

Narrogin Primary School



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

FOUNDATION DAY LONG WEEKEND

Parents and carers are reminded that **Monday 3 June is a public holiday**. The school will be closed on this day.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Tuesday 4 June is our next scheduled School Development Day. During the day, school staff will be involved in professional learning activities focussed on the effective teaching of Literacy.

Students return to school on Wednesday 5 June.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

The 2012 Annual School Report has been endorsed by the School Board and is now available for the school community. If you would like to read this publication please visit the office where copies will be available. The report will also be available on the school website.

PRE PRIMARY NEWS

Students in Mrs de Mamiels PPB, proudly showing off their new curtains, provided with the aid of Fundraising by the Kindy and Pre-Primary P & C sub-committee.



Emily, Aiden, Kate, Mariah & Willow

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming again this year. It will begin in week 6, after school on Tuesday 11 June and runs for two weeks, concluding on Monday 24 June. The library will be open each day before school, during lunchtimes and after school until 4pm. This is a great opportunity to purchase new and exciting book titles or to get your own copy of old favourites. EFTPOS and credit card facilities will be available so purchases may be made with cash, cheque or electronic payments. The Book Fair presents a fantastic opportunity to purchase quality items for family enjoyment. Each family spending over \$20 in one purchase will go in the draw for a daily prize to the value of \$10. The school will receive a percentage of all sales. This will be used to purchase new titles for the library.

CANTEEN

Thank you to Janine Dewing for donating her time last week.

Roster for this week:

Tuesday	28 May	L Conlan
Wednesday	29	T Barrow
Thursday	30	T Hadlow
Friday	1 June	C Abednego
Wednesday	5	L Conlan
Thursday	6	K Symonds
Friday	7	S Ward

The new menu may be viewed on the school website or you may collect your copy from the school front office.

Canteen Staff – Mandy Muller and Tracey Palmer

LOTE NEWS

Last Thursday, our school was honoured to have two teachers from Jakarta Indonesia, visiting the school. This is a program which has been stimulated by the Narrogin Asian Language Hub.

Pak lik (Mr lik) is an IT teacher and Ibu Novi (Mrs Novi) is a Mathematics teacher in Jakarta. Both of them teach in the same school which is a sister school with Narrogin Senior High school in Indonesia.

This year the Indonesian visitors had the opportunity to visit our Pre-Primary classes and they also taught our Pre-Primary students an Indonesian song. Many of you probably are not aware that our Pre-Primary students are learning Indonesian and they have a half hour session of Indonesian every week, so this was a fantastic learning opportunity for our Pre-Primary children.

The year 2/3 students also had the opportunities to practise their Indonesian with our visitors. Pak Iik and Ibu Novi also taught them how to play badminton and sepak takraw (similar to soccer). The students really enjoyed the experience of Pak Iik and Ibu Novi's visit. The unique experience they brought to our school was really inspiring to our students.

Last October the Gillard government announced their plan to fund the teaching of a number of Asian languages to Australian school children, Indonesian being one of the prime languages. According to the White Paper released in October, "the Prime Minister said every Australian had a financial interest in knowing and understanding Asia.... Australia must engage with Asia to take advantage of a region that will soon be the world's economic centre."

At Narrogin Primary School, we are well ahead of the Federal Government's plan. Since the early 2000's, our students began their journey into Asian Studies when they started their weekly Indonesian classes. We now have some 300 students developing knowledge of both the Indonesian language and culture. The visit from the two Indonesian visitors also helped to boost the significance and value of learning a second language and Asian Literacy.

I would also like to thank Mrs de Mamiel's class, Miss D'Silva's class, Mrs McDougall's class and Mrs Byway's class for their welcoming behaviours. Our visitors were most impressed as to how friendly and well-mannered the students were at Narrogin Primary School.

Terima kasih dan aman perjalanan pulang, Pak Iik dan Ibu Novi.

(Thank you and safe trip home, Mr Iik and Mrs Novi.)

Pak Young (Mr Young)



DENTAL NEWS

DID YOU KNOW??

Your Medicare Teen Dental Plan Vouchers are welcomed at the Narrogin Dental Therapy Center/Mobile.

These vouchers greatly assist the School Dental Service by providing us with better materials, more staff and recent technology. If your child is enrolled with the School Dental Service please bring your voucher with you to your next check up appointment. There is no need for you to have your child checked twice a year (once with a private dentist and once with us) but if you choose to do so, please use your vouchers with us. The funding is vital to the continuation of our service. We offer all our treatment for FREE, unlike private dentists, and without this funding our service may not be around for the next generation.

CHESS CLUB NEWS

We had our first official Chess Club meeting last Thursday at lunchtime in Room 7. 18 eager participants brought their lunch and played chess for 40 minutes. It was great to see the sportsmanship displayed, with opponents shaking hands at the end of games and encouraging each other and experienced players were willing to teach others. Our Chess Club captains for this year are Bill Wiese, Alexander White and Margaret Burgess. Chess Club is open to all Year 5 – 7 students and will run on most Thursday lunchtimes for the rest of the year.

- Miss Farrell



Piper, Alanna and Kallie, challenging Nate, Kyle and Harry



Deep in concentration



Wiese vs Wiese



COMMUNITY NEWS



Narrogin Leisure Swim School
Term 3 Enrolments close 14th June 2013

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