

Messages from the Principal

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.

Town Library Visit

Year 3/4 will travel to the town library on Thursday. Please ensure they have their library bags so they can borrow a book.

Book Club

Book Club is due this Friday.

FUSE

Our next FUSE will be held this Friday, September, 8th.

Canberra Excursion

Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion will leave on Monday morning at 6:30am. Please arrive by 6:15am so we can leave on time. There will be a note sent home today with more details for parents regarding attire.

ABC Day

Our school ABC Day is on this Wednesday, September 6th. This is a great community event for all 0 to 5 year olds. Our school will be running the cake stall so we are asking for donations of cakes/slices please.

ABC Day Canteen/Sausage Sizzle

The canteen will be open during recess and lunch for snacks only. The children will be able to buy from the cake stall.

Kids Out West will be holding a sausage sizzle at ABC Day and are asking for a gold coin donation.

All proceeds are being donated to White Ballon charity.

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.

Thought for the week

“If you can’t think of anything nice to say, think harder.”

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Focus Area: Five Big Ideas for Teaching Reading

Children learn and develop a variety of skills on their path to becoming a reader. The Five Big Ideas for Teaching Reading are the building blocks from which these reading skills develop. These include: phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension.

1. **Phonological Awareness** is a Big Idea to be learned especially for beginning readers. Phonological awareness teaches children to be aware of the sounds used in our language. Hearing sounds in language prepares children for sounding out words in print.
2. Phonics teaches children to map the sounds they hear in language to the letters and combinations of letters that are used in print. Phonics helps children to sound out when reading unfamiliar words.
3. Fluency refers to reading running text aloud with appropriate speed, making few errors and with expression. Fluent reading provides an indicator of overall reading skill and is an essential ingredient for children to be able to understand what they are reading.
4. Vocabulary requires children to have a good understanding of the meaning of words used in the English language and how they can be used in different ways. This is essential in order for children to understand what they are reading. Vocabulary is taught most efficiently through a combination of explicit instruction, spoken language and during reading.
5. Comprehension is the overall goal of reading. We read to understand. Comprehension requires the child to actively think while reading to interpret messages from the text that may be literal (on the page) or inferred (hidden meaning).

While each of the “Big Ideas” are critical, the role they play in developing reading skills changes as children develop as readers. Likewise, these skills are developed cumulatively over time in conjunction with other big ideas.

Community Messages

It’s a Knockout Fundraiser

The Aboriginal Lands Council will be holding a fundraising event on the 22nd September at Cale Oval. Mixed Touch Football \$100 per team, 6 players a side with a maximum of 10 players. Teams must register at narrominelalc@bigpond.com. There will be prizes, BBQ/canteen and giveaways. Exhibition game JETS v’s GORILLAS. For further enquiries please call 6889 2340.

Colour Run

Narromine High School will be holding a Colour Run on 15th October from 10am - 2pm in Rotary Park, Narromine. Please contact the High



NARROMINE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Newsletter

Term 3 Week 7

4th September - 8th September, 2017

This Week

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday ABC Day

Thursday Yr 3 - 4 Library

Friday FUSE

Upcoming Events - Term 1

Sept. 11th - 15th Yr5/6 - Canberra Excursion

September 22nd Crazy Hair Day
FUSE
Last day of Term 3

Pre-Kindy Mrs Roberts

Hello and welcome to week 7.

Our phoneme this week is Jj. We will be painting jets, joeys, jack in the box, jungle animals and jellyfish. Our song for the week is Jack in the Box. Our number for the week will be 14, our shape is the rectangle and our colour for the week will be blue. We will practice counting to 15 and also learn about length. We will be learning about jaguars, jellyfish and jackals in our nature study time.

In our Phonemic Awareness last week we were listening to hear the first words in sentences. The children picked this concept up quite quickly. This week we will continue this activity and also listen to hear if we can hear the last words in sentences.

