

Independent Public School

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Dates to Remember

Monday 10 February Swimming Lesson commence Friday 14 February Uniform shop open from 8.30am Wednesday 12 March Faction Swimming Carnival

Term Dates for students 2014:

Term 1 Monday 3 February - Friday 11 April

Term 2 Monday 28 April - Friday 4 July

Term 3 Tuesday 22 July - Friday 27 September

Term 4 Tuesday 14 October – Thursday 19 December

School Development Days (SDD) for school staff:

Tuesday 3 June Monday 21 July Monday 13 October Friday 28 November

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

I'd like to welcome everyone to the 2014 school year. Many teachers have been very busy throughout the holidays preparing for the year ahead. Classrooms look refreshed and many exciting activities have been planned to extend quality educational opportunities for each and every student. I am confident that 2014 will be an outstanding year.

Congratulations, and thank you, to parents and carers for having your children prepared for the start of the year. The majority of students arrived in full school uniform, with the correct stationery items and have started work in their classrooms with enthusiasm. At the conclusion of 2013, many students took their school hat home to wash. It is important that all hats are returned so that students can enjoy playing outside. If your child's hat cannot be located, a new one can be purchased from the school canteen for \$4.00.

On the last day of 2013, Mrs Jenny Carter was notified that she was the recommended applicant for the Deputy Principal's position at Boddington District High School. We are all excited for Jenny and wish her well in her appointment. As Mrs Carter's initial appointment is only for semester one, we have chosen not to disrupt a classroom by appointing a teacher to replace her. We have therefore made several short term appointments of other staff to fulfil many of the duties Mrs Carter performed.

A reminder to all parents that Narrogin Primary School is a smoke free area and there is to be no smoking on any

part of the school property. This includes the offsite Kindergarten and carparks. We would appreciate your support in this matter.

We would like to thank the P&C for their contribution towards our new Adventure Playground equipment. Unfortunately the equipment is unable to be used at this stage as a limestone wall needs to be constructed and soft fall installed. Hopefully this work will be completed in the coming week then children will be able to enjoy being adventurous.

The P&C would like to be able to communicate with you and your family.

This will be from time-to-time in the form of Newsletters, canteen rosters and school involvement requests. If you do not wish the P&C to make contact with you please let the school know in writing.

Swimming Lessons

We have received favourable response to organising swimming lessons during the Summer months and many students have brought in their money for their lessons. If you are unable to make full payment of \$20 you are able to send \$2 per day with your child to be given to their teacher. Students please remember to bring your bathers and towel each day.

Parents/Carers are reminded that all students need to return their permission notes to their teacher as all children will be walking to the Rec Centre for lessons regardless if they are swimming or not.

Wanted - Agapanthus & Rosemary

The school is keen to receive any donations of Agapanthus or Rosemary (or cuttings which can be propigated). Please see Mr Mark Nicholas if you can help.

CONTACT DETAILS

A Medical form is being sent home with the newsletter for your child today. If you have moved house over the holidays, changed your phone number or have different preferences for your emergency contact people, can you please edit these changes on the form. It is most important we have 'active' contact numbers and current medical details in case of illness or emergency.

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.

STUDENTS ARRIVING EARLY TO SCHOOL

The school does not provide supervision prior to 8.30am in the morning. We ask that students are not on school premises before this time. 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. Breakfast is served at 8.15am (see Chaplain's Chat).

NPS PASSPORTS

These will be entered on the system on Wedneday mornings. If you could please ensure that you drop your passport and earning slip (these can be found on the counter in the front office) or list, to the front office and place them in the Passport box on the counter before Wednesday. These will then be updated and returned home with your child.

EARLY CLOSE TUESDAY

A reminder to families that Tuesday is Early Close Day at Narrogin Primary School. School finishes at 2.30pm every Tuesday. Please remember the town bus is not available for students to travel home and parents will need to arrange to pick their children up.

BREAKFAST CLUB

I did not get a chance to thank people who helped at our Monday and Wednesday breakfast club last year, so a belated but grateful big thank you. Firstly to Tracy Barrow for her support during the year, the staff who donated items or filled in when I was busy elsewhere. My regular toast makers Alex, Brady and Dylan and those that helped by stacking chairs, using their manners and getting to class on time.

Breakfast commences at 8.15am and students are to arrive no earlier, those who arrive on buses are to sit and quietly chat in the Breakfast Club room until this time. A reminder to students you must remain in Breakfast club until 8.30am.

We are looking for a volunteer to help out on Thursday mornings. If you are able to volunteer some time please let the front office know.

Breakfast club will commence Monday 10 February at 8.15am and is held every day EXCEPT Tuesdays.

Mrs Desi Wilkie

Co-ordinator Monday/Wednesday Breakfast Club

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open on **Friday 14 February** from 8.30am.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Active After School program will no longer be running on Monday's. Tuesdays farm bus students will be supervised only until Active After School commences 18 February.

DENTAL NEWS

The Narrogin Dental Therapy Centre is located at the Narrogin Primary School and all children aged Pre-Primary to Year 11 are eligible to receive <u>FREE</u> dental treatment. The centre is open all of Term 1 but will be closed Term 2 and 3 while staff travel with the mobile caravan and then open for Term 4.

If you are new to the area, have a high school student not currently enrolled or have any questions you would like answered, please contact Karen Fazey or Sandra Sullivan between 8.15am and 4.30pm weekdays on 9881 2281. All PRE-PRIMARY & PRIMARY students who are new to the school will automatically receive enrolment forms in the next few weeks so please complete these as quickly as possible and return to the school office.

CANTEEN NEWS

A note is being sent home requesting volunteers for the Canteen Roster. If you are able help please complete the form and return it to the canteen.

This week's roster:

Tuesday 4 Dani Rowe
Wednesday 5 Elaine Geyser
Thursday 6 Help Needed
Friday 7 Help Needed
Tuesday 11 Jodee Young
Wednesday 12 Karla Tulipan
Thursday 14 Elaine Geyser

Thank you.

Canteen Staff - Mandy Muller and Tracey Palmer

COMMUNITY NEWS

NARROGIN JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING & SOCIAL CLUB

Starts **WEDNESDAY** 19 Feb for 6 week block, must be 6 years & over.

Early registration is essential as class numbers are limited.
Full payment required by Week 2 - \$10/class.
Registrations close Friday 14 Sept.

ALSO - Junior Social Club - **NEW DAY!!!** Thursday 4.30 - 5.30 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@iinet.net.au to register

Shire of Cuballing Movie Night



Cost: Free When: 8 February 2014 Where: Cuballing Rec Centre Time: 6.30pm

Yoga for Kids (6-9Year Old)

Gain flexibility and strength, calm the body and mind, enhance concentration and increase self esteem. Every Wednesday during school terms, starting 12 February.

Time: 3.30 – 4pm

Cost: \$10 per session
Where: 137 Federal Street
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