Applications for Exemptions at Narromine Public School:
Applications regarding exemptions for attendance at school is an area that I feel needs to be clarified for our school community. Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. It is important for our children to attend school, to participate in and engage with our whole school experiences. It would appear that some families are under the misinformation that when their child is going to be away sick or on leave with their family for business or pleasure that they require an exemption. I understand that this was the case some time ago as the PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) reward system gave points for each day and if the child was away in an unexplained capacity they didn’t receive the allocated points. However this was changed some time ago. The children receive their points if a note explaining the absence is returned to school within the seven days as stated in our Attendance Guidelines.

The students at Narromine Public School receive recognition for 100% attendance; to me this means they attend every day of that term with the exception of an exemption. These certificates are presented at the beginning of the following term.

The DEC EXEMPTION FROM SCHOOL – PROCEDURES state that Principals, Directors Public Schools NSW and Executive Directors may grant exemptions due to:
1. Exceptional domestic circumstances, including but not limited to participation in family holidays during school term subject to being satisfied that this is in the best educational interests of the child
2. Other exceptional circumstances such as health of the student where sick leave or alternative enrolment is not appropriate
3. The child being prevented from attending school because of a direction under section 42D of the Public Health Act 1991
4. Employment in the entertainment industry or participation in elite sporting events for short periods of time i.e. for one or two days, and at short notice.

Therefore examples for exemptions could be but are not limited to the following:
1. Hospital stay
2. Overseas holidays
3. Family attending an elite sporting event to support a participating sibling (student participating will automatically be marked as a B – other school business for DEC events)
General days when the family is taking a holiday, when the family is travelling for a weekend sporting event or community event or when a sibling has a doctor’s appointment are recorded as leave in the school/class roll, if as previously stated a note is returned to school within the seven school days.

If a child is sick or has a doctor’s appointment this is recorded as a sick day again when supported by a note within the seven days.

If a child is absent and no note is returned the child will be recorded in the roll as an unexplained absence.

Encouraging regular attendance is a core school responsibility. We encourage our students to attend school, to make the most of our learning environment and to do their very best socially, academically and emotionally.

I hope this information clarifies how school attendance exemptions will be granted at Narromine Public School.

Regards
Denise King
Principal

K-2 Easter Hat Parade
On Friday 11 April at 2pm students in K-2 will participate in the Easter Hat Parade in the Multipurpose Hall. We are encouraging all students in K-2 to create their own Easter Hat at home and bring it to school on this date. (Some of the most effective hats only require cardboard/ paper and cotton wool). Parents, carers and family members are invited to come and watch students participate in the parade and enjoy a special visit from the Easter Bunny. This is an out of uniform day and will have an Easter Theme. Please notify your child’s classroom teacher if your child has any allergies to chocolate or nuts.

Happy Creating.
Mrs E Smith

PBL – Gold Level
Reaching gold level is part of our reward system at Narromine Public School. It is a level that many students work hard to achieve and when reached those students get access to additional rewards for their efforts. It is available to Year 6 students but there is additional criteria that must be met. In order to make the process as clear as possible we have included, in this week’s newsletter the requirements that students must make to reach gold level.

A meeting will also be held in the staffroom next Monday (31.3.14) at 3pm to discuss the gold level process and answer questions. So, if you have any questions please feel free to come along. The P and C are also holding their working bee to ensure we maintain the beautiful gardens that we have so please stay and help out after the meeting as well.

In addition to Gold Level the PBL Leadership team also has a vacancy for a volunteer parent member. If you are interested in fulfilling this role which involves a morning meeting from 8.15am on Thursday every 3 weeks and giving feedback about the community needs with regards to PBL, then please write a one page expression of interest with your contact details and leave it with the administration staff at the front office before close of business Friday 4 April 2014.

RHR That’s Who We Are!
Mrs Turnbull

Gladys Nhiyo – Our World Vision Sponsor Child
The SRC are inviting the students of Narromine Public School to donate a gold coin on Friday 28 March to help raise money for our World Vision Sponsor Child – Gladys Nhiyo. Money raised will continue to help Gladys with her education and living. This fundraising day will also be a non uniform day. Our new sponsor child, Gladys Nhiyo lives in the Chivi Tiritose Project in Zimbabwe. Thank you for the continual support of World Vision.

Narromine Public School SRC

Softball, Tee-ball and Cricket Gala day
We had 40 students venture down the Newell to Peak Hill on Friday to participate in the Peak Hill Softball, Tee-ball and Cricket Gala day. Our students represented our school with pride and had some fantastic results out of the day. The boys (junior and senior) won all 6 of their cricket games while the girls had mixed results with their softball/tee-ball games.

I would like to thank Mr Ward and Mr Ferrari for driving our buses and to the parents that came along for the day. Your help at days like this is greatly appreciated.

Mr Moran
Respect, Honesty, Responsibility – RHR – That’s Who We Are!

