This Week / Next Week

**Week 5 PBL Honesty – Tell the truth**

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**Week 6 PBL Honesty – Care for ourselves, others, property and our school**

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**Notes home last week**

Parent/teacher interview request – all classes
Kindergarten Zoo excursion information

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**Trachoma Screening Consent Form**

Forms were issued to all Aboriginal students 5-9 years old. Could these forms be completed and returned to the school this week.

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Last week, staff really enjoyed the opportunity to meet with parents at the information evenings. Special events that are specific to each of the stages were outlined, as were the changes to the PBL system and attendance procedures. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended.

Students representing our school at the District swimming carnival last Friday enjoyed the carnival and a number of students have qualified for the Regional carnival being held in Dubbo next week. Congratulations to all students for displaying RHR throughout the day and a special mention to Mr Moran for his very efficient organisation of the carnival. Mr Geyer very capably assisted him on the day. Thank you to the parents who assisted with time keeping and supporting our students.

Our grounds are looking a picture at the moment. Our P&C committee was supported by a group of parents who did a makeover on Friday – followed by some working parents coming in on the weekend to continue pruning and mulching. Our relieving GAs John Butcher, John Moss and Mike Gordon have the lawns and grounds in top shape.

Last week a Trachoma Screening package was sent home to all parents/carers of Aboriginal students in the 5-9 years age bracket. This screening is being conducted at the school on Tuesday 12 March. For those who return their consent form there will be a draw...
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held for one student to receive an ipod shuffle and another 1pod shuffle for one student from those who are actually screened. If you need any further information on this screening please contact AEOs, Bev Towney and Kerrie Walden.

Finally, a reminder that school photos will be taken on Wednesday 6 March and all students need to be dressed in school uniform.

Regards
Teresa Healey
Principal

Crazy Colour Hair Day – Thursday 14 March!
Narromine Public School SRC will be hosting CRAZY COLOUR HAIR day on Thursday 14 March. Students and staff are invited to come to school with wild and wacky hair on this day and donate a gold coin for this worthy cause. This day will also be a non uniform day.
Also this year, a favourite member of our staff, Mr Geyer will be taking part in the World’s Greatest Shave. Narromine Public School will be hosting this event on Thursday 14 March after Crunch N Sip (Fruito) in the school hall. If you wish to support this cause, donations can be made at the front office prior or on the day beginning next week. Thank you for your support.
More information can be found at http://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/

Clean Up Australia Day
We will be participating in Clean Up Australia day after recess on Friday. All classes will be responsible for cleaning up an area in the playground. If you want your child to wear gloves for the activity, they are welcome to bring a pair to school. Thank you

Gobondery/NARRAF swimming
A successful Gobondery/NARRAF swimming carnival was held last Friday here in Narromine. We had 28 students compete. Out of that 28 we have 19 students going on to represent our school at Western. Western is held in Dubbo Friday 8 March. Big congratulations to the following students for breaking records on the day:
  - Angus Wippell 8 year 50m Freestyle
  - Karl Anderson snr boy 50m Backstroke
  - Junior boys relay
Also massive congratulations to Hayley Stewart-Hollingworth for 2nd place in Junior girl age champion, Grace Wippell for 2nd place in 11yr girl age champion and to Frances Sinclair whom took out the Senior Girl age champion.

Well done to all swimmers and thank you to the parents that assist with the day.

Boys and girls relay teams
### Canteen Roster

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**Wednesday/Thursday Special**
Ham, tomato, cucumber pasta salad/lemonade twist

$3.50

*Mrs Healey’s Zucchini Bites* ……please add ½ cup of SR Flour before spooning the mixture into the muffin pan…

Colouring in competition is due next Monday.

Anyone interested in volunteering, please see Claire.

C Mears
Canteen Supervisor

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**Payments for school contributions, excursions, performances etc. can be made by internet banking into the Narromine Public School (Westpac) BSB 032-001 Account 144002**

Please include your child’s name.

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### P&C NEWS

#### P&C Meeting

Our meeting will be on tonight Tuesday 26 February at 7pm in the staff room. One of the topics we will be discussing tonight is the sourcing our uniforms as Orana Uniforms are no longer operating. So come along, everyone is welcome and we would love your input.

#### Merchandise

Don’t forget, caps $15, sports shirts $35 and handballs $3 are available from the admin office.

#### Working Bee

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with tidying up the school grounds last Friday. Your help is appreciated.

#### Teacher of the Term

Please think about a teacher to nominate for term 1. The winner will be announced at the last K-6 assembly of the term. Please complete the slip below and place in the P&C box at the admin office.

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Teacher  
Name:____________________________  
Reason:________________________________  
____________________________________
Jo-anne Fountain  
Publicity Officer

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### Claim the date for the Narromine Preschool Shopping Night

Friday 5th April 2013 6.00 - 9.00pm
Come along for a night of fun and shopping with a range of local stall holders and help us raise funds for our local preschool. Drinks and nibbles for just $5 a person with lots of great raffles throughout the night.

Only $20 per stall. Interested stall holders please contact - Louise Woods on 0428 898349 or Becc Cullen on 0406 594344
Junior Cricket
This Friday 1 March will be the last game of junior cricket for the season.
A presentation night will be held the following Friday at Dundas Oval.
For any information contact Greg Masonwells 0428896324

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?
Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

Crimes Amendment Act
The Crimes Amendment Act commenced on Monday 10 February 2003.
One of the outcomes of the 16 August 2002 Community, Parents and Police Forum was a proposal to introduce specific measures in the Crimes Act to better protect school communities from criminal intruders.
Parliament passed the law in December to reinforce the message to the community that schools are valued as special places and will be treated as such by law. Offences under the Act are:

- A person who assaults, stalks, harasses or intimidates staff or students on school property without causing bodily harm is guilty of an offence.
  Maximum penalty of 5 years imprisonment.
- A person, who assaults, stalks or harasses a member of staff or a student entering or leaving school property for the purposes of school work or duty is guilty of an offence.
  Maximum penalty of 5 years imprisonment.
- A person who assaults staff or students on school property causing actual bodily harm is guilty of an offence.
  Maximum penalty of 7 years imprisonment.