

Messages from the Principal

Narromone Show

The Narromone Show is on this weekend and our school students are all entering art/craft.

Wonderful Resource

Parents of K-2 students wishing for extra decodable reading material for their children can go online to speld-sa.org.au and click on the free phonic books and worksheets tab. These books can be downloaded onto your device or printed out for your child to read. This is a fantastic site and extra reading practice will help your child excel in all aspects of their literacy learning.

Book Week

Thank you to all parents who came along to our Book Week Parade, it was a great morning and the students looked amazing. Thank you also to the parents who stayed on for the literacy session with Sarah McDonagh. I hope you found it enlightening and useful.

State Athletics Carnival

A huge congratulations to Priya Davis and Kaisey McDonald who represented our school at the State Athletics Carnival on August, 18th. You did us proud girls! Well done.

FUSE

Our next FUSE will be held on the 8th of September.

Lock Down Drill

At school today, we held a lockdown drill. We try to make this as user friendly as possible but some students do become a little scared and might want to talk about it at home. Please talk with your children about the importance of these drills and help to alleviate any fears they may have.

ABC Day

Our school ABC Day is coming up on Wednesday, September 6th. This is a great community event for all 0 to 5 year olds. If you can help in any way on the day, please let us know.

WOSE

Due to a number of clashes our WOSE (week of spiritual emphasis) dates have changed to November. We will keep you informed as the time draws closer.

Crazy Hair Day

We will be ending our term on Friday, September 22nd with a crazy hair day. Help your children to start planning their hairstyles now.

Canberra Excursion

The Year 5-6 Canberra Excursion is fast approaching. The dates are 11th - 15th September. All excursion fees NEED to be paid prior to this date.

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Chocolate Fundraiser

All money for the chocolate fundraiser should have been returned by now, if there are any still to be returned, please do so as soon as possible.

School Fees

School fees are now overdue. If you have fees owing please organise payment as soon as possible.

LNAP2 - Focus Area: Assessment and Reporting in Literacy and Numeracy

At the beginning of the year we introduced a quick assessment for use with K-2 children. The Early Literacy and Numeracy Screening Tools (screeners) are being used by each classroom teacher and provide a quick snapshot of how your child is tracking with developing their literacy and numeracy skills. The classroom teacher conducts the screener with each child individually. The screener takes less than five minutes for the teacher to administer. For literacy this process involves asking your child questions about rhyming, identifying the first/last/middle sound in each word, as well as reading some words. The numeracy questions involve tasks that include identifying numerals and counting.

The results from these screeners are helpful for the classroom teachers to know the skills your child has mastered and whether there are areas they require help with. We are finding that the screeners can also be helpful for use with children in Years 3-6. The information gathered from the screeners will help us to enhance our reporting to parents. Using the results from the screeners will ensure we can provide specific information about how your child is tracking towards becoming an independent reader and whether they are able to apply their known number skills to everyday situations.

Explicit Instruction

At Narromine Christian School we follow Explicit Direct Instruction approaches, especially when teaching our core subjects of Literacy and Numeracy. Joseph Torgeson explains in simple terms what Explicit Instruction is:

"Explicit Instruction is instruction that does not leave anything to chance and does not make assumptions about skills and knowledge that children will acquire on their own."

Thought for the Week

"If we do not feel grateful for what we already have, what makes us think we'll be happy with more."



NARROMINE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Newsletter

Term 3 Week 6

28th August - 1st September, 2017

This Week

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Fathers Day Stall - All gifts \$5

Upcoming Events - Term 1

September 6th

ABC Day

September 18th

September 22nd

Crazy Hair Day

Last day of Term 3

Pre-Kindy Mrs Roberts

Hello and welcome to week 6.

We had a fantastic time with Book Week last week. The children enjoyed dressing up and showing off their different costumes. I think everyone enjoyed the daily trip to the library as well, with some of the children singing The Wheels on the Bus as we rode through town.

This week in PreKindy we will continue preparing Father's Day craft. Our song for the week will be Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes. Our number for the week will be 13, our shape is the triangle and we will be reviewing all the colours. We will practice counting to 15 and learn about the concept of mass. Our Phonemic Awareness time will focus on hearing and picking out the first and last words in sentences.

As most are aware, I am holding Parent Teacher Interviews this week. If you didn't manage to organise a time, and would still like an interview, please contact me and we will work something out.

