Principal’s Report

Term 1 ends this Friday and students and staff will commence a well-earned break. The date for the regular P&C Meeting for April falls in the school vacation period so the next meeting of the P&C will not occur until the third Monday in May (May 20). The new starting time for meetings of 6.30 pm appears to be well received and will continue.

Staff changes:
From the commencement of next term there will be a change in the senior leadership team at Narrabri High School. I will be on extended long service leave (and am looking forward to some extensive travelling) and the Deputy Principal, Wayne Knight, has announced that he will retire from the commencement of Term 2.

Wayne has been a wonderful servant of Narrabri High School. After a brief stint at casino and Murwillumbah High Schools in 1975, Wayne was appointed to Narrabri High School in 1976 and never left. He was a Social Science Teacher before being appointed Head Teacher in the mid 1990s and then a Deputy Principal in 2003. That Wayne gained promotion within the school is testament to the impact of his work at Narrabri High School and to the esteem in which he is held by the school community.

Wayne has been an outstanding educator. He is an exceptional teacher and administrator and he has had a significant impact on the lives of Narrabri students over two generations. It is encouraging to know that his influence will continue as a result of his recent work mentoring and developing younger teachers.

Wayne has also contributed enormously to the Narrabri community. He has been an outstanding player, coach and official in a variety of sports. From a school perspective he has coached many sporting teams and also coached the North-West Open Rugby Team at past CHS Carnivals.

In my absence the Principal’s position will be filled by Mr Rod Jones. Rod is currently Deputy at Oxley High School in Tamworth. Wayne’s position will be filled in a relieving capacity by Ms Annabel Doust before a permanent appointment is made later in the year. Ms Rozina Broderick will relieve in Ms Doust’s position of Mathematics Head Teacher.

ANZAC Day:
Anzac Day falls during the holidays (April 25) and I encourage all students and staff who are available on that day to march behind the Narrabri High School banner. Anzac Day is an important national occasion and an opportunity for all to acknowledge the contributions made by the men and women who have served in our forces. All those intending to march should meet at the carpark near Narrabri Public School at 10.15 am, ready for a 10.30 start.
The School will acknowledge Anzac Day at a special assembly on Friday, the last day of term at 11 am.

**National Curriculum Planning:**
Please note that after the holidays staff return on Monday, April 29 but please note that students are not required to attend until Wednesday, May 1. To commence a term with two pupil-free Staff Development Days is unusual and will apply to all DEC schools. The Department has provided the extra Development Day to enable staff in all NSW schools to plan and prepare for the massive changes to be implemented next year when entirely new syllabuses will be introduced in Years 7 (for Stage 4) and 9 (for Stage 5). The new syllabuses will be introduced in all states and territories of Australia and, for the first time, make the concept of a national curriculum a reality.

Faculties and teachers have already done an enormous amount of work preparing for this change but much remains to be done and the two Development Days to commence Term 2 will be a great opportunity. Staff will also use these days to complete the CPR update to equip them to deal with emergency situations and provide safe supervision for students in all situations.

**NAPLAN:**
The annual assessment of students’ literacy and numeracy skills for Year 7 and Year 9 will take place next month. All students in these years are involved and detailed information about arrangements will be provided before students sit the exams.

It should be remembered that these exams provide a snapshot of students’ performance in a very narrow range of skills on a given day. I would like to think that Narrabri High School provides students which much more than can be measured by a single, albeit well publicized, test.

**Best Wishes:**
I hope all staff and students have a safe and relaxing break and I wish all members of the school community every success in what remains of 2013. I am sure the new senior executive will enjoy the same level of support that Wayne and I have received over the years.

Geoff Myers  
Principal

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**Deputy Principal’s Last Post**

There comes times where people make decisions that change the direction of their lives. That day for me will be April 29, 2013 when I will retire from the NSW Dept. of Education and Communities.

