

# Messages from the Principal

## Happy Holidays

Thank you to everyone for working so hard during Term 3, I hope everyone has a happy and safe school holidays and returns well rested for another busy term.

## Term Dates

The last day of term is this Friday, 22nd September. Term 4 will begin on Monday, 9th October.

## Kindergarten Orientation Days

2018 Kindergarten students have orientation in Term 4. The dates are as follows:

Wednesday, 25th October

Wednesday, 1st November

Wednesday, 8th November

## Summer Uniform

Students are to wear their summer uniform at the start of Term 4. Please see Cath or Jen in the office for any uniforms you might need.

## Crazy Hair/Free Dress Day

Term 3 will end this Friday with a crazy hair day and free dress.

## Focus Area: Phonics

Phonics is one of The Five Big Ideas in Teaching Reading. Phonics refers to an approach to teaching reading that teaches the relationship between the letters of the alphabet and the sound the letter represents. This helps children to read known and unknown words.

With knowledge of phonics, a child can try to read the word by focusing on the specific sound of each letter or combination of letters, they can then put the word back together to decode the word. Rather than memorise all the words in the English language, phonics provides readers with a consistent and efficient approach to reading unfamiliar words. Research consistently supports teaching phonics in the process of learning to read. Teaching phonics in a systematic (carefully ordered) and explicit (clear and concise) manner enables children to develop into successful and competent readers and spellers. The Early Literacy Screener used with all children in Kindergarten to Year 2 is helping teachers determine the skill your child has mastered and whether there are areas they require help with.

Within the Phase Two NSW Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan (Phase 2 Action Plan) teachers have engaged in professional learning that covered the elements of evidence-based phonics instruction. Teachers are using this information to plan and deliver systematic, explicit phonics lessons in their classrooms so children can develop into successful and independent readers.

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## FUSE

Our next FUSE will be in Term 4 on Friday, 18th October.

## Thought for the week

***“Your attitude determines your direction.”***

## School Chaplain Pr Jimmy Watanabe

Hi everyone! Wow, it's already the end of Term 3! Where has time gone?! There were a lot of things that happened during this term. From the chaplaincy department the whole term focused on the theme on “Be Strong and Courageous.” We looked into the stories of courage from both modern days and from the Bible times. I pray that the kids will continue to grow to be strong and courageous to do what's right even in the times when they are in the minority. As we finish off the term the story I shared with the kids this week was about Martin Luther who was the Father of the Reformation Movement. It took great courage for Martin Luther to make a stand against some of the corruption the Christian church was practicing back then. The memory verse for this week was from Romans 8:31 which states, “If God is for us, who can be against us?” The NCS students were encouraged to remember that the Creator God of the universe is always on their side so there's nothing to be afraid of. What great promise we have from the Scriptures! Well, I hope you all have a great school holidays and we'll be looking forward to see all the students back safe and sound! God's richest blessings to you all!

## Community Messages

### Andy Jones Show

Best selling children's author and entertainer, Andy Jones, presents a hilarious, musical show about jokes and humour at the Narromine Town Library on Thursday, 28th September at 2:30. Suitable for children and parents. The cost is \$2. For bookings please call 6889 1088.

### Community Hearing Van (Ear Bus Project)

We are excited to be able to provide you with your first ever Community Hearing Testing Day on Thursday. The first of many more to come. We would like to take this opportunity to invite you for a look on Thursday at whatever time suits you. We have the Deputy Mayor and Media coming first thing. For bookings please call Lauren on 0417528736



# NARROMINE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



## Newsletter

**Term 3 Week 9**

**18th September -22nd September,**

# This Week

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Yr 5/6 Town Library

Friday

Crazy Hair Day/Free Dress  
Last day of Term 3

## Upcoming Events -

October 9th

First day of term 4

October 13th

FUSE

October 17th

Grandparents Day

Oct. 25th, Nov. 1st  
& Nov. 8th

2018 Kindergarten Orientation Days

## Pre-Kindy Mrs Roberts

Hello and welcome to the last week of Term 3!

Our phoneme this week is Ww. We will be painting whistling wind, whales and worms in apples. We will also be creating worm w's, paperplate watermelons and wagon wheel w's. . Our song for the week is Fingers Like to Wiggle Waggle. We will be learning about woodpeckers, wolves and wombats in our nature study time.

Our number for the week will be 15, our shape is the oval and our colour for the week will be yellow. We will practice counting to 15 and writing numbers 1-10. Also, in our Phonemic Awareness we will be learning about syllable blending and making compound words. Library books returned this week will be kept, and there will be no lending of new books this week. Library book lending will resume again at the beginning of Term 4.

As the weather is warming up, please ensure children have a hat for outdoor play.

I hope everyone has a fantastic week and a really enjoyable holiday time. PreKindy will resume Tuesday, 10th October after the holidays.

## K/1 Miss Harris

Hi everyone. Last week of Term 3! How can that be? It has flown by so fast, but I am sure that we are all seeking some much needed rest over the holidays.

