



Meetings 16th September in Library

6.00pm Canteen Committee

6.30pm P & C Meeting

Principal's Report

GREAT AMBASSADORS

There are lots of good things taking place at Narrabri High School. We appreciate feedback, both positive and constructive. I received a letter from a parent who commended two of our staff for their support of our students and their contribution to them in the Narrabri community. An excerpt from the email is shown below:

"The behaviour of all the students, both on and off the field, was exemplary. Each group went and watched and cheered the other when they weren't playing themselves. There were many players new to the sport that were all encouraged, nurtured and introduced to the game today that had an absolute ball and are super keen for more. The way the students gravitate to, and absorb everything that these two teachers tell them speaks volumes for their character."

I have personally thanked the two staff members and raised this at a recent meeting. It is this commitment and partnership that enables our students to flourish.

On a similar note I received many compliments about our students who represented us with pride at the da Vinci Decathlon, in Armidale, for gifted and talented students. It is quite daunting to take part in a competition against the best students in Years 7-10 from both public and private schools, but as always our students made a huge effort and were rewarded with a number of achievements in addition to having a great day.

STAFF

Currently there is another advertisement on "I work for NSW" looking for keen Agriculture teachers to apply. The Department of Education is offering a \$10,000 sign on bonus, in addition to a rental subsidy. We all hope that we will get a suitably qualified and highly motivated person to fill this position. Staffing appointed Miss Cynthia McDonald to the Science faculty from the start of September. Mrs Trudi Ford was successful in her application to become the next permanent teacher of the MC (Multi Categorical-Special Education) class. She will commence in her new

Calendar

September

- 20-26 Year 11 Yearly Exams
- 27 Year 12 Farewell Assembly
- 27 Last day of Term 3

October

- 14 Start of Term 4 for Staff & Students
- 17 HSC Starts

November

- 12 HSC Finishes
- 15 Year 12 Formal

December

- 2-6 Year 10 Work Experience
- 10 Special Assembly
- 11 Presentation Night
- 12 Gold Day 1
- 13 Gold Day 2
- 18 Last Day of Term 4 for Students
- 19-20 Staff Development Days

role next year, and will be busy as Year 7 adviser as well. Mr Barry Hyland has done a great job with the MC class this year and we are looking to providing him with a role at Narrabri High School next year.

THE HSC

By the time you read this newsletter it will be only two weeks until our Year 12 students finish their compulsory schooling. The HSC examinations will take place at the end of the first week of "normal" school next term. Students are encouraged to work closely with their teachers, during the holidays and in between examinations to enable them to achieve the best mark possible.

PREFECTS

The following students have been selected as Prefects for the end of this year and 2020: Sara Charles, Meagan Dampney, Alyssa Ford, Caitlyn Ford, Breeana

Smith, Jesse Strong, Andrew Coleman and Alex Loder. All of these students delivered excellent speeches on the topic of leadership to years 9 to 11, with the current prefects and some staff in attendance. They are a strong group of students who are worthy leaders of Narrabri High School. One girl and one boy will be named as Captains, with the Vice Captains being the next two students with the highest votes. There are two people in the school who know the names - Mr Magner (Year Adviser) and I did the counting! All will be revealed at the Year 12 Farewell Assembly on Friday 27 September.

CLONTARF

Mr Keith Harvey has taken over as the Director of the Clontarf group, with Mr Chris Binge continuing in his role as Clontarf officer. The group is working well to support the educational needs of Aboriginal boys, but other students can be involved in many Clontarf activities. Keith is very strong on discipline and respect. Whilst sport, particularly Rugby League is an important activity which they foster, the focus is mainly on literacy, numeracy and enabling students to have credentials and a plan to transition them into a vocation.

Summer Uniform

We want to remind you of the school's full summer uniform, which we encourage students to be wearing. Please remember appropriate black leather/suede shoes are compulsory. **NO** leggings, short shorts, footy shorts or t-shirts are to be worn. If your child is out of uniform, please provide a note of explanation. Financial support is available for purchasing the uniform. Please contact the school on 6792 1633 with any questions.

