WHAT’S COMING UP?

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• Ultimate Frisbee
• Yr 6 Taster Lessons

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• Gilgandra/Narromine NAIDOC Gala Day
• World Teachers Day

NOVEMBER
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• Wollongong Science Excursion

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• Meet the Keeper

TASMA O’BRIEN – INTERNATIONAL KATA TOURNAMENT
Tasma was selected by Kyoshi Mike Ireland to travel to Los Angeles in early October to complete in the International Kata tournament. This gave Tasma the chance to further gain knowledge in her style of karate, meet the founder of her karate style and experience an international competition. Tasma competed in four events. In the two open divisions she won the weapons kata and came 5th in a specialised kata for the style of karate that she trains in. There were around 22 people in this division with competitors ranked up to 6th Dan black belt. She then competed in her age division coming 2nd in her kata and bowing out in the first round of sparing. Congratulations Tasma on these wonderful results.
So far this term, our school wide focus has been on producing quality work. It is important that this continues, with Stage 5 (Year 9 and 10) exams beginning in week 6 (starting 10 November), and Stage 4 (Year 7 and 8) exams in week 7 (starting 17 November). The foundations of quality work are preparation and practice and students should be doing those two things right now by concentrating and working during class time and revising their work at home, so they are ready and able to produce quality work in their exams.

RRC - moving in the right direction
On Monday’s PBL assembly, I commended all Narromine High School students on their positive behaviour and overall improvement in Term 3. The number of negative recorded incidents in Term 3 fell by 30% from Term 2. Year 11 have the fewest negative entries overall, whilst Year 10 have improved the most, and are now the best behaved junior group. Year 10 negative entries for the first three weeks of this term fell by 25% compared to the same time last term.

Year 6 taster lessons
It has been wonderful to have so many Year 6 students from Narromine Public School, St Augustine’s and Narromine Christian School, experiencing a taste of high school life in preparation for next year.

Facebook
Facebook is one way for us to improve our communication. It is also an opportunity for members of the community to provide us with feedback. We now have 203 followers. Like us if you haven’t already.

Top performances:
- HSC students – who have been hard at it completing their exams. The comments from exam supervisors are very positive, rating them as one of the best groups ever.
- Year 10 – as mentioned earlier really lifting their effort as they prepare to be senior school leaders in 2015.
- NASCA students who have been developing their film production skills. I particularly liked “Passport to Paradise” involving Kaylee Wheeler, Lakeisha Hull, Maddison Hull and Hunter Delboux
- Narromine HS Teachers – who have put in long hours with a series of after school meetings to plan for 2015 and focus on ways to improve student learning.

World Teachers Day and SAS appreciation
This Friday is World Teachers Day. It is a timely reminder and a really good opportunity for everyone to remember and recognise the work that our teachers do to support student learning. The School Administration and Support (SAS) Staff will be providing morning tea for the teachers next week, to recognise their work. Last week the teachers put on lunch for the SAS staff as a thank you for all the work they also do.

The PBL key behaviour that we are targeting for the next three weeks is looking after our school. This means showing RRC (Respect, Responsibility and Care) in the playground and the classrooms, keeping both areas clean and tidy, and putting all rubbish in the bin.

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

Mick Sloan
Relieving Principal
WHAT'S NEW AT NARROMINE HIGH SCHOOL?

The POD, better known as the 'Place of Discovery', is a learning centre that has been set up in A Block. This POD centre is an exciting, self-motivated way to enhance, develop, or extend learning. The POD is individualised and designed to meet the learning needs of all students. Focus areas include reading, comprehension, writing and numeracy, as well as supporting classwork and assessment tasks.

In the POD, students work alone or interact with one another using instructional direction to explore and expand their learning. As students are engaged in meaningful tasks, the teachers are able to provide reading instruction to small groups of students or individual students without interruption. Smaller group size provides a greater opportunity for teachers to engage the learner. In addition, small-group instruction allows for a more effective type of explicit teaching. Explicit teaching is one of the key elements that distinguishes high-achieving student performances.

Extension programs - a major focus of the POD is extension programs. Working with individuals or small groups to further develop skills where needed. Currently, we are focusing on Year 7 and 10 mathematics and senior students.

POD IN THE PM (PIP) - is supervised after school on Wednesday afternoons. This is an opportunity for students to receive assistance from qualified teachers to complete homework tasks, assessments, study for exams and even practice their musical instruments. At times, we will look at different apps we could use to benefit our learning.

P & C NEWS - SCHOOL UNIFORM

Narromine High School P&C have reviewed the FORMAL uniform survey results and the majority vote was that the formal uniform would be as follows:

All JUNIOR students, boys and girls will wear a blue button up, collared shirt with either their school skirt or navy pants.

All SENIOR students, boys and girls will wear a white button up, collared shirt with either their school skirt or navy pants.

This is only a formal uniform; this does NOT mean the polo shirt is no longer uniform. The polo shirt will remain as an everyday uniform. The formal uniform can be worn to school any/every day of the week if that is what you or your child would prefer.

There are some circumstances where it will be necessary for your child to have the formal uniform. It will need to be worn if your child represents the school in an official capacity, is part of the school debating team, participates in public speaking or holds a position on the SRC where they host assemblies.

We will have a one year phase in period to help with the change/addition to the shirt colour. The shirts can be purchased at Macquarie Clothing Narromine or any number of outlets in Dubbo - Big W, Lowes or Target etc.

If you have any questions regarding the uniform changes please contact the school.

We would like to thank the students, parents, staff and community members who took the time to fill out the survey.
SAFE DRIVER COURSE
The Roads and Maritime Services have established a safer driver course for young learner drivers. Skillset is an accredited provider of the course. The Safer Driver Course is a combined theoretical and practical course for learner drivers under 25 years-old who have completed 50 log book driving hours. The Safer Driver Course involves two modules:

Module 1: A three – hour facilitated group discussion on how to manage risks on the road.
Module 2: A two-hour in-vehicle coaching session with a coach and another learner to develop low risk driving strategies.

Benefits of attending the course: The course aims to provide learner drivers with driving strategies such as speed management, gap selection, hazard awareness and safe following distances so they are more prepared when they drive unsupervised on their provisional licences. The course also aims to help identify situations that will put them at greater risk of a crash and consider strategies that will help avoid them.

Gaining 20 hours of Log Book Credit
After completing the Course, a learner will receive 20 hours of credit in their log book, meaning they only need to complete 100 hours of supervised driving outside the Course. Learners who attend the Safer Driver Course must bring their learner licence and learner driver log book with them.

Skillset will be running a course in Dubbo on Wednesday 12 November from 4pm-7pm. The Course costs $140. Please contact Charlie Evans at Skillset on 6330 1400 for more information.

A MATTER OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE
Aerosol cans are not to be brought to school
This is because we have people on site who have severe life threatening reactions to aerosol sprays.
Students have been advised of this policy.
Failure to comply with the policy may result in suspension.