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Narracan Primary School Newsletter

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Moe Small School Cluster \$50,000 Grant

Late last year, our cluster applied for a Federal Government Digital Literacy School Grant. This initiative inspires students in digital literacy and STEM measures of innovation and future skills.

Recently, it was announced that from the 1800 applications Australia wide, 54 have been successful. Unbelievably, our cluster was successful and has been granted the maximum funding of \$50,000.

The funding will enable our cluster to purchase 10 3D printers, 10 rolls of filament, 1 WeDo and 5 Hummingbird robotics kits, a Lego Mindstorm Space Challenge set, Sphero, Makey Makey, BeeBot and ProBot. The equipment and class sets will be shared amongst our cluster schools.

Our cluster will work together to access professional expertise, equipment and training to implement the Digital Technologies Curriculum. Our students will now have the chance to fully embrace the 'digital age', to ensure they are well equipped for the future.

New Student

Welcome to our newest Grade 6 student, Dwayne, who has settled in well.

New laptops

Our twelve new laptops are all up and running thanks to our technician John. Our school now has 1 to 1 laptop ratio for all Grade 2 to Grade 6 students.



Quantum Science Excursion

Recently our Grades 4/5/6 travelled to Quantum Victoria to participate in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) activities. Grade 6 students took part in a Lego robotics challenge involving the construction and programming of robots. The robots then had to complete tasks on a challenge map. Students exercised problem-solving and team working skills, as well as designing, building and programming Lego robots. Students experimented with speed, distance and measurement, whilst developing critical thinking skills, the ability to predict and draw



conclusions. Grade 5 students participated in team projects using the Quantum Minecraft program. Students used and improved their digital media skills, their creativity and online social skills in a safe



and secure virtual world. Grade 4 students enjoyed a MaKey MaKey invention session. Students learnt about conductors, insulators and basic circuits. This hands-on program had our students excited and active while exploring circuitry and design.

Volunteers Required

The school runs a School Breakfast Program one morning a week, but we would like to run it 2-3 times a week. We are seeking volunteers who would like to help set up breakfast for the kids. We are also calling for gardening volunteers who would like to be part of our School Garden Program. We have a hot-house and vegetable garden that would benefit from some voluntary maintenance. For more details please contact me. Thank-you.

IMPORTANT

School Council Meeting
Please note there has been a change of date for the next School Council meeting. School Council will now meet on **Tuesday 13th of June @3:45 pm**

Regards, Kevin.

REMINDERS

2017 TERM 2

**QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
Monday 12th JUNE
No school on this day

GUMNUTS PLAYGROUP
9:30 am
MONDAY
5th JUNE, 19th JUNE

**SPORTING SCHOOLS
FOOTY CLINIC**
TUESDAY

JUNE 13TH, 20TH, 27TH

**DIGITAL LITERACY/
CODING MNSC**
Gr 3,4,5&6
FRIDAY
JUNE 9TH, JUNE 23RD

MARC VAN
JUNE 14TH

**MELBOURNE ART CENTRE
EXCURSION**
The Wolf and Peter
Performance— Thu 29th
June

END OF TERM 2
Fri 30th June
Early finish 2:00 pm

FUTURE DATES
*Forest Lodge Camp— Gr
3/4 Sept 6th-8th

*Quantum Science
Excursion—Gr 2/3 Sept 11th
Gr Prep/1 Oct 13th

*Ballarat Camp— Gr5/6
Nov 15th— 17th

*Prep/1 Sleepover— Term 4
Date yet to be decided.

Bus Business

Bus Monitor:
Allana & Laedy
Best on Bus:
Sienna and Riley

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

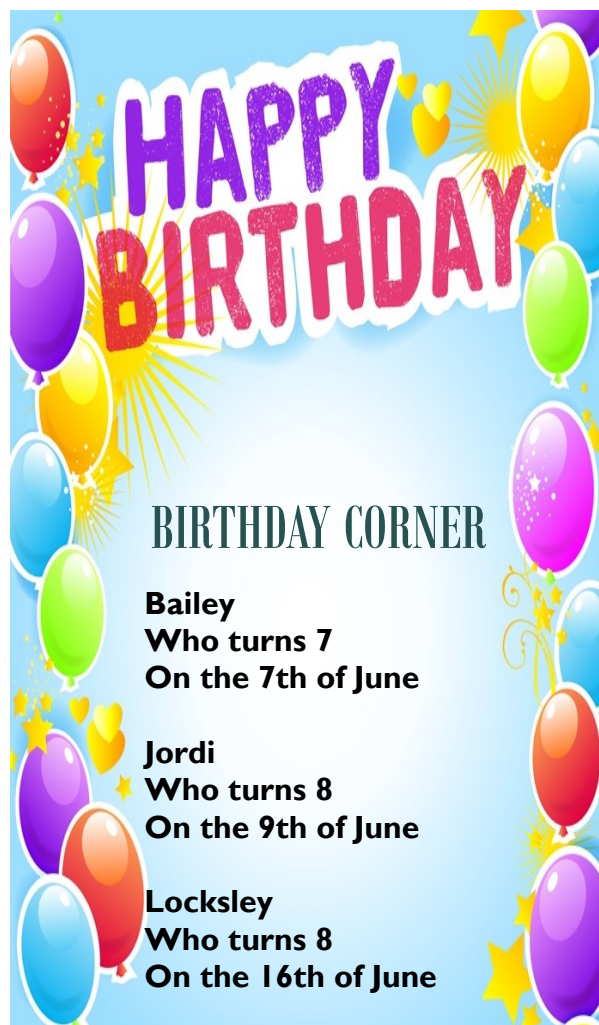


in the text message.

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 be-

come 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.



BIRTHDAY CORNER

Bailey
Who turns 7
On the 7th of June

Jordi
Who turns 8
On the 9th of June

Locksley
Who turns 8
On the 16th of June

Hot Lunches

In terms 2&3, lunches may be sent to school to be heated in the oven. Please ensure clearly named food items are wrapped in foil, or placed in an oven-proof container, ready to be placed in the school oven at morning play.



Sporting Schools

The next two footy clinics will be held on Tuesday the 6th and 13th of June

Account Payments

For those families who would like to pay their accounts by direct debit the school's banking details are as follows:
Narracan Primary

School
BSB 06 3251
Acc No 1006 2842

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The next visit by the library will be Wed 14th of June.

Gumnuts

Meets again Monday 5th of June at 9:30

Newsletter Dates for Term 2

The newsletter will be sent home on the following Fridays— June 2nd, 16th and 30th

