Principal’s Report

With just over three weeks until the end of term, we are in an extremely busy time of the term. Now, more than ever, it is most important that everyone maintains concentration and effort, stays on task and follows the key Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Care.

Classwork: There is a lot happening in the classroom with all students undertaking or preparing for assessment items – tests, tasks and exams over the next three weeks. When you ask your child if they have homework – the answer should be “yes”– at a minimum they should be revising work in preparation for end of term tests.

The school sport season is in full swing. We’ve had touch, soccer and netball games and there is more to come before the end of term. Playing sport for the school is a privilege. Students should be aware that in order to represent, they must be working and behaving appropriately at school.

School Review - A presentation will be made to the P&C’s April meeting outlining the findings and mandatory recommendations from the 2013 School Review, as well as the plan to implement the changes. NSW Public School Directors Maree Angus and Glenn Stewart will be in attendance. The involvement of the entire school community is really important to effectively implement the review recommendations, so I would encourage everyone to come along, listen and raise any questions or concerns you have.

When: 1st April - 7pm Where: Library

Top performances:
- **Aiden and Kaitlin Butcher** – Aiden finished 3rd at Nationals for his age in Javelin over the weekend, whilst Kaitlin finished 9th with a PB. A wonderful achievement by both students.
- **Narromine boys and girls sporting teams** – soccer, touch, netball – are finding some of the competition tough, but playing in the right spirit.
- **Boys Soccer** – Extra-time victory over Yeoval – they progress to the next round v Dubbo Secondary College.
- **Yasmin Brooks** – 100% effort in girls touch – chased, ran, and worked hard all game – effort is what it is all about.

The key **positive behaviour** that we are targeting for the remainder of the term is: ‘Active Listening’.

New format – we are trialing some new newsletter formats before the end of term. What do you think? Let us know at: narromine-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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

Mick Sloan
Relieving Principal.

MEET THE TEACHER

My name is Cassie Goodhand. I am a science teacher and specialise in biology, earth and environmental sciences and chemistry. I am originally from the coast so this has been a HUGE change to say the least but I am already enjoying it so much. Coming to Narromine was at first verywhelming for me but the staff and students of Narromine High have been so nice and welcoming. The students often laugh at me for having no idea about the country and sometimes I feel as though they are teaching me as well in class.
YEAR 10 SCIENCE: CHEMISTRY
Students have recently completed an assessment task on ‘Chemical Reactions’ where they identified different gases produced by the reaction of an acid on different metals. They learned about chemical properties of copper and its uses. Why different elements are placed in different places in the periodic table was another area of their learning.

Testing different gases was a fun activity where hydrogen gas is identified with a pop test.
At the moment, we are learning about formation of ions which is formed when an atom either loses or gains electrons.

SCIENCE EXCURSION
Last Thursday 13 March, 19 enthusiastic students and I attended the Science and Engineering day put on by the University of Newcastle in Dubbo. Activities for the day included;
• building a plane,
• connecting a city with electricity,
• making a network of rail systems,
• building a catapult and
• the bridge challenge.

The students who went all had fun and worked well together. I am very proud of them all and they were a credit in the way they represented Narrmione High. Special thanks goes out to Mal McIntyre who drove us there and back on the school bus.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
Emma Smith (James)
I was a proud student of Narrmione High School from 1997-2002. In 2003 I studied a Bachelor of Education. I attribute my success to the teachers who strived to help me achieve. In particular teachers such as Mark Prentice and Rachel Cody were my inspiration for joining the teaching profession (Primary) at Charles Sturt University Dubbo, graduating in 2007. I am currently teaching Year 2 at Narrmione Public school and enjoying it immensely.