We are very sad to hear that Zaiden & Tenilliah will be moving to Dubbo, they will be missed by everyone but wish them well in their new school. This is Mrs Roberts last week with us and we have thoroughly enjoyed having her in our classroom on Mondays & Fridays this term. The students have achieved the goal of filling the classroom bucket full of warm fuzzies and are therefore rewarded with a class party. Well done to them! Also a hot chip party is provided for those students who remembered to return and borrow a new school library book each week. Well done to: Amba, William, Gracie, Jonathan, Tamrah, Zaiden, Dallee, Hope and Toby, who receive this party on Wednesday. Please ensure that all homework

## 1/2 Mrs Carruthers

Welcome to the last week of Term 3! Wow, hasn't it gone fast!

This week in Mathematics we will be revising some of the topics covered this term, focussing on addition and subtraction, data, mass and whole number facts.

During our phonics lessons we will be revising the phonemes a and oo, and the different graphemes that represent those phonemes. It has been a pleasure to teach the students in 1/2 this term and I look forward to seeing you all again in Term 4.

Miss Carruthers

## 3/4 Miss Hall

Good afternoon families welcome to the last week of the term, yes that is right the last week of the term. We have had a fantastic term with lots of exciting advancements in student learning and I look forward to next term. This week in grammar we will be refreshing over our learnt topics this term and in guided writing, the students are working on finishing their amazing cartoon strips! In Math, we have a focus on measuring length, and working around problems that involve measurement. A reminder that Friday is Crazy Hair day for all students. NO HOMEWORK this week. Students will continue to do fluency reads and timetable practise in class as usual though to continue strengthening their skills in these areas. I pray you all have a wonderful and safe holiday break. See you all in the new term.

Our Bible verse this week is: Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

## Home & School

### Canteen Thursday- FULL CANTEEN HELPERS:

21/9/17 - Kylie Moore & Sandra Wilcox

12/10/17 - Robyn Brown & Sandra Wilcox

### Monday- SNACK DAY CANTEEN HELPERS:

18/9/17- Monique Mitchell

9/10/17 - Robyn Brown

## 5/6 Mr Walsh

Welcome to the last week of term. How the time flies.

As you know, last week saw the senior students travel to Canberra and Jindabyne for our bi-annual excursion. The students appeared to have a fantastic time, with some students enjoying their first visit to Canberra and waking up to snow outside their door for the first time. Students had the opportunity to participate in a range of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to participate in the experience of Australia's capital city as part of their Civics and Citizenship Education program. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government has contributed funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate Program toward those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion, which it then uses to help fund excursion costs.

The excursion kicked off with a visit to Cockington Green. The Students enjoyed the miniature buildings and were keen to be the first to spot the odd placement of characters. They also enjoyed a train ride around the gardens. Next, we were off to the War Memorial. Students had a tour around the Museum and then walked along the wall of remembrance looking for fallen relatives.

## 5/6 Continued...Mr Walsh

After checking in to the Canberra Youth Hostel, we had a wonderful dinner and then it was off to the Canberra Aquatic Centre for fun in the water and on the waterslide. At the conclusion of activities, it was back to the YHA for lights out and sleep.

On Tuesday, we began the day early with a filling breakfast and it was off to the Botanical Gardens. The students enjoyed the variety and contrast of the gardens and it was amazing seeing the variety of plants in a relatively small area. After the Gardens, we travelled to The Museum of Australian Democracy (Old Parliament House). The students went on a discovery tour and learnt about the Magna Carta (the document that led to Democracy). The students also had the opportunity to participate in a role-play that featured dialogue from past sittings of Parliament. We then travelled to the Royal Australian Mint where students discovered the history of our money system and how Australian coins are made. All the students agreed the Mint was a cool place to visit. After the Mint, we drove around the various embassies before heading to Parliament House where we discovered the building contains over 4000 rooms and 7000 doors. While at Parliament House we talked with members of the Egyptian Government and were presented with certificates of appreciation by our local member of Parliament Mark Coulton. Mr Coulton took time out of session to come and speak with the students. Some students even managed to catch a glimpse of Prime Minister Turnbull as he left The House of Representatives. On Tuesday night, we travelled to Telstra Tower to view Canberra by night.

On Wednesday, we had a great time at the CSIRO Discovery Centre and enjoyed hands-on learning experiences and enjoyed learning about Australia's scientific achievements and the importance of bees. Following the CSIRO, we moved on to Questacon where the students had an opportunity to participate in hands on activities based on science and where the students and Mrs Richardson braved the big drop. The activities were very engaging, stimulating and educational. We also managed a show based of the art of mummification. After Questacon, we were off to Jindabyne and the Alpine Village. We were extremely well looked after and enjoyed wonderful three course meals and movie nights by the big fire. On Thursday morning, we woke up to a covering of snow over the village and grounds. It was an amazing sight and this was continued in the alpine regions with large dumps recorded at the snow fields. The students quickly discovered that snow is not the soft powdery stuff they see on TV but cold, wet and at times very hard. The students managed to engage in a range of snow fights and other activities including Tobogganing. That night the students settled into a beautiful three course dinner followed by a movie in the theatre room before lights out. On Friday, we travelled back to Canberra to visit the National Museum of Australia before returning home to excited parents. A big thankyou is extended to Mrs Field for driving the big bus, Mr Feo, Pastor Jimmy and Mrs Richardson for their efforts and dedication.