This year Narromine Public School sent off seven swimmers to the NSWPSSA State Swimming Championships at Olympic Park, Homebush. Sydney. Jack, Hayley, Matthew, Angus, Hunter and Lachie. The children and their families have had such a wonderful adventure and we are very grateful to the families for their support of school representative sport, without such involvement and commitment from families students would not have the many opportunities they currently have to represent at state and national levels across all sporting codes.

The children and I spent a little time together sharing their stories and probing into how it felt to swim in a pool that has hosted the world’s greatest swimmers, all the children understood the significance of this event, the most reconfirming part of our conversations was the great joy they felt when swimming in front of their parents against children from all over NSW who love swimming as much as they do.

The following paragraphs are the nuts and bolts of our conversations:

Jack Davidson swam in the 50 metre Breaststroke, his race was heat one, event number twenty. Jack placed second in his heat with a time of 50:29 seconds. Jack swam his personal best at this year's PSSA Western Region Carnival in Dubbo his PB is 47:18sec. What Jack said about his time at state-

"I felt proud that I made it to state, and I love to swim in the pool versing other people. I really love having my family there to watch me." "Experiencing swimming in the Olympic pool that past Olympians have swam in is a good thing."

Jacks funny story from his trip to Homebush Aquatic Centre was: “When I went to the toilet… mum said to come back to her …I didn’t I went to the marshalling area. Mum started freaking out… once she saw me in the line marching off to swim she was really, really relieved and happy she couldn’t stop waving at me.”

Hayley Stewart-Hollingworth swam in the 50 metre Breaststroke, her event was heat one event number fifteen. Hayley placed seventh in her heat and thirty second overall with a time of 47 sec. Hayley’s personal best is 45 sec and this was achieved at the RSL state swimming championships in Botany, Sydney. Hayley also said that she found swimming in the Homebush olympic pool a great experience; she said "it was fun meeting all the other girls that I was competing against and having a laugh with them". Hayley was having a giggle as we talked about the girls she was competing against “it was kind of scary in the beginning not knowing where to go or who I was versing – the unknown was a little off putting, I did know some of the girls and that was good. The girl I knew was the fastest in Australia she won all her events at state and at National… I feel proud to know someone like that. When I do swim club I verse her. Lucky me. ☺️"

Angus Wippell was our third individual event swimmer, Angus also backed up for the boys relay team. As an individual swimmer Angus swam in the 9 years Boys 50 metre Freestyle, he was placed ninth in...
his heat and twenty-fifth out of forty swimmers overall. Angus swam a wonderful 38:04, this was a personal best for Angus, he passed his previous PB by 0:62 seconds. When Angus was sharing his experiences you could see on his face that he loves swimming so much. Angus recounted that: “The whole thing was fun, but the best part was having my mum and dad in Sydney watching me swim at state”. “Coming 9th in the relay made me feel excited and joyful, my tummy was full of butterfly’s. It felt good coming back to school and telling all the kids what we did; I was feeling proud of my team”. Angus made this comment and I got goosebumps, remembering what it is to represent your school and your region at state. “When everybody was watching me on the blocks for the 50m freestyle - Wow that was scary. I could hear all the people in Western cheering for me, which made me, feel excited and realise that it was STATE.”

Hunter Shepherd also swam in an individual event as well as the relay, Hunter competed in the Under 10’s 50 metres Backstroke, he placed eighth in his heat and is unsure where he placed overall. Hunter was saying he was pleased with his time of 29 seconds. When Hunter was sharing his best experience he was compassionate and full of empathy (very humble) Hunter said “The thing I enjoyed most was getting to the end of the pool knowing that I had finished and swam in the Olympic pool made me feel good but at the same time I felt sorry for all the other people because they didn’t get to make it and have experience that I was having”. Hunter’s funny story was “When I came back from the relay I got lost so I asked this stranger kid who was also doing backstroke and he said come this way to the marshalling area. I felt nervy but good that someone helped me…the boy that showed me where to go he made it in everything for state I felt comfortable that he was showing me around”. Our Western Jr Boys Relay team comprised of Matthew Doherty, Angus Wippell, Hunter Shepherd and Lachlan Woods, the following are the Mat and Lachie’s recounts about their NSWPSSA experience. The team experienced great success ninth in their heat and twenty-fourth out of forty. Our team scored their personal best time of 2:40:18 shaving off 12:70 seconds - AMAZING

Matthew was saying that a highlight for him was “touching the wall for Lachlan to swim – Finally making it to the other end, knowing that I did my bit and did my best”. “Having my mum watching me in the Olympic stadium swim my best made me feel proud, I smiled a lot.” “I really liked getting all the clothes with NSW on them”. Matthew’s funny story went like this…….”When I dived I didn’t put the clicker in properly and it slipped back and that scared me, I thought I did a false start, but all was ok so I kept on swimming. I didn’t panic 😊 much”

Lachlan made me laugh when he said…. The best bit was getting the race finished; I got out of the pool as fast as I could so I could go to get some state clothing I am the first in my family to swim at State.” He also was very proud when he shared with me that the following comment; “Swimming with Hunter, Gus and Matty was really cool, we are a good team, we are all mates and this trip has been a highlight of my school years so far”.

As you can see this experience of representative sport has deepened the children’s sense of good spirited competition, provided them with an experience to remember forever and given them an inner glow that I hope lasts a lifetime.

We are very proud of all our children and I hope that our children who do their personal bests; be it on the sporting field, in the academic arena or in a social/emotional capacity feel the intrinsic satisfaction that comes with achieving a personal goal and knowing the self-worth and value of a job well done.
Opportunity Class Placements
Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2014 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2015.
Parents seeking opportunity class placement for students in 2015 will be able to apply for up to two schools of their choice. It is expected that parents will make appropriate decisions when choosing a school that is within reasonable travelling distance.
Parents are strongly encouraged to give careful consideration to the time taken and modes of transport involved when choosing a school with an opportunity class.
Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student’s) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.
Online applications open on Monday 28 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form. Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date of 16 May 2014 except in areas where there is a shortage of suitable candidates. Application packages will be available from 28 April 2014.
Application forms whether submitted online or lodged with the principal should be received by Narromine Primary School by Friday 16 May 2014.

Wear Western Wednesday
7th May, 2014
2014 is a big year in school sport; the NSW School Sports Association (CHS & PPA) is celebrating 125 Years. The Western Schools Sports Association (WSSA) will be hosting two recognition days encouraging schools to wear red and green as a celebration for all who have invested time, energy, passion and love into school sport. Those who have participated in sport at a school level, those who have coordinated and participated in school sports days and carnivals, those who have represented Western as coaches, managers or players and those who have gone onto higher representational duties – these days are about recognising and celebrating everyone who participates in school sport. Our students who have represented at Western are encouraged to wear their western apparel.
This is not a fund raising event it is just a bit of fun.

Wednesday Week Two Term Two and Wednesday Week Two Term Four...These days are WEAR WESTERN WEDNESDAYS.

Regards
Denise King (Principal)

PBL – Parent Position
As part of our PBL committee we have parent representatives that help to inform the committee about parent and community needs with regards to PBL and to be part of the team that makes decisions about how PBL operates at our school. We have a vacancy on our team and would like to invite interested parents to be part of the team.
This position involves attend a meeting on a Thursday morning from 8.15am until 8.50am every three weeks. At the meeting you feedback to the committee any parent questions, concerns and ideas and as part of the committee actively promote PBL and our wonderful school to the community.
If you are interested in being part of the committee please complete the form below and return to the front office no later than 3pm Thursday 8th May 2014.
Looking forward to welcoming a new team member,
Mrs Turnbull

RHR That’s Who We Are!

