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# Narracan Primary School Newsletter

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## Principals Report

### Science Excursion

On Monday 24th October our school went to Quantum Victoria to participate in STEM (science, technology, engineering, maths) activities. Our grade prep-2 students participated in a 'push me, pull me' session. This program targets the fundamental science principles of:

- Adaptions of animals to environment
- Habitats and Niches
- Chemistry
- Forces and
- Newton's 3 laws of motion.

The grade 3-6 students participated in a Lego robotics session. Students exercised problem-solving and team-working skills whilst designing, building and programming Lego robots. The robots performed specific tasks using motors and sensors to solve problems on the Lego challenge map.

All students were engaged in hands-on STEM education. Both programs challenge students critical thinking skills of difficult science concepts whilst developing their ability to predict and draw conclusions.

This was a fantastic learning opportunity for our students and teachers and we plan to do again in 2017.

### Great News

Our school was successful with its shade sail grant application and will receive the maximum funding \$25,000.

### Extra Ordinary School Council Meeting

We need to convene an extra ordinary School Council Meeting ASAP to finalise the three sites for shade sails to be erected and to discuss the essential items charges for 2017. This meeting will only have these two items on the agenda.

The urgency for these two agenda items is because we need to finalise our shade sails ASAP so that they can be ordered and installed in January 2017. The essential items charges for 2017 need to be discussed and finalised so we can present and ratify our cash budget at the 29th November School Council Meeting.

**The extra ordinary School Council Meeting is on Wednesday, 9th November at 3:45pm in the staffroom.**

All parents are welcome to attend.

### MARC Van

Just a reminder that we have Marc Van coming **tomorrow**. Please make sure your children return their books.



### Gumnuts Playgroup

Our next playgroup session is **Monday 7th Nov. at 9:30am.**

### Gr. 3-6 Questacon Excursion

Last Friday our Gr.3-6 students travelled to Yallourn North P.S for the Questacon Science session. Our students also participated in an ICT and an outdoor game session with a wider peer group of students from Yallourn Nth. and Willow Grove students.

### 2017 Enrolments

Narracan Primary School is now accepting prep enrolments for 2017.

Information packs including enrolment forms are available from the office. Proof of birth and immunisation details are required to complete the enrolment process.



### Term 4 Sun Smart Reminder

During terms 1 & 4 **students need to wear a sun smart hat when outside.**



### Remembrance Day Service

Friday week, the 'big room' students will lead our school's Remembrance Day Service at 11am. Parents are welcome to attend and we will assemble under our flag at 10:55am.

### Family Statements

Family statements have been sent home. Can parents please make sure their accounts are settled so that we do not have any outstanding fees at the end of the year.

## REMINDERS

### Term 4

Sonatina Melbourne Excursion  
– Thursday 10th November

Gr. Prep-2 Sleepover  
date— Friday 18th November

Pupil Free Day— Friday 25th  
November

School Concert—  
Thursday 15th December

End of Term/Year  
Tuesday 20th December

**NARRACAN.P.S**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**DATES**

WEDNESDAY  
16TH NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY  
30TH NOVEMBER

## Bus Business



**Bus Monitor:**  
Allana & Grace  
**Best on Bus:**  
Kurt & Summer

Please contact our bus driver, Ken Grant on his mobile 0400 563 334, from 7.00 a.m. if there is a change in your usual routine.

Please advise Ken if your child/children will not be attending school or if you need to arrange a change of pickup. Don't forget to include your family name in the text message.

Please ensure your bus payments are kept up to date. \$20 per week per child. A cash tin is on the bus daily to receive bus or any other payments to the school.

## From the office

### Family Accounts/ receipts

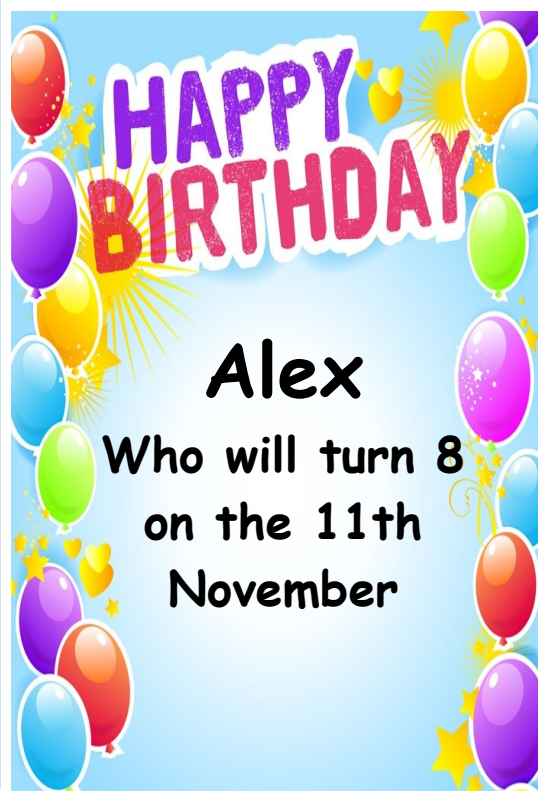
Family accounts/receipts will come home attached to your child's newsletter.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to phone or pop in to the office and speak with Heather on Wednesday.

If you wish to make payments by direct debit, the school's account details are:  
**Narracan Primary School**  
**BSB 06 3521**  
**Account 1006 2842.**

Please put your child's family name as a reference and if possible send an e-mail or phone to advise Heather of your payment. Thanks.

## Birthday Corner & Student Awards



### *Student Awards* Congratulations

Ruben

For excellent participation in the Science activities at Quantum.

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Jack

for his persistence and active participation in the Robotics sessions.



## Narracan Primary School

Wish to invite you to

# THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE

## under the stars

When: 11th November 2016

Where: Narracan Primary School

Time: Activities and games for kids start at 6:30pm, movie starts at dusk (approx. 8pm)

Sausages, baked potatoes, popcorn and drinks all available for sale on the night

Bring a blanket or bean bag/chair and watch a great family movie in one of the most beautiful picturesque landscapes.



Contact Narracan Primary school on 56348215 for any more information

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