Principal’s Report

Dear all, welcome to our second edition of the fortnightly Kalori, I hope you find this new look informative and insightful as it is our aim to develop our newsletter into more than a tool for sharing upcoming information, we hope our Kalori will inform our parent community of the variety of programs we have operating across our school K-6, we hope to provide greater opportunities to feature students recounts from various events they participate in and we will continue to include all the regular day to day information. A term planner is included to assist parents with managing upcoming events and activities. Kalori is one tool in our communication and promotion plan, we have an APP that is almost ready to officially launch – this NPS app contains upcoming events on a calendar, a link to the newsletter and when fully operational we will be able to push out notifications. Our website is the third tool that we are encouraging our community to access. The website contains all our school information on policies, DEC links to state information and resources, it contains our notes sent home and other general information that will assist parents with questions and facts about our school. So if I were to explain our communication and promotions plan I would say the Kalori newsletter is like a newspaper with articles and information, the App is a quick news fix like the newsbreaks on TV and the Website is our school version of a dictionary – I hope this makes sense and that you continue to support our communication tools.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Kalori.

Narromine Public School’s Partnership with Royal Far West:

This year Narromine Public School has signed onto a partnership program with Royal Far West (RFW):

The Schools Partnership Program (SPP) is an innovative approach to providing support for rural and remote schools, children and their families. Schools that engage with RFW become Friends of Royal Far West and are embedded in the programs and services provided through Royal Far West.

One such program that Narromine Public School has been co facilitating is the Come N’ See program – A comprehensive speech, language and communication therapy program administered by a RFW Speech Pathologist (Louise) and supported in our school therapy aide Ms Kylie Bell. This is an individualised program for children implemented with face to face and weekly telehealth components designed to support goals determined in collaboration with our school and our parents. We have ten students currently accessing this facility with the possibility of another twelve next term. The children are identified via our Learning and Support Team, classroom teachers and our School Counsellor Lee-Maree.

Our Speech Pathologist Louise specialises in assessing and treating communication impairments. Communication refers to a number of areas including speech, language, fluency, voice, hearing and use of gesture and literacy skills. The children involved in our current program and who may possibly be eligible for our future program maybe experiencing difficulties with producing sounds of speech, understanding the meanings of words, following instructions or speaking in sentences, experience difficulty with the rhythm of speech (stuttering) and/or literacy skills reading and writing.
Royal Far West is committed to making an outstanding contribution to children who live in rural and remote NSW and cannot access specialised services. And as such Narromine Public School will be able to share the resources available, some of the services are pay as you use and others are on a benevolent basis. We will be involved in specialist health programs such as Come and See, School Excursions and Respite Camps as well as professional development for staff and families. To gain a greater insight into the services and supports offered by Royal Far West as part of our SPP the following URL will take you to the Royal Far West Website http://www.royalfarwest.org.au/. The Students and Staff are lucky to have this service within our networks of support.

Songroom:

Music is a universal connector that inspires, excites, soothes and connects people of all ages, backgrounds and experiences. For our students’ music, movement and creative arts play an important and exciting role in their school lives. Extensive research has proven that music and arts education has many positive effects in a child’s life – learning and developmental well roundedness. At Narromine Public School we support this theory with our school based programs of guitar with Mr Webb, Keyboard with Mrs K Davis, flute with Ms C Davis, violins with Mrs Dixon, we have strong choir, art and dance programs supported by our whole staff. For the past four terms our children have had the additional bonus of being part of the Songroom initiative: The Songroom is a not-for-profit organisation that brightens the futures of students with tailored, high-quality music and arts programs delivered in partnerships with communities. At Narromine Public School our community sponsorship is with great thanks to Grain Corp.

Ms Marg Nicolson has been working with staff and students in Narromine PS to further enhance the capacity of our already successful individual and band programs, moving songroom supports across our classrooms and therefore sustaining and extending on our own very strong creative arts program.

For Songroom class groups participate in music lessons that focus around building confidence, engagement and skills, Ms Nicholson has provided professional learning supports for our teachers and connected our staff with amazing multimedia resources. A highlight for the children has been the connections being developed with local personalities who have been retelling their stories to the children as a stimulus for creating creative responses that will be showcased and celebrated in a special assembly on Wednesday the 18th of June in the Narromine Public School Hall. We will be advertising further details as they become available.

