PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Welcome to our last newsletter for what has been a busy and productive year. I hope to see you at Presentation Day, to be held on Tuesday 15 December at 11.30am, where we will celebrate a year of achievement.

Academic Excellence
Congratulations to school captain William Coleman (pictured) in Year 11 on receiving the prestigious Victor Chang award for excellence in chemistry. He was presented with his award at a ceremony in Dubbo last week.

Semester Examinations
Students have been busy completing semester examinations. Teachers have commenced writing reports. Please don’t feel you need to wait for your child’s report before contacting their teacher for an update on progress.

Proud of our Students
Our year 10 Work Studies class hosted a visit from Timbrebongie residents and Community Health Day Care participants last Thursday morning. Students prepared a delicious morning tea and everyone enjoyed a hotly contested game of scattergories. The students visited Timbrebongie and Day Care regularly during terms one and two this year and it was great chance for them to renew these acquaintances. During terms three and four the studies have been operating a coffee shop and have decided to donate the profits from this venture, an amazing $450, to the Day Care’s Bus Fund.

Guest from the Day Care were very appreciative of the students’ donation and all guest thanked them for a great morning.

Enhancing our Facilities
A representative of the Department of Education visited our school recently to determine spending priorities for next year. It is hoped an upgrade of the classrooms in the administration building, including new carpet, will take place in the holidays.

21st century learning centre
An enthusiastic team is overseeing the transformation of the library into a centre that will better equip students for 21st century learning. It is hoped to have the project completed by the end of term one. Furniture has been selected for purchase and a final design plan is almost complete.
Aspire Program
Our school has joined a network of schools involved in the Aspire program. Its purpose is to provide support through mentoring for students aspiring to tertiary study. Many thanks to Mr Lance McCabe for overseeing the program.

Work Experience for Year 10
This week we have students participating in work experience in a wide range of fields in local and distant locations. Thank you very much to all parents and caregivers for their support of this well worthwhile program, which would not be possible without the tremendous assistance of Mrs Davison.

Remembrance Day
A moving service was conducted by students for the school community on Wednesday, 11 November. A highlight was a speech entitled “The lessons of Gallipoli” delivered by Abbey Geyer. She spoke about how through the horror of war, goodness shines through as countries unite in support of each other. In keeping with tradition, our captains and vice captains laid a wreath at the town service at 11am.

Extra Curricula Activities
Opportunities continue to be offered beyond the classroom. Our Year 7 students are counting the days until they leave for the Great Aussie Bush Camp. Mr Kiernan’s Aboriginal Studies students will be participating in an overnight cultural program at Balladoran later this week. Year 7 geography students will be visiting an emu farm at Tooraweenah on Friday. Year 11 students will be visiting Charles Sturt University Dubbo campus on 2 December as part of the Future Moves program. A Narromine schools chess tournament has been scheduled for Friday 4 December. Monday 7 December will see student representative members depart for a two day district camp where they will participate in leadership development workshops. Mr Turnbull and Ms Stanbridge are taking Information Process and Technology students to Sydney to visit the University of Technology’s mega data room and the Powerhouse museum.

Changes to our Canteen
A team representing P&C and staff is working hard to ensure that we meet the guidelines to become a healthy canteen in 2016. It is expected that a new range of products will be introduced to help us meet this requirement.

Head Teacher Welfare
The permanent position of Head Teacher Welfare is currently advertised. The panel, consisting of Fiona Walker, Phil Rufus, Sean Crammond, Mark Smith and myself will meet next week to determine which applicants will be called to interview.

General Assistant
The advertisement for part time permanent position of General Assistant will be published later this week. The successful applicant will be responsible for minor repairs and maintenance of the grounds. Please contact the school should you require a copy of the advertisement.

Instructional Leader
A newly created temporary position of instructional leader has also been advertised. Based on enquiries received I am confident the position will be filled.

School Chaplain
I have been informed that we will be notified by the end of term about the success of our application to the state government for the appointment of a school chaplain.
Farewells
As mentioned in our last newsletter, our general assistant Mr Lloyd Campbell has been transferred to Dubbo. During his many years at the school he has worked tirelessly to ensure minor maintenance matters were attended to promptly and that our grounds were well looked after. We are most appreciative of his years of loyal and dedicated service.
Ms Deborah Stanbridge, a temporary teacher, will be leaving us at the end of term. During her time at our school she has presented interesting and challenging lessons across a range of key learning.
Our learning assistance teacher, Mrs Chris Quigg, will be on leave for 2016. She will be replaced by Ms Peggy Jones who is experienced in that role.
Mr Danny Hollier who has taught science since the start of the semester will be returning to his family in Sydney at the end of the year. Thank you for your contributions to the science faculty. Temporary HSIE teacher Mrs Nadine Wilkin will also be farewelled at the end of the year. On behalf of the students and staff I would like to acknowledge her work as a teacher of history and geography and wish her well for the next stage of her career.

Thank You
I would like to thank you for your ongoing support of our school during the year. Special thanks to our P&C members who have met monthly and provided input into school decisions.

Top Achievers
William Coleman - Victor Chang award for chemistry
Mr Lance McCabe for giving up his Sunday to join our students at the camp for the Aspire program.
Samantha Tighe who has been selected to represent Australia in Germany at the Youth World Games for the Painted Horse Association
Abbey Geyer for her address to the school on Remembrance Day
Prezlea Brouggy representing the school at the Inter School Horse Events in Tamworth.
Tasma O’Brien (Year 10) has just returned from Rotorua, NZ after competing in the Kokusai Kubokenshikai International Karate Championships. Out of six events she gained firsts in carta, kumite, weapons carta and team carta, second in carta and third in weapons carta. Tasma was also placed second and third in the senior womens division.
Caitlin Bayliss selected to represent NSW at the Indigenous Girls National netball competition in January at the Gold Coast.

Angela O’Callaghan
Principal

INTER SCHOOL HORSE EVENTS (ISHE)
Prezlea Brouggy represented Narromine High School at the ISHE at Tamworth last month.
Riding Wizz’s Bobby Sox (pictured), Prezlea placed 3rd in rider 14 years and placed 4th in English pleasure 14 years. In the dressage 1.2 preliminary she placed 13th and in the 2.1 novice she placed 14th. Riding Dirty Deeds Prezlea competed in the 65cm and 75cm show jumping having good rounds although too slow on the clock. She also competed in the 1.1 preliminary for 16th and the 1.2 preliminary dressage for 18th.

Macquarie Clothing has Narromine High, school shirts in stock.
GILGANDRA GALA DAY
This year, Gilgandra High School hosted 60 of our keen students for a range of sports. The students were divided into junior (7/8) and senior (9/10) teams. The early sessions had our golfers and tennis players up against some of Gilgandra’s best. Gilgandra won the golf convincingly. Despite a solid start, our mixed tennis teams were also defeated by Gilgandra. True to tradition, our league and netball teams won their matches. There was mixed results from the touch games, volleyball and table tennis. Gilgandra were too strong for Narromine in all of the basketball games. Congratulations to Gilgandra High for the win. 2016 will see the inclusion of some new sports as Narromine play host to Gilgandra.

ASPIRE PROGRAM
Three indigenous students from Narromine High along with six other students from Dubbo, Gilgandra and Wellington attended a program at the Wambangalang environmental science centre during week 6 of Term 4. Students stayed overnight for the week and were mentored by indigenous academics, youth workers and elders. The program is aimed at students who are aspiring to attend University. The program took students through identifying goals, identity and country, initiative and how to handle challenges and conflict.

The students who attended, Maddison Hull, Hunter Delboux and Kaylee Jane Nelson all reported back that they thoroughly enjoyed the camp, were well looked after and felt supported in their future aspirations.

YEAR 12 CONSTRUCTION

Pictured are Year 12 construction students, Rex Brown, Michael Weldon and James Fazzari pouring a slab assisted by Jesse Griffiths and CJ Smythe.

Greg Varady-Szabo
This term Miss Googe’s Year 9 Textiles class has been working on designing their own ‘Ugly Doll’. ‘Ugly Doll’ is an American company that produces children’s toys which are designed to celebrate people’s differences. Real beauty is found in the twists and turns that make us who we are. The class has done a fantastic job and are now in the process of writing an illustrated story that stars their ‘Ugly Doll’.

