Welcome to our first newsletter of 2016. We publish two per term, the first of which is mailed home. The second one for this term will be published in the week of 14 March. Please check our facebook site, app and website for regular updates.

The year has started well with a large number of Year 7’s and several new students in Years 7 - 11. A Year 7 learning team has been established, with a central focus being on supporting the transition of Year 7 to high school and ensuring their academic and social success. Year 7 are having many of their lessons in classrooms located in the administration building. The Department of Education will soon be overseeing the laying of new carpet and painting of those rooms.

**Learning Centre**

Our learning centre (previously known as the POD) has been revamped. Its main aim is to raise student achievement by providing them with specialised and personalised support in literacy and numeracy both in and out of the classroom. Mrs Geyer and Mrs Kennedy are based there.

**Staff News**

During the holidays, Mr Matthew West was appointed permanently to the HSIE department and Ms Kate Battishall (dux of NHS 2006) and Mr Darren Scholes, a highly experienced physics and chemistry teacher, were appointed to teach science. Mr Thakur, who holds a masters degree in mathematics, has transferred to the maths department.

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**WHAT’S COMING UP?**

**FEBRUARY**

11 Bangarra Dance Workshop Dubbo
17 Swimming Carnival
23 School photos Meet the teacher BBQ 5.30-6.30 pm
25 Yr 7 Vaccinations
26 Warrumbungles Yr 11 Bio/Snr Science Excursion

**MARCH**

1 RYDA
8 Western Plains Science & Engineering Challenge
11 Yr 11 Skill Fix
16 Future Moves Workshop

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*Celebration luncheon (l – r) Kaitlin Butcher, Sandra, Glen and Holly Monaghan, Kevin, Jacqui, Ella and Abbey Geyer.*
department, replacing Mr Birkett. Mrs Rebecca Kennedy, formerly at Coonamble High School, has commenced as Instructional Leader. More information about her role is contained later in this newsletter. Mr Cal Reid is replacing Mr Rufus (Acting Deputy Principal) in the Technology and Applied Studies faculty where Mrs McCutcheon is Acting Head Teacher. Mr Sean Crammond is continuing as Acting Head Teacher Welfare, a position to which he has brought many skills.

Mr Bruce Maher has commenced as our General Assistant, replacing Mr Lloyd Campbell who has transferred to Dubbo. Ms Erin Paine has been employed for term one under RAM funding to support Year 9 girls. Mr Chris (C.J.) Smyth is continuing as a support worker, with a special focus on our boys. The school has contracted the “Your Dream” company to oversee the employment of a chaplain who will be funded for the next three years under the national school chaplaincy program, funded by the Commonwealth Government. On Monday, we welcomed Mrs Kate Wilson to the administration staff in a temporary position for three days per week. She was successful at interview after the position was advertised in the local press.

Year 12 2015

Congratulations to the HSC class of 2015. Many students achieved results that represented personal achievement at its best. As a result, they have gained entry into university, TAFE and employment. Congratulations to Sam Willoughby who was dux of the year.

21st Century Learning

Term one will see a major focus on redesigning our library. Plans are well underway to turn it into a 21st century learning centre with a strong emphasis on effective use of technology in learning.

Director of Schools Lachlan

Mr Glenn Stewart has retired. Mrs Maree Angus, previously Director of Schools based in Orange, has replaced him and is hence responsible for all schools in the Lachlan network, including our school. We extend a warm welcome to her.

P&C Annual General Meeting

Please come along to the annual general meeting of P&C at 6pm on Tuesday 1 March in the staff common room. It will be followed by the monthly meeting. New members are always welcome.

Top Achievers

Aiden Butcher (pictured right) was named Narromine’s Junior Sportsman of the Year. He gave an impressive speech at the award ceremony, acknowledging the help he has received from members of the local community.

Lily Spackman (pictured below) who spent time in Melbourne in the holidays after gaining entry into the Raise the Bar Academy, a collaboration between Athletics Australia and University of Melbourne. It is open to students entering Year 10, 11 or 12, with the aim of supporting those who are interested in pursuing tertiary education and a career in the sports industry.

Amelia Corcoran (pictured right) has been awarded a scholarship by the Harding Miller Education Foundation. Scholarships are valued at almost $16 000 over four years. Each scholarship recipient will receive a laptop in their first year and each year they will receive free tutoring and financial support.

