

Narrogin Primary School

Independent Public School



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Dates to Remember

Thursday 10 April Assembly – 2Mc
Pre-Primary Obstacle-a-thon
Friday 11 April Combined Schools ANZAC Service
Monday 28 April Term 2 commences

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Term Break

This Friday is the last day for students for Term 1. School commences next term for staff and students on Monday 28 April. Our school development day (pupil free) will be on Tuesday 3 June after the Foundation Day long weekend in week 6. Have a safe and happy Easter break.

NAPLAN

A NAPLAN information leaflet was sent home with the Year 3, 5 and 7 students. NAPLAN testing week will be in the **third week of Term 2**. It is important that all students from these years are prepared for this important national assessment. If you have any questions please call Miss Ness.

Combined Schools Anzac Service

The combined schools ANZAC Service will be held Friday 11 April commencing at 11am. All students from years 4 to 7, received an excursion note. Please ensure that these are completed and returned to the school by tomorrow Thursday 10 April. Students will be required to dress in full school uniform.

The three Narrogin schools take turns to run this service. This year it is East Narrogin Primary School's turn.

Selected student councillors will be representing Narrogin Primary School throughout the service. Parents are welcome to attend.

School Board Request

The school board is seeking the services of an interested volunteer to undertake secretarial duties at board meetings. Other duties would include setting the agenda, distributing minutes and liaising with the School Board chairperson Mr Trent Kensett-Smith. Should you be interested please contact Trent on 0448 880198 or trent.kensett-smith@elders.com.au to discuss this position.

Mega Minds Competition

Last Friday four students from our school travelled to York District High School with me to compete in the Mega Minds Academic Challenge. The students

competed against five other schools, Beverley, York, Dowerin, Cunderdin and Quairading.

The students had challenges ranging from answering general knowledge questions on History, Science, Maths and Geography to who wrote the lyrics to Waltzing Matilda..... and no it was not Banjo Paterson but Eric Boyle in 1971.

Another challenge was to construct a wind turbine. Using a hairdryer to generate the wind, the students then used cardboard, cups, pencils and tape to construct their turbine.

The Loopy Language challenge was to unscramble pictures to identify countries. The boys were the overall winners with 320 points ahead of York in second place with 220 points. Congratulations.



Thomas, Jed, Dan & Callum

Mother's Day Stall

The senior students will be running a Mother's Day Stall in the week prior to Mother's Day (Sunday 11 May). There will be a range of affordable gifts for students to purchase. Prices will range from \$3 to \$6.

PASSPORT PROGRAM

Have you had a passport in the past, or would you like to join and start earning points?? If so, please complete the tear off slip below and return it to the front office together with a list of the activities you have done so far this year.

Some examples of student based activities which you can earn passport points are;

- Classroom helper
- Playground helper,
- Excursions/Carnivals/Camp helper.
- Returning of excursion notes/ medical/absentee forms on time
- Reading volunteer
- Providing/donating/making classroom resources
- Playgroup 0-4 program.

Some activities in which you can help which are not student based are;

- Joining the P&C
- Attending P&C Meetings
- Participating in Fundraising events
- Attending Parent & Teacher meeting/Interview/Case Conference
- Attending School Council Board meetings
- Canteen Helper
- Breakfast Club Helper
- Assembly attendance
- Attending Parent Workshops & Information Sessions
- School Busy Bee events

Every 10 points = 1 Narrogin Primary Dollar

NPS dollars can be used for canteen food, uniforms, excursions, camp and town bus tickets. They can also be used to pay voluntary contributions. All items can be part paid using NPS dollars toward the total cost of the item. The balance owed must be paid in full.

Points will be entered every Wednesday and then the passport is given to your child to bring home.

Please can you send home a School Passport with my
child _____ Room _____

Please note your family name and all children who attend Narrogin Primary School

Family Name _____

Child/ren _____

Child/ren _____

Child/ren _____

DENTAL NEWS – TIPS FROM THE TOOTH FAIRY

As the school holidays and Easter approach, it is a good time to remind everyone that the intake of too much sugar can lead to tooth decay, tooth ache and a number of other health problems. It is not the amount of sugar that causes the damage but the frequency of it. Every time you eat foods containing sugar, the sugar mixes with the bacteria in the mouth and causes an acid to be produced. This 'acid attack' lasts for about 30 mins. If you eat even small amounts of sugar frequently throughout the day, your teeth are being bathed in acid for long periods and acid breaks down the enamel easily causing tooth decay. Remember to brush twice a day and restrict the number of times a day you eat something sweet. Finish those Easter eggs at Easter and don't have any left by the time Term 2 starts.

Happy Holidays
Karen and Sandra

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to Danielle Rowe, Elaine Geyser, Janine Dewing and Sharon Ward for volunteering their time last week.

This weeks Roster:

Wednesday 9 Elaine Geyser

Thursday 10
Friday 11

Tracy Barrow
Help Needed

P & C NEWS

A new style school hat has been selected, of better quality and design, they can be purchased at the Canteen for \$7 or the uniform shop. Please remember Sponsorship forms and money for the Lap-a-thon are due back to your child's teacher on Friday 2 May. Save the date of Friday 23 May for the P&C Quiz Night.

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and **friendship**!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Nyoongar Sports Association ABB Holiday Sports Program

Thursday 17 April 2014

10am – 2 pm

Narrogin Recreation Centre Cost: Free

All school age children welcome. Includes a healthy lunch!

Parents welcome to stay.

Supported by Town of Narrogin & YMCA

Southern Wheatbelt Primary Health Service Aboriginal Childhood Influenza Vaccination Clinic

For WA children 6 months to 4 years

(must be under 5 years of age)

Open Clinic – No Appointment Necessary

Venue: Southern Wheatbelt Primary Health Service

Williams Road, Narrogin

Date: Wednesday 23 April 2014

9am – 12pm and 1.00pm – 3pm

Appointments Phone: 98810385

For more information about the FREE influenza vaccine please contact your local GP or your local Community Nurse

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Girl Guides Australia

Guides meet every Monday evening at 5pm at the Scout Guide hall at the bottom of Furnival St, Narrogin

For more information contact

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