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – Parent Position PBL Team
I _______________________________am interested in being part of the PBL team. My contact details are as follows:
Phone Number: _______________________________

Signed: _____________________________ Date: ___________________________
NRMA Science & Road Safety Day – Tuesday 27 May at 2:20pm in the school hall.
Our school will be hosting an NRMA Science and Road Safety Day, a new road safety program delivered by NRMA Motoring and Services as part of its commitment to road safety. Our school was chosen to take part in this free program that will visit 100 schools across NSW and ACT and educate 40,000 students.
This program looks at road safety from a science perspective so that children better understand the forces that act on humans when in motion so that road safety messages such as “Wear your seatbelt” or “Wear your bike helmet” become more relevant.
Parents play a vital road in keeping their children safe and so we would like to invite you to a workshop where we will review the key road safety messages that were covered on the day and also learn more about what you can do to keep your children safe on the road.

Stewart House Donation drive 2014
Envelopes will be sent home with Kalori today. Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT. Envelopes are due back on Wednesday 14 May.

From our new staff members -
Hello, my name is Phil Baumhammer, and this term I have the privilege of teaching Year 6 at Narromine Public School. I was born in a small town in WA and when I was two moved to Indonesia where I lived with my family for 6 years. After experiencing tropical life we moved to the hunter valley. We moved to Scone where I attended school from Year 3 to the end of Year 12. After finishing school I moved to Canberra and began studying a Bachelor of Education (primary) degree. After one year I moved up to the big smoke, to Sydney Uni where I continued to study Primary Ed.
My University course provided me with great opportunities to explore education in several different contexts. I graduated majoring in Aboriginal Education, which provided me with the opportunity to go teach in the Northern Territory as well as Armidale and two schools in Sydney.
In my mind teaching is one of the most fulfilling, challenging and rewarding careers that exist. It provides you with the opportunity to foster and help students as they are challenged and provided with new information and methods for interacting and interpreting their world. I thoroughly enjoyed growing up outside of big cities and enjoy the community and attitude that country towns so often have.
I am excited and thankful for the opportunity that I have in teaching in your community and look forward to the term ahead. Please come up and say hi, I would love to meet you and hear your story.

Hello NPS families! I am Lillian Walsh and I have been fortunate enough to be appointed classroom teacher of the wonderful K/1 Tigers for the remainder of 2014. I am extremely honoured to have been offered this position, as NPS is the very school I attended during my primary years and had the privilege of captaining in 2002. Working alongside staff who were once teachers of my own (Mrs Price, Mr Geyer, Mr Webb, Miss Ellis), and at a school I once lead as a student is a rare and remarkable opportunity! I completed my secondary education at Narromine High and after that, made the move to Sydney and undertook my Bachelor of Education (Primary) at the University of Sydney. In 2013, I completed my Internship on a Kindergarten class at Rose Bay Public, so working with ES1 and Stage One is familiar ground for me. When making the decision about what career path to take, I was constantly taken back to my school days, the fun I had and my love for school (Truly, I loved it! And still do!). This combined with my love of having the ability to teach others and the love of children, naturally lead me back to the school yard as a classroom teacher. Aside from teaching, I have a passion for travel and fitness and like to spend any spare time I have shopping, reading, in the gym or researching travel destinations! I look forward to the adventures and challenges that await our class throughout the remainder of 2014. If you see me around the playground, I would love for you to say hi!
Term 2 Week 2

Week 2
Mon 5 May  K-6 Assembly 2pm
P&C 6.30pm
Tues 6 May
Wed 7 May
Thurs 8 May  Student Banking
Fri 9 May  P&C Mother's Day stall
Kindergarten shape (circle)

Week 3
Mon 12 May  Naplan
Tues 13 May  Naplan
Wed 14 May  Naplan
Thurs 15 May  Student Banking
Fri 16 May  WSSA touch trials
Kindergarten shape (circle)

