

Narrogin Primary School



"In The Pursuit Of Excellence"

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

The 2013 school year has begun smoothly and all students have been working enthusiastically in their new classes.

We are proud to announce that Narrogin Primary School is one of the 84 new Independent Public Schools (IPS) in Western Australia. We hope to use the greater flexibilities afforded under this initiative, to bring about real benefits for our students. Our Business Plan 2013-2015 is currently being printed and will be sent home to all families, in the near future.

Enrolment has been as predicted and we have commenced the year with 14 classes, from K-7. We have welcomed six new teaching staff members and look forward to their strong commitment to the teaching and learning program at Narrogin Primary School.

New to the school are; Mrs Elise Parker, Miss Domini Carroll, Mrs Marilyn Dolkens, Miss Kimberly D'Silva, Miss Lisa Mann and Miss Georgia Michael.



New teachers: Miss Mann, Miss Michael, Miss Carroll, Miss D'Silva, Mrs Dolkens and Mrs Parker

The following table outlines the location of our classes and of some of the school's services.

CLASS	TEACHER	LOCATION
K	Mrs McDougall (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)	Off-site Kindergarten
K	Mrs Dolkens (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)	Off-site Kindergarten
P	Miss D'Silva	PPA
P	Mrs deMamiel	PPB
Yr1	Miss Atherton	Room 2
Yr1	Mrs Shepherd	Room 1
Yr2/3	Mrs Byway	Room 10
Yr2/3	Miss Michael	Room 11
Yr2/3	Mrs McDougall	Room 12
Yr4	Mrs Tyler-Tourle	Room 6
Yr5	Miss Farrell	Room 7
Yr5/6	Mrs Bicknell	Room 15
Yr6/7	Mrs Heil	Room 13
Year6/7	Miss Mann	Room 14
LOTE	Pak Young	Room 9
Music	Miss Carroll	Music Room
Art	Mrs Davis	Art Room
Physical Education	Mrs Parker	Room 4
Literacy/Science Specialist	Mrs Scott	Room 5
Chaplain	Mrs Pollard	Resource Room
Breakfast Club	Mrs Pollard and Mrs Wilkie	Resource Room
School Nurse	Mrs McFall	Resource Room
Uniform Sales	Mrs Steer and Mrs Jacobs	Resource Room
Library	Mrs Forrest	Library
Canteen	Mrs Muller	Canteen

PARENT INFORMATION BOOKLET

A parent information booklet is provided to all parents/carers for their reference throughout the year. This year's publication will be sent home this week. The handbook will also be available on the school's website in the near future.

NPS PASSPORTS

Information regarding this year's passport system will be in next week's newsletter.

PAYMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The school office is open for payment of voluntary contributions from 8.30am – 3.30pm, Monday to Friday. Payment can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, NPS dollars, centrepay or direct deposit to BSB 066-522 a/c 00900206.

BUSES

The school has implemented a new system for the departure of our farm bus students at the end of each school day. Children will be assembling on the north side of the library verandah and will be dismissed to their bus from that point. A student bus leader has been appointed to each bus line. Bus students will be getting a letter home shortly with more information regarding the buses.

All farm bus children will be placed on the bus unless the school is advised otherwise. This advice needs to be in writing or via phone or email – not verbally from your child. The office will be keeping an overall record of students not on the bus each day.

NO NUTS PLEASE

Some students at our school have a severe allergy to nuts and could go into anaphylactic shock. Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. In order for the school to minimise the risk for these students, it is requested that parents do not send foods containing any type of nuts (including tree nuts, peanut butter and nutella) to school with their child. The sharing of food can be a further risk and we would ask you to work with the staff at school to discourage this practice.

FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 2013 Faction Swimming Carnival will be conducted on Friday March 8 for all students from Years 4 to 7. Nomination forms will be sent home with these students. Younger students are welcome to participate if they have passed Stage 6 (Junior) or above. Nomination forms for these students are available at the front office. We require lots of parent helpers for the carnival please. If you are able to assist us, could you please contact the school ASAP.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Our school has been fortunate to continue to receive funding to run our Active After School Community Program for 2013. Children participating in this program are provided with an afternoon tea prior to engaging in a variety of fun non-competitive activities for seven weeks each term. Best of all, it is free to participants. Active After School will be operating three afternoons per week for Term 1:

Mondays: This program is coordinated by Mrs Sherree Donaldson and Mrs Joanne Grover. It runs from 3.20pm to 4.30pm commencing Monday, February 11. If you would like your child/children to participate, please collect an enrolment form from the front office. This will need to be completed and returned prior to your child participating. This program is for Year one to seven only.

Tuesdays: This program is coordinated by Mrs Leonie Reynolds. This is run during our Early Close session each week. Priority placement is given to our out of town bus students. Remaining places will be offered to town students on a first in basis. Expression of interest notes will be going home with bus students in the next few days. This program will commence on Tuesday, February 18. Supervision is provided for bus students on weeks when Active After is not operating.

Thursdays – The school has been very fortunate to have received an additional grant to run an aquatic based program on Thursday afternoons. More information will be provided at a later date.

