

Narrandera East Infants School

Excellence in Early Learning

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Week 2, Term 4

14th October, 2014

Snake Tails

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students enjoyed their visit to Narrandera Public School yesterday to see Snake Tails. Unfortunately not all students were able to attend as we have had to introduce a 'pay to go' system because we have many families with outstanding accounts this year, which is rather unusual for our school. Please remember if you are having difficulty financially meeting school commitments we do have student assistance available. Please see Mrs Amery in the office if you require this support. All enquiries are confidential.

Year Two Transition

Today our Year 2 students attended another Transition Day at Narrandera Public School or St Joseph's in preparation for Year 3 in 2015. We hope all students enjoyed their special days.

School Surveys

Thank you to the 69% of Narrandera East parents who returned the 2014 school surveys. Your opinions are very important to us, particularly as we enter into a new three year planning cycle. Attached to this newsletter is a summary of the survey comments. In order to further assist staff in planning for 2015-2017 we invite all parents to attend one of two planning sessions on Wednesday, 29th October from 2.00 - 3.00pm or 6.00 - 7.00pm in the Library. The more we have in attendance, the more likely we are to meet the needs of both parents and students over the next three years. Please come along to the session that suits you best and have your say. (No children to attend)

Grandparent's Day

Monday 27th October we will be celebrating Grandparent's Day by inviting all Grandparents to a morning tea and classroom visit from 11.00 - 1.00. We will also be holding a cake stall on this day to assist Year 2 in financing their excursion to the Chocolate Factory in Week 10. We are asking all families to make a cake, slice or biscuits for the fundraiser.

Kindergarten Orientation Day

Our Kindergarten Orientation Day will be held on Thursday 13th November. All students who attended our Transition Program in Term 3 will receive an invitation in the mail. Any other child eligible to start school in 2015, and will be coming to Narrandera East is also invited to attend this day.

Operation Christmas Child

We have not received many items for Operation Christmas Child as yet. Please try to send something in as you only have till this Friday when we hand all our goods over to Mrs McDermott.

School Photos

The School Photographer has changed the date of our school photos and they will now be on Wednesday 5th November. Envelopes will be sent home next week.

Regards,
Karen Babbs - Principal

What's happening at Narrandera East

Week 2

13/10/14	Snake Tails - NPS P&C Meeting
16/10/14	Fruit Day Otitis Media Testing
17/10/14	Library Scripture Sport

Week 3

23/10/14	Fruit Day
24/10/14	Library Scripture Sport

Week 4

27/10/14	Grandparent's Day Cake Stall
29/10/14	Year 2 Halloween Day 2015-2017 Planning Session for Parents
30/10/14	Fruit Day
31/10/14	Library Scripture Sport

Presentation Day Raffle

The P&C will again be running a raffle to be drawn on Presentation Day. Prizes will include a large John Deer Tractor, a Scratchies Tree and a Hamper. Parents are asked to donate either/or a Scratchie or goods for the Hamper. Items can be left at the office.

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Awards for Week 1, Term 4



Kindergarten:

Madisyn Bengtson - improved sight word recognition
Amy Hall - writing an excellent holiday account
Tara Cock - trying hard to use expression in her reading
Zennith Ingram - trying hard to write neatly in lined books

Year 1:

Tuki Parsons - improved work habits
Will Thornton - improved story writing
Zoe Ewers - great work in maths with fractions
Sebastien Warren - 125 nights home reading
Julia Gunn - 100 nights home reading
Abbie Hodges - 75 nights home reading

Year 2:

Mackenzie Maver - for amazing journal writing
Shania Sullivan - for improved journal writing
Jasmine Choy - for interesting journal writing
Ellenor Croft - for 150 nights home reading
Jarrah Murray - for 100 nights home reading



Happy Birthday

to

Shania Sullivan who turns 8 on the 17th
and
Ben Richardson who turns 76 today (14th).



Narrandera Amateur Swimming Club

REGISTRATION EVENING

Date: Tuesday 21st October 2014

Time: 5:30pm

Where: Lake Talbot swimming



Payment is due on the night. Eftpos will be available.

Pool season passes will also be available for purchase.

Bring your child/ren along to the registration evening as photos for season publicity will be taken.

Cost to join is \$65 each child for the season which includes-

- Free squad training or learn to swim lessons
- Free time trials to practice and prepare for races
- Information and access to swimming meets (carnivals) for those that choose to compete.



Club swimwear and polo shirts available for purchase.

Lessons to suit everyone with any capability level.



