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Narracan Primary School Newsletter

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Athletic Sports

Congratulations to all of the students who participated yesterday. We are proud of your efforts and excellent behaviour. Well done to our winning tunnel ball teams, winning parent relay team and age champions: Bailey and Ruben (7 years) and Hana (8 years).

Thankyou to the parents and other family members who were able to help at the Athletic Sports yesterday. Your assistance is greatly appreciated and made the day run more smoothly. We couldn't have done it without you!

Opera workshop

Last Monday we welcomed Deb, Kiran and Linda from Melbourne Theatre Company who conducted an opera workshop with our students. Deb explained what opera is and what to expect on our excursion, Kiran mesmerized us with his powerful voice and Linda entertained with her key-

board playing. We are more excited than ever to go to Melbourne now.

Family Accounts

Families accounts have been sent home. These show the total amount owing for the year. You do not have to pay the full amount now, but we do need regular payments as we have had to pay for student books, art and craft supplies and ongoing monthly running costs.

It is particularly important that payment for bus travel is kept up to date so that the school can pay the petrol and maintenance bills.

Payments can be made by direct deposit into the school account 063521 1006 2842 or sent to school with your child in an envelope, clearly labelled with what the payment is for and your child/ren's name/s. There is a secure money tin on the bus to put the envelope in.

Thankyou to Hazlina, Carrie, and others who manned the school's stall at the Boolarra Folk Festival last Saturday. **Thankyou** to Angela for her tireless effort face painting on the day.

Tennis We have finished four sessions of softball with Glen and Sally and have

started weekly sessions of tennis until the end of term.

On behalf of the school community, I offer our sincere condolences to Jenny Percival and her family on the recent passings of Jenny's mother and aunt. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jenny, Rohen, Jason, Corissa, Alex, Riley and the extended family.

Elizabeth Acreman

Princess and the Pea Art Centre Melbourne

The school has 5 spare tickets for the performance at a cost of \$16.00 each (train fare and admission). These are being offered to parents on a first come, first served basis. Others are welcome to join us on the day but must arrange their own train ticket. Tickets for the performance are also not guaranteed. Please contact the school if you are interested.

School Forms

A reminder to please sign and return forms ASAP

- ◆ Gr 3-6 Athletics
- ◆ Melbourne Excursion form (\$16)

REMINDERS

2017 TERM 1

Thorpdale Potato Festival—
Sun 12th MARCH

Labour Day—
Public Holiday—
Mon 13th March

School Council Annual General
Meeting and General Meeting
Tuesday 14th March

Athletic Day
for 9-12 year olds—
Thurs 16th MARCH

Princess and the Pea.
Art Centre Performance— Thurs
23rd MARCH

Easter Raffle Tickets—
Tickets and monies returned
24th MARCH

Easter Raffle Drawn—
Fri 31st MARCH

Last Day of Term 1—
Fri 31st MARCH

Term 2

Term 2 commences—
Tuesday 18th April

Quantum Science Excursion
Grade 4,5 & 6 ONLY—
Mon 22nd May

Art Centre Performance—Thurs
29th June

NARRACAN.P.S NEWSLETTER DATES

FRIDAY 10TH
MARCH

FRIDAY 24TH
MARCH

Bus Business

Bus Monitor:
Allana & Laedy

Best on Bus:
Chantelle and Bailey

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.

A reminder that payments need to be made each fortnight for bus travel. If families become four or more weeks behind in their payments then the child/children will NOT be allowed to travel on the school bus until what is owing is paid.

School Council

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting followed by the normal General meeting.

Tuesday 14th March 3.45 pm
Staff room

Athletics Sports 9-12 y.o.

Next Thursday, March 16th, our Yr 3 to 6 students will have their second athletic sports day at Joe Carmody Track, Newborough. Parents are required to bring their children to the track by 9:00 am for a 9:30 start. The day is scheduled to finish at 1.30pm.

Please ensure children wear suitable shoes for their events.

