

Narrandera High School Bulletin

CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE

PO Box 34

Elizabeth Street NARRANDERA NSW 2700

T 6959 1744 F 6959 3297 E narrandera-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Web www.narrandera-h.schools.nsw.edu.au



Issue 5 Week 11 Term 1

Tuesday 8th April 2014



Principal's Report

Even though it seems a long way away, enrolment applications for Year 7 2015 are now available. If you are planning to send your son or daughter to Narrandera High in 2015 enrolment packages are available from the front office at the school. Remember also that general school fees and subject fees are overdue. To enable the school to run efficiently could you please pay

these fees as soon as possible. The front office now has an Eftpos machine to make the payment of all fees and excursion money easier.

Narrandera's Hands on High School evening will be held on Wednesday 21st May at 7.00pm till 8.45pm. This is a great opportunity for Year 6 students and their parents to get an idea what High School is all about. After a brief talk about Narrandera High School, and high school in general, students and their parents do a series of lessons as they walk around the school. At the conclusion of the night there is a supper in the Library, with a further opportunity to talk to staff.

The Year 9/10 camp organised by Mr Faulkner was a great success, if judged by the student's reaction to the 3 day camp. Again the school has received positive feedback from people the students interacted with regarding their excellent behaviour and conduct. All staff who went on the trip said that they had a great time and would be happy to go again.

Congratulations to Dakota Minnick of Year 9 who has received a call back as a featured artist in this year's School Spectacular. Also congratulations to Prue Walsh for her selection in the NSW CHS Open Girls Basketball. This is a great achievement for Prue, who is only 15 years of age, to be selected in a team with girls 2-3 years older than her.

The last P&C meeting for the term is on Tuesday 8th April at 7.30pm in the school's Library.

The first day next term for all students is Tuesday the 29th of April which is a Week A on the timetable.

Regards
Gary Hunt

Calendar

April

Tuesday 8th

- P & C Meeting
- Stage 6 CC Yearly Exams

Wednesday 9th

- Music Excursion – James Morrison @ Leeton
- Rugby League Trials @ Wagga

Thursday 11th

- School Athletics Carnival
- Last Day Term 1

Monday 28th

- Staff Development Day

Tuesday 29th

- Students return to school.

Wednesday 30th

- Immunisations – all Year 7 & Yr 9 Boys

May

Monday 5th

- Year 9 & 10 Half Yearly Exams

Easter is the only time of the year when it's perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket.

~Kurt Avish



Congratulations Prue!!

Prue Walsh has been selected as one of ten players for the NSW Combined High Schools Open State Basketball Team after competing for the Riverina in the State Carnival in Wollongong recently.

Also Congratulations to Jamaine Morgan who competed for Riverina at the CHS State Basketball Carnival last week.
An excellent effort by both players!!

ENGLISH

This term, Year 8 have been looking at various forms and techniques of poetry. Some of these include Haiku, Cinquain and Tanka poems. These three types of poems have a very definite structure or syllable count. Looking at these poems helps students to become more precise in the vocabulary they use. A selection of student responses follows.

Haiku

a three line poem of 17 syllables , (split 5 – 7 – 5 syllables)

Music filled my ears
It drowned out the world's worries
I felt so alive
Anna Craze

The wind blows swiftly
Across the great savannah
We're in for a storm
Murray Evans

The couple kissed
Underneath the moonlight while
The moon hovered
Ivy Longmire

Cinquain

A poem of 5 lines, either the traditional form (5 lines with 22 syllables) or the modern form (5 lines with 11 words)

Leaves
Broken, weathered
Falling, crackling, dying
A new season comes
Winter
Sophie Madden

Tractor,
Powerful, useful
Pulling, pushing, ploughing
I am very impressed
Case
William Roffe

Tanka

5 line poem of 31 syllables, in the following pattern: 5 – 7 – 5 – 7 – 7 syllables

I lie here so still
Motionless, oblivious
To the world around
My body, my mind, my soul
I am one with the earth
Taylah Trengrove

Land Escape

This term, Year 9 Art students have been examining the landscape as a genre in Art. This topic has been a persistent theme throughout the history of mankind. It is evident in the art of Indigenous Australians, the Egyptians and other cultures thereafter. Our students have explored a wide range of cultures and artistic styles, looking at how artists use the theme of the landscape to express their ideas and emotions. One focus artist was Jeannie Baker. Based on her work the class designed and produced a collage of a person looking out through a window at the scene beyond. Examples of their work have been included. Currently the class is producing a mini major on the topic of the landscape. The students now have an opportunity to use their knowledge to select and manipulate media in their own way.



Stage 5 Exams (Years 9 & 10)

Stage 5 Half Yearly exams start on Monday 5th May.

