



Narromine High School

Respect, Responsibility & Care



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Science Students Achieve Outstanding Results

Last week a group of students from Narromine High and Narromine Public School competed at the Illawarra Science Fair. The results obtained were superb. A press release about the success of our students is included in this newsletter. Special mention must be made of Erin Cox (Year 8) who won the chemistry trophy, competing against 300 entries from students up to Year 11. Tennille Adams and Aleisha Ellis received a medal as recognition for being highly commended.



Erin Cox and her winning project "Carrot Clarity"

A Winning Application

Congratulations to Mrs Sue Rogan and Mrs Sheran Fisher on having their application for a trade training centre approved last week. The application process was highly competitive. Thanks to their foresight and quality application, our school will receive a facility valued at \$1.5 million. Students will gain TAFE qualifications

in hospitality and metals and engineering.

Recognising our wonderful staff

School Vice Captain, Megan Buttsworth, presented the staff with a beautiful arrangement of flowers at a special morning tea on Friday. The gesture was to recognise the outstanding service, care and support provided to our students by all members of staff.



Sydney Audience Hears of Narromine High's Achievements.

As part of the finalisation of a two year program, Mr Leite and Mrs Lumb represented the school in Sydney last week at the Safer Schools conference. Mrs Amanda Turnbull of Narromine Public School presented a well received power point display about the project, which saw both schools working together for improved outcomes in student welfare.

The Wait is Over

No doubt many Year 7 students thought 8 November would never come. They have been looking forward to their trip to Tea Gardens since the excursion was first discussed in Term 1. Thank you to Miss Trethowan, Mr Leite and Angus Webb who accompanied the students.

Head Teachers				
English	Mathematics	Science	HSIE	TAS
Mrs Cathy Reynolds -Rel	Miss Jennifer Downey	Mrs Katherine Hyland	Mr Dean Leite - Rel	Mrs Lynne Sharkey

Year Advisers					
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Miss Rebecca Trethowan	Mrs Sue Wallace	Mr Dean Leite	Mrs Sheran Fisher	Mrs Mary Mussen	Mr Mark Prentice

Students remember and appreciate experiences such as this long after they have left school.

Keeping Your Child Safe

The school has recently developed a lockdown policy, to be used in case of emergencies. A practice drill will be held soon.

Generosity from Students and Staff

Congratulations to the students and staff of our School for generously supporting an appeal by Western Region of the Department of Education and Training in raising money for students in East Timor.

A Reminder

In the interest of student and staff safety, aerosol cans are not to be brought to school.

Please Let Us Know

We want your child's time with us to be happy and productive. Please don't hesitate to contact us if we can address any issue of concern or to provide information.

Angela O'Callaghan
Principal

Illawarra Regional Science Fair

On Monday 2 November ten of our best scientists and two from the primary school, (Year 6-8 winners and finalists from our own Science Spectacular) headed off in the school bus on a very hot, nine hour trip bound for Wollongong and the Illawarra Regional Science Fair.

Maddison Geyer, Erin Cox, Tennille Adams, Aleisha Ellis, Janaya Carney and Katie Daymond representing Year 8, Amy Cale, Annabelle Powell, Mollie Anning and Rebecca Sinclair from Year 7 and Siobhan Gleeson and Amy Daymond from Year 6. One minute we were slipping off our seats, the next we plunged into thick fog and the temperature dropped so much we had to shut the windows. Mrs Davison couldn't bear to look while Mr Witts expertly manoeuvred the bus through the hairpin bends, down the mountain, through the traffic and safely to our accommodation. After dinner there was time for some last minute touch-ups to our boards before bedtime - we had a huge day in front of us.

9.55am Tuesday morning saw us pull up at Jamberoo Park, amongst the first to arrive. After the mandatory safety talk we were free to have some real fun.



We enjoyed activities such as waterslides, tobogganing, go-karting, wave pool, rock jumping and even managed to convince Mr Witts to go on the Taipan - a twisting, spinning raft ride down a dark enclosed tunnel, a decision he may have regretted. We enjoyed a barbeque sausage lunch, had a bit more fun and then headed off to the University of Wollongong to register our science boards.

Our students were impressed with the university and the scale of the event. The organisers were very impressed that we had come so far to enter the science fair, also that we had produced such great projects without any of the mentoring they were able to give to the schools in their area. With the boards off our hands we were able to head to the beach to spend some time in the sand and enjoy fish and chips close to the sea. That evening we practised some of the judges' interview questions in readiness for the next day.

Wednesday morning, dressed smartly in school uniform the students took their places next to their boards ready to face the judges. The judges were very easy to talk to and seemed genuinely interested in the students' projects. There were around 300 boards in the hall belonging to students from Years 3 to 11 representing 40 different schools. There were projects on almost every topic imaginable from whether eye colour affects peripheral vision to whether a dog or a guinea pig could find its way home the quickest.

While we enjoyed an informative lecture on human evolution by Australian Professorial Fellow Bert Roberts the judges' voting slips were tallied and the presentations began. Siobhan Gleeson and Amy Daymond were awarded a highly commended medal in the Stage 3 section for their project "Odorous Onions" which looked at the best way to painlessly chop onions.