Tastebuds Roster

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**Wednesday/Thursday Special**  
Spinach, ham & cheese large muffin  
$2 each or $3.50 with salad

Thank you to the following students who have donated Easter Eggs for the raffle:  
Amanda and Ricky Wicks, Terrance Wilcox, Nick Radburn, Alex and Isaac Unicomb, Nathan Halbisch, Lucy and Lily Dawson, Georgia O’Rourke, Wendy Coleman, Ellie Lydon, Tom, Audrey and Ruben Gill.

Aroona flavoured spring water is now discontinued, we have very limited stock.

Poptops are available for $1.40 in orange, mango, orange and passionfruit, apple, apple and blackcurrant flavours.

**Claire Mears**  
**Canteen Supervisor (68894566)**

**P&C News**

**Uniform update**  
A complete collection of uniform items is available from Lowes in Dubbo and a large amount of other new uniform items are available through Macquarie Clothing in Narromine.  
NPS caps and bucket hats are always available through the office for $15.

**Discounted New Uniforms**  
There is a small range of highly discounted uniform items available through the school office or by appointment, contact Clare Gill 0401 301 631.

- Summer Dress $10 (sz 10, 14)
- Winter Dress $10 (sz 6, 8)
- Skort $5 (sz 14, 16)
- Sports polos $10 (sz 12, adult XS and adult S)
- PSSA representative socks $5

**Second Hand Uniforms**  
Anybody interested in donating quality second hand uniforms can leave them at the canteen and they will be included in the next uniform sale to be held once a term – Date TBA. All funds raised will go to the P&C to be used within the school.

**Lost Property**  
A reminder to all parents and children to check the lost property box outside the school hall for any lost items. The bin will be cleared out at the end of term and any unclaimed goods will be kept for future second hand stalls or donated to Vinnies.

**Second Hand Uniform Sale**  
The next second hand uniform stall will be on the last day of term, April 11, from 1.45pm until 3.05 outside the hall, to coincide with the Easter Hat parade.

**Green Art Competition**  
Open to all school students K – 12. Can be completed at home or at school.

Prizes in each category:  
1st $20, 2nd $10, Highly Commended $5.  
Categories:

- **Kinder/Year 1**  
  Create a pot o’ gold with a rainbow handle using paper plates.

- **Year 2/3/4**  
  Coloured shamrock design. (3-leaf clover). A4

- **Year 5/6**  
  Draw and decorate a leprechaun hat. A4. Colour, collage

- **Year 7-12**  
  Artwork which includes the colour green. Student name, school and category to be marked clearly on back of work

Entries: To Janette McCosker by Friday 11 April.  
Post to “Glenlea”, Tullamore. NSW 2874 or deliver to Stanbrook’s Store.

**Mums 2 Mentors**  
A free program run for ALL families with Aboriginal children aged 0-12 years old.  
Morning tea and lunch is provided, the kids are welcome to come along.

Every Tuesday (except for in school holidays)  
Narromine community Skills 10.00am – 1.00pm

For more information phone Crystal 0437919301
Saver Plus Program
Information session and morning tea at the Library
- Would you like to know more about the Saver Plus program?
- Come along to this free information session to find out more.
- From 10:30 to 11am Friday 28 March at the Narromine Library.
- For further information contact John Edwards on 6881 8032

Mothers Group
A free group for all new mums and bub. Wednesday 26 March from 10.00am. Join us for morning tea at Ruby Maine! RSVP Crystal on 0437919301.

Baby massage benefits the WHOLE family!
Two FREE sessions on offer:
Thursday 3rd April from 10.00am to 12noon
OR
Wednesday 9th April from 10.00am to 12noon
At Narromine Community Skills
Bookings are ESSENTIAL as there are limited places,
So to make sure you don't miss out, ring Crystal on 0437 919 301.

2014 GOLD LEVEL PROCEDURE

Term 1: Student Meeting
- 90% of Blue level reached in primary years
- Demonstrated RHR expectations and been an active school member
- Year 6 - Reach Blue Level in Terms 1, 2 & 3
- Wear School uniform regularly
- Attendance is more than 85% in Stage 3
- Less than 7 minor behavior incidences recorded on STARS for Stage 3
- Collect 5 GOLD STARS - Outstanding Contribution to School

Term 1
- Staff discussion about students applying for Gold Level
- Any concerns raised about behavior experienced in school settings throughout the year must have evidence – Data decisions – STARS
- Children Informed of staff decision

Term 3
- Application sheets are given to eligible students as an invitation to apply. Criteria Includes: Academic, Leadership, Excursions, School and Community Participation

End Term 3
- Eligible students submit application addressing outlined criteria, CORE PBL team review applications. Students with applications deemed to have addressed all criteria will be awarded GOLD Level.

NB: Those students who don't receive Gold Level, and have reached Blue level 90% of their Primary years will be awarded Brilliant Blue

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