This Wednesday is ABC day. PreKindy children will be participating in the ABC activities. This is always a fun day for everyone.

I really enjoyed having a chat with many of the parents last week during the Parent Teacher Interviews. It's really encouraging to see how each child is progressing in their learning.

I hope everyone has a fantastic week.

K/1 Miss Harris

Hi everyone. I hope you have had a lovely weekend and enjoyed the first couple days of Spring. This week we are looking at making connections with our background knowledge and new knowledge. This is a strategy to get the students really thinking about what they are learning and discovering all the content they already have stored in their brains. In Maths we are looking at Time. More specifically o'clock, half past and quarter past for the Year 1. All the students handwriting has come so far. Most of them are showing me that they are knowing the letter names, how to form it correctly and where it sits on the lines on the paper. Now that we are getting further into the school year, for homework I am expecting your child to be thinking and attempting to write their own sentences now. Year 1's are capable of doing this and should be writing at least 3 sentences each night. I hope you all have a great week! :)

1/2 Mrs Carruthers

Hi everyone! I hope you all enjoyed the lovely weather over the weekend and that all the fathers and father figures had a wonderful day on Sunday!

In Maths this week, we are learning about fractions. Students will be discussing the terms whole, halves and quarters and how we use this language every day. We will also be dividing objects and groups into equal halves and quarters, using a variety of different materials.

In Encounter this week, we will continue to learn how we can be strong and wise if we obey Jesus' words. We have been reading the story from Matthew 7:24-27, 'The Wise and foolish builders' and discussing how Jesus is the strong foundation we can build our life-house on, if we listen to him and obey his words. The children enjoyed a visit from Wise Waheed, the puppet, who shared his words of wisdom for building strong foundations.

I pray you all have an enjoyable week. Miss Carruthers

3/4 Miss Hall

Hello Families, the term is flying by with only three weeks left. This week our class will be going to the Town Library so if your child has any books to return, they can bring them along. Tomorrow is ABC day; students are to wear their sports uniform still. In English, our theme focus has moved to comics and how authors use certain tools infer character motives. In Math, we have a focus of looking at money and using decimal places.

Our Bible Verse this week is: Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock. Isaiah 26:4

PHOTO: Motivational Speaker Michael Crossland with Cara Greenaway.



5/6 Mr Walsh

Welcome all to week 8

Yesterday, Seth Bayley received my Student of the Week award for his dedication to learning, improved spelling results and application in all subject areas. In spelling, Sienna and Tahleisha both scored 100% in their weekly spelling test.

A reminder that next week our trip to Canberra is taking place. If all students could be at school by 6am so we can load the bus and be away by 6:30am that will allow us to stay on schedule as we are due at Cockington Green at 12:00 noon. Everyone should now have an information sheet regarding the finer details of the excursion.

Clothing – Just a brief note to say that students will be required to wear sports uniform on Monday and full school Uniform on Tuesday as we will be visiting Old and new Parliament Houses. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday casual clothes can be worn.

This week, the year 5 students will be participating with year 3 students in practice online Naplan assessments.

This Wednesday, the students will be assisting with the activities for ABC day. Students may come in their sports uniform, though no sport will take place Wednesday.

For this week and week 10, our theme in English will be on adventure stories and entertaining texts.

A reminder Fuze is on this Friday night and any delicious morsels you can bring along would be greatly appreciated.

Till next week....

Go the mighty Eels as they take on Melbourne Storm.

Home & School

Canteen Thursday- FULL CANTEEN HELPERS:

7/9/17 - Greame Kent & Kerry Meddick
14/9/17 - Emma Reese & Sharon Kellermeier
21/9/17 - Kylie Moore & Sandra Wilcox

Monday- SNACK DAY CANTEEN HELPERS:

11/9/17 Racheal Housden
18/9/17 Monique Mitchell

FATHERS DAY STALL

Thank you to our generous school families and community for all the donations for our Father's Day Stall. We managed to raise over \$700.