The students and staff would like to thank our local personalities for their time and passion: Peter Kierath, Roley Elder, Ruth and Dick Carney, Midnight Brydon, Nita Scott, Robert Handsaker, Jock Webb, Dr Bill Phillips, Kerry Palmer, Mahalia Maher and Brett Smith. These inspirational people have enlightened our students and as a result the children have produced many interesting and creative visual, musical and dramatic responses in their learning.

The students and staff would greatly like to acknowledge Ms Nicolson for her passion, energy and commitment we have all learnt a great deal from Songroom and from Ms Nicolson as a person.
**NAPLAN completed for another year:**
The students from years three and five have just completed the very daunting experience of NAPLAN. NAPLAN is a series of examinations covering aspects of English and Mathematics. I would dearly like to acknowledge that our children have approached this assessment period with a very resilient outlook. As a collective they have tried to do their very best. A number of students have commented on how difficult the tests were and how different it was from other tests they had experienced. We will be looking forward to receiving the results and building on the learning that continues to engage and inspire our students to do their best.

**Student Leadership Experience**
The school captains Elissa and Jack, prefects Claudia, Pippa, Ella, Jack D, Tom and Nash and senior SRC representatives from Narromine Public School travelled to Dubbo on Monday to participate in a leadership development seminar, school leaders from across Western NSW gathered to share and develop their leadership capacity. GRIP Leadership is an independent organisation that exists to train and develop leaders with a special focus on school students and the educational sector. The majority of the GRIP Leadership Team is young volunteers who are committed to passing on their knowledge and experience to develop today’s student leaders. They focus on positive messages and great happy constructive energy for the students.

This is what some of our students said about their adventure:
Tilly – “Yesterday I had a very good time; I learnt how to be a strawberry and not a watermelon. We also learnt how to be a good role model to younger students. We all had fun dancing and being loud”,
Max – “I had so much fun yesterday learning to be a strawberry leader instead of a watermelon leader and all of the loud noises were great”,
Pip – “Yesterday was really enjoyable I learnt how to be a better leader and how a leader can be like a superhero, I had lots of fun”.

The leadership team from Narromine Public School would like to thank the parents who assisted with transport and Mrs Geyer who coordinated and supervised the event.

**Regards**
Denise King (Principal)

**Water Watch**
Water Watch is an opportunity for school students to conduct tests to determine the quality of the water in a river, under the guidance of members of the Central West Local Land Services. Water quality is affected by air temperature, water temperature, pH (whether acidic or alkaline), the salinity of the water, turbidity (the ability of light to pass through the water), the vegetation on the river bank and the rate of flow. Recently some Year 6 students were involved in the activity and their investigations have helped them develop a better understanding of what makes a river healthy.

**The river site** We observed the river site had logs, leaves, hollows in the trees, tall gum trees and a range of grass on the river bank. Cody Wells

What is the water like? We observed the water and found it was muddy and flowing calmly. The bottom of the river had snags, rocks and gravel. We did not see any rubbish in the river. Khan-Lee McAllister and Clayton Laneyrie

**Turbidity** We scooped water into a bottle and then tipped the water into a clear tube. By reading the scale on the tube, we found the water was in fair condition, as it was murky. Lionel Peckham

**Vegetation** We discovered that the riverbank has both native and introduced plants. At present the vegetation is in good condition. There are young and mature trees, as well as good grass cover. Millie Boland

**Salinity** We found out that the level of salt in the water was fair. It is suitable for animal consumption and for irrigation Cassidy Gillespie
pH We tested this by putting an indicator strip into a sample of water and watched the strip change colours. Our indicator strip scored a pH of 7 which is ideal for freshwater organisms. Rebecca Willoughby

Water bugs We caught water bugs in a large net and then had to identify them. We caught freshwater shrimp, water boatmen, backswimmers and some smaller creatures. The variety and number of water bugs will change as the water quality changes. Marama Edwards, Tamika Lowe, Keith Croxon, Nick Radburn

Some students described the investigations as a great experience and felt they have learnt from them.
Mrs Kent
Environmental Education Coordinator