NEIS Calendar of Events 2014

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
12 Week 2	13 P&C Meeting 7.30 pm Canteen: C Flanigan	14	15	16 Fruit Day Return Library Books	17 Library Scripture Stadium Canteen: L Blackshaw P Cock	18
19 Week 3	20 Canteen: E Lawrence M Hanlon	21 Aust Principals Conference	22	23 Fruit Day Return Library Books	24 Library Scripture Stadium Canteen: T Thornton	25
26 Week 4	27 Grandparents Day Canteen: C Brewer	28 Staff Coaching Course - Wagga	29 Year 2 Halloween Day 2015-2017 Planning Session for Parents 2-3pm or 6-7pm	30 Fruit Day Return Library Books	31 Library Scripture Stadium Canteen: A Gibson A Lyons	1 Nov
2 Week 5	3 Canteen: M Hanlon N Hanlon	4 Melbourne Cup	5 School Photos	6 Bike Day Fruit Day Return Library Books	7 Library Scripture Stadium Canteen: J Bloomfield S Williams	8
9 Week 6	10 P&C Meeting 7.30 pm Canteen: C Flanigan A Brew	11	12	13 Kinder 2015 Orientation Day Fruit Day Return Library Books	14 Library Scripture Stadium Canteen: J Yaung K Finn	15
16 Week 7	17 Year 2 Swimming School Canteen: E Lawrence	18	19	20 Fruit Day Return Library Books	21 Library Scripture Stadium Canteen: E Walsh S Williams	22

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Narrandera Garden Club

Town & Country Open Gardens

Sunday 26th October 2014

Maps on sale from
outside the Tourist
Information Centre
9 am - 2:30 pm

\$10 per person
including
Devonshire Tea
at Uniting Church Hall

Music & Light Lunch
available at a country garden
cost - \$8 pp

All proceeds go to Narrandera Can Assist
Enquiries 6959 2228

FREE Parenting Your
Child with ADHD

3 Session Program:
Tuesday 28 October
Tuesday 4 November
Tuesday 11 November

10:30am to 2pm

Narrandera Library
39-51 East St, Narrandera

Cope with the many difficulties of ADHD

Understand:

- The disorder
- The assessment process
- Medication
- Management techniques
- Working with your child's school
- Family problem solving

Bookings are essential please RSVP by emailing
ParentingRiverina@missionaustralia.com.au
or contact Stacey at Mission Australia on 6942 8001

Tea, Coffee and a Light lunch will be provided
(Please advise of any special dietary requirements at time of
RSVP)
Please note child care is not being provided

MISSION
AUSTRALIA together
we stand

FREE PROGRAM



Next week we will be collecting items to support our chosen charity for the term - Operation Christmas Child. Millions of children around the world struggle daily with war, poverty, famine and disease. By donating simple gifts to fill shoe boxes we can help bring joy and hope to children in need.

From Wednesday, 8th October until Friday, 17th October we are inviting students to bring suitable new items to school and place them in the containers in each classroom. A class photo will be added to each box to make the gifts more personal and special. Below is a selection of gift ideas. You may also wish to donate a gold coin to assist Operation Christmas Child with postage.

This is a wonderful charity and we hope that each student in our school can donate at least one item to brighten the lives of children far less fortunate than us.

Kind regards
Rose Davis

The Power of a Simple Gift

Gift IDEAS

- SOMETHING TO WEAR: t-shirt, polo shirt, shorts, skirt, cap, beanie, sandals, etc.
- SOMETHING TO LOVE: teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.
- SOMETHING SPECIAL: carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, stickers, necklaces, craft kits, a personal note, a photo of yourself, etc.
- SOME THINGS FOR SCHOOL: exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.
- SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH: tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, wind-up torch, etc.
- SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE: soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, scrunchies, hair-clips, etc.

Prohibited ITEMS

- ITEMS THAT LEAK OR MELT: (these can spoil boxes) including toothpaste, shampoo, bubbles, plasticine, play dough and batteries
- FOOD OR LOLLIES OF ANY KIND: (due to customs regulations) including medicines and vitamins
- ANY USED OR DAMAGED ITEMS: (due to customs regulations) including worn clothing and old toys
- ANY BREAKABLE ITEMS: including glass, porcelain and mirrors
- ANY ITEM THAT CAN SCARE OR HARM A CHILD: including knives, war related toys and toy guns
- ANY GAMBLING-RELATED ITEMS: including play money, playing cards and dominoes
- ANYTHING OF A RELIGIOUS, RACIAL OR POLITICAL NATURE

*It is VERY important that the conditions above are followed in order to comply with various laws and customs regulations and to protect the content of the shoe boxes. We reserve the right to remove any prohibited items.



Snake Tales - An educational and informative day was had with students learning some very interesting safety facts about our native animals. Here our students are getting up close and personal with our native wild life.