Year 12 Hospitality have been working hard to be able to be deemed competent in more cooking techniques. Some of their creations this term have included: Pavlova, lemon curd tart, prawn linguine, pork koftas with Moroccan couscous and Caesar salad.

For the last nine weeks Miss Googe’s Year 7 Technology Mandatory class have been working to create their own original and unique pizzas while following the design process. They were able to order their own ingredients and produce their very own pizza.

RAISED BEDS
The raised beds in the quad were planted with native grasses this week, purchased with funds donated from NSW Teachers Federation. Thank you to Mrs McCutcheon’s Year 8 Technology group for conditioning the soil and to Mrs McCutcheon, Mrs McGaw and Mrs Davison for planting.
AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS AAFC

Three students from Narromine High are currently enrolled in the Australian Air Force Cadets 313 Squadron and travel to Dubbo every Monday night to attend classes and practice drill and to learn all about the air force.
Jake Richter Year 9, Frances Sinclair and Brittney Haddon Year 8 have enjoyed the various activities associated with cadets, which include travelling to Bathurst to learn about firearms, learning field craft on a bivouac, ANZAC Parade Dubbo, the big sleep out at Victoria Park, Remembrance Day Ceremony and attending the Temora Warbirds Air Show last weekend. On the Monday 30 November they will be participating in the opening ceremony for the Junior World Gliding Championships held here in Narromine.

Photos from top
1 & 2 - Representing their squadron in the Remembrance Day Ceremony in Dubbo on the 11 November
3 - Flight home from Temora Warbirds Airshow on a Hercules

VENETIAN CARNIVAL

The 2015 Venetian Carnival will be held on Wednesday 2 December from 6.00 pm at Dundas Park.
Come along for a chance to win hams or chooks and meet Santa!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Narromine Vinnies Centre is always looking for more volunteers to assist in their work. Men and women of all ages and denominations are welcome and encouraged to become volunteers. Even a couple of hours a week would be a great help. Your local Vinnies Centre has a very friendly, social environment and the work provides a special sense of satisfaction you get from helping others and learning new skills. Various tasks include sorting donated goods, serving at the counter, clerical, basic computer, interviewing and listening to people in need. If you are interested in volunteering, drop into the Vinnies Centre, or telephone Vinnies on 6889 1503. We would love to hear from you.

LIKE NARROMINE HIGH SCHOOL ON FACEBOOK AND STAY UP TO DATE WITH WHAT’S HAPPENING!

PARENTS ARE REQUESTED TO PLEASE NOTIFY THE SCHOOL WHEN THEY CHANGE ADDRESS AND/OR PHONE CONTACT NUMBERS THANK YOU
NARROMINE CYCLE CLUB
INVITE YOU TO
COME ALONG AND HAVE A GO!
WHERE – PAYTEN PARK
WHEN – MONDAY AFTERNOONS
TIME – 4.30 PM
WE HAVE EXPERIENCED RIDERS AND PARENTS
WHO ORGANISE TRACK EVENTS AND WOULD
LOVE TO SEE SOME YOUNG RIDERS COME ALONG
AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

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

NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS TERM DATES 2016
Term 1 – Wednesday, 27 January to Friday, 8 April
Term 2 – Tuesday, 26 April to Friday, 1 July
Term 3 – Monday, 28 July to Friday, 23 September
Term 4 – Monday, 10 October to Tuesday, 20 December
School development days occur at the beginning of Terms 1, 2 and 3 and the last two days of the school year.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Dubbo & District Parent Support Group
for the
Deaf/Hearing Impaired Inc.
P.O. Box 1523, Dubbo NSW 2830
Ph: (02) 6884 1874  Fax: (02) 6884 1929

Date: Wednesday, 9 December 2015
Time: 5.00 – 6.00 pm
Venue: 150 Darling Street, Dubbo

All committee positions will be declared open at the meeting. Nomination and Proxy forms are to be received by DDPSG no later than Monday, 7 December 2015
For nomination forms please contact - Donna.rees@det.nsw.edu.au
Photos from Gilgandra Gala Day