Having trained to be a teacher at the University of New England from 1971 to 1974, my first appointment in 1975 was Casino High School. After only 4 weeks I was transferred to Murwillumbah High for the remainder of 1975. In 1976 I was transferred to Narrabri High School, which has been one of those life-changing moments. I was a Social Sciences classroom teacher from 1976 to 1992. In 1993 I was appointed Relieving Head Teacher Social Sciences before being appointed Head Teacher Social Sciences (and PDHPE and Sport) through Merit Selection in 1994.

In 2003, again through Merit Selection, I was appointed Deputy Principal Programs (when the school had 2 Deputies). In 2010 I was appointed as the sole Deputy Principal at Narrabri High. During my time at Narrabri High there have been numerous occasions where I have been Relieving Principal. That makes a total of 38 years and 1 term as a teacher (which includes 37 years and 1 term as a teacher at Narrabri High).

During my time at Narrabri High I’ve seen a lots of students go though the school. I’ve seen countless number of teaching staff giving of their all to ensure that their students are being prepared for the wide world that awaits them when they finish at Narrabri High. I’ve also had the privilege of having my 3 children complete their HSC studies at Narrabri High. All 3 achieved great results in their HSC and are very successful in their chosen careers. I’m certain that their success is in no small way to the dedicated staff of Narrabri High School.
at Narrabri High who prepared them for their HSC and beyond. As a long time teacher and a parent I can assure students and their parents that Narrabri High School teachers are giving of their professional best and at all times are trying to get the best out of their students. So at some stage in the future students don’t forget to say thanks to the teachers that do a great job to get you where are today and preparing you for tomorrow.

My other passion apart from teaching and is sport. I believe that sport opens up many opportunities to prepare us for life. In recent years I’ve had the privilege of working with Mr Tame as co -aches for the North West Rugby team that participates in the NSW carnival. Over the years we’ve had reasonable success against very strong opposition without ever having won the carnival. To get the team to achieve the best they can we’ve often have to motivate the team with some inspiring pre game or half-time speeches. Two themes we often use are ‘the what if’ and ‘the Winston Churchill’. The ‘what if’ revolves around the notion that by the end of the game don’t come off thinking ‘what if I had of done this or done that’. Come off the field knowing that you’ve given the best you can. The Winston Churchill theme revolves around ‘never give up, never give up, never give up’. In other words no matter what the odds against you are, always give of your best and always think that you can achieve victory. I’m sure that if all students adopt these two philosophies at school and for their careers they can achieve whatever goals they may have.

All students can be successful at school and life in general. To be successful requires hard work. Students must not waste talent. All students have a talent in something. It doesn’t matter what the talent is – academic, sport, music, chess, whatever. Find what you are good at and use your talents to achieve your goals in life.

All staff, students, parents and community members had the opportunity to develop the values that matter for Narrabri High. These values are Respect, Involvement, Success and Engagement. If Narrabri High is to continue to be a good school it is essential that all stakeholders uphold these values in everyday school life.

From the NSW Public Schools website there is a link to Staff in High Schools. In the section on Deputy Principal it reads “The deputy principal is responsible for overseeing the teaching and learning programs in the school”. As Deputy Principal I have striven to satisfy these departmental responsibilities for good of all students, staff, parents and community members of Narrabri High School’

Narrabri High School is a comprehensive coeducational high school which provides a vast range of educational opportunities for students of all abilities. I leave Narrabri High with mixed emotions but I do know that Narrabri High School and its students, staff (both teaching and ancillary), parents and community members have been great for me and my family. I sincerely wish to thank you all for the great experiences I’ve had at Narrabri High.

Au revoir / Tchao (French); Arrivedevei / Ciao (Italian); Adios / Hasta Luego (Spanish)

Goodbye, good luck and thankyou

Wayne Knight
Deputy Principal

Music News

The Regional Band Camp once again was held at Lake Keepit this year from the 17th of May until the 22nd of May. Lucinda Caton, Ruby Ford, Jade Hamilton, Sarah Hamilton, GwenieveMerten, Lucy Norcross and Emily Rex of Year 7, Dawson Anderson and Victoria Meppem of Year 8, Thomas Hedley and Sarah Nash of Year 9, Angus Lovelock-Mcfarland, Breanna Young and Caitlin Young of Year 10, and Hannah Lonergan, Sally Maher, Kristelle Pearson, Timothy Rex and Jock Smith of Year 11 all attended the camp run by Di Hall. Narrabri High students combined with other students from around the region to form a massed concert band where they work-shopped new pieces of varying difficulty.
The students receive tuition from professional musicians from around the state at these camps, making them a very valuable experience.