JUNIOR BASKETBALL

The teams for intermediate boys are
BLACK TEAM Brad Cussans, Will Rivero, Heath Chappell, Heath Reilly, James Kerr, Lachlan Kerr, Blair Robinson.
PINK TEAM Connor Bloomfield, Jack Rilen, Riley Buchanan, Connor Smith, Liam Mathieson, Deakin Bright,
BLUE TEAM Ben Pearson, Taj Trengrove, Noah Watson, Cody Eade, Jake Demamiel, Brad Hutchins, Khan Ozsoy
MAROON TEAM Harry Grintell, Drew Matthews, Noah Bolton, Jack Sergeant, Xavier Davis, Bodean Tareva
GREEN TEAM Seth Bolton, Dylan Johnson, Jeremy Johnson, Adam Hewitt, Reid Hitchens, Sam Papsidero, Clayton James
YELLOW TEAM Luke Argus, Kane Williams, Jaime Paterson, Bryce Hickson, Jarrod Craze, Maisyn Paterson, Brooklyn Hands

The Draw for Wednesday is
5.00pm Junior boys
5.50pm Intermediate boys Black v Green & Pink v Maroon
6.40pm Intermediate Boys Blue v Yellow & Senior Boys

Thursday
4.00pm AUSSIE HOOPS
5.00pm Junior Girls
5.50pm Intermediate Girls
6.40pm Senior Girls



Survey Results

Many thanks to those parents who returned the surveys. As a staff we really do value your opinions and try to act upon them. The following is a summary of what you thought.

Major achievements this year:

- Eisteddfod
- Art Day
- Gymnastics
- Footsteps Dance
- Reading/Writing Programs
- Kindergarten Transition Program
- School Fete
- Sporting Program
- Effort of teachers, especially in all extracurricular activities
- Charity events
- Bush dance
- Ramps
- New Toilets
- Home Reading Program
- Skoolbag App
- Excursions - Fisheries/KROP/etc..
- Father's Day Breakfast
- Mother's Day
- Family Functions
- Accommodation and education of large Kindergarten Size
- Happy school environment
- Anzac Service
- NOOSH
- Community environment
- Book Fair
- Canteen

Budget Priority:

- Any areas that encourage learning
- English
- Maths
- Technology
- Literacy
- Science
- Reading Eggs
- PE/H/PD
- Home Readers
- Extra staff for slow learners
- Teacher Support
- Sporting area/ long jump pit/ javelin/shotput circles/equipment
- Computer Programs
- Gymnastics/Dance Program - so parents have to pay less
- Covered walkway into school
- Garden for children
- Arts/Craft
- Medals for all place getters in Athletics Carnival

Areas of Concerns/problems:

- Payment system for excursions
- Bullying/Rough Play
- Cost of Gymnastics
- Direct Deposit
- Lack of Parent/Teacher Interview at end of year
- Late change of venue, sports clothes.
- Concerning behaviour of some students
- Choice of lollies/sweets/soft drinks as rewards
- Earlier notice of upcoming events
- Large class size in Kindergarten
- Head Lice
- Dedicated time for reader exchange required
- Cross Country/Fun Run - to be run as a race
- Excursion/slush Fund built into School Fees - cover small excursions, etc..

Areas of Improvement Suggested:

- More covered walkways from gates to school
- More Food education
- More friendship/acceptance programs
- Connection to NBN
- Technology improvements
- Enlarge school all the way to Year 6
- Public Speaking
- Lawn area
- More exposure to Language/Culture
- New outdoor play equipment
- More challenging work for advanced students
- Solar Panels
- Drain in Canteen
- Greater use of L3 in Year 2
- Smaller class sizes
- Canteen Upgrade

Improvements that have been made:

Literacy:

- Always improving
- Love the Reading Program
- Reading Recovery Program
- Reading Eggs
- L3

Numeracy:

- Always improving
- Athletics
- Maths Day

Technology:

- Always improving
- Athletics
- Reading Eggs
- Skoolbag App
- iPads
- Smartboards

School Environment:

- Always neat & tidy
- BBQ area
- Immaculate Grounds
- Always very welcoming/personal
- Credit to Mr Vest
- Disability access
- New Toilets
- Excellent Environment
- Safe Environment

Communication:

- Excellent communication
- Great Website
- Likes articles in Argus
- Staff approachable, warm and friendly
- Email
- More visits with community
- New Skoolbag App is great
- Explicit/correct instructions of notes - not to be changes at a later date.
- Communication with teachers if help is required for child
- More interactions with other schools
- Greater notice of upcoming events

I would like to address a few of the points very briefly in the areas of concern section.

- The cost of gymnastics is set by the company. They have both a five week and a ten week program and it was in consultation with our P&C that we opted for the ten week program. In 2015 it will be a user pay participation program.
- I agree that there have been situations where very short notice has been given for events. Most often this is due to the school receiving notifications of the event very close to the actual date. We will, however, endeavour to give as much notice as possible. As for change of venues and changes of dates this is usually beyond our control.
- Payment systems for excursions are already in place. Excursions can be paid off over time both before and continuing after the event. School Assistance is available for anyone experiencing financial difficulties.
- Bullying, rough play and concerning behaviour is always on the top of our agenda and always addressed when and if needed.
- Head Lice - like you we are always working on it.
- The Skoolbag App and our Eisteddfod involvement have both been an outstanding success.