WHAT’S COMING UP?

**AUGUST**

7
• Australian Maths Competition

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• Tullamore Show – 5.30 am – 5.30 pm

13
• Trundle Show – 5.30 am to 5.30 pm

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• Parent Teacher and University Information Session – 6.15 pm

18 – 22
• Snow Excursion

20
• PBL Play – 9.30 am

YEAR 5 & 6 GALA DAY

P&C MEETING
TUESDAY
2 SEPTEMBER
AT 7.00 PM
ENQUIRIES – PHIL SIMMONS
6889 8393
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
The staff and students of Narromine High are the greatest advertisement for this school, and last week they were truly exceptional. I have received great feedback from Narromine Public School and members of the community about how wonderful they are and I would have to agree. There were four main events last week to celebrate Public Education Week.

- The joint high school/primary school assembly recognised and celebrated the special relationship we share with Narromine Public School.
- The gala day celebrated the relationship we are building with all schools of Narromine.
- The morning tea at Timbrebongie celebrated the relationship with the wider Narromine community, highlighting that Narromine High School is Narromine’s own high school.

Your view: In the next two weeks we are holding some very informal community focus groups as we prepare for the 2015 - 2017 school plan. There will be three gatherings where mainly non-teaching staff will be available for an informal chat to hear what you think about what is happening in the school and what you would like in the future. We hope you can drop in for 10 or 15 minutes to one of the following gatherings.

- Tuesday 19 August any time between 10:00am and 11:30 am at the USMC Ballhausen Room (upstairs)
- Wednesday 20 August any time between 7:00 and 8:30 pm at the USMC Ballhausen Room
- Thursday 21 August any time between 10:00am and 11:30 am at the Keeping Place (the old Narromine News building)

Top performances:
- **Musicians and singers** who entertained the assembly last week
- **Rebekah Reid** – Public speaker extraordinaire
- **Students who visited Timbrebongie** for morning tea last week and were great ambassadors for NHS.
- **Under 14s Rugby Union side** who came within a blade of grass of earning themselves a trip to Forster in the state rugby union, losing the day on count back to St Johns A.
- **Narromine High Athletes** who punched above their weight at the Western Championships and were brilliant on and off the track. Thirteen students will be off to State. Special mention to Kaitlin Butcher, Brad Simmons, Aiden Butcher, Larissa Kennedy, Jordan Itoya, Lily Spackman and Washington Itoya.

The key positive behaviour that we are targeting for the next three weeks is Respectful learning environments. Each teacher will be explaining to the students what this means in each of their classes.

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

Mick Sloan
Relieving Principal
2014 NARROMINE HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE SPECTACULAR

Students in Years 7-10 as well as students from St Augustine’s and Narromine Public School have been working hard on their science experiments this term. Many students have completed the experiment section and are now writing up their discussions and getting ready to decorate their display boards next week. Science boards are to be completed by the end of week 5, Friday 15 August. The science faculty would like to thank all parents and carers who have been helping with experiments.

All projects will be entered into the Narromine High Science Spectacular to be held in the Multipurpose Centre on the 27 August. Each Year will be competing for a cash prize and the opportunity to enter state, national and international science competitions.

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"i love art" children’s Art Competition 2014 – please contact Trudie taloumbi@icloud.com for more information or collect an entry form from the school office

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YEAR 5 & 6 GALA DAY

On Wednesday 30 July, Narromine High School hosted Year 5 and 6 students from Narromine Christian School, St Augustine’s Parish School and Narromine Public School for a sporting gala day. Narromine High School students from Years 7, 10 and 11 ran the activities which included indoor soccer, table tennis, badminton, Newcomb ball, touch football and netball. All students involved enjoyed themselves thanks to the initiative and leadership our high school demonstrated.

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MERIT ASSEMBLY - TERM 3

This term’s Merit Assembly will be held at Narromine High School Assembly Hall on Wednesday 10 September, at 11.30 am. All parents, caregivers and community members are cordially invited to attend. Students are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that RRC’s, faculty awards and other service commendations are placed into the PBL boxes (either in the Library or outside the DPs’ office) and that all absences and uniform issues are explained by parent/caregivers by the end of week 7 – Friday 29 August.

All students are to be in full school uniform, as this is an important whole school function.

Michelle Lyons
Librarian (for the PBL Committee)
Thirty students travelled to Bathurst to compete in the western area athletic trials on Friday 25 July. It started as a very cold, wet and miserable day, making it difficult for competitors in their events. Thirteen students have been selected to represent western area at state level. This is a wonderful result for our small school. Western area covers a huge area of NSW and encompasses many schools that have a school population of 1000 or more. To be selected for state competitors had to finish 1st or 2nd in their event.

Students selected to compete in individual events at the Combined High School carnival

- Kaitlin Butcher 16 year girls - 1st shot put, 1st javelin and 1st in discus
- Brad Simmons 16 year boys - 1st 100 and 1st 200m
- Aiden Butcher 13 year boys - 1st shot put, 1st javelin and 1st in discus
- Larissa Kennedy 12 year girls - 1st 100 and 1st 200m
- Jordon Itoya 12 year boys - 1st shot-put 3rd discus
- Lily Spackman 16 year girls - 2nd shot-put
- Washington Itoya 14 year boys - 2nd high jump

Congratulations to each of you on your wonderful individual performances.