Olivia Bange and Abby O'Brien of Year 8, Emylee Farr and Isabelle Madden of Year 9, along with Nicholas Walker of Year 10, 5 of our top vocal students, attended the Regional Vocal Camp held at Lake Keepit on the 1st April until the 5th April. At the camp the students undertook master classes as well as performing in a massed combined choir with students from around the region. The students found the camp to be a very worthwhile experience in developing their vocal and performance skills.

The Music Parents Association had its first meeting on the 27th of March. At this meeting, Christine Rex was elected President and Cheryl Hedley was elected secretary/treasurer. The Music Parents Association was first formed in the 1970’s and would meet once a term to organise fund raising to aid the Music department in the purchasing of new equipment in order to improve the musical experiences of all students at Narrabri High School. The Association had not met since 2005 and has now been reconvened by Mr Bailey. All parents who are interested in the Music education of their children are most welcome to contribute to the Music Parents’ Association and its work at Narrabri High School.

SPORT SNIPPETS

TOUCH
Well done to the girls and boys Year 9/10 touch teams who performed more than admirably at the All Schools Touch football gala day this week. In particular, the girls had a great day making the semi finals and defeating heavyweights Calrossy along the way!

Congratulations to Dean Wilson for selection in the North West Open Boys Touch team. The team plays at the NSWCHS carnival in Tomaree in June.

Congratulations also to Lauren Nott who has been selected in both the North West 15s Girls and North West Open Girls Touch teams. Lauren heads to Newcastle in May with the 15s and then to Woolaware in June with the Opens.

SOCCER
The Open Girls Soccer team defeated Wee Waa High 1-0. They now play Moree Secondary College in the next round. Great stuff girls!

On Wednesday April 3rd, the open girls’ soccer team hosted Moree Secondary College on the school oval, which was in an immaculate condition thanks to groundsman, Steve Duncan. After a nervous start, Narrabri began to push forward with some great attacking passes by Jess Kennedy, Amy Larsen and Ellice Hughes in the midfield. After some early chances for Kiesha Lenard and Jess Scaysbrook, Moree intercepted an attempted clearance and put the ball in the net to go into the lead. Narrabri were unlucky not to equalise from a number of shots including one from Kiesha that hit the crossbar. Defensive centre-half Pyper-Rae Wagstaff consistently fed the ball back to the forwards until she was injured late in the first half. Moree started the second half strongly and broke through the determined defence of Hannah Lonergan, Kristelle Pearson, Jerrah Palmer, Sarah Cameron and keeper Katarinie Toomey to score a second goal. Kayla Baker replaced the injured Pyper and performed gallantly to blunt the attack and some great midfield work enabled Jess Kennedy to break through to bring the score back to 2-1. Another attempted clearance fell to the Moree attack and they extended their lead to 3-1. Great support from Emmalee McInnes in the
forwards enabled more shots on goal before Jessica Kennedy suffered an injury that ended her part in the game and Kate Brown played tirelessly when the defence was restructured after the injury. The Narrabri team gave it their all for the entire game but were unable to score again before full time.

Thanks go to Elijah Barnes for refereeing the game. He was assisted by Shelley Higgins, Bailey Campbell and Tyler Allen. Bailey, Tyler and Alex Hamilton set up the nets before the game and dismantled them after.

The team was able to play at the school thanks to the efforts of Mr Kris Symons and the metalwork classes who constructed the goals in one day after Santos made a contribution toward the cost of the metal. Thanks also to Mrs Angela Lonergan who approached Santos for sponsorship and kindly washed the team shirts after the game.

Meanwhile, the Open Boys Soccer team defeated Gunnedah High 2-1 in an extra time thriller! They now play Coonabarabran in the next round. Well done boys!

