Fire Safety:
This week our school has planned a major focus on fire safety using a variety of resources from our local community. Staff have planned a lock down and fire evacuation drill, according to our 2015 Emergency Procedures. Robert Hutchison and Mick Steele from the Narrandera Fire Brigade came to our school today in the Fire Truck, wearing their protective fire uniforms. They spoke to our students about fire safety in the home and here at school. Unfortunately during the presentation their fire alarm went off and they had to leave but the students were thrilled to see them roar past the front of the school with sirens blaring and lights flashing.

On Thursday, we have Rachael Grigg from the Rural Fire Service coming to talk to us about bush fire safety and awareness. We thank the community members for delivering this valuable information to our staff and students.

Responsible Pet Awareness:
On Friday, Carmen from Responsible Pet Ownership will be visiting our school to talk to the students about the safe handling of pets and in particular, pets of others not necessarily their own.

Fun Run Preparation:
We have a bit over one week left of training for our Fun Run, planned for Friday March 27th. All students have made personal progress throughout the daily morning training and are looking forward to the big day. We hope that they have also been busy gaining sponsorship from family and friends.

Book Fair:
Wow! Our Book Fair sales totalled $1947.00 which resulted in $635.00 worth of commission in books to our school (see the photo below). Thank you to everyone who purchased from our Book Fair and we are all looking forward to reading our new books. Prize draw winners were; Alison Hallam, Tiffany Dunne, Mallakye Nicholson, Cody Hands, Zahli Ivanoff and Chelsea Cotton.

Change of Date
Please note we have changed the date for our Fun Run to Friday, 27th March. I hope that all students have been working hard to gain sponsors. If anyone needs another sponsor sheet please see Mrs Ash or the office.

John O'Brien
Winners
Congratulations Zoe Ewers who won 1st Prize in the Short Story section of the John O'Brien Festival, April Walsh received 2nd prize and Sam Williamson received a Highly Commended.
Well done you three!

Congratulations also to the following winners of the colouring competition; Lila Brown 5yrs, Aden Sowman 8yrs and Amy Hall 6yrs.
What a fantastic effort.
**NEIS Calendar of Events 2014**

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**School resumes for Term 2 for all students on Tuesday, 21st April**

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**Week 8, Term 1**

**John O’Brien Festival**

What a wonderful turn out we had for the John O’Brien Festival Street Parade.

Thank you to these participating students:

Mahlie Ingram
Chelsea Cottom
Skye Hutchison
Julia Gunn
Harley Milthorpe
Luke Perram-Bevan
Cooper Perram
Apri Walsh
Abbie Hodges
Maddie Bengtson
Blake Lawrence
Chloe Luck
Zahli Ivanoff
Hunter Baldwin
Miley Liford

Also a big thank you to Rose Davis, Tamra Beaumont, Vicki Hall, Andrew Brewer and Kylie Mohr for their assistance on the day.

Well done to Renae Croft and Gene Close who also participated in the parade but with different organisations.

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**Fun Run Countdown!!**

Just a reminder our Fun Run is fast approaching. With only 10 days to go, we hope everyone is busy filling in their sponsor sheets.

$10.00 ensures your child receives a special prize in Term 2. The money we raise will help go towards buying new technology (10 new iPads) for the school.

If any parents have lost their sponsor sheet please see either myself or Mrs Amery.

We are looking forward to a lovely sunny day and seeing as many parents and grandparents as possible.

Yours in Sport
Colleen Ash - Sports Co-ordinator
John O’Brien Festival

Junior Basketball
This week sees the start of round 4 for junior basketball. Registration are now due or at least payments being made. Registrations are $50 for Junior, Intermediate and senior boys & girls. Australian Hoops registration is $15. Game fees and participation fees are $3 per week and is to be paid at the kiosk.

WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH
5.00pm Junior boys Maroon v Green & Black v Pink
Blue team have the bye. They are Corey Hickson, Austyn Rankin, Myles Rankin, Adam McGilvary,
5.50pm Intermediate Boys Maroon v Green & Black v Pink
Blue team have the bye. They are Xavier Davis, Andrew Tunks, Cameron McLean, Ried Hitchens,
Jeremy Johnson, Dylan Johnson and Maisyn Paterson.

THURSDAY 19TH MARCH
4.00pm Aussie Hoops
5.00pm Junior girls
5.50pm Intermediate girls
6.45pm Senior Girls
FRIDAY 20TH MARCH
5.00pm Senior boys

Useful Websites - For Parents & Students
- http://yahooligans.yahoo.com/
- http://www.kidsclick.org/
- http://www.askforkids.com/
- http://www.wikipedia.org/
- http://www.bbc.co.uk/children/
- http://www.abc.net.au/children/
- http://sites.kids.net.au/
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