PBL Awards

Class of the Week  K/6 JO
Attendance  3E
Uniform  1/2 H
Super Val (K-2)  5 SG
Assembly class  2S and 2W

That's Super Students –
Chloe Corderoy, Tylah Beer, Joshua Healey, Ellie Richardson, Lily-May Hefren

K-2 Awards

3-6 Awards
Jack Davison, Michael Townsend, Maddison Scott, George Brabrook, Tom Masonwells, Emily Cross, Ebony Preston, Terrance Wilcox, Nash Hancock, Scott Barling, Connor Lecher, Ehren Donnelly, Hunter Everingham, Brayden Godfrey, Bianca Jarmain, Thomas Fidock, Amy Smith

Harmony Awards

P&C News
Canteen Committee
Anyone interested in being a member of the canteen committee, please contact Sandra Irvine. The Canteen Committee has input into and helps out with the management of the canteen. The committee comes up with new menu ideas, enticing volunteers, competitions and policy where needed. The main aim is to make the canteen a healthy efficient service to the school community.

Mother’s Day Stall
The Mother’s day stall will be 9.00am – 11.00am Friday 9 May. Gifts are $2 and $5. Don’t forget your money! Please contact Deb Halbisch on 0409 023 180 if you can help out in any way.

Easter Egg Raffle
A total of $741 was raised at the Easter egg raffle and some fantastic prizes were won. There is still one prize belonging to Mrs Brown from Dubbo whose contact details were incorrect. If you sold the ticket and know who she is please contact the office.

Notes home last week ~
Active after School program
K/1T change of teacher
Yr 4 equipment list for excursion
Life Education program
Head lice K/1T
P&C meeting 5 May
Netball knockout
Instrumental students concert Dubbo
Water Watch science program

Respect, Honesty, Responsibility – RHR – That’s Who We Are!
**Term 2 Week 2**

**Tuesday 6 May 2014**

**Uniform Donations**
If you have any second hand uniforms that have been grown out of please donate them to the P&C. They can be dropped to the office.

**Garden Working Bee**
There will be a working bee in the native garden at the front of the school at 3.00pm on Tuesday 27 May. All welcome and your help is appreciated in the beautification of our school grounds.

**Save the date – School Fete**
The amazing Fete will be on again this year on Saturday 25 October. Fi Lander is the Fete organiser. We are calling for one parent helper from each class to coordinate that class stall. Please let Fi know if you can help.
The next P&C meeting is at 6.30pm on Monday 2 June in the K/1 room (Banksia block) Children welcome.

**Tastebuds Roster**

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**Wednesday/Thursday Special**
**Cheesy pasta bake**
$3.50

**QUENCH** – blue, apple raspberry and cola flavoured water

**Thank you** to the following students who donated Easter Eggs for the raffle ~ Bianca Jarmain, Mick and Jack Fletcher, Tayah and Emma Turnbull, Tayla, Hailey and Daniel Piper, Tyler Barnes, Alexi and Zac Everett. Apologies if we have not acknowledged your donation.

**Claire Mears**
Canteen Supervisor (68894566)

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**Dunedoo Central School Horse Sports Day**
Monday 19 May, 8.00am start
Riders: 8yrs and over
(All riders must be capable, independent riders – no led riders)
Cost: $20 per rider
Venue: Dunedoo Showground
All entries close Monday 5 May
Contact Rosie Stuart 63751489 or 0408284322
Entry forms available from Narromine Public School office

**Kids Club**
Narromine Kids Club is starting Wednesday 7 May.
When: Wednesdays 3.15pm till 4.45pm
Where: Uniting Church Hall
Cost: $1 per child or $2 per family
What do we do: Afternoon tea (provided), games, singing, bible story, craft
Contact: Gail Muldoon 68894554
Run by volunteers from local churches
In May 2014 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 13 - 15 May 2014.

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(Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) | Reading | Numeracy  
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| Writing | | |

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 16 May – A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:
- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustment or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the Principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.
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