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Narracan Primary School Newsletter

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Principal's Report

What a busy couple of weeks. On Friday 10th Feb the staff attended a Professional Development Day in Moe. Professor Di Siemon from RMIT spoke to all of the teachers and principals from the Moe Small Schools' cluster about the Big Ideas in Number and what is important for schools to focus on when teaching maths. All of us left the day inspired and enthused to come back to the classroom and share what we had learnt.

School photos were taken last Monday and we look forward to seeing them back at school in coming weeks.

Thankyou to all of our families for bringing your child/ren out for their individual assessment times. The teachers have gained valuable knowledge about your child/ren's reading and maths understandings that we will use for planning. The next stage is to develop Individual Learning Plans for each student in maths. We look forward to working with our families to set goals for your child/ren's learning.

Most of our Yr. 5 & 6 students went to Rawson PS yesterday for a student leadership day. They enjoyed time with students from the other schools in our cluster, listened to a speaker from the Alannah and Madeline Foundation and had a sausage sizzle lunch. Thankyou to Xandy for driving the bus and to Marie for attending as well.

Today we welcome back Angela Thomas who has resumed her teaching role in the Big Room. I particularly enjoyed the loud and colourful Italian *Carnivale* celebration this morning to welcome in the new season.

There will be NO POWER at school on Wed 1st March. At this stage the school will be open. I will advise you if anything changes and we decide to relocate or close for the day.

Elizabeth Acreman

Term 1 SunSmart Reminder

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

Students' hats need to be a wide brimmed or bucket hat that covers their ears and the back of their neck.



School Hours

9.15 a.m. Start

9.15 - 11.15 a.m. 1st session

Playtime 11.15 - 11.45 a.m.
2nd session

11.45 a.m. - 1.15 p.m.

Lunch 1.15 - 2.00 p.m.

3rd session 2.00 p.m. - 3.30 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 ASAP.

School Forms

A reminder to please sign and return forms ASAP

- ◆ **School Bus Users 2017**
- ◆ **Local Excursion 2017**
- ◆ **Head lice inspection form**
- ◆ **Media Forms**
- ◆ **Melbourne Excursion form**

Volunteers needed

Please let the school know if you can help out for an hour or so at the Boolarra Folk Festival on March 4th and/or at Thorpdale Potato Festival on Sunday, March 12th. Narracan PS will have stalls at each event and would greatly appreciate support from our families, stopping buy to purchase something or volunteering your time.

REMINDERS

2017 TERM 1

MARC van here—Wed 8th
MARCH

Boolarra Folk Festival —
Sat 4th MARCH

Whole school Athletics—
Thurs 9th MARCH

Thorpdale Potato Festival—
Sun 12th MARCH

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

Princess and the Pea.
Art Centre Performance— Thurs
23rd 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 24TH
FEBRUARY

FRIDAY 10TH
MARCH

Bus Business



Bus Monitor:
Allana & Laedy

Best on Bus:
Summer & Jack

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.

Easter Raffle

Narracan Primary School would like to hold an Easter Raffle.

Our school is seeking donations of —eggs, chocolate
— toys
— food items with

A best before date at least 30/5/2017

All donations will be gratefully received. Donations can be left in the office.
Thank-you.



Whole School Athletics

March 9th Joe Carmody Track
Newborough.
Please ensure children wear suitable shoes for their events.

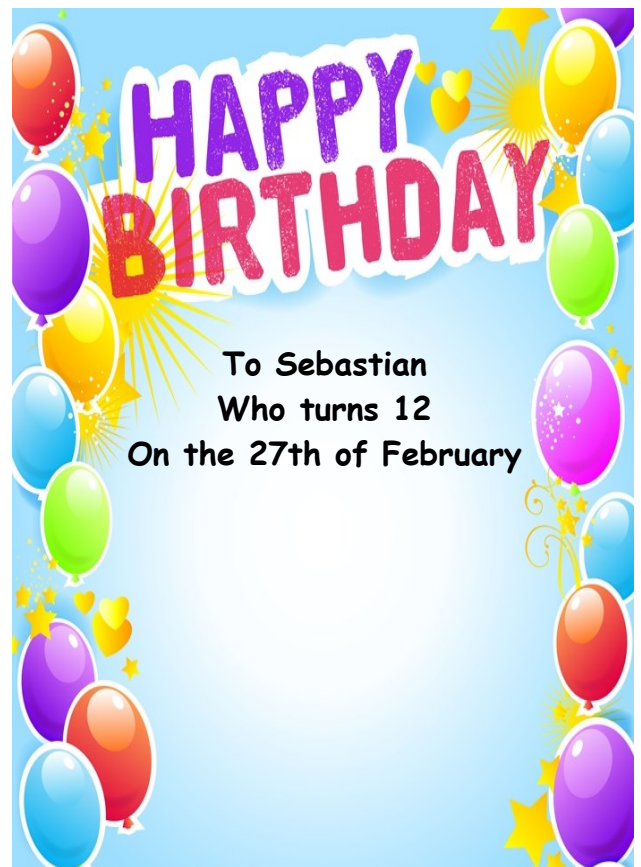
Gumnuts Playgroup

Our playgroup will resume in February 2017.
Thank-you to Hazlina who ran Gumnuts playgroup in 2016.

Family Account

Families accounts will be sent home this term. Please make regular payments to help keep up to date with your fees. Payment can be made by direct deposit into the school account 063521 1006 2842

Birthday Corner



Volunteers

wanted for BBQ at Coles on Easter Saturday. April 15th between 10am and 2pm. Contact School or Carrie.

Volunteers are also sort for the Boolarra folk festival and the Thorpdale potato festival. Please contact the school.

Parents

Reminder that there is a Parent's get together at the school on Thursday 2nd of March at 3:30 pm. Please RSVP

Family accounts

Accounts owing will be sent home with your child/dren. We need families to keep their accounts up to date.

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.

Note for Bus Travellers Parents

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. A cash tin is available on the bus to receive bus money and other payments.

If your child/children will not be attending school, or you need to arrange a change of pick-up or drop-off point, please **text our bus driver, Ken Grant on 0400 563334 from 7.00 a.m.**

Please note that there is no mo-

*bile 'phone reception along much of the route the bus travels, so **texting is preferred and Please remember to include your family name in the text.***

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.

There is a cash tin on the bus for bus travellers to put their envelopes in.

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.

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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.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. **The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.**

The annual CSEF amount per student is: