WHAT’S COMING UP?

DECEMBER
12
• Tea Gardens excursion returns

16
• Presentation Day – 11.30 a.m. in the Multi Purpose Centre

ALL WELCOME

17
• Students last day of school

P&C WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND ALL THE BEST FOR 2015!

PINK DAY
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

School plan: I would like to acknowledge Mrs Lisa Bennett, Mrs Cathy Reynolds and Mrs Susan Bodiam for their work in leading the development of the 2015-17 school plan. The plan will be finalised and published in Term 1 next year. The following three strategic directions have been developed following community and staff consultation this year:

- Creating successful learners
- Building staff capacity
- Developing supportive partnerships

Staff changes for 2015: There will a number of staff changes at Narromine High School next year, including the return of Mrs O’Callaghan as Principal. I have had quite a few meetings with Mrs O’Callaghan to discuss the changes that have occurred in 2014. She is looking forward to returning.

I would like to recognise Mrs Mary Mussen and Mrs Colleen Barlow, who are both retiring. As a maths teacher, Mrs Mussen is highly valued by staff, students and the community, and as School Administrative Manager, Mrs Barlow has made a wonderful contribution to Narromine High School for many years. Mr Joshua Woodland, a graduate teacher will be taking up the maths position. The merit selection process for Mrs Barlow’s position is being finalised this week.

Ms Downey (who is currently on maternity leave), Mrs Bodiam and Mr Garner have decided to explore opportunities in the private school system and will be taking up positions at Macquarie Anglican Grammar School. All three are highly valued teachers and school leaders and will be great losses to Narromine High School. Mrs Wallace will be taking long service leave for the duration of 2015, whilst Mrs Reynolds will be on leave during Term 1.

We have been able to fill all positions for the start the year, with a mix of permanent and temporary staff. Mr Leite will continue his role as Head Teacher Maths, Ms Althofer will relieve as English Head Teacher and the Science Head Teacher position will be filled internally before the end of term.

Norta-Norta tutors Ash Bulley and Deb Penson will also finish up in their current roles at the end of the year. I would like to thank them for their work supporting students. I would particularly like to mention the work Deb has done with the Breakfast Program this year.

Finally I would like to say thank you to the staff, students and parents of Narromine High School. In particular I would like to mention the executive team who have shown great leadership through a significant period of change; Mrs Denise King and the staff of Narromine Public School; Mr Phil Simmons and the P&C, and Mrs Kerrie Walden and the AECG. It has been great to work with you all and I have learned so much.

Top performances:

- **SRC for 2015**  School student leaders stepping up for 2015 - see inside for the full list of SRC
- **Kaitlin Butcher** made the Western Region Academy Lone Star squad for track and field
- **Aiden Butcher** – Top 4 in Australia for his age in discus and top 5 for javelin following the All Schools Nationals last week – very proud!
- **Mr Hoyle and Ms Goodhand** for their commitment to ensure Year 7 students have a great time at Aussie Bush camps for four full days and three nights

Mick Sloan
Relieving Principal
2015 SRC REPRESENTATIVES

Year 8  Rebekah Reid, Emily Sharwood, Amelia Corcoran and Marcus Newbigging
Year 9  Matrika Munday, Cameron Simmons and Mark Coleman
Year 10  Abbey Geyer, Holly Monoghan and Troy Harding
Year 11  Sophie Walker, William Coleman and Bradley Simmons
Year 12  Sam Willoughby, Jack Gillepsie, Kaitlin Butcher and Kristen Poulsen

Congratulations to the new SRC for 2015! I am really looking forward to advising you next year as this group is full of great student advocates and role models. It’s shaping up to be a good year as NHS is now part of a newly formed Lachlan District SRC. This will mean more opportunities for students to be inspired as leaders and role models in the community, and to forge links with other students in the area.

PINK DAY
A fun afternoon was had by all involved. Activities included volleyball and cricket games (with excellent teacher participation), a BBQ, out of uniform day, and movies for those who wanted to avoid the heat. Thanks to all our pink cake makers and the staff who helped out. The BIGGEST THANKS go to Abbey Geyer and Fallon Attwater. They are really wonderful, hands-on organisers who are to be congratulated on their efforts. With assistance from Holly Monaghan and the SRC, we raised money to go towards the McGrath Foundation.
Mr Kiernan

CAREERS CORNER
Year 10 work Experience
The Majority of Year 10’s experienced the world of work last week when they took part in the Work Experience program. This is a great opportunity for students to gain a better insight into different career paths and enhance their workplace skills. Students chose a variety of careers including childcare, zoo keeper, teacher, mechanic, welder, auto electrician, vet and helicopter pilot. A huge thankyou to all employers who took on students as this valuable experience would not happen without your support.
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 it may result in suspension
TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL SPORT

Term 4 saw students enjoying a range of sports including touch football, weights, softball, volleyball, basketball, netball, table tennis, badminton, golf, aquatics, tennis, indoor soccer and walking. A big thankyou to the Narromine Shire Council, Narromine Golf Club and the Narromine Squash Club for their support during 2014. So every can enjoy whole school sport in 2015, please remember to have your child return a signed copy of the Walking and Excursion Permission Note to the office before the end of the year.
2014 PRESENTATION DAY

AN INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO ALL PARENTS & CAREGIVERS AND THE NARROMINE COMMUNITY TO ATTEND OUR

PRESENTATION DAY
ON
TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER AT 11.30 AM TO BE HELD IN THE MULTI PURPOSE CENTRE

INVOICES FOR 2015 AND ACCOUNTS RENDERED FOR 2014 ARE INCLUDED IN THIS MAILOUT
YOUR PROMPT PAYMENT WOULD BE APPRECIATED

Narromine High School uniforms are now available from Lowes Dubbo or online at https://www.lowes.com.au/Schools-Online.aspx