Please remember that students are expected to be at school for these examinations. If a child is absent for any examination the school MUST be notified with 24 hours of the examination or a zero mark will be recorded. This will obviously have a serious impact on a student's results and progress.

TANGERANG 2014

In 2012, Narrandera High School was invited to host a group of Indonesian students visiting Australia as part of a sister school program established between South Grafton High School and Al-Azhar BSD, Tangerang, Jakarta. The group of Indonesian students wanted to experience rural Australia and a very successful exchange of language and culture between our countries was experienced by all involved in the visit.



*Tangerang Sman 1 School Visit
23 June to 27 June 2014*

Due to the success of the program, we have been invited once again to host another group coming to Australia in June this year. It is a wonderful opportunity not only for the visiting students, but also for the students of Narrandera High School. It enables students learning Bahasa Indonesia to practise their language skills with native speakers. It also provides an opportunity for all students at Narrandera High School to learn more about Indonesian culture which is so different from our own.

The Indonesian students will be arriving after school on Monday, June 23, and departing on the Friday morning, June 27. They are aged from 15 to 17 years and speak English quite well. We would like to billet all students with families of the school community so they can experience our rural life-style.

If you would be interested in hosting a student/students could you please complete the Expression of Interest form at the end of the newsletter and return to me this week or at the start of term 2.

If you would like some more information to help you decide about becoming a host family, please contact me at school on 69591744. The families who hosted the previous group found it a very worthwhile experience.

Further details of their visit will be included in the first newsletter of Term 2.
Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Regards,
Sue Pumpa (teacher of LOTE)

Junior English

Students in Junior English classes have been getting into the Accelerated Reader program, spending regular lessons in the library doing self-directed reading and comprehension learning tasks. Accelerated Reader enables students to find books that suit their interest and ability levels, as well as track their progress as they accumulate points towards reading goals. Students in Year 7 and 8, as well as 9E1, have been working hard to improve their literacy, and many have discovered how relaxing and enjoyable it can be to sit down with a good book. Keep up the good work.



Book Review

Jess Rowland – Yr 12

PLEASE COME TO THE LIBRARY AND BORROW A BOOK....

WE ARE OPEN AT.....

RECESS AND SECOND HALF OF LUNCH.....

TIGERS on the BEACH – by DOUG MacLEOD

A young 13 year old loses his grandfather but it leads to finding a girlfriend. He goes through life problems that seem to end his world – including his annoying little brother!

I really liked the he Humour in this book, and also how all the small problems seem to be about to destroy his life.

Other readers should like the humour too, in *Tigers on the Beach*, and all the little jokes throughout the book.

Genre:

Historical **Romance** Action Adventure Fantasy Science
Fiction War Animal Reality

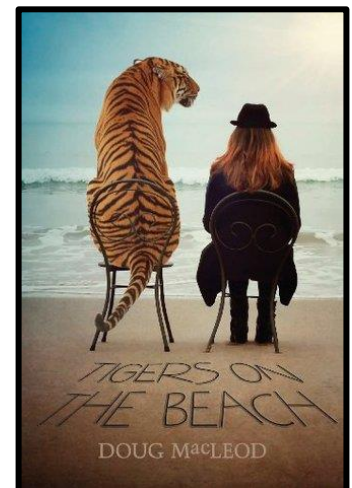
Suitable for:

MALES FEMALES **BOTH**

Yrs 7 -8 **Yrs 9-10** Yrs 10-12 Adults ALL AGES

Recommendation:

Highly recommended **Good read** Interesting Could have been better Not good



"It's funny. It's also kind of sad. And some of the bits that are sad are also kind of funny (but only if you laugh at that sort of thing)."

Future Moves CSU Wagga Wagga would like to welcome Narrandera High School to the Future Moves Program. We will be delivering workshops in school and activities on university campuses designed to encourage students to see university as part of their future and as a way for them to realise their dreams.

Future Moves is about shifting views towards higher education. Ideas change through experience and greater understanding. Future Move's goal is to work with schools to increase the connection and accessibility of university and other higher education opportunities.

Students' ideas about themselves are shaped through early experiences and by the time they reach high school many have formed strong ideas about where they may want to be in the world of work. Future Moves is designed to provide students with experiences and knowledge about the range of opportunities available to them through higher education.

The program will help address uncertainties and concerns around University, such as; *is it too expensive, too hard to get in, too far away, how do I work out what I want to do?* The ultimate aim being, to increase student aspirations and support their goals by explaining what higher education is and addressing ways to overcome difficulties and challenges they may face.

This is a federally funded initiative, run through Charles Sturt University and aligned with the Australian Blue Print for Career Development.

