2014 SKI TRIP
What an awesome trip to the mighty Snowy Mountains. We took a
total of 32 students from Years 8 – 11. The first day saw us start the
long journey down with a lunch stop at Cooma. Whilst at the Visitor
Information Centre at Jindabyne a few lucky girls were able to get a
quick photo with Torah Bright (Olympic gold and silver medallist
and Multiple gold medallist at the X-games).
With two flat out days on the snow, we saw a few stacks and some
great skills by all students. A few students displayed a bit more skill
such as, Dannie Harris going backwards into a tree, Will Coleman
trying to make a snow angel whilst sliding head first down the
mountain and Kaylee-Jane Nelson attempting to get on the chair lift
for the first time!
At the end of the two days it was a very quiet trip home on the coach
whilst watching the “The Man from Snowy River 1 & 2”.
The teachers would like to thank all students for their fantastic
behaviour and attitude whilst away, with numerous comments
coming from instructors
saying that you
were all hard
working and
never gave up.
We hope this
trip can happen
again, if you’re
interested
please see
Mr Crammond.
Farewell Year 12!
Today marks the last school day for the Year 12 class of 2014 at Narromine High School. This year group is full of wonderful young people. They are a tight knit group who lead from the front and through their daily actions are terrific role models who set a standard for the rest of the school to follow. Year 12 is also a group who enjoy a good time, which has been obvious this week, through several events, including the end of Year 12 social, a staff v students nerf war, staff and students lunch and staff v students volleyball game. I’m sure that today’s final Year 12 assembly and Formal dinner will be memorable occasions. To Year 12, all the best for your HSC and the future. Thanks for all you’ve done for Narromine High School during your time. It has been my pleasure working with you this year.

NAIDOC Day:
Congratulations to Mrs Bodiam and the staff events team who worked hard to put together a wonderful NAIDOC day with the theme of honouring and recognising Aboriginal servicemen. A joint NAIDOC Day Assembly between Narromine primary and high schools was one of the highlights of the day. For NHS, the assembly was well led by Sam and Brittney. Jordayna spoke well and Rebecca and Sophie performed and sang beautifully. Students enjoyed a BBQ lunch cooked and served by Owen, Michael, Taymon, DJ, Rex, Carlos, Jahra and Kiarra. This was followed by an afternoon of Traditional Indigenous games which was led by NASCA students. Thanks and congratulations to all students involved in helping make an important occasion into a great day.
End of Term:
Tomorrow is the last day of school for the term. School will resume Tuesday 7 October. I would like to wish everyone a safe, relaxing and happy holiday.

Top performances:
• Chess team: Donovan Uys, Nathan Healey and Luke Wardman who played at the annual Dubbo Chess Tournament for schools and performed well on the day.
• Mr McCabe, Mr Garner and the Under 14 union side who travelled to Forster and competed at the state finals of the “Coast to Country” rugby tournament. Narromine High School was extremely competitive against big schools and played a high standard of rugby, winning one match and going down narrowly in two others.
• Rebecca Sinclair and the SRC for a well organised “Superheroes and Villains” school social. A fun night was had by all and behaviour was excellent.

Please give me a call or drop by to discuss anything concerning your child and Narromine High School.
Mick Sloan
Relieving Principal

FATHERS V TEACHERS V STUDENTS TOUCH FOOTIE

Students from Narromine High and Public, staff and fathers played a game of touch football on the school oval on Friday 5 September. As outnumbered as they were, the staff tried their very best to keep it together, against (what seemed like) a swarm of students. Thanks to the fathers who came along and gave the adult team a much needed boost in skill and speed.

U 15 GIRLS BASKETBALL
On Wednesday 3 September seven girls, thanks to some parent helpers, travelled to Orange to compete against Gilgandra, West Wyalong and Blayney in the Western finals of the U15 girls basketball. Our team played outstanding games whilst showing remarkable sportsmanship throughout the day.
Unfortunately the girls had narrow losses to Blayney and West Wyalong but were able to win confidently against Gilgandra.
All games were edge of your seat, nail biting experiences. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the girls participating.

An enormous thanks to Shelly Bayliss for scoring, Alison Attwater for coaching advice and scoring and Amanda Mayes for refereeing. Without parental and carer support, these events do not run.
Peggy Jones
TWO GOLD, ONE SILVER, ONE BRONZE AND NINE FINALS AT COMBINED STATE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Narromine High represented western region at the combined state high school athletics last week at Homebush. The competition is very tough with the two top students and relay teams from each region in the state competing. It is extremely hard to make state finals. Narromine High students made nine finals and won four medals which is an amazing result for any school let alone our small community school.

Aiden Butcher (pictured top right) won gold in the javelin and gold in the discus and 6th in the shot put final. This was a wonderful result; he threw a massive PB in the javelin and made three state finals.

Kaitlin Butcher (pictured right) won silver in a very close final and 6th in the discus final.

The boys 14 relay 4 x 100m Washy Itoya, Blane Corcoran, Cameron Simmons and Isayah Kelly.

Kaitlin and Aiden thoroughly deserve these excellent results as they are very dedicated to their sport and train very hard.