STUDENTS ARRIVING EARLY TO SCHOOL

The school does not provide supervision prior to 8.30am in the morning and we ask that students not be present on school premises. Students are required to go directly to their classrooms after an 8.30am arrival to prepare for the day. If students do arrive early, they are required to sit on the seats outside the junior cluster. Exception to this rule is if they are attending breakfast club. (see Chaplain's Chat)

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have moved house over the holidays, changed your phone number or have different preferences for your emergency contact people, please call in to the school office and advise the office staff. It is most important we have 'active' contact numbers in case of illness or emergency.

EARLY CLOSE TUESDAY

A reminder to families that Tuesday is Early Close Day at Narrogin Primary School. School finishes at 2.30pm every Tuesday. The town bus is available for students to travel home at this time.

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

I am looking for wonderful parents or grandparents who are willing and would like to become involved in our school helping out with breakfast club, our mentoring program or helping with me with the sewing program. Breakfast club is held every morning EXCEPT Tuesday at 8am. This year I will be at the school on Thursday and Friday. If you would like to come in and chat you are most welcome. *Thank you - Jennifer Pollard*

CLASS NEWS

5/6B has settled rapidly into work, welcoming some new students to our school, hitting the Computer lab on the first day and starting our science experiments. In February, we will be part of the international Flame Challenge "What is time?" contest. Our class makes up some of the 20,000 schoolchildren in more than 266 schools signed up to judge entries from scientists in 30 countries. Of course, the most important event of the first week back is catching up with friends!
Mrs Sue Bicknell – class 5/6

WELCOME NEW DENTAL STAFF

Narrogin Primary School would like to extend a warm welcome to Sandra Sullivan who has taken up the position of Dental Clinic Assistant at the Dental Therapy Centre. Sandra comes to us with vast experience and will be relocating to Narrogin in the near future. We wish her the best of luck settling in to her new position. Sandra fills the shoes of Robyn Mulgrew who has taken up a position elsewhere and Lani Carruthers who is currently on maternity leave.

UNIFORM SHOP

In 2013, the uniform shop will be open on the first Friday of each month from 8.30am to 9.30am during each school term. For term 1, these days will be: Friday 15th February, Friday 1st March, Friday 5th April.

Any urgent orders may be left at the school office with full payment, which can be made via EFTPOS, cash or cheque and these will be filled every second Wednesday afternoon and sent home with your child via your classroom teacher on the Thursday.

For term 1, orders will be filled on the following Wednesdays: February 13th & 27th: March 13th & 27th: April 10th.

Nanette Steer & Sue Jacobs - P&C Uniform Shop Coordinators

CANTEEN

For those of you that don't know me, my name is Mandy Muller and I am the new canteen manager. I have made up the canteen roster for this term, however if the days that you are rostered do not suit, please let me know ASAP so they can be rearranged. We still have quite a few unfilled dates and would love any help to fill them. If you can help out please fill in the tear off slip below and return it to the canteen. I look forward to meeting you all in the near future.

This weeks roster:

Tuesday 12	L Conlan
Wednesday 13	J Draper
Thursday 14	J Dewing
Friday 15	J Sieber
Monday 18	D Malek

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Please return to the canteen

Parent Name

Days available

Number of days per term

Contact phone number

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NOONGAR FAMILY GET TOGETHER

Narrogin Primary School invites Noongar families to come and meet all the other families in our school community. On Tuesday 12 February 12.30pm at Koorlanga Mia.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Blast Youth Group is back!

Term One - Year four to seven, every second Friday night

(Weeks 2,4,6,8,10)

Narrogin Baptist church hall from 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Cost is \$2 per person. Starts Friday 15 February.

For more information call Jo 9881 5148

2013 Central South Eisteddfod

Saturday 18 May to Monday 20 May

Senior Citizens Centre

Catering for music: Instrumental-Vocal-Choir

Information Schedule Cost \$5.00

Available from Narrogin Newsagency or Patricia Kain

9881 3185

Entry Closing Date is Friday 22 March 2013

NARROGIN JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING & SOCIAL CLUB

NEW DAY!! Starts **MONDAY** 18 February for 6 week block, 6 years & over.

Early registration essential as class numbers are limited. \$9/class.

Registrations close Thursday 15 February.

ALSO - Junior Social Club – Mondays 5 – 6 pm

Ideal for those 10+ yrs who have done several seasons of coaching and are keen to put their skills into action and learn more about game play, tennis etiquette and tiebreakers.

Call Jo on 9881 4256 or email dalejo@inet.net.au to register.

Do you need a mouth guard?

A professionally fitted mouthguard can cost as little as \$25 if you have private health cover and is highly recommended when playing hockey, football or any contact sport. "Australian Mouthguards" are coming to Narrogin!!

Impressions will be taken at the UGSHA (Hockey) clubrooms at the Narrogin Leisure Centre on Wed 13 Feb, Thurs 14 Feb and Thurs 21 Feb from 5.30-7.30pm.

No appointment necessary but first come, first served & colours can be chosen on the day. Prices start at \$95 and are claimable with your health fund.

Mouthguards will be delivered prior to the hockey/football season. You can pay cash on the day or pay by credit card on the order form. Any queries can be directed to Karen Fazey after 5pm weekdays on 9881 4785.