

# Narrogin Primary School



## Independent Public School

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### In the Pursuit of Excellence

#### From the Principal

We are excited to welcome back to the school Darren Hutchens, Ross Storey and Rachel Riggs from Community Arts Network (CAN). This Thursday and Friday Darren and Ross will begin painting the final phase of the mural on the dental building. This new mural will pick up on the night sky elements that can be seen at the beginning of the Rainbow Serpent wall. The new project will be known as the STAR mural. A small celebration assembly will be held on Monday 8 May, commencing at 9am. During that assembly a DVD, showcasing the development of the Rainbow Wall project will be screened. Interested parents and community members are welcome to attend this brief assembly and to view the completed mural.

#### NAPLAN

During Week 3, all students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing. NAPLAN testing is done across Australia during this week. The data from these tests provides the school with information as to how the school and individual students are performing compared to other schools and students across Australia. We also utilise the data to determine what areas we need to target at the school, group and individual level to improve learning at Narrogin Primary School. The results from these tests also has an impact on the amount of funding that the school receives as part of its 'One Line Budget'.

These tests are well balanced and the content carefully considered – they are much more than 'one test on one day'. At the school level, we are advised to impose strict security measures so that staff and students are unaware of the content of the tests until the day of testing. There are also strict protocols for the implementation of the tests in the classroom so that results are fair and accurate across Australia. To familiarise our students with the testing format and procedures, our Year 3 and 5 teachers have been giving the students practise examples and previous tests to work through, on occasions in a similar test type format. We want our students to be able to complete these tests to the best of their capacity without becoming overwhelmed with the test or the situation. Whilst attending school is always important and we always encourage a strong attendance pattern for all of our students, it is particularly important that we have our Year 3 and 5 students at school next week to complete their testing. Obviously if your child is sick or unwell, their absence is unavoidable. We are able to make up testing missed up until the end of the week.

The dates and times for each test for both Years 3 and 5 are:

Tuesday 9 May 9.15am – Language Conventions

Tuesday 9 May 10.35am – Writing

Wednesday 10 May 9.15am – Reading

Thursday 11 May 9.15am – Numeracy.

Early in Term 1, we sent our information brochures to families of students involved with NAPLAN. If you did not get this brochure or perhaps have mislaid it, we do have some spare copies at the school if you would like to call in and get one. If you have any further queries, please contact one of the administration team at the school.

#### WEEK 1 STARR STUDENTS

Congratulations to the following students who were our STARR students for Week 1. Academic Excellence: Cruz (1B), James (1B), Anna (2S), Edward (1A), Sophie PPW, Maniah-Rose (4/5C).

Responsibility: Johnathon (3/4M), Charlene (PPS), Flynn (4H), Nyah (3D).

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#### Dates to Remember

##### Monday 8 May

STAR Mural Opening

##### 9,10 & 11 May

NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5

##### Friday 12 May

School Cross Country

##### Friday 19 May

P&C Lap-a-thon

##### Thursday 25 May

2S Assembly

HELPERS NEEDED for NPS display in the town hall for the Mothers Day Art Food and Wine trail. I will be setting up a display and sale of students art and crafts on Friday 12 May, and packing away on the Sunday. I'm holding a major art exhibition Saturday and Sunday so I need a roster of people to just be at the display. Its a gold coin donation for purchases. You would just have to be there (smiling) to support our school and kids! If your able to help out please phone the school to be rostered onto a time. Many thanks, I will endeavour to fill in gaps.

Mrs Christine Davis



## CHATTERBOX CHAT

Wow! Week 2 already. The mornings in Chappy's Café are a buzz with lots of chatter and happy faces. A lovely way to start the day. "In Real Life" continues with two groups. "Tea and Talk" Tuesday is a great way to meet new friends and catch up with old ones. Pop along any Tuesday and enjoy a hot drink and a chat. Have a lovely week!

*Chappy ~ Mrs Desi Wilkie*

## BOOKCLUB

Issue 3 of Bookclub were distributed to classes last week. All online and paper orders are due - Tuesday **May 9**. A prize will be awarded to a student who has ordered online or has filled out their paper order form **correctly**.

I will not be distributing the Issue 4 catalogue, as the school Book Fair will be on at the same time. Issue 5 will come out next term.

Please see me if you have any queries. Miss Charisse Farrell  
Charisse.Farrell@education.wa.edu.au

## CANTEEN ROSTER

### A huge thank you to the following volunteers;



Wednesday	3	Julie Davies
Thursday	4	Janine Dewing
Friday	5	Kelly Stott
Monday	8	Donna Penny
Tuesday	9	<b>Help Needed</b>

**If you are not on our roster and you would like to be, please contact Gloria or Jess at the canteen 9881 1200.**

### Disclaimer

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## P & C NEWS

Help needed to make star biscuits for students for mural unveiling next week - Sunday 7 May at 3pm at school canteen. (Contact Gloria at the canteen or Stacey on 0426 518 337 even if you have just one hour to spare)

**Kindy & Pre Primary Committee P & C Meeting** - Monday 8 May at 7.00pm at Pre Primary Centre.

**P & C Meeting** - Tuesday 9 May at 7.30pm at Primary School Staffroom.

### Tupperware Fundraiser

Orders and payment are due back this Friday 5 May to your classroom teacher. There are spare brochures at the school office or you could ring Nicole Compton on 0400 685 276 for assistance and don't forget you can order anything from the Tupperware catalogue. We could all be a bit fresher!

### Mother's Day Breakfast

We are very excited to be hosting this event on Friday 12 May from 7.30am to 8.30am and it will be a great opportunity to meet other mums in a relaxed environment. For just \$7 for adults and \$5 for kids you can feast on fruits and yoghurt, ham and cheese croissants, tea/coffee/milo/ juice, cereals and ham and cheese croissants for the kids. There will be a raffle, music, door prize and a 'shop local = love local' fashion parade featuring mums and students from your school. Kids can bring along a gold coin to buy a small gift for Mum and we will have some cards for them to colour in for Mum. Tickets are now available at the school office.



Anzac Day has just passed where we acknowledge service to our country. P & C's don't hand out medals but there are many past members who deserve an accolade when they no longer have an involvement with our school but have served us well.

Michelle Young and Jane Pratt spent many years assisting and holding positions on our P & C and both spoke about the fun they had meeting other parents and teachers and the satisfaction they gained when they could see the improvements around the school that resulted from busy bees they'd worked at or from funding they'd helped obtain through raffles, cake stalls, P & C Market Day, discos etc. They secured ongoing funding for all new students to receive a hat from the P & C and were involved in many playground upgrades.

Thank you Michelle and Jane for your contribution to our school and I know your wealth of knowledge and experience with the P & C is only a phone call away.

### P & C Uniform Shop

School polos have finally arrived and we hope to have a full supply of jumpers next week.

Don't forget to grab your faction polo - \$25 or \$21 if you were swapped out of blue faction. It's great to see all of the students in their faction polos on Fridays.



*Filipa Shepherd P&C Secretary*