Winners of the Principals Award 2015, the highest level on the school merit system. Mark Coleman, Abbey and Ella Geyer, Kaitlin Butcher and Holly Monaghan joined their parents and myself for a celebration luncheon at the USMC at the end of term four.

Contact Us

Please don’t hesitate to contact us about any matter of importance to you. Nothing is ever too small to bring to our attention

Angela O’Callaghan
Principal
OUR VISION STATEMENT
Please find below our vision statement, developed by the school community and the focus of our school.

At Narromine High School, we provide a stimulating and safe learning environment with innovative and responsive teaching across the curriculum. We aim to maximize individual potential and ensure all students are empowered to meet the challenges of education, work and life in a rapidly changing global environment.

STUDENT SAFETY
To ensure student safety, parents and caregivers are advised that primary school children are required to be collected from their own school at the end of the school day.

FEES AND LEVIES
Your ongoing support of our school by paying the curriculum levy enabled us to purchase text books and equipment last year for your children. We understand that some families find it hard to pay the $90.00 levy. Should that be the case, a smaller donation will always be appreciated. The $15.00 sports levy is used to help pay the council fee for use of the sporting complex. Mandatory subject fees have been kept as low as possible for 2016.
We are happy to accept payments by instalments. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, credit card or Eftpos at the office between 8.30 am and 3.20 pm on school days or by direct deposit at your convenience. Direct deposit details are as follows:
Narromine High School Administration Account BSB-032-001 Account No 139 959

ARRIVAL TIME FOR STUDENTS
Playground supervision commences at 8.30 am. Students are asked not to arrive before that time. Once students alight from a bus, they are considered to be at school. Hence, they must enter the school gate immediately.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES
Students who bring electronic devices to school must leave them at the office before period one and collect them at the end of the day. Failure to comply with this request will result in placement on Step 2.

ZERO TOLERANCE OF BULLYING
Our school does not tolerate bullying in any form. Please contact the school should you believe your child is the victim of bullying.

AN IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE
Bus students only leave through the gate at the bus bay. Other students are required to leave through the front gate.

NARROMINE HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE
All permission notes are on the website for you to download if required. Our newsletters are also available for viewing on this site. Please contact the school with your email address so that we are able to email the newsletter direct to you as this is a far more efficient way of keeping you informed of events that are happening at our school. We invite you to visit this site: www.narromine-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

NEWS FROM THE DEPUTY
Welcome back to 2016. It has been a great start to the year with students and staff settling well into their work routines. Over the next few weeks, we have a number of activities happening. Yesterday, the BBB program with the Police liaison officer and primary school kicked off with a
number of Year 7/8 boys participating in boot camp before school.

Wednesday 17 February is the school swimming carnival. This has been dominated by Doongara for a number of years. It is a very competitive day for students, and an opportunity for the participants in the other houses to overturn Doongara’s reign.

On Tuesday 23 February, Meet the Teacher evening will commence from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. This is an informal afternoon where parents can have a sausage and drink and talk to staff. It is an excellent opportunity for the community to say hello and make a connection with the school. We would like parents to attend and meet the new and old staff at Narromine High School.

It has been pleasing to see the majority of students following the PBL Values of Respect, Responsibility and Care. Walking around the school, I see students in class and being active participants in their learning.

Year 7 have settled in well under the guidance of Mrs Geyer. The Year 7 classes have their homeroom for lessons with an exception for practical lessons. This has provided students with a secure and positive environment. Students have exposure to the learning centre where they are being tested to determine the required support needed for each student. This information will be a valuable tool for staff to support and extend all students.

Phil Rufus
Acting Deputy Principal

WELCOME YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Narromine High wishes to extend a warm welcome to a great group of Year 7 students to the school! Our Year 7 students have settled into their new classes and the school yard comfortably.

It’s not always smooth sailing though, as the first term of high school can be a challenging time of transition from primary school to high school. Our regular Year meetings are an opportunity for students to raise any issues, concerns and questions with their Year Adviser, Mrs Geyer. It has been wonderful to see so many Year 7 students wearing their bucket hats.

The 2016 parent information package and the booklet Building Success in Secondary Schools contain useful information that should assist you in organising and supporting your child. If you have any further queries regarding your child’s transition, please call at the school (6889 1499).