I hope everyone enjoys the last week of winter.

K/1 Miss Harris

Hi everyone. Hope you have all had a nice weekend and a good start to the week. The focus of our Maths lessons this week is Mass. We will be exploring what it means for an object to be heavy or light. Our goal is to understand that mass means the weight something is not its size. Our comprehension strategy this week is Activating Our Background Knowledge. We are learning that the 'stuff' our brain knows will help us understand new things that are taught to us. Last week the students did some amazing writing on the planet Neptune and we all had fun expanding our knowledge about it in order to write a good piece of writing on it. Seasonal traits is our learning focus in Science this week. Hope you have a good week :)

1/2 Mrs Carruthers

Welcome everyone to Week 6! What a wonderful day the students had on Wednesday at the Book Week Parade. All the children looked amazing!

This week in Science students will be observing the quick and slow changes to the landscape and the sky over different timescales. They will prepare questions to gather information about these changes.

Last week students did a wonderful job completing their Narramine Show art. I was very proud of their efforts and the results look fantastic. If you visit the show, make sure you swing by to have a look.

I hope you all enjoy the rest of your week. Miss Carruthers

3/4 Miss Hall

Well, what a week it was last week. It was wonderful to see so many creative costumes! Well done to everyone. This week in Health, we are having a look at how we can learn to overcome trials in our lives and move forward in a positive manner and call on others to help us. In Math, we are continuing to build our knowledge of looking at Data and transferring survey data into graphs. For English, we have a focus on using metaphors to enhance our story writing, and also learning how to write a persuasive text about why caring for our environment is important. We have moved on to another unit in Bible where we are learning how to pray. Over the next few weeks in Drama, we will be having some fun with reader's theatre. Our Bible verse this week is: We should obey God rather than men. Acts 5:29

Enjoy your week.



Blake Wardman looking very regal for Book Week

School Chaplain Pr Jimmy Watanabe

Hi everyone! Hope you're keeping well from all sicknesses that going around the area! This week from the chaplaincy department, we learnt about the original story of the "Three Musketeers" found in the Bible. These three men were mighty warriors who served King David. These three men were extremely courageous and had strong faith in God. God honoured their courage and made them very strong in times of trouble and gave them many victories against their enemies. The story is found in 2 Samuel 23:1-17. The memory verse for this week is found in Deuteronomy 31:6 which says, "Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them, for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you." The NCS students were reminded that God is always with them and that He can help us to be strong and courageous in difficult times in our lives.

Upcoming events:

- Coffee morning—every Thursdays!
- Next FUSE on the 8th September

5/6 Mr Walsh

This week, my Student of the Week award went to Josephine Fountain for her patience during art lessons when she was patiently waiting for assistance from Mrs Walsh. During her time of waiting, Josie was busy helping others. In Spelling last week, Seth Bayley and Sienna Magill both scored 100% in their weekly spelling test which was a pleasing result. Several other students scored 24 out of 25.

Last week, a medical form went home with the Year 5/6 students. This form is to be filled-out and returned by the end of this week. If there are any dietary requirements for your child, can you please indicate where specified.

For our Encounter unit we will be looking at the topic of Temptation. In English, our focus we will be looking at informative writing with an assessment to be completed at the end of the week. In Maths, our focus will be looking at the area of 2D and 3D shapes.

On another note, Mrs Walsh has been busy helping students prepare their artworks for the Narramine Show. All the students have done a fantastic job and would be well worth a look if you find yourself at the show on the weekend.

Our memory verse for this week is Love your neighbour as yourself. Matthew 22:39

Thankyou to everyone who cheered on the mighty Eels on Thursday night. A great Result!

Till next week....

Go the mighty Eels in round 26.

Home & School

Canteen Thursday- FULL CANTEEN HELPERS:

31/8/17 - Sandra Wilcox & Robyn Brown
7/9/17 - Greame Kent & Kerry Meddick
14/09/17 - Emma Rees & Sharon Kellermeier
21/09/17 - Kylie Moore & Sandra Wilcox

Monday- SNACK DAY CANTEEN HELPERS:

4/9/17 - Bek Shephard
11/9/17 - Racheal Housden
18/09/17 - Monique Mitchell

FATHERS DAY STALL

The Fathers Day Stall will be held every morning and afternoon this week. All gifts are \$5 so don't forget to send some money in with your children so they can purchase a gift for their dads or grandfathers.