What's happening at Narrandera East

Week 2

13/10/14 Snake Tails - NPS P&C Meeting
16/10/14 Fruit Day Otitis Media Testing
17/10/14 Library Scripture Sport

Week 3

23/10/14 Fruit Day
24/10/14 Library Scripture Sport

Week 4

27/10/14 Grandparent’s Day Cake Stall
29/10/14 Year 2 Halloween Day 2015-2017 Planning Session for Parents
30/10/14 Fruit Day
31/10/14 Library Scripture Sport

Presentation Day Raffle

The P&C will again be running a raffle to be drawn on Presentation Day. Prizes will include a large John Deer Tractor, a Scratchies Tree and a Hamper. Parents are asked to donate either/or a Scratchie or goods for the Hamper. Items can be left at the office.

Snake Tails

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students enjoyed their visit to Narrandra Public School yesterday to see Snake Tails. Unfortunately all students were unable to attend as we have had to introduce a ‘pay to go’ system because we have many families with outstanding accounts this year, which is rather unusual for our school. Please remember if you are having difficulty financially meeting school commitments we do have student assistance available. Please see Mrs Amery in the office if you require this support. All enquiries are confidential.

Year Two Transition

Today our Year 2 students attended another Transition Day at Narrandra Public School or St Joseph’s in preparation for Year 3 in 2015. We hope all students enjoyed their special days.

School Surveys

Thank you to the 69% of Narrandera East parents who returned the 2014 school surveys. Your opinions are very important to us, particularly as we enter into a new three year panning cycle. Attached to this newsletter is a summary of the survey comments. In order to further assist staff in planning for 2015-2017 we invite all parents to attend one of two planning sessions on Wednesday, October from 2.00 - 3.00pm or 6.00 - 7.00pm in the Library. The more we have in attendance, the more likely we are to meet the needs of both parents and students over the next three years. Please come along to the session that suits you best and have your say. (No children to attend)

Grandparent’s Day

Monday 27th October we will be celebrating Grandparent’s Day by inviting all Grandparents to a morning tea and classroom visit from 11.00 - 1.00. We will also be holding a cake stall on this day to assist Year 2 in financing their excursion to the Chocolate Factory in Week 10. We are asking all families to make a cake, slice or biscuits for the fundraiser.

Kindergarten Orientation Day

Our Kindergarten Orientation Day will be held on Thursday 13th November. All students who attended our Transition Program in Term 3 will receive an invitation in the mail. Any other child eligible to start school in 2015, and will be coming to Narrandera East is also invited to attend this day.

Operation Christmas Child

We have not received many items for Operation Christmas Child as yet. Please try to send something in as you only have till this Friday when we hand all our goods over to Mrs McDermott.

School Photos

The School Photographer has changed the date of our school photos and they will now be on Wednesday 5th November. Envelopes will be sent home next week.

Regards
Karen Babbs - Principal
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### Week 2, Term 4

**Narrandera Garden Cieu**

Town & Country Open Gardens

**Sunday 26th October 2014**

Maps on sale from outside the Tourist Information Centre 9am - 2:30pm

Devonshire Tea at Uniting Church Hall

Music & Light Lunch available at a country garden cost - $8 pp

All proceeds go to Narrandera Can Assist

**Enquiries: 6959 2228**

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**Parenting Your Child with ADHD**

- The disorder
- The assessment process
- Medication
- Management techniques
- Working with your child's school
- Family problem solving

**Understanding ADHD**

- The disorder
- The assessment process
- Medication
- Management techniques
- Working with your child's school
- Family problem solving

**Grandparents Day**

**Staff Coaching Course - Wagga**

**Year 2 Halloween Day 2015-2017 Planning Session for Parents 2.30pm or 6-7pm**

**P&C Meeting 7.30 pm**

**Canteen: C Flanigan**

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**Canteen: E Walsh S Williams**

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**The Power of a Simple Gift**

**Operation Christmas Child**

Next week we will be holding an event to support our chosen charity for the term. Operation Christmas Child is an organisation dedicated to delivering shoeboxes full of gifts to children in need. We will be holding a collection day on Friday, 17th October, and students are encouraged to bring box to the collection point. A box photo will be added to each box to make the gifts more personal.

**Kind regards**

Rose Davis
Snake Tales - An educational and informative day was had with students learning some very interesting safety facts about our native animals. Here our students are getting up close and personal with our native wild life.

Survey Results

Many thanks to those parents who returned the surveys. As a staff we really do value your opinions and try to act upon them. The following is a summary of what you thought.

Major achievements this year:
- Elisteddfod
- Art Day
- Gymnastics
- Footsteps Dance
- Reading/Writing Programs
- Kindergarten Transition Program
- School Fete
- Sporting Program
- Effort of teachers, especially in all extracurricular activities
- Charity events
- Bush dance
- Ramps
- New Toilets
- Home Reading Program
- Skoolbag App
- Excursions - Fisheries/KROP/etc..
- Father’s Day Breakfast
- Mother’s Day
- Family Functions
- Accommodation and education of large Kindergarten Size
- Happy school environment
- Anzac Service
- NOOSH
- Community environment
- Book Fair
- Canteen

Budget Priority:
- Any areas that encourage learning
- English
- Maths
- Technology
- Literacy
- Science
- Reading Eggs
- PE/HD
- Home Readers
- Extra staff for slow learners
- Teacher Support
- Sporting area/long jump pit/javelin/shotput circles/equipment
- Computer Programs
- Gymnastics/Dance Program - so parents have to pay less
- Covered walkway into school
- Garden for children
- Arts/Craft
- Medals for all place getters in Athletics Carnival
I would like to address a few of the points very briefly in the areas of concern section.

- The cost of gymnastics is set by the company. They have both a five week and a ten week program and it was in consultation with our P&C that we opted for the ten week program. In 2015 it will be a user pay participation program.

- I agree that there have been situations where very short notice has been given for events. Most often this is due to the school receiving notifications of the event very close to the actual date. We will, however, endeavour to give as much notice as possible. As for changes of venues and changes of dates this is usually beyond our control.

- Payment systems for excursions are already in place. Excursions can be paid off over time both before and continuing after the event. School Assistance is available for anyone experiencing financial difficulties.

- Bullying, rough play and concerning behaviour is always on the top of our agenda and always addressed when and if needed.

- Head Lice - like you we are always working on it.

- The Skoolbag App and our Eisteddfod involvement have both been an outstanding success.