The Department’s internet site http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au also contains a wealth of information to support new students and their parents.

All parents/caregivers are warmly invited to the Meet the Teacher BBQ on Tuesday 23 February from 5.30 – 6.30pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to meet your child’s teachers and discuss any concerns/questions you may have.

Mrs Jacqui Geyer
Year 7 Adviser
MEET THE TEACHER
Mr Matthew West *(pictured right)* is from Newcastle and has been appointed to the HSIE faculty. He is teaching Business Studies and HSIE. Matthew has come to us from Callaghan College, Jesmond. He has a strong background in technology. He enjoys soccer, and has played for over 30 years. Mr West also enjoys all things to do with computing. His favourite games are online role playing games with real time strategy. Mr West enjoys being around nature, especially birds and reptiles. Being in Narromine is a big change from Newcastle but he is looking forward to getting to know the local community.

MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE 2016
The Mathematics and Science faculty would like to welcome back all students to what promises to be an exciting 2016. This year we welcome two new science teachers to our faculty, Mr Darren Scholes and Ms Kate Battishall. Mr Scholes returns to Narromine High School after travelling to Cowra and Coonamble and is happy to be working with committed senior physics and chemistry students. He is encouraging the juniors to pursue science, while Ms Battishall has accepted a permanent appointment at her old school and is looking forward to getting the juniors ready for this year’s bigger and better Science Fair. All Mathematics classes in Year 7 through to Year 10 have a topic test in the coming weeks that will be completed in class. They will be assessed on the following topics which they are currently studying in class.
- **Year 7**: Basic Number and Positive Integers
- **Year 8**: Measurement and Pythagoras’ Theorem
- **Year 9**: Pythagoras’ Theorem and Surds (Class 9.1) Pythagoras’ Theorem and Number (Class 9.2)
- **Year 10**: Surds (Class 10.1), Interest and Depreciation (Class 10.2)

*Year 11 and 12* classes are currently working through their respective Preliminary and HSC courses. They will be completing their assessment tasks during weeks 9, 10 and 11 of this term. To assist students in preparing for these assessment tasks and in completing their homework we have purchased Maths Online for all students to utilise in 2016. All students have been issued with a username and password to access this resource. The web address is [www.mathsonline.com.au](http://www.mathsonline.com.au). If you would like a copy of your student’s login details please contact the mathematics faculty. In Science some students will have the opportunity to participate in upcoming excursions. These include the Science and Engineering Challenge, which is held in Dubbo while Year 11 Senior Science and Biology students will be travelling to Warrumbungle National Park on a field trip. In the classroom during this term Year 7 through to Year 10 are developing their understanding of key scientific courses and are working towards completing the following tasks.
- **Year 7**: Research project on a famous Australian scientist - due week 5.
- **Year 8**: Practical investigation on chemical versus physical change – due week 6.
- **Year 9**: Research project on disease and cancer – due week 8.
- **Year 10**: Practical investigation on acids and metals – due week 7.

*Year 11 and Year 12* are currently studying their respective courses and are preparing for their upcoming assessment tasks:
- **Year 11 Senior Science**: Practical report – due week 7.
- **Year 11 Biology**: Practical report – due week 7.
- **Year 11 Chemistry**: Research Investigation – due week 10.
- **Year 12 Biology**: Multimedia research task – due week 7.
- **Year 12 Chemistry**: Semester Examination – exam week.
Year 12 Physics: Semester Examination – exam week.
If you have any questions about mathematics or science, please contact a member of the mathematics and science faculty.
Christopher Schubert
Head Teacher Mathematics & Science

ENGLISH 2016
Finally, we have completed our reprogramming for the Australian Curriculum and look forward to an inspiring year of a wide variety of texts. Currently, Year 7 are well into their Survival unit and will be reading either ‘The Pearl’ or ‘Hatchet’. Year 8 are learning to analyse Digital Texts. Year 9 are broadening their world through an analysis of news media. Year 10 are looking at Australian Fiction and the journeys characters make, particularly through their study of ‘Raw’. Senior students have begun their studies with enthusiasm. Year 12 have had to ‘rediscover’ the school through a discovery quest. The English studies group are using their focus on Australian Identity to fundraise for the local community. Year 11 are learning to understand the concept of Belonging and how it applies to texts, which the English Studies students are looking into the way gender is constructed.

