

Narrogin Primary School



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Dates to Remember

- **Tuesday 13 August** - P & C
- **Friday 16 August** – Assembly 4TT
- **Wednesday 4 & 5 September** - School Photos

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Carers and visitors to our school must remember to sign in at the front office when visiting the school. While it is not necessary when picking up or dropping students off, all other visits should be recorded.

For the **safety of both visitors and students**, it is important that we know who is on school grounds at any particular time. Thank you for your assistance.

School Lunches

Reminder to parents dropping off lunches for their children, the siren goes at **12.30pm**. Please deliver lunches to the front office before that time.

Staff Certificates

Thank you to those families who have returned award certificates for staff. If you haven't had time to complete a certificate yet, it is not too late, as we will be presenting them to staff members after the final return date, of 16 August.

School Photos

Please note the date for School Photos has been changed to Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 September 2013.

MLC TENNIS HOT SHOTS

Today Year 1 – 3 students attended a 'Tennis Come and Try Day'. This was run by Tennis West as part of their Regional Roadshow to promote Tennis Australia's National Grassroots Program MLC Tennis Hot Shots.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CONSENT FORMS

If your child is involved or has been involved in our Active After School Community Program during 2013, you should have received a Parent Guardian Consent Form to complete for this term. Narrogin Primary School has been randomly selected to participate in a survey of the program. Our local coordinator is asking for these forms to be completed and collected for this purpose. It would be greatly appreciated if these forms could be completed and back at the school by the end of this

week please. If you have any questions, please give Mrs Carter a ring at the school.

HEADLICE

There have been many reports recently of head lice. Please take the time to check your children/s hair for live lice and eggs. If you find head lice, treatment must be started before your children return to school. There are many types of treatment available for purchase, but please remember that unless you are diligent in combing out the eggs, the lice will hatch and begin the cycle all over again.

To try and prevent children contracting head lice, students are reminded to have their hair tied up at all times. Regular hair brushing also reduces head lice as any live lice combed by a hair brush can have their legs broken, stopping them from moving about the hair.

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.

CHANGES TO TOWN BUS SERVICE

As from next Monday 19 August, the Public Transport Authority (PTA) will be introducing a new green/silver bus to Narrogin. The town bus will still be operated by Ron & Leone Nicholls, and will still be a fee paying bus. The change is that it will now be a timed route and only stopping at the blue bus stops that you have probably noticed around town. No longer will it be a door to door service and your child will need to make their way to the bus stops, and get off at these stops in the afternoon. The bus will run twice in the mornings and twice in the afternoon.

On the first day of the new route, representatives from the PTA will be riding on the route and then coming to the school to show the bus and answer any questions students may have. We are currently negotiating with the PTA to have this bus service operate on Tuesdays, leaving the school at 2.30pm, in line with our early close. Until this time, parents of town bus children will need to

organise for the collection of their children from the school at 2.30pm from next week.

A brochure with the timed route and map will be going home today with town bus students.

YEAR 7 CAMP



Year 7 students at Parliament House

At Parliament house our year seven students were greeted by Mr Tuck Waldron and were able to attend a live session of Parliament.

The councillors will give a full camp report on Friday at assembly.

CHAPLAIN CHAT

Friday Lunch time Activities

We started our boards last week, unfortunately due to increased numbers, some students missed out on getting a board. We apologise for this. There are still some boards available for purchase at Thing-a-me-bobs. For those students who received boards last week, but have not paid, can you please bring in your \$4 this week.

We will be meeting in the Breakfast Club room at lunchtime this Thursday for those students who did not have a board last week, or were unable to come, to do their painting..

All students can then come on Friday to the Art room. Please bring your lunch.

Blessings

Jennifer Pollard

Chaplain

LOTE NEWS

Indonesia National Day

On August 17, Indonesians celebrate their National Day. This special day celebrates Indonesia's independence from Dutch colonialism. Netherlands ruled Indonesia for more than 200 years until granting Indonesia independence in 1945. On National Day, traditional games and dances are held across the country. The greasy-pole climbing competition is one favourite game, amongst several others. Teams travel from all over Indonesia to compete in Java. Team members assist each other to climb the greasy pole by acting as human ladders. The lightest team member climbs up the backs of his fellow mates to reach the top. The winning team is awarded grand prizes for its efforts.

On National Day red and white Indonesian flags are used to decorate every village and town across the archipelago. Many students would have seen the flag in the LOTE room. To Indonesians, the red part of the flag symbolises courage and the white area symbolises purity.

There are many legends about how Indonesia's flag came to be. One says that the Indonesian students tore the Dutch red, white and blue flag. The red and white sections became the new Indonesian flag. Another legend says that an Indonesian soldier climbed a flagpole to rip down the Dutch flag. The soldier was shot and as he fell he clung onto the blue band of the Dutch flag, which naturally tore away. The new nation's symbol was born from the remaining red and white section of the flag. I hope the above has enlightened your understanding of the significance of the Indonesian flag.

Terimakasih
Mr Young

CANTEEN NEWS

Can you please ensure all lunch orders are placed in your class baskets or ordered at the canteen before recess.

Thank you to K Kensett-Smith, E Geyser, J Sieber for volunteering their time last week.

The Roster for this week

Tuesday	13 August	K Tulipan
Wednesday	14	E Geyser
Thursday	15	C George
Friday	16	C Abednego
Tuesday	20	S O'Neill

Just a reminder that the canteen no longer sells LOL's or mini callipo's.

Canteen Staff – Mandy Muller and Tracey Palmer

P & C NEWS

Next Meeting

Tuesday 13 August at 7:30pm in the staffroom. We hope to see you there!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Narrogin & Districts Little Athletics Centre

Registration & Opening Day

Saturday 7th September

9am – 12am

At Thomas Hogg Oval

Kidsport available

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