the weekly assembly.

3 first level merits (small) = 1 medium  
 3 second level merits (medium) = 1 large (Principal's Award)  
 3 third level merits (large) = 1 fun pack

As part of the Fair Discipline Code, it is a policy of Narrandera East that a uniform be worn at all times. The school tone is raised when students can clearly be identified and act as part of a unit. Parental co-operation is sought in ensuring that students come to school dressed appropriately in uniform.

The school maintains a uniform clothing pool. These clothes are in very good condition and are free. Enquiries can be made at the office. Student Assistance is available, if required, for the purchase of a uniform.

The girls uniform consists of a summer check school dress, tartan dress or trousers with yellow polo for winter and for the boys, grey shorts or trousers with a green polo shirt.

Sports uniform consists of a yellow polo shirt with black shorts or skirt along with black track pants in winter. Sports uniform is only worn on Fridays or on other designated sports days.

The following items of uniform are available for purchase from the office:

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| • Girls Summer Check Dress                | \$42.00 |
| • Girls Winter Tartan Pinafore            | \$50.00 |
| • Girls Tartan Trousers                   | \$40.00 |
| • Green Spray Jacket with logo            | \$45.00 |
| • Green school jumper with logo           | \$20.00 |
| • Boys Green Polo Shirt with logo         | \$20.00 |
| • Yellow Sports Shirt with logo           | \$20.00 |
| • Green/Yellow long sleeve polo with logo | \$20.00 |
| • Green School Hat with logo              | \$10.00 |
| • Green Knitted Tights                    | \$10.00 |

## Academic Curriculum Areas

Our school closely follows the guidelines of the Department of Education and Communities in all curriculum areas. There are currently six Key Learning Areas (KLAs) in the Primary Curriculum in New South Wales. They are:

- English is the KLA where students develop knowledge, skills and understandings about English, Language and Literature.
- Mathematics is where students learn to analyse and solve problems in the areas of space, measurement and number. It also involves the study of patterns and relationships.
- Science and Technology provides opportunities for students to learn about natural and man made environments. Students are involved in investigating, designing and making, using technology.
- Human Society and Its Environment/History deals with the interactions of people with one another and with the social, cultural and physical environments, both past and present as they attempt to meet their needs.
- Creative and Practical Arts includes the art forms of dance, music, visual arts, and drama. Students are provided with the opportunities to create their own works and appraise with work of others. The students have a half hour music/singing lesson every Monday.
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) is concerned with supporting the development of the student as a whole person to improve the ongoing quality of life.
- Computer, although part of Science and Technology, has become an important component of all curriculum areas and is integrated into all classes. Keyboarding skills, literacy and numeracy games, desktop publishing, internet access and webmail are a few of the activities the students learn.
- During 2018 we will begin implementation of the new Literacy and Numeracy Progressions.

## Learning Assistance Support

This program aims for early identification of learning difficulties particularly in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy.

Students experiencing difficulties in these areas receive individual instruction in addition to regular classroom teaching. A specialist learning assistance teacher is employed for this purpose.

With a clear focus on early learning, our school provides excellent literacy, numeracy and technology programs catering for the needs of all students. We provide innovative programs and hands on activities with small classes allowing close attention to individual student needs. We strive for a high quality, balanced education with a strong emphasis on the development of each child's potential. We run successful transition programs for children entering Kinder and leaving Year 2. The high number of our students gaining academic awards when they progress to upper primary and high school reflect the academic strengths and solid foundation initiated at our school.





## General Information

### School Routine

Students are expected to arrive at school no earlier than 8.50am with the exception of bus travellers. The school day begins at 9.15am and finishes at 3.15pm. Lunch is between 11.00 and 11.40am. On wet weather days, students will be supervised under the covered area and/or in the school building. Afternoon supervision is provided for students who travel on buses.

### Morning Fitness

The students participate in morning fitness activities each week. The activities include power walking, health hustle, obstacle course, aerobics and dancing.

### Sport

Sport for the students is held every Friday. The aim of the sporting program is to improve the student's co-ordination and game skills. Weekly visits to the Sports Stadium are a feature of our program. Year Two students participate in an intensive swimming program in Term 4. Our school is also involved in Athletics, Swimming, Cross Country, Netball Clinics and Tabloid Sports days.

### Medical Information

A First Aid Kit is located near the front office at school and a small mobile kit is carried with teachers on duty. Minor cuts and abrasions are treated by the Administrative Manager. In the case of serious illness or accident, we request the permission of parents to obtain medical attention. Forms for this purpose are given to the students at the beginning of each year.

### Library

Students borrow from the Library each Friday and have four library lessons each term based on Literacy appreciation. Library bags are required by all students to ensure protection for borrowed books. Please ensure that all bags are clearly labelled with your child's name and that library books are returned for exchange every week. Parents are encouraged to assist their child with borrowing (9.00-9.30).