Other great results

- 16 boys 4 x 100 relay 1st – (Brad, Isaac, Kane Walsh and Alex).
- 14 boys 4 x 100 relay 1st (Cameron, Isayah, Blane and Washington)
- 15 boys 4 x 100m relay 3rd (Jake, Troy, Jacob, Cye)
- 13 girls 4 x 100m - 4th (Taylah, Kiarra, Lakeisha Larissa)

Other students who gave it their best shot were Sarah Coffee, Tyler Edgcumbe and Taylah Townsend, Lane Edgcumbe Sam Green

All students are to be commended on their excellent sportsmanship and behaviour. Our core values of respect, responsibility and care were demonstrated throughout the day. It was a pleasure to accompany this wonderful group of students. A huge thank you to the many parents who provided transport and encouragement throughout the day.

Sue Wallace
Athletics coordinator and school coach
TIMBREBONGIE VISIT
During education week, ten students - Rebecca Sinclair, Jordayna Smith, Katie Kirk, Jordi Bakac, Maddy Preston, Emma Fazzari, Abby Benger, Abbey Geyer, Troy Harding and Dylan Poulson spent the morning at Timbrebongie House. Whilst the residents and students enjoyed morning tea, Rebecca Sinclair entertained them on the piano. After morning tea, several residents showed students the “farm” and fed Dusty the horse some carrots, whilst other students enjoyed playing shoot and shuffle, dominoes, scrabble and euchre with the residents.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? JAMES WALSH
I graduated from Narromine High School in 2006 and spent 2007 working as a teacher’s aide at NHS.
In 2008 I commenced studies at University of Sydney (Bachelor of Human Movement Education) and played 1st Colts Rugby and Cricket with Sydney Uni.
In 2011 I played 1st Grade with Petersham Rugby Club and coached the Petersham Colts to premiership victory and I also started a fitness business “Warrior Design”.
I gained fulltime employment with Newington College in 2014.
Memories of NHS are playing volleyball with Mr Bush, Symo’s acronyms and Goodo’s terrible jokes!

If you need to drive a student to a bus stop or school, you could be eligible for the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy
go to transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc
or ask about the PVC subsidy at your school or call 1800 010 123 for more information Find out if you can receive a twice-a-year payment to help you cover your expenses.
UNIVERSITY INFORMATION SESSION
Year 12 parents and students are invited to a University Information session on Thursday 14 August at 6.15pm in G1 (parent teacher night). Topics covered include - UAC applications, early entry scheme, scholarships and accommodation.
Jan Davison
Careers Adviser

STUDY SKILLS TIP FOR AUGUST – FINDING HELP
Where can you find help when you are struggling at school?

PERSONAL ISSUES
If things in your life are upsetting you talk to your family, friends or teachers you feel comfortable sharing with. If you need additional support, you can approach the counsellor at your school. If you want someone to talk to, you can use Kids Helpline, a free confidential service: 1800 55 1800 or use the online service at www.kidshelp.com.au. It is much better to talk to someone rather than lock it all inside you.

SUBJECT SPECIFIC ISSUES
If you are finding a particular subject difficult, the first person to see is your classroom teacher. Ask questions in class as problems arise or ask your teacher if you can make a time to see them before or after class or during lunch or after school. Teachers are happy to help students who do their best and are keen to improve. Other places you might be able to find help are: books or extra textbooks in the school or local library, other students in the class, students in older years, other teachers at the school, family members, family friends. If you try all of these options and are still having problems, then you might consider looking for a tutor, you can ask your teacher if they can recommend anyone.

Is it time to have your child’s ears and eyes tested again?
Ears – Best practice for children aged 4 – 8.5 years old having hearing, speech, learning and behaviour problems is to have a hearing test every four months. Children 8.5 – 18 years should have one test per year. Did you know permanent hearing loss can occur at ANY age after sickness with a constant high temperature? In Dubbo please phone Community Health for a free test (five month waiting list) 6885 8999 or Hearing Life ($40.00) 6882 0807. Always share your results with your child’s class teacher or the Hearing Support Team 6884 6714.
Eyes – Yearly eye tests, covered by Medicare, at any Optometrist in Dubbo.

Narromine Little A's Registrations for 2014/15 is now OPEN. This is a great way for your children to enjoy athletics in a non-competitive environment every Thursday afternoon in Terms 4 and 1. All entries for the month of August shall receive a $5 discount. Please register on-line at http://www.laansw.com.au/. If you have any further enquiries regarding registrations, please contact Jo Gill on 0428 898341.
People’s Choice Award
Come to the
Science Spectacular
and vote for your favourite project
Voting will be open from 5:00pm to 6:00pm
School Multi-Purpose Hall
Wednesday 27 August 2014
First Prize $40
Second Prize $20
Presentation at 6.00 pm

Paper Plane Competition
Come to the Narromine High School
Science Spectacular
Wednesday 27 August 2014
between 5:00pm and 6:00pm
Multi-Purpose Hall
and fly a plane
Rules:
- Aeroplanes can be flown between 5:00pm and 6:00pm.
- All paper aeroplanes must be made using the aeroplane paper that can be purchased on the night from the Science Shop for 50 cents per sheet. Information Section on the paper MUST be filled out.
- All paper aeroplanes can only be flown once. Once beyond the taped line the plane cannot be retrieved.
- You can practice flying your paper aeroplane as many times as you like before you step up to the line.
- All flights must be launched from behind the taped line.
- The winner will be the paper aeroplane that lands closest to the marked cross. If two or more planes land closest to the cross there will be a fly-off at 6:00pm, the closest plane to the cross wins, second closest comes second.
- Judges decision is final

First Prize $20
Second Prize $10
Narromine High School

SCIENCE SPECTACULAR

Celebrating Science Week

27 August 2014
5.00 - 6:30pm
Multi-Purpose Hall
Presentation at 6pm

Come along and join in the fun

- Enter the paper plane competition
- Vote for your favourite project
- Buy some cool science gear
  - Presentation of awards
  - BBQ and drinks available