Junior Girls Summer Uniform

- School Dress - white collar and cuffs
- Tailored navy skirt or shorts
- Navy polo with school emblem

Junior Boys Summer Uniform

- Grey shorts (SCAGS or 720's)
- Navy polo with school emblem

Senior Girls Summer Uniform

- Tailored navy skirt or shorts
- Senior polo shirt with school emblem
- Midford - sky blue shirt- collared and button up

Senior Boys Summer Uniform

- Navy Shorts
- Senior polo shirt with school emblem
- Midford - sky blue shirt-collared and button up

Girls and Boys Summer Sports Uniform

- Black or Blue shorts
- Light blue polo shirt with school emblem

Regional Music Camp



Five students from Narrabri High School recently attended the Regional Instrumental and Vocal Camp held at Lake Keepit. Amelia Beer of Year 10, Lauren Brown and Ben Wheeler of Year 9 attended the vocal aspect of the camp while Ian Berney and Andrea Brown of Year 7

attended the instrumental. The vocal students were led by Peter McVie from Sydney and spent the week developing their skills in ensemble and solo singing. This year they explored a range of vocal repertoire from traditional gospel to modern hip hop. The instrumental students were led by Di Hall and David Lockeridge. They spent the week as a large combined concert band preparing pieces of music composed for concert band. They would break into instrument sectional workshops to develop their skills on their instrument as well as improve their abilities and ensemble playing. On the last day both groups performed all the repertoire they prepared throughout the week for parents and friends. All the students who attended had a great time making music and mixing with other students from around the region.



Rugby 7's

Recently the Narrabri High School Rugby 7's teams travelled to Armidale to compete in the North West Gala Day held at UNE. Narrabri had three teams travel over to play, two in the U15 girls' team and one in the U15 boys' team. There were 50 teams in total that attended the day from schools across the North West.

The U15 boys' team had two pools with Narrabri being in pool A. The boys had three round games where they unfortunately went down and then a semi-final against Warialda to play off for 9th and 10th. They came out firing showing a lot of improvement and working out that you need to play 7 a side a little different to 15 a side rugby. The boys ended up finishing with a convincing win and taking out 9th place.

The team consisted of Ashton Smith, Bernard O'Connor, Brock Mallows, Zack Mallows, Sid Harvey, Jaylan Sharpley, Jarmarl Zarka, Kaleb Teer, Jack Smith, Gus Smith, Josh Briggs, Daniel McMillan and Colby Davies with Mr Pursche as coach.

The U15 girls had a large competition with three pools and 12 teams in total, the yellow team in pool B and blue team in pool C. There were a lot of girls who had never played before and this was their first introduction to rugby. Both teams played well, improving and learning more about the game throughout the day. Team yellow finished the day with 2 wins out of 3 games and team blue finished with 1 win out of 3 games.

Team yellow consisted of Martha Harvey, Krista Zarka, Tashanny Clark, Meika Foley, Amelie Johnson, Makenzie Van Gosliga, Laine McCauley and Holly Ford. Team blue was Jordan Kay, Zara Foley, Rachel Charles, Miranda Hamilton, Piper Williams, Mia Stewart, Lucinda Coffey and Jacqueline Collett with Miss Robinson as coach.

The coaches and girls' teams would like to thank Mr Coffey for his help with training the girls and travelling over to help on the day. Congratulations goes to all students on their excellent behaviour and sportsmanship throughout the day!



da Vinci Decathlon



This year 31 students from Narrabri High School travelled to compete in the da Vinci Decathlon hosted by The Armidale School (TAS).

The da Vinci Decathlon is an academic competition designed to challenge students by testing their knowledge and teamwork skills through a variety of challenges across 10 different subject areas, including engineering, mathematics, code breaking, art and poetry, science, English, ideation (a bit like philosophy), creative producers (drama), cartography and general knowledge. Students compete in teams of 8 against a range of public, private and independent schools from across the New England and North West, and north coastal regions.

This year, students from years 7 and 8 were accompanied to Armidale by Mr Rod Ritchie and Miss Rebecca Anderson on Tuesday 27 August to be ready for their event on Wednesday 28 August. Years 9 and 10 students were accompanied by Mrs Suzanne McGregor and Mr Jesse Druzinec on Thursday 29 August for their event on Friday 30 August.



The students are equipped with the necessary resources, plus a blazer and tie and are farewelled by the teachers at the beginning of the day. Aside from delivering morning tea and a brief chat at lunch, the

students are on their own for the day. Teachers spend the day at first catching up on some work and then, as the tasks come in, marking the students' efforts.

Students must organise themselves as a unit. Challenges are often given in groups so the students must designate who works on what. The timelines are short and the challenges are certainly just that. Very challenging. Because the competition is so fierce and the challenges so substantial, simply competing is usually enough. Any place in any challenge is a significant achievement.

Our Year 7 team was awarded first place in Art and Poetry, second place in Cartography and General Knowledge and third place in Creative Producers and Code Breaking. Year 8 achieved a third place in Code Breaking and Year 10 placed third in General Knowledge. Given this is up against schools with a \$40,000+ price tag and that a number of teams did not achieve a place in any discipline, this is a considerable achievement. This was such a credit to the students, their teamwork, creativity and knowledge. All four teams are to be commended for the outstanding application and teamwork they demonstrated on the day.