### Student Banking

Student banking is conducted with the Bendigo Bank each Thursday morning. Application forms for new accounts are available at the bank. Bank books need to be left at the front office each Wednesday for collection by Bendigo Bank staff on Thursday.

### Parent Organisations

Narrandera East Infants has a Parents and Citizens Association (P & C). Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month during the school term commencing at 7.30pm.

The P & C Association assists in setting goals for the school and the direction that the school will take in the future. They also help support the school through various fundraising activities and special functions.

All parents and friends of the school are welcome to attend these meetings.

### Parent Helpers

Parents and community helpers are invited to assist with many activities such as canteen and a wide variety of curriculum groups (ie maths, reading, sport, art, craft, cooking).

### Student Records

An interim report is sent home at the end of Term One. Student half-yearly and yearly reports are sent home during Terms 2 and 4. Parent Information evenings are held in Terms 1 and 2.

### Canteen

The school has a canteen which provides lunches, snacks and drinks. It is conducted by the P & C Assoc and run by a voluntary supervisor. It operates at lunchtime only on Fridays. Volunteer workers are required each canteen day for approximately 2 hours. A note requesting volunteers is sent home at the beginning of each term to enable a roster preparation. The canteen operates within the Healthy Canteen Strategy Guidelines.

### Newsletter

A weekly newsletter is sent home to parents every Tuesday outlining special events in the school and achievements of students. A copy of the weekly newsletter and photos of the students can be found on the school website at [www.narrandere-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.narrandere-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

### Student Absences

A written note, email or phone call is required when a child is absent from school. ALL absence notes are to be posted in the post box in the front foyer. A partial absence form is to be completed if a child arrives late to school or needs to leave early (ie doctors appointment). Partial absence notes are available from the office and all students leaving during the day need to be signed out and back in again if they return after their appointment.

Our caring, experienced teachers meet the needs of your child and provide programs to cater for a wide range of abilities and interests. Being a small school we know the individual needs of our students. Our enthusiastic teachers and support staff are involved in ongoing training and development, and trial the latest educational programs. Staff plan interesting extra-curricular activities which offer fun but meaningful learning experiences. All students receive a balanced education and are supported and encouraged in a stimulating learning environment.





Our unique infant environment builds a supportive bridge between home, preschool and the larger educational environment. We provide the care and nurturing so essential for the happiness and security of young children. Our programs develop confidence, increase self-esteem, respect and a sense of belonging. Positive learning experiences encourage a love of learning and motivate students to work to their full potential in all facets of their early education. Our students are given the opportunity to take on leadership roles at an early age and are involved in experiences that develop initiative and responsibility, enabling them to become dynamic, engaged citizens of the future.

## General Information

### Bookpack Information

At the beginning of the year each student is asked to pay for a school bookpack which includes all the classroom supplies they will need such as pencils, glue sticks, rulers, work books etc. This amount also covers the entry fee into the stadium for the year and the Life Education Van charges.

### School Activities

During the year you can expect your child to take part in many and varied activities such as the Leeton Eisteddfod, Tabloid Sports Day, School Excursions and more. We hold a fete and a concert on alternate years. At the end of the year we celebrate our achievements by going on a fun excursion for the day.

### Notes and excursion monies

In the foyer of the school, near the main office there is a post box for all notes and returns. This includes all absence notes, excursion permission slips and monies etc. NO notes are to be given to teachers or handed in at the office. Correct money would be appreciated as the office does not keep change.

### Scripture

Non-denominational scripture is taught by volunteer members of our local churches to all classes on Friday morning of each week.

### Assemblies

Whole school assemblies are held every Monday in the Kinder room from 2.55pm-3.15pm. Students are presented with Merit Awards and Special Certificates recognising sporting, academic and behavioural achievements. Parents are most welcome.

### After School Care

Leeton/Narrandera Shire Councils run an After School Care program in an onsite building at Narrandera East. It is known as the Narrandera Out Of School Hours (NOOSH) Care and is available daily from 3.00-6.00pm. NOOSH also provides a 'Vacation Care' program during the school holidays for all primary aged students of Narrandera. The contact number for this program is 02 6959 4731.

### At Narrandera East Infants School we believe all members of the school community have the right to:

- Learn
- Teach
- Be safe
- Be heard
- Be respected

### Our students have the right to:

- Quality teaching and learning
- Uninterrupted education
- Reach their full potential
- Fair treatment and respect from others
- School facilities and equipment

### Our students have the responsibility to:

- Strive for excellence and the best possible education
- Strive for a safe and hygienic environment
- Always respect other people and their rights
- Respect our school
- Wear school uniform

### To instil these values in our students we have:

- A positive environment in which to learn
- Broad, creative and relevant programs
- Fully qualified, highly educated and skilled teachers
- Balanced student welfare and discipline system
- Active and loyal parent body
- Extra curricula activities - Eisteddfod, performances, combined schools concerts, cultural visits and sporting competitions
- Publications including a weekly school newsletter, regular articles in the Narrandera Argus newspaper, an Annual School Report and School Management Plan and a School Website.

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