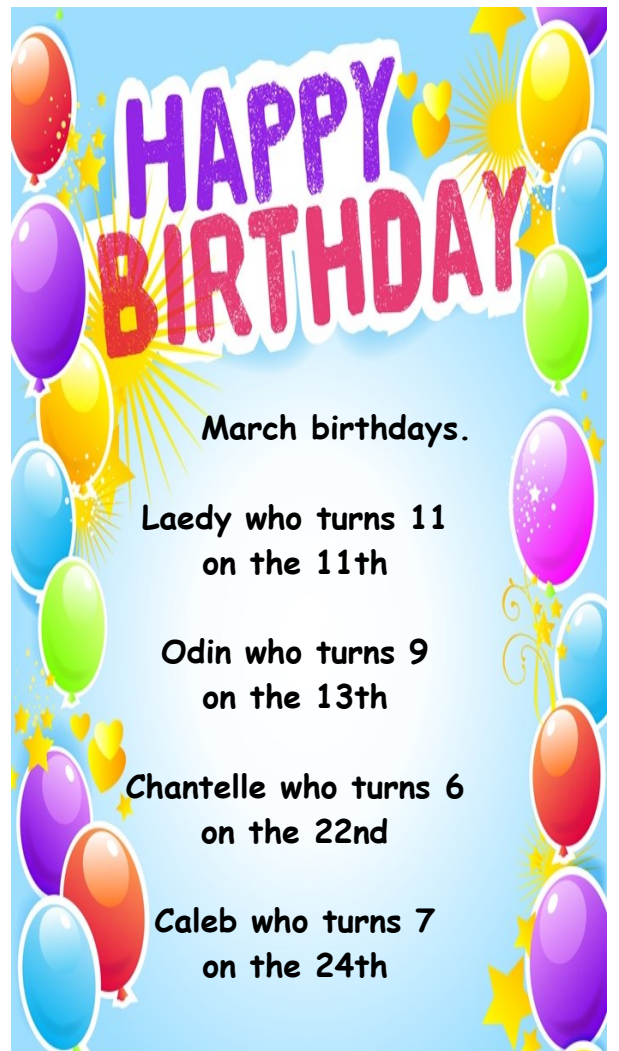
Field events include discus, shot put, high jump, long jump and triple jump.

Track events for each age level will include: 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 80 m hurdles and 4 x 100m relay.

Students are only able to go in 5 individual events and a relay.

Our school is running the discus again. Elizabeth will be in charge of this event. Parent helpers would be most welcomed on the day; to be with the students in their age groups and to assist with the discus if possible.

Birthday Corner



Easter Raffle

Thank-you to those families who have generously donated items for our Easter raffle. 3 hampers full of Easter goodies, have been made up ready to go to the lucky winners. Raffle tickets are attached to today's newsletter. All tickets and monies are to be returned to school by **24th of March**. Our Easter Raffle will be drawn on **March 31st**.



Volunteers needed

We are running a **BBQ at Coles on Easter Saturday, April 15th** between 10am and 2pm. If you are able to volunteer some of your time to raise money for the school could you please contact the school or Carrie Clarke.

Please let the school know if you can help out for an hour or so at the **Thorpdale Potato Festival** this Sunday, March 12th. Narracan Primary School has a stall and we would greatly appreciate support from our families, stopping by to purchase something or volunteering your time.

Monash University

Monash University is delivering a course at their Sale Campus for those people who are interested in **Certificate of Education Support-Integration/ Teacher Aide**. 8 Saturdays (9:00am-3:30pm)
April 22, 29 May 6, 13, 20
June 3, 17, 24

For more information phone 9905 2911
Karla Wells-Duerr
Engagement Coordinator
(Learning Programs)

Gumnuts Playgroup

Playgroup meets again in the Gumnuts Room on the 20th of March at 9:30 am. For any further information please ring the school.

Bus excursion charge

The bus excursion charge to cover the costs of the use of the school bus for all excursions, including swimming, has been set by the School Management group at **\$20.00 per term per child**, paying for a maximum of 2 children in the family. Parents are required to pay this charge.

Newsletters

The newsletter will generally be sent home with children on Friday on a fortnightly basis.

Sending money to school

When sending money to school, please enclose money and any forms in a **sealed envelope with the child's name, amount and activity clearly written on the outside**. (e.g. **Sam Brown, Swimming 18/5/'15, \$6.00**)
Envelopes need to be handed to your child's **classroom teacher/Heather in the office**, or if your child travels on the bus, to be placed in the cash tin on the bus.
Specially printed envelopes are available from the office counter.

Absences

The Department of Education requires records to be kept of all absences. If your child is absent from school, please contact the school **and** send along a note detailing the reason for your child's absence. This is a legal requirement.

Parent Helpers / Working with Children Checks

There is a Government requirement, for parents to work with a small group children or to transport them, to have a current Working With Children Check for Voluntary Helpers.

This check is free if you are working in a voluntary capacity.

It would be fantastic to have as many of our parents as possible with checks.

School Hours

Start 9.15 a.m.

Playtime 11.15 - 11.45 a.m.

Lunch 1.15 —2.00 p.m.

Finish 3.30 p.m.

Please be aware of the times staff will be teaching and the days the office is unattended. If you need to contact the school, please try and phone at morning play or lunchtime, or leave a message on the answering machine and we will return your call A.S.A.P.