The students, who should be very proud of their efforts were:

Year 7

Ian Berney, Andrea Brown, William Faris, Maeve Harris, Jacqui Iramu, Lucas O'Regan, Daniel Smith, Mietta Smith, Kate Weekes

Year 8

Eliza Dampney, Matthew Evans, Meckenzie Gordon, Alexander Mison, Will Ryan, Pippa Smith, Jesse Weekes

Year 9

Erin Flower, Jamie Gale, May Krishna, Riley Longworth, Addison Russell, Poppy Smith, Sarah Stiller

Year 10

Jordan Baxter, Jessica Berney, Rachel Charles, Elsie Ford, Seamus Hunt, Laura McFarland, Cliff Peterson, Karl Schlack Whitehouse



Nosh



Year 11 was invited to be part of the Nosh event held on Saturday 31 August. It was a great opportunity to not only see the huge range of exhibitors and taste a variety of foods, but also experience the components of how much work goes into staging hospitality events.

While class members were visible to the public, they worked 'behind the scenes' in ensuring the area was clear of rubbish. This involved regular checks of bins and then emptying them into skip bins. Hot, dusty and dirty work – but necessary for the smooth operation of an awesome event.



Art Express

Year 10 and 11 art students went on an excursion to Tamworth Regional Art Gallery looking at Art Express which showcased Year 12 high achieving artworks.



RDA Volunteers

Every year the school is contacted by the Narrabri branch of the Riding for the Disabled Association requesting students willing to participate as volunteers in its annual riding program. RDA relies on volunteers to provide equine assisted activities for people with disabilities to develop and enhance abilities. This year Narrabri High School has nine volunteers who assist every second Monday over Terms 3 and 4 in the program: Josh Penny, Mack Davies, Carly Farr, Montana Williams, Fletcher Williams, Jordan Calsena, Lachlan Penny, Jaxon Davies and Klowie Rose.



Girl's League Tag

Wednesday 4 September the combined year 7 and 8 under 14's girls' league tag team travelled to Bingara for a regional gala day. The team consisted of: Jacqueline Collett, Mya Dansey, Meika Foley, Amielia McCauley, Laine McCauley, Krista Zarka, Remea Bennett, Tashanny Clark, Maddison Condon, Meckenzie Gordon, Cilla Hamblin, Amelie Johnson, Jordan Kay, Layne Parker, Denae Seymour, Pippa Smith, Abbey Williams and Piper Williams. Their success at the previous gala day in Narrabri some weeks ago had the girls full of confidence. There was chatter early in the day of where they might go next if they were to win again. The teams would prove to be much harder on the day especially with some of the Narrabri High School key players being away at state athletics in Sydney. None the less the girls did fantastic work and as always showed steady improvement throughout the day. Although everyone did their best and played well there is a special mention to our great forward runners Layne Parker, Maddison Condon and Amelie Johnson; our unyielding defenders Cilla Hamblin, Meika Foley and Mya Dansey; and our outstanding kicker and catcher Tashanny Clark. Out of our 3 games they only got the 1 win against Guyra Central School, a close loss with Glenn Innes High School after a controversial referee call and a not so close loss to McCarthy Catholic College. The girls had a great day and were positive representatives of Narrabri High School with their behaviour and performance. They could not have been happier singing and dancing the entire bus trip home.



RYDA

Year 11 recently attended RYDA (Road Safety Youth Driver Awareness Program), which is run by the Narrabri Rotary Club and Narrabri Police.

The RYDA program offers six practical and powerful workshops that aim to change the way young people think about road safety. In a one day interactive event students experience confronting videos, experience braking demonstrations and receive advice from road safety experts on how to protect themselves, their friends and their families.

The overwhelming response from staff and students was that it was a great day and they got a great deal out of it.

14 Years Girls Softball

Narrabri High will be sending a team to the 14yrs Girls Softball Gala Day. It will be held in Tamworth on Wednesday 23 October.

Any girl who would like to try out for the team is to put their name on the sign on sheet outside the Science Prep room. Just remember you must be still 14 as at 31 December this year, in order to play. There will be a meeting in Room 26 at the start of lunch on Monday 23 September. If unable to attend see Ms Neil in Science.

