PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

There have been some staff changes as we start term four. Mrs Bennett is on a transfer of duty, working at the Dubbo Office of the Department of Education. Mr Phil Rufus is acting Deputy Principal. His position as Head Teacher has been filled in an acting capacity by Mrs Mandy McCutcheon. This week, we welcomed, Mr Chris Schubert, an experienced Head Teacher from Delroy campus of Dubbo College, to the staff. We are sure he will enjoy working at our school. I would like to acknowledge the work of maths teacher Mr Greg Taylor, who filled in while we were waiting for Mr Schubert to commence at our school.

We are awaiting permission from the Department of Education to advertise for a Head Teacher science, to commence in 2016. In the meantime, the faculty is being well led by Mr McCabe.

Year 12

The Year 12 final assembly and formal were very successful occasions. Special thanks to Mr Thakur and his team of helpers for their work behind the scenes to ensure these important events ran smoothly. Appreciation is also extended to the United Services Memorial Club for the delicious meal and support provided.

As the H.S.C. approaches, I would like to remind families that teachers are available to provide any help students may require as they prepare for their exams. Applications for early entry to university have been completed. We hope to hear good news about the applications towards the end of term.

Application for school chaplain

At the October meeting of P&C, conducted on Tuesday 6 October, a proposal to apply for funding for a school chaplain 2016-2018 was supported. It is hoped this important student welfare initiative will fill the gap created when our youth worker resigned at the end of last year. Under recent changes announced to the program, a chaplain, not a youth worker, must be employed to meet program guidelines. If funds are granted, the position will be advertised and interviews conducted as soon as possible.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

A PBL assembly was held on Tuesday. Our focus for the next several weeks will be applying your best effort to all work.
Evaluation of RAM funded projects
Our strategic directions for 2015-2017 are building teacher capacity, creating successful learners and building supportive partnerships. Mrs Kym Orman, who led our school review, will soon commence an evaluation of the expenditure of 2015 RAM (resource allocation model) funding. The purpose is to determine what has worked and what changes need to be made. Please contact the school office by Thursday 15 October if you would like to be part of the evaluation process, by participating in a face to face interview or an interview by phone.

 Beautification of Our Grounds
Well done to a team of eight Year 10 boys who have built garden beds in the playground this week. Located at the site of the plane tree that had to be removed, their construction is part of a multi-phase enhancement program for our grounds. The boys worked under the leadership of Mr Mark Wright, a well-known landscape designer, who has previously worked in our school.

A Day of Fun
Eighteen students enjoyed a trip to Flip Out in Dubbo at the end of last term. The excursion was a reward for showing the school’s core values of respect, responsibility and care during sport. Plans are underway for a similar reward for identified students at the end of this term.

Thank You
Thank you to students who represented our school at the community NAIDOC day celebrations at Dundas Park on the last day of term three. Special mention to our Aboriginal dancers, supported by Aboriginal Education Officer Mark Smith.

Please Notify Us
A reminder about the importance of ensuring the school has your latest contact details, including phone numbers. To help with communication, please let us know if you change your address.

Attendance Policy
The Department of Education requires an explanation for absences to the school within seven days from the first day of any period of absence through means such as telephone call, written note, text message or email. The seven day timeframe for explaining absences is a requirement of the Education Act (1990)

Newsletter Publication Dates
Two newsletters will be published this term. Publication dates are 28 October and 25 November. Our Facebook page will continue to be updated.

Please Contact Us
Please don’t hesitate to contact Mr Rufus or myself about any matter of importance to you. Nothing is ever too small to bring to our attention.

Angela O’Callaghan
Principal

MEET THE TEACHER – MR CHRIS SCHUBERT
Narromine High School welcomes Mr Chris Schubert in his role as Head Teacher Mathematics. He previously taught at Delroy Campus of Dubbo College for six years where he was Head Teacher for the past three years. Mr Schubert studied Bachelor Teaching and Science majoring in maths at Newcastle University. Mr Schubert enjoys music and all sports, especially golf where he holds a handicap of two!
IMAGES FROM YEAR 12 FORMAL AND PRESENTATION DAY.

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YEAR 10 STUDENTS ASSISTING WITH LANDSCAPING IN THE QUAD.

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