HSIE 2016
We welcome Mr Matthew West to the faculty. He has begun in earnest with Business Studies in Year 11 and the study of the nature of business. Year 10 will begin the year with a Geography study of Issues in the Australian Environment, while Year 9 will deepen their understanding of Australia’s physical environment. Later this year we will commence work on the implementation of the new Geography Syllabus for 2017. Years 7 and 8 will commence the year with History where they are introduced to the skills of investigating History. Year 8 have an exciting study of Medieval Europe, the Islamic World and the Black Death to investigate.

LOTE
This year we are fortunate to have Mr Kiernan, who is a fluent Spanish speaker teaching Spanish to Year 7, which will be an exciting change for the students.

MUSIC
Year 7 have begun their introduction to Music, learning the features of music and getting into guitars and keyboards in the Music Room. Year 9 have begun looking at Popular Music. We look forward to some entertaining performances later in the year.

VISUAL ART
Year 8 will have an exciting introduction to Art by making their own Mythical Creature. Year 9 will be moving into a more focused study of Artists and Printmaking. Year 10 will be cutting their teeth on Postmodernism in Art. In the Senior years, students will be required to complete a Body of Work and a major Artwork for the HSC. Their study encompasses an integrated study of Theoretical and Practical components of Art.

Catherine Reynolds
Head Teacher English

TAS/PDHPE FACULTY 2016
The TAS faculty has been combined with the PDHPE faculty this year, and we are looking forward to working together to achieve some great outcomes with the students. Whilst Mr Rufus is still relieving in the Deputy Principal position, I will continue to relieve in the Head Teacher position. We welcome back Mr Cal Reid to our staff who is relieving for Mr Rufus this term. He brings so much experience to our faculty and we feel very fortunate to have him return.
Years 7 & 8 Technology Mandatory classes will again be conducted in a three way rotation.
Students will do subjects involving projects based around woodwork, metalwork, design, agriculture and computer coding.
Year 10 design students are undertaking a mosaic project and we’re looking forward to seeing their fantastic work.
Food Tech and Hospitality students will again be cooking up a storm in the kitchen.
In order for these fantastic programs to continue it is important that you pay the associated fees as soon as possible. Please phone the office to arrange this.
The PDHPE team will be busy this term providing many fantastic opportunities for our students in health and fitness. Year 7 students will be studying self-esteem and friendship and participating in cricket during practical lessons. Year 8 will be keeping fit undertaking fitness testing, while Years 9 and 10 will be doing softball and football codes.
GrainCorp have donated $100.00 to be used in Agriculture. We have put the money towards preparing our steers for Sydney Show this year.
Amanda McCutcheon
Acting Head Teacher TAS/PDHPE

THE LEARNING CENTRE
We are excited to announce the establishment of a Learning Centre. The Learning Centre’s main aim is to raise student achievement by providing them with specialised and personalised support in literacy and numeracy both in and out of the classroom. At Narromine High School we are passionate about making sure that your child accesses the best education possible and this will be supported and enhanced by The Learning Centre.
Mrs Jacqui Geyer, Mrs Justine Reid, Mrs Rebecca Kennedy, Ms Peggy Jones (pictured) and will be actively working in the Learning Centre to achieve the best outcomes for students.

INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER
This year with our focus on ‘personalising student learning’ we have welcomed Mrs Rebecca Kennedy into the position of Instructional Leader. She has previously worked in this role at Coonamble High School. She will be working at the school three days per week (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) with staff and students, individually and in groups, through the Learning Centre on improving literacy and numeracy outcomes. Mrs Kennedy will also be involved in assessing student’s literacy and numeracy and developing professional learning plans and resources for teachers based on student’s needs.

GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP
At the end of Term 4 2015, twenty three Year 7 students ventured to the Great Aussie Bush Camp. It was an opportunity for students to have fun, challenge themselves and celebrate completing their first year of high school.
The students arrived at camp, dropped their bags and found themselves at their first activity - the
“Leap of Faith”. Viewing the tall wooden posts from the bottom looked daunting, even before climbing it. Almost everyone courageously climbed either the tall or short post, stood up and jumped, desperately reaching for the hanging trapeze.

That night the students played commando in the bush, trying very hard not to be found by spotters. Fortunately for the spotters - most of Year 7 found it very difficult to stay quiet!

The next day students took on the challenge of the high ropes. This demanded teamwork, cooperation and balance as students worked their way around an elevated series of challenges including the grapevine, catwalk and cable walk. We left camp and went for an extra long walk along Jimmy’s beach (thanks to our instructor who missed the shortcut). Upon arrival at the Port Stephen’s side, students were able to relax, swim and play frisbee. A delicious beach barbeque followed.

The next morning we were confronted with the mud challenge. Students crawled through pipes, climbed across ropes, scrambled over and under logs whilst being knee deep in mud. This was certainly one of the highlights of camp. After a well needed shower, we left camp for a scenic cruise around Port Stephens Inlet. Students were able to spot dolphins and relax in the boom net. We stopped off at the sand dunes where Mr Hoyle proceeded to race everyone to the top. Students were amazed at the size of the dunes and certainly enjoyed the “roll” down.

Kayaking the local river came the next day. Again, teamwork and communication was required, if kayaks were to stay moving in a straight line. Many laughs and some growls of frustration were heard as boats tacked their way up and down the river. The giant swing was much easier to
control, but much more exhilarating. The whole group hoisted the victims, (I mean students) up to the top of the cable. They then had to self-release the cable to commence the sudden drop to swing in a massive gut-dropping arc back and forth.

The final morning had students aiming for the bull’s eye. Some fantastic arching skills were demonstrated. The final activity was a breeze, literally. The dual flying fox over the creek and mangroves was a great way to finish on a high.

The students are to be commended on how well they represented Narromine High School. All staff members at the camp were impressed by their behaviour and level of engagement with every aspect of the camp.

Mrs Davison, Year Adviser

GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS OF 2016

An information letter will be distributed to caregivers later this term regarding costs, dates, equipment and other relevant information. All Year 7 students who demonstrate Narromine High School’s core values of Respect, Responsibility and Care are invited to attend the camp in December.

TERM 1 SCHOOL SPORT

Congratulations to our new House Captains for 2016.

Nurrewin - Cye Beer and Maddie Hull
Wyamba - Blane Corcoran and Emily Abbott
Doongara - Brad Simmons and Zoe Harding
Girralang - Will Coleman and Abby Benger

We wish all the best to each house as they battle it out throughout the year.

Thank you to those parents who have returned the sport and walking note for their child to the office. Please be reminded that this note must be signed and returned to the office as soon as possible.

Term 1 is a great time of the year, with many sports on offer in and out of school. Please ensure that when your child has sport or PDHPE that they are sun smart. Students are strongly encouraged to wear a broad rim or bucket hat, sunscreen and to bring their own water bottle to school. School sports on offer during term 1 include; weights, basketball, volleyball, badminton, touch football, tennis, table tennis, lawn bowls and circus.

**Carnival dates 2016:**

**Swimming Carnival:** Narromine Pool, T1 W4, Wednesday 17 February
**Backup:** Wednesday 24 February

**Athletics Carnival:** Payten Park, T1W10, Wednesday 30 March
**Backup:** Wednesday 6 April

**Cross Country Running:** Rotary Park, W5T2, Wednesday 25 May

**Combined High School Sports:**

This year, Narromine High School will be competing in the following CHS sports:

- Australian Rules Football
- Basketball
- Rugby League
- Rugby Union
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Touch Football
- Netball
- Table Tennis

Students are encouraged to check the PDHPE notice board for knockout and coaching information.

**Trial dates:**

The Western School Sports Association are conducting trials for a range of different sports in the coming months. For more information please visit the DET Sports Unit Trial/Championship site: [http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/western/trial_chp_info/index.htm](http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/western/trial_chp_info/index.htm)
STUDY SKILLS - ACHIEVING YOUR GOALS
A big step towards achieving your goals is developing and maintaining a goal setting mindset as the attitudes you have learnt and develop will influence the way you view goal setting. Approaching a task with a negative and self-defeating attitude makes it much harder to actually be successful at that task.
You need to have a positive attitude when you are setting and trying to achieve your goals. A positive attitude means you are looking for ways to succeed rather than focusing on the difficulties and obstacles that could be in your path.