Year 9 Ski Trip

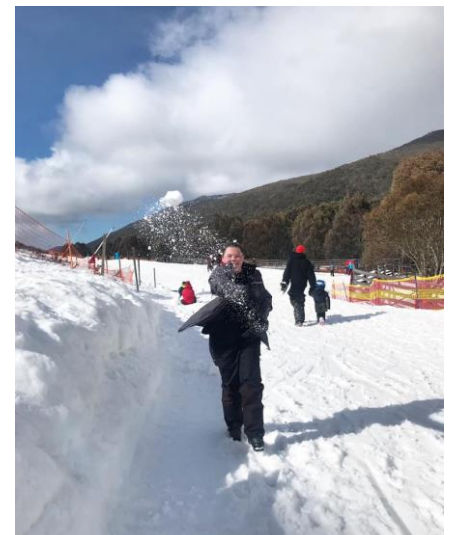


On Monday 19 August, before the crack of dawn a group of Year 9 students started our long and exciting journey to Jindabyne. After a 13 hour drive full of sleeping, music, movies and games we arrived at our destination. After dinner many of us went to hang out in the common room where we played an 'extreme' game of table tennis and a few different card games. A few hours later the teachers sent us to bed in the hope we would all fall asleep fast and have an early night; however, this did not exactly happen due to the excitement of what was to come the following morning. We were awoken at 6am the next morning leaving us all tired but there was a new kind of buzz in the air. After breakfast, we travelled to Thredbo, where most of us saw snow for the first time. We all got our snow gear on and went to our first skiing and snowboarding lesson where we were taught the basics. The next hours after our lessons were spent drinking hot chocolates, building snowmen, having intense snowball fights and practising skiing and snowboarding. Most of us got to go on the ski lifts for the first time, where we went on the bigger slopes ending in a lot of slips and falls. The first day at the snow was very exhausting, although left us wanting to go back immediately. The following snow days were even better than the first as we were getting the hang of skiing and snowboarding. The last day at the snow went by much quicker. Some of the students were able to get the ski lift up to one of the highest points of the mountain. The snow was one of the best experiences and none of us wanted to leave.



This trip was a trip of a lifetime with laughs, memories and growing friendships. We are so grateful to Narrabri High School and our teachers for taking the time to allow us to have the opportunity.

By Year 9 Students.



Year 12 Major Works Industrial Technology

The Year 12 Industrial Technology (Timber and Metal) classes have had a huge year of dedication and craftsmanship, resulting in the students producing some excellent projects for their HSC Major Project.



The students recently displayed their major work for marking and opened up to the public for viewing. The marked results for their individual projects will contribute to their final HSC Industrial Technology mark.



NSW CHS Athletics Championships

Thirteen NHS students represented North West SSA last week at the NSWCHS Athletics Championships in Sydney. All students were fantastic ambassadors for the school and the majority ran, jumped or threw personal bests.

Some notable finals performances were:

- Will Alexander - 5th in 17+years Boys Javelin
- Dylan Williams - 4th in 16years Boys Triple Jump (only a couple of cms from a Bronze medal) and a new PB of 6.26m AND 8th in 16years Boys Triple Jump
- Martha Harvey - 8th in 15years Girls Long Jump with a huge new PB of 4.87m

Some of the students, parents and supporters enjoyed the Souths vs Roosters match at ANZ Stadium. The group would like to thank Peter Stevens from CRL Development, Mark O'Meley from NRL Development and Montana Middleton from Souths Fan Development for providing the tickets.

Successful students now have the opportunity to compete at the NSW All Schools Championships at Sydney in mid-October.



A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.



Charity Fundraiser for Our Farmers

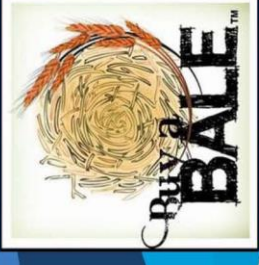
Year 10 Careers Engagement Class

The drought in this area has had a major impact within our community, business community and the wellbeing of our families. As part of the Year 10 Careers Engagement Program a group of students have decided to give back to our community. The group of students have decided to hold a fundraiser in support of Buy a Bale charity.

The Year 10 students will be selling cakes, slices and raffing a Men's and Women's hamper basket at the **Narrabri Community Kiosk on Tuesday 17 September**. We are doing this as it is part of our course at Community College. We would love to see the community support our fundraiser, we look forward to seeing you there.

Kind Regards,

George Milsom
Ellie Suckling
Thomas Nolan
Luke Scott
Kyle Suckling



Women's Hamper- Tickets cost \$2 at the Narrabri Community Kiosk on Tuesday 17 September. All items donated by local businesses.



YUMMY!



**SATURDAY
14TH
SEPTEMBER**

Sausage Sizzle & Bake Sale

Come down to Coles Narrabri to help Narrabri High School Drama students to fundraise for the upcoming Drama excursion.

**ENTER OUR RAFFLE
FOR GREAT PRIZES!**

\$2 A TICKET OR

3 FOR \$5



DELICIOUS!



SRC Disco...

A neon florescent fun time

Lets Glow Crazy

A neon and fluoro themed school disco

When: 18th September, 6:30pm – 9pm

Where: At the Betty Berriman Hall

What: Wear bright, neon colours

How: Purchase a ticket for \$5 before the disco. These will be sold at lunch and recess in the quadrangle. With the ticket you get a soft drink and a song included.

To go to the disco you need to have a ticket already purchased