Siobhan Gleeson and Amy Daymond

Tennille Adams and Aleisha Ellis also won a Stage 4 highly commended medal for “Flammable - Not Flammable” their study into the flammability of fabrics.



Tennille Adams and Aleisha Ellis

Erin Cox was awarded the Chemistry trophy and a cash prize for her project “Carrot Clarity” which examined the effect of carrots on eyesight. This prize is awarded to the best overall chemistry related project from all boards on display right up to Year 11.

Narromine High can be extremely proud of the efforts of all students; our quality of work was right up there with the best. All students are to be congratulated on the way they conducted themselves on the excursion, they were wonderful ambassadors for Narromine High.

Thanks to Mrs Davison for her excellent organisation of the excursion and to Mr Witts for his exceptional bus driving skills and putting up with us all. Mention must also be made of Mrs Hyland who introduced the concept of the Science Fair and Regional Science Fair to our school, hopefully they can be annual events for a long time to come.

Natalie Daymond
School Administration Officer - Science

Careers

After the completion of the School Certificate exams this week, a number of vocational courses have been organised for Year 10 students. This Friday 13 November we are holding a compulsory resume workshop during Periods 1 and 2, to be run by our English faculty. The Board of Studies *The HSC: All My Own Work* online course which students studying their preliminary year must complete, will be held later the same morning. Monday 16 November sees the commencement of the two day Senior First Aid Certificate, which will be held at the USMC. (Students are required to come to school first to have their names marked off at assembly). On Wednesday, a group of students will spend the morning at Charles Sturt University in Dubbo in order to develop a better understanding of university courses and life. On Friday we are running the Responsible Serving of Alcohol Certificate here at school.

On Saturday 21 November, a group of four students will travel to Sydney as part of Rotary’s Your City excursion. They will spend the next week in Sydney involved in a variety of activities, including visits to the museum, art gallery, Parliament House, a formal Rotary lunch, the Rocks and a sail on Sydney Harbour. Mock interviews, based on resumes completed at school before they attend, will also be held.

Finally, the last two weeks of term, the weeks of 30 November and 7 December, have been made available for work experience. **Every Year 10 student is expected to complete a placement in this period.**

I would be grateful for parents’ assistance in organising placements and ensuring student involvement in the above activities. Could you please encourage your student to be an active participant over these weeks. Normal school classes will be held for students not participating in the courses. Please contact me if I can be of assistance.

Sheran Fisher
Careers Adviser

Your P & C meets on the 4th Monday of every month except for school holidays.

Time: 7.00 pm.

Venue: Principal’s Office.

The next meeting is on Monday 23 November 2009 which will be the AGM.

**Narromine Local
Aboriginal Education
Consultative Group
Western One Region**



2010 Executive

President: Kerrie Walden
Vice – President: Mick Darcy
Secretary: Kathy Higgins
Treasurer: Liz Harris
Regional Representative: Michelle Doolan

What is your Local AECG

The AECG is a community powered, voluntary organisation committed to empowering parents and students to ensure equality and improved outcomes within the education system for Aboriginal and Torres Strait students.

The AECG is recognised as the central source of advice, acting on behalf of Aboriginal communities on issues pertaining to education and training. It falls under the umbrella of the State AECG and works with its Regional counterparts.

As an active AECG we aim to provide a voice for our kids and our community. We have the power to make a positive difference in our kids' education.

Narromine local AECG works in conjunction with Narromine High School, Narromine Public School, St Augustine's Catholic School and the Narromine Pre-School to improve educational outcomes for all students.

Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people wishing to become a member can do so by filling in an application form and attending meetings every month at the Centacare building in Dandaloo Street, Narromine. Students aged 12-18 years are also able to become members of the junior AECG and attend these meetings.

**A NOTE FOR YOUR
CALENDAR**

2009 PRESENTATION DAY
 WILL BE HELD ON
 FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER 2009
 AT 10.30 A.M.
 IN THE MULTI PURPOSE CENTRE.
 ALL PARENTS AND FRIENDS
 ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

COMMUNY NEWS

**Free RTA Graduated Licensing Scheme
Workshops for Parents of Learner Drivers in
Narromine**

Young drivers are three times more likely to be involved in casualty crashes. That's why the RTA has introduced a new licensing scheme, with more supervised driving practice for learner drivers.

To help parents in supervising learner drivers, the RTA has set up a FREE 2 hour workshop for parents that offers practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

A FREE RTA parents' workshop will be conducted by David Riches on Monday 7 December at the Narromine United Services Memorial Club from 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm.

Early bookings are essential, by phoning David on 0438 215323 now to reserve your place, or email parentworkshop@optusnet.com.au

Next 2 weeks at a glance

NOV	16 <i>Yr 10 Alternate program begins</i>	17	18	19	20	21/22
5A						
NOV	23 <i>Retail work placement</i>	24 School Social	25	26	27	28/29
6B						