To create a more positive attitude:
- Each day note down something you did towards achieving your goals.
- Note down any changes someone else has noticed eg. your teacher says well done on your work.
- Don’t stop trying if something goes wrong, rather reassess your goals or decide you need to work harder to achieve them.
- Find a mentor or helper to encourage you to achieve your goals, possibly someone who is interested in the same things or is good at the same subjects, but is a bit further ahead of you.

Reasons why we don’t achieve our goals: Still not achieving your goal? Try this:
No action plan. Clarify your goal.
No true commitment to the goal. Write a list of actions.
Not rewarding yourself along the way. Analyze, prioritize and prune.
Trying to focus on too many goals. Organise your list into a plan.
Not preparing yourself for success.
Fear of failure.

If you are achieving your goals:
Monitor the execution of your plan and review your plan regularly
You can learn more about goal setting and many other topics to help you achieve your best at school at www.studyskillshandbook.com.au, logging in with these details:
Username: narrominehs Password: 161results

LITERACY TIPS FOR PARENTS AT HOME
✓ Stay involved? You can continue to support your child’s learning at school by being interested and finding out what they are studying or what assignments they have.
✓ Even if you don’t know a lot about what your child is learning in high school, try to continue helping them with homework. Look through the reading materials together, ask your child to show you their plan for getting an assignment done, their ideas and the timing involved, and ask what references the teacher expects.
✓ Try to continue to read to, and with your child, and introduce more challenging books, articles or journals – you can try looking through the newspaper together or researching information on a topic of interest online.
✓ Talk about the things you read and watch together, e.g.:
  o “This article claims that … what do you think?”
  o “That movie was interesting – what do you think it was about?”
✓ Let your child see you reading, researching, writing and viewing different materials: newspapers, emails, cookbooks, labels, instructions, signs, films, documentaries, websites.
✓ Have a wide range of reading materials available to your teenager at home. Encourage
✓ your child to read widely (newspapers, magazines, websites, brochures, etc.), particularly on topics that interest them – let them experience the joy of reading for pleasure.
✓ Help your child to see a real-life purpose for what they are learning at school. Children often think reading and writing only applies to school work – help them to understand that
✓ reading and writing is important to everything going on around them – from text messages and emails to finding out where to go for a concert, booking tickets, preparing a resume, writing a shopping list, helping to organise a holiday.

✓ If your child is having problems with literacy or numeracy, talk to your child’s teacher, year adviser or the school principal. Let the school know you are concerned and committed to helping your child improve their reading and writing skills – they are there to help.


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**Rotary District 9670 Youth Exchange Program (YEP) Committee Inc.**

**Would you like to visit another country for 12 months?**  
**Would you like to learn another culture, another language?**  
**Would you like to travel & make new life-long friends?**  
**Would you like to attend a new school, try new subjects?**  
**Would you like to try new sports?**

If you answer YES to any of these questions you should consider Rotary Youth Exchange.

Over 7000 students world-wide annually spend twelve months in a foreign country.

**Would you like to spend 2017 in another country?**

An information night will be held on -  
**Thursday 25 February 2016 at Club Dubbo from 6.30pm.**

Come along with your parents and hear about this wonderful youth program.

Enquiries to Geoff Smith - 6889 5447 gsmi2709@bigpond.net.au

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**NSW School Vaccination Program**

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2016 the following vaccines will be offered:

**Year 7 students**

- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough)) as a single dose
- varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose; and
- human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months (students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8)

*The Parent Information Kits contain a consent form, information sheet and privacy statement that details how personal information will be collected, stored and utilised.

Parent information kits will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine(s) they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child’s school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at [www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation).

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

Please note that for HPV vaccine only, parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside the child’s name) on the consent form, as this is required to record the student’s information on the National HPV Vaccination Register and (for female students only) link to the National or State Cervical Screening Program.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

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**RYDA**

Year 11 students will once again be participating in the RYDA Road Safety Education Program. Students will be attending the Dubbo Showground Exhibition Centre on Tuesday 1 March. Further information will be sent home in the coming days regarding this.
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

PARENTS ARE REQUESTED TO PLEASE NOTIFY THE SCHOOL WHEN THEY CHANGE ADDRESS AND/OR PHONE CONTACT NUMBERS
THANK YOU

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

STOP PRESS
Julia Zamero’s “Home Delivery” TV show filmed with Glenn McGrath in Narromine last year will be aired on ABC1
Wednesday 17 February at 8.00 pm.
DON’T MISS IT!