Future Moves will be running workshops for Years 7 – 12 during Terms 2 and 3 at Narrandera High School. If you would like to find out more information regarding this program, please contact Mr Ireland (Careers Adviser) at Narrandera High School on 6959 1744.

Explanation of Absences

Due to the implementation of the new LMBR system, Absentee Notices are unable to be printed accurately. Every effort is being made to send these out. We ask that you be patient and understanding of the difficulties we are experiencing. Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school. These explanations can be:

- Verbal – including a phone call or a conversation in person with the parent.
- Written – a letter from the parent or a doctor's certificate explaining the absence. (The school provides absentee booklets that just need to be filled in – these are available at the front office).
- Electronic – an email explaining an absence is also acceptable. narrandera-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
- Advance notice of absences would be appreciated by any of the above options.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Attendance at school is COMPULSORY!!

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS 2014

Your assistance is invaluable

The General School Contribution is exempt for the third child in the family.

Please Note: Distance Education Courses have an additional fee. Details from Mr Chappell. Families requiring assistance, please contact Mrs Dwyer or Mr Hunt

	7	8	9	10	11	12
General School Contribution	50	50	50	50	55	55
Subject Material Contribution						
					Stage 6	
Agricultural Technology			50	50	50	
Art	15	15	50	50	100	
Information and Software Technology			15	15	40	
Design & Technology					75	
Drama			10	10		
Food Technology			60	60	135	
Music			20	20	20	
Instrument Hire			50	50	100	
Textiles Technology			25	25	50	
Industrial Technology- Timber			50	50		
Industrial Technology- Metal			50	50		
Technology (Mandatory)	30	30				
Hospitality (3 Terms)					200	
Construction					200	

The Combined Churches of Narrandera proudly present

Performances?

April 2014

11am Matinee:

Tuesday 8th
Wednesday 9th
Thursday 10th
Friday 11th

7pm Evening:

Thursday 10th
Friday 11th
Saturday 12th
Sunday 13th

Grunt

2014

AN EASTER MUSICAL
BY
WAL SPENCER & JOE ROMEO



Where?

The Plaza Theatre
35 Bolton St, Narrandera
(C.R.C. Church)

Tickets?

Bookings welcome from 1st March 2014

Phone: Lyn 02 6959 1439

Email: grunt@theromeos.com.au

songwriting workshop 2: Lyric writing with Justine Martin



Thursday 17 April 2014

Registration 9.30am
Workshop 10.00 am—3.00 pm CRC Hall, Bolton Street Narrandera
\$30 per person \$20 student / NACNet members

For bookings contact Fiona ph. 0409 391 501
or email nacenet@hotmail.com

Originally from Narrandera, Justine Martin moved to Sydney in 2002 and has been studying music, gigging, recording music and teaching piano, singing and songwriting there. She has played her original music at many well-known venues around Sydney such as The Basement, Lezlies and The Old Manly Boatshed. She is looking forward to helping budding young musicians and people interested in writing music of all ages through this workshop learn how to write their very own songs.

Home Cooking

- Cakes
- Biscuits
- Slices
- Muffins

Greeting Cards

- Easter Cards
- Mothers Day Cards
- Birthday Cards
- Blank Cards

Molly Darrington

Athletics Tour of Canada Fundraiser

Street Stall / Bake Sale

Tuesday 15th April

9am – 2.30pm

Kiesling Lane (East Street) Narrandera

For more information or to pre-order please call 0427 591 640

Raffle will be drawn at
2pm.

Craft Items & Easter
Gifts

If you are at work and
can't make it down the
street you can
pre-order and we can
deliver it direct to you.

BE SAFE 4 YOUTH WEEK – 2014

POSTER AND COLOURING-IN COMPETITION

Students have opportunity to get creative and win great prizes for Youth Week

Design a Poster on Skate-Park Safety

1st Prize: 16GB Apple iPod Touch

2nd Prize: \$100 Gift Voucher to Eurells

3rd Prize: \$50 Gift Voucher to Eurells

Decorate the Scooter Safety Colouring-in Sheet

1st Prize: \$50 iTunes voucher

2nd Prize: \$30 iTunes voucher

3rd Prize: \$20 iTunes voucher

Competition Closes: Sunday 13 April 2014, 11am

**Entries judged at Narrandera's Youth Week
Skate Day Sunday 13 April 2014**

**Entries can be submitted at:
Narrandera Shire Council Office,
Narrandera Library or bring along to Skate Day**

Entry forms at www.narrandera.nsw.gov.au

**For further information or entry form contact
Jo Wilson-Ridley on 6959 5589**



An initiative of Narrandera Shire Local Government Road Safety Program

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - TANGERANG VISIT - June 2014

I am interested in billeting _____ student/s.

Our family preference is : Male Female No preference (please circle one choice)

Name of your child/children attending Narrandera High School

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian)