

# Narrogin Primary School



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

I'd like to welcome everyone back after what was, hopefully, an enjoyable/relaxing holiday break. Even though it is only nine weeks long, this term promises to be exceptionally busy.

### Staffing Changes

Ms Michelle Cole (Registrar) has accepted a sixth month appointment as Business Manager of Kent Street Senior High School and commenced duties in this position on Monday 6 May. We congratulate Michelle on her appointment and wish her well in her new position.

Mrs Michelle Edwards has moved into the role of Registrar and will continue for the duration of Michelle's appointment at Kent Street.

Mrs Rosemary Shaddick and Mrs Rhonda O'Rourke will share the School Officer's role until Mrs Nanette Steer commences in this position on 20 May.

### Notification of Open School Board Meeting

The Terms of Reference for our School Board stipulate, *"The Board is to hold, each calendar year, at least one meeting that is open to the public, 14 days' notice of which has been given to parents and in which a report is presented on the performance of the Board's functions."*

### **Meetings and Proceedings of the Board (d)**

The next School Board meeting is scheduled to be held in the school staffroom on Wednesday 22 May, commencing at 7:30pm.

This meeting is open to the public.

### Religious Education

At a recent meeting, the School Board supported the opportunity for students to access Bahá'í Special Religious Education (SRE). This program will run at the same time as the Christian Religious Education (CRE) classes, which currently operate at the school.

This term Religious Education will be offered in Mrs

Heather McDougall's 2/3 class, from 1:10pm to 1:40pm and Mrs Byway's 2/3 class from 1:40pm to 2:10pm.

Bahá'í Religious Education will run at the same time as these lessons. Students from Mrs Byway's and Mrs McDougall's class will need to have written permission from their parents or guardians to attend Bahá'í classes.

Information about Bahá'í Special Religious Education (SRE) is attached to this newsletter.

## COMBINED SCHOOLS ANZAC SERVICE



On the last day of Term 1, students from the Narrogin schools participated in a combined schools ANZAC service. It was Narrogin Primary School's turn to coordinate and run this service for 2013. Our student councillors did a fantastic job running this service and are to be commended for their attention to detail, their hard work and the quality of their speeches. The school is very fortunate to have such capable hard working children as our student leaders.

Commendation also needs to be given to all of our students for getting notes back on time, ensuring full school uniform for the occasion (despite it being the last day of school) and their exemplary behaviour during the service – this was commented on by the RSL.

## NAPLAN 2013

Tue 14	Wed 15	Thu 16	Fri 17
Language	Reading	Numeracy	Catch-up
Conventions			sessions

"The National Assessment Program– Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html>

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au).

## ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Our Active After School Community Program will be commencing next week for both our Monday and Tuesday groups. There are a number of vacancies in our Monday group which is conducted from after school to 4.30pm. If you would like your child/children to participate please contact the school for further information and/or an enrolment form.

There are limited vacancies in our Tuesday program which runs from 2.30pm to 3.20pm (Early Close Period). If you would like your child to participate, please contact Mrs Carter at the school. Vacancies will be filled according to the order they come in.

Children participating in our Active After School Community Program will be provided with an afternoon tea of fruit and half a muffin before participating in fun non-competitive physical activities.

## 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. We have had 29% of contributions paid to date.

The winner of the NPS dollars drawn at the last assembly was Stephen Conlan.

## FLOWERS WANTED

Pre Primary B are looking for any donations of flowers please for next Tuesday the 14 May. Any long stem white, cream, pink flowers would be greatly appreciated.

## CANTEEN

### Roster for this week:

Wednesday 8	J Young
Thursday 9	T Barrow
Friday 10	K Walker
Monday 13	K Zolopa

This term we are introducing meal deals for Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please specify on your bag what recess item you would like.

We have also introduced fried rice to the menu. This is a gluten free and vegetarian option.

## CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

### Uniforms

Second hand winter uniforms needed – please bring to the office as soon as possible.

### Friday lunch time Sewing Class

This Friday we will be starting our sewing club. There are eleven students who come along to learn basic hand sewing. If you could help out during this time please contact me at the school on 9881 1200.

### Gem Club

We have Gem Club (Breakfast Club) on Monday, Wednesday with Mrs Wilkie and Thursday, Friday with myself (Mrs Pollard). All students are very welcome from 8 am to 8.30 am.

Mrs Wilkie has very kindly offered to operate Breakfast club next Tuesday, as it is NAPLAN week. This means that our breakfast club will be available for our students every day next week.

I would like to thank the congregation of the Narrogin Uniting Church for all their wonderful support for our breakfast club.

I am available for parents and students to chat to about any concerns you may have. I am at school on Thursday and Friday. Please leave your name and number with the front office staff.

Mrs Pollard