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY
The First Voyage- by Allan Baillie is a terrific read set 30,000 years ago. It’s an imagined history of how the first tribes from Timor came to arrive in Australia.
I Was Only Nineteen- is a challenging and moving picture book version of the well-known song by Australian band, Redgum, released in 1983.
This book has been released to coincide with the ANZAC centenary commemorations planned in 2014 through to 2018.
Tales from the Half-Continent- by DM Cornish, the author of the international best-selling trilogy, Monster Blood Tattoo.
Tigers on the Beach- written by Doug McLeod
Two Wolves- is a new novel from Tristan Bancks about a young teen boy, Dan, is on the run with his family but doesn’t know why they are running?
The Firebird Mystery is the first in a trilogy from Australian author Darrell Pitt. The story is set in a Victorian London with a futuristic twist.
Kokoda- is the latest addition to the My Australian Story series.
Saving Thanhaven- the latest novel by Catherine Jinks
Naveed- by John Heffernan
Far Far Away- an international title by Tom McNeal
Out of Mind- by Sharon Draper
SPORT
Wednesday 5 March saw Narromine High school’s open boys and girls soccer sides play Yeoval at Dubbo. All players participated well, displaying good sportsmanship whilst competing enthusiastically. The Girls met an older and experienced side on the day. They battled on bravely but Yeoval proved too good.

The boys faced a much older side. Our team consisted mostly of Year 8 and 9 students. Yeoval led early (2-1) and with minutes to go it looked like Narromine were gone. Then Rex Harris pulled off a beautiful long range shot to even the scores. Both sides played 5 minutes extra time only for the score to remain tied at two 2-2. A penalty shoot-out then followed with Narromine narrowly prevailing 2 goals to 1.

The goal of the day was by Ryan Richardson who took the ball from 20 metres out and proceeded to knock over two of the opposition’s backs and their goal keeper before scoring. Jack Gillespie performed well defending some excellent shots during the penalty shoot-out. Narromine will next travel to Dubbo to play Dubbo Secondary College.

Australia’s pre-eminent youth motivational speaker
LORIN NICHOLSON
presents
“See Sharp”

Over the past decade Lorin’s award-winning performance called "See Sharp" has received outstanding feedback in over 1300 schools, to more than a million students throughout Australia and the globe. Thanks to Clubs NSW’s BULLY check initiative promoting safer schools and safer workplaces, our local Narromine Services Club is pleased to support our school by covering the cost of Lorin’s visit. Our school is looking forward to Lorin sharing his simple but powerful messages of perseverance, resilience, respect, inclusion, leadership and striving for excellence with all staff, students, parents, family and community members on -

Wednesday 26 March 2014 at
10.10 am

Venue: Multi purpose hall.
Many have been quoted as saying that this is without doubt the most motivational and potentially life changing presentation they have ever witnessed. We are once again grateful for the support of the Narromine United Services Memorial Club and invite our entire school community.

Upcoming Events

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P&C MEETING
Tuesday 1 April 2014
At 7pm

Venue: NHS Library
- Including presentation of Cultural Review Strategies and Plans

Everyone welcome.
Enquiries please phone
Phil Simmons 6889 8393
SAM CAWTHORN

World renowned Inspirational Speaker, Young Australian of the Year, and Survivor!

In October 2006 Sam’s life changed forever when he was involved in a major car accident, where he was pronounced DEAD. He was thankfully resuscitated, but left with an amputated right arm and a permanent disability in his right leg.

Hear Sam’s message of optimism in life.

Thursday 27th March 11.00am

A Matter of Extreme Importance

It is of critical importance that aerosol cans are not 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.

DANCE CLASSES

Every Friday afternoon local Narromine children have the opportunity to learn to dance in a fun, casual, energetic environment. Dancing is a great sport that teaches children coordination, improves self-esteem and is great exercise, classes are taught by professional teachers from Fantasy Dubbo DanceSport

From 4 - 4.30pm is the 'Little Ones' class this class is aimed at pre-school from the age of 2-5. These little boys and girls have a ball dancing to a variety of Hi-5, The Wiggles and they love to do the 'Hokey Pokey' and 'Going on a Bear Hunt'.

From 4.30 - 5.30pm is 'Narromine Dancers' class. This is a Jazz Ballet class for boys and girls from 6-16years. They learn a variety of routines to fun energetic music and also do a number of exercises to improve their dancing skills and technique. Classes are held at the Narromine USMC upstairs. There are no contracts or requirements to join, it is a fun, inexpensive and relaxed environment and parents can even stay and watch their child dance. If you need any other information please do not hesitate to contact - 0410 796 524, new students are welcome at all times throughout the year.