**RUGBY UNION**

Congratulations to Jydon Hill, Linton Grumley, Dean Wilson and Matthew Nott who were selected in the North West Rugby Union team. The boys will compete in the NSWCHS Carnival at Lismore in May.

The school also send its best wishes to Dean and Matthew who will tour the Pacific Islands during the holidays with the Country All Schools Rugby Union squad. Have a great trip fellas!

**British and Irish Lions Rugby Union Tour**

Question: What do the British and Irish Lions Rugby Union Team and Narrabri High School’s Rugby 7’s team have in common? Answer: They will both be playing in Newcastle on June 11th this year!

Narrabri High School’s Rugby 7’s team qualified for the Under 18’s NSW Regional Finals to be played in Newcastle as a curtain raiser to the NSW/Qld Country versus Lions game on June 11th. Narrabri progressed after finishing runners-up at the North West Secondary School’s Rugby Sevens Challenge held in Armidale on April 2nd. After losing to Carinya 12-22 in the first game, Narrabri went on to defeat Macintyre High 50-0: Inverell High 24-21: O’Connor Catholic School 29-7 and Warialda/Bingara 24-5.

Team members were Dean Wilson, Matthew Nott, Jydon Hill, Linton Grumley, Ethan Wright, Corey Gold, Dean Grey, Dylan Segundo, Joshua Gleeson, Hayden Grumley, Toby Bentley and Connor Parkes.

The team was prepared by experienced manager/coach Mr Knight, who was ably assisted by his young up-and-coming manager/coach Mr Magner. The team is looking forward to locking horns with other schools in Newcastle prior to watching the British and Irish Lions play.

**LAWN BOWLS**

The Lawn Bowls team defeated Wee Waa High 21-4 in Round 1. They then defeated Moree Secondary College 39-7 in Round 2. The team play Inverell in the next round...good luck guys!

**HORSE SPORTS**

On Friday 22nd March, 7 Narrabri High School students attended Manilla horse sports day. The school did really well overall on the day. There were more than 17 riders in each age group and the standard was extremely high. Some results from the day are: Olivia Bange 5th in rider 14 yrs and 2nd in pairs with April Squire. April also received 4th in hack,

All students represented the school with pride and showed great manners all round. They enjoyed themselves and were a pleasure to take away for the day. Gina Bange said, "I am sure that all the students appreciated having Miss Crowley present for some encouragement and pointers".

**NHS Girl’s Open Softball**

The Open Girl’s Softball team has received a forfeit from Gunnedah in Rd 1 of the CHS Softball Knockout. They will now play Peel Technology High in Tamworth on Wednesday 10th April at 10.30am.

Team members are:-
Amy Dewson, Taylah Fogarty, Chelsea Hancock, Kiesha Leonard, Monique Foster, Alex Howard-Phemister, Lidia McCauley, Alana Trudgeon, Pyper Wagstaff, Brielle Wales, Khiarni Cornish, Katarnie Toomey, Cheyenne Tovehi and Mikaella Thorn

**Sydney Royal Easter Show**

Mariah Moss and Grace Jackson, both in Year 12, travelled to Sydney accompanied by their families and Agriculture teacher, Mrs Emma Partridge. The girls spent two days at the Royal Easter Show, intensively studying beef cattle in preparation for the State Final in the 15-25years Junior Cattle Judging Competition.

Both girls were representing the North Western Show Group after placing first and second in the group final in October last year.

Grace and Mariah only really became seriously involved in cattle showing and judging through the High Schools’ Show team two years ago and since have attended many camps and schools, usually on weekends and school holidays. Both girls now wish to pursue Agriculture as a career choice and being able to compete at and experience the Royal Easter Show was a real highlight for them.

In the State final, the girls judged three classes of cattle, Braham heifers, Hereford bulls and Charalois Bulls. The classes were extremely difficult and some of the other competitors were very experienced in the Show ring; some even already owned their own beef cattle studs. However, both Mariah and Grace held their own, with Grace narrowly missing out on the finals by two points. Overall Grace placed 11th out of the 27 State finalists, which is an excellent result for her first time at this level.