Brad Simmons won a bronze medal in a very exciting 200m final and 6th in the 100m finals. You could have thrown a blanket over the finish line in these races they were that close.

Jordan Itoya was 4th in the shot-put throwing really well to get this great result in his first state final.

16 boys 4 x 100 m relay (pictured right) Brad Simmons, Isaac Thompson, Kane Walsh and Alex Williams ran an amazing heat to finish 2nd. They ran a PB of 2 ½ seconds. They went into the final ranked 8th with the goal of cracking the 46 second mark. They ran a brilliant race in the time of 45.82 and finished 7th, a few hundredths of a second separated 3rd to 8th places. These boys should be very proud of themselves. This is the fastest relay ever run by a team from our school and we have made a lot of boys relay finals over the years.

The boys 14 relay 4 x 100m Washy Itoya, Blane Corcoran, Cameron Simmons and Isayah Kelly also ran a great race slashing nearly 4 seconds from their PB. All four boys are to be commended on their great race. They finished 15th.

Larissa Kennedy (pictured right) ran really well finishing a very creditable 12th in the 200 m and 15th in the 100. She had to start off blocks for the first time which is a daunting task.

Washy Itoya competed in the high jump and finished 18th.

Congratulations to the twelve students on your wonderful achievement at CHS, Narromine High is very proud of you.

Mrs Sue Wallace
Athletics Coach

NETBALL – GLADIATORS

Congratulations to the Narromine Gladiators on winning their grand final. The girls got off to a rocky start but stormed home to win 25-18. pictured right – NHS team members - Brittney, Rebekah, Tasmin, Melissa and Bethany
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
MARK HILDER
I graduated from NHS in 2009 and worked casually in Dubbo for twelve months before gaining an apprenticeship with Robert Handsaker Ford in Narromine where I still work. I enjoy working with cars and spent ten years driving go karts and gained a state title for my class. The biggest highlight of school were the life-long friends I made. Some have moved away to study and work, and when they return we all catch up. I also enjoyed being a buddy to boys in Year 7.

ESSA
Dear Parent or Carer
The Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA) test for Year 8 students will be held between Monday 10 November and Friday 14 November 2014. The test takes approximately 80 minutes. The test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer. It is called ESSAonline. ESSAonline contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the NSW Science Years 7–10 Syllabus. Students will be tested on their:

• knowledge and understanding of science
• understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation
• ability to evaluate evidence, make judgements and think critically
• ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas.

Students also complete a survey about their opinions, attitudes and values.
Since students complete ESSAonline on a computer, each student needs to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a school computer. Earbuds for an ipod or portable player are suitable.
If your child has a disability that needs special consideration or has been educated in English for less than one year, please contact your child’s school to discuss special provisions or possible exemption from the test.
Results of the test will be available during Term 1 2015. Information about each student is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that the right to privacy of all students is maintained. A personal report for each student will be sent to parents/carers to describe the science knowledge and skills demonstrated by the student in the test. There will also be information about how your child’s results compare with overall performance of all students in the test. You will be invited to complete a parent survey about the test and science learning.
The principal of your child’s school is able to provide you with more details about the ESSA program if you require additional information.
Yours sincerely
Eric Jamieson
Director, High Performance
Department of Education and Communities

Narromine High School P&C will be running a white elephant stall at the Narromine Public School Fete on Saturday 25 October.
Items for the stall can be dropped off to the office from now until the fete.
Can Saver Plus assist you with high school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and textbooks
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 16 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Kim Mathieson, your local Saver Plus Worker:
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Narromine Hospital & Trangie MPHS Open/Markey Day

Narromine - Friday 26th September 2014
Trangie Friday 17th October 2014

Stall holders wanted for Narromine and Trangie Market Days

Narromine Health Service and Trangie Multi-Purpose Service (MPHS) are inviting Expressions of Interest for stall holders for markets in September and October.

The Narromine Hospital Market Day will be held on Friday 26th September and the Trangie MPHS Market Day on Friday 17th October, both from 10.00am – 2.00pm. The Market Days will also give the community an opportunity to visit the local health services open days.

There is a cost of $20 for all market stalls with proceeds going to the purchase of equipment for commum health which will be available for the community to access.

Non-profit agencies and health service organisations will not be charged a stall fee.

To register for a stall, please contact Diane Herbert at Narromine Community Health on 6889 1277 or 0428 816 392. Deadlines are 16 September for Narromine and 19 September for Trangie.

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FREE School Holiday Fun at the DISH

DATES AND ACTIVITIES

School Holiday Science Workshops at The Dish
DNA DETECTIVES • Monday 29th September
- create your own DNA samples from fruit
ROCKET LAUNCH • Wednesday 1st October
- launch water rockets and shoot for the Moon
MARBLE RUN • Friday 3rd October
- challenge yourself to break the marble run records

Visit our web site for more information: www.csiro.au/parkes

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Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm (1 hour sessions)
Ages: 7 – 14
Bookings Essential
20 km North of Parkes along the Newell Highway
Yr 12 v Teachers Nerf War!
YR 12 FAREWELL SOCIAL
“SUPERHEROES & VILLIANS”