GRIP Leadership
What I enjoyed about the GRIP Leadership conference was meeting new people, learning some new ways to become a better leader and having fun while doing all this. Ella Geyer

I had a great time at the GRIP Leadership conference, my favourite part was about the loud noises session. I learnt that I should lead like a strawberry not like a watermelon and that I should be a schoolyard super hero and I learnt other things as well. Elissa Simmons

At GRIP leadership we learnt how to be a leader. We learnt to be a school yard super hero. We also did leadership Everest which is succeeding in student leadership. Claudia Bender

To be a super hero lead like a strawberry leader not a watermelon and learning my 5 Ps. Tom Gill

National Walk Safely to School day (WSTSD)
The annual National Walk Safely to School day (WSTSD), when all primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school will be held throughout Australia on Friday 23 May. There is a fabulous interactive free App (WSTSD) which parents and students can download at walk.com.au. If you drive to school take the challenge and park a little further away from the school so you can walk in. Join us this Friday for Walk to School Safely Day. Take the challenge, active kids are healthy kids!
Kylie Davis
Classroom Teacher
NRMA Road Safety Day
Next Tuesday 27 May the children from Narromine Public School will be participating in the NRMA Road Safety Day. Students will receive free booklets and drink bottles as a memento of the day. The students will be participating in a variety of workshops in the multipurpose hall to consolidate and reconfirm the importance of road safety in our community.

**Lacy Sampson**
Classroom Teacher

**Dance Eisteddfod**
This year NPS will be entering four dances in the Dubbo City Eisteddfod.
Year 1/2 – Mrs Turnbull  
Year 3/4 – Mrs Price  
Year 5 – Mrs Price  
Year 6 – Mrs Thakur (Mrs Geyer)
The school dance day is Tuesday 10th June.
The first session of the day begins at 10:00 am at the Dubbo Regional Theatre.
The sessions are as follows –
11:00 am – Senior Primary (Year 5)
12:00 pm – Traditional Dance (Year 6), Infants (Year 1/2), Junior Primary (Year 3/4)

Entries to the sessions cost - $5 for adults, $3 for pensioners and seniors  
No photography or filming is allowed in the auditorium.
Bus notes will go home this week and costume/hair/makeup notes will follow

**V Price**
Dance Coordinator

**PBL**
Congratulations to all the students who have been showing RHR at school in the classroom and on the playground. Our whole school reward will be this Thursday after lunch when all students who have no stars entries for the week will have an extra 10 minutes play. Teachers will be bringing out extra equipment for the students to use.
Well done on showing RHR behaviour.
To be eligible for reward activities students need 160 points to reach Blue level and 132 points for Red level this term. Kindergarten students do not earn points.

**R Smith**
Classroom Teacher

**Advanced Photographers – Orders close 3 June**
Our group photos of library monitors, SRC, prefects and technology team are available to view at the admin office. If you would like to order a copy please come in and complete an order form with payment ($18 per photo) OR order online (photos are $14 each). Details of the order code are available at the office.

**Wambangalang**
On Monday last week we hopped onto the bus to go to Dubbo for a camp called Wambangalang. I have been camping before but you can never beat Wambangalang. I enjoyed it because there were heaps of things to do and was never boring.
When we got to Wambangalang we had lunch and we did the low ropes course, high ropes course, magic spot and heaps more.
The very last day we packed up and loaded the bus to go home. Before we went home we went to the store and I got a ruler, pen and key ring.
The best thing I did or had was the cold shower, but I really like the low and high ropes courses because they were very hard.

**Shanay Coupe**  
4W
Day One
Once we were at school we put our luggage where we line up for country bus. When the bell went we got on the bus. On the bus we played games like eye spy. When we arrived we put our luggage next to our beds then we had morning tea. We went to the classroom to do some work and learn the rules. After that we put on our helmets and did the obstacle course with our partners. We went on the climbing wall, swinging tyres, flying fox and rope courses. After lunch we played magic spot and then had some free time. We could play chess, volleyball and other games. Later we had a freezing cold shower and then had a delicious dinner and an ice cream cone. After dinner we watched Around the Twist and had hot chocolate before we brushed our teeth and went to bed. Some people could not sleep because people were loud.

Day Two
We got up early and we went for a jog. Once we got back we had breakfast. After breakfast we went to play tight rope. We had to work as a team and my group got the most points. After that we played a ball rolling bucket game. We played magic carpet and it was fun. We then played a hard game called nuclear waste. After morning tea we had some free time. We went back to the classroom to do some work after lunch. We had showers and dinner and then did some writing. We sang songs and listened to stories and poems around a bon fire. Later we watched Madagascar and had chocolate before we cleaned our teeth and went to bed for a good night’s rest.

Day Three
When we got up in the morning we packed up our stuff and had breakfast. After we had breakfast we did orienteering and then went over a kilometer on the push bikes and then played magic spot game. We did archery before lunch and it was hard. After lunch we did shopping before we got on the bus to come back to school. I had a great time and I hope the parents and kids did too.

Hunter Shepherd
4W

Sport

Rugby League
On Tuesday, the Narromine Public School rugby league team went to Apex oval in Dubbo to play for Peach shield. The first game we versed St. Johns Trangie and won 7-0. The next game we played was Cudgegong Valley Public school from Mudgee and won 3-2. Our next game was St. Pius School and won 7-4. We were now in the semifinals. An hour later we went to field 3 and versed St Lawrence and tied 4-4. We needed extra time to determine who would make it to the grand final. We scored twice except the ref didn’t count them. Soon St Lawrence scored a try and had made it to the grand final. All up we played really well and showed great sportsmanship.

Jack Davison, Khan-Lee McAllister, Victor Kennedy
NSWPSSA STATE TENNIS – NEWCASTLE

Last week I attended the PSSA State tennis in Newcastle. I represented the Western team. We competed against other areas from NSW. There were 13 teams made up of 5 boys and 5 girls. We arrived at the tennis courts on Monday at 4.00pm to practise with the Western team. Each day we arrived at the tennis courts at 7.30am to warm up. We played games against the different teams which started at 8.00am. We played 2 sets of singles and 2 sets of doubles each day and finished our games at about 2.00pm.

There was very strong competition from all the teams. The Western team learnt how to deal with losing games which then made the winning experience far more enjoyable. The tennis players had to keep score as no teachers/parents were allowed on the tennis courts. I won 5 games in total for the week. Many of the games went to deuce and all the team played well.

I enjoyed my experience of playing tennis at State level, improved my tennis skills and made new friends.

The other fun activities we did after tennis were shopping, jumping on the trampolines at “Spring Loaded” and enjoyed the group dinner with the Western team. Our team manager, Mrs Hicks congratulated us all on the way we played tennis and our good sportsmanship. Each team member received a state tennis carnival participation certificate and the new design Western cap.

For those students who enjoy playing tennis and wish to try out, the first games are played at Tottenham where the NARRAF team is worked out. The NARRAF team then competes at Bathurst to work out who will represent the Western team to play at state tennis. I thoroughly recommend playing this enjoyable game as it is a skill I will have for life.

Written by Annabelle Campbell

School Cross Country Fun Run

When: Friday 23 May
Where: Rotary Park
Time: 11:30am – 1:00pm
Who: All students from Kinder through to Year 6
What: Annual School Cross Country to raise money for resources for our school.
What do I need to do: Return all Adidas school fun run sponsorship forms along with the money raised to the office before Thursday 22 May.

Students who qualify for the next level will travel to Tullamore on Friday 30 May to participate in the Gobondery/NARRAF Carnival

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Community / P&C

P&C News
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 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)
- Skort $5 (sz 14, 16)
- Sports polos $10 (adult XS and adult S)
- PSSA representative socks $5

Second Hand Uniforms
We are looking for donations of quality second hand uniforms to be able to hold another second hand stall. If you would like to donate some you can leave them at the canteen. If you would like to see what is available in between stalls, you can see Claire in the canteen. Uniforms are sold for a gold coin donation and 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 each term and any unclaimed and unnamed items will be kept for future second hand stalls or donated to Vinnies.

Tastebuds Roster

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Wednesday/Thursday Special
Spaghetti Bolognaise with grated cheese
$3.50

Claire Mears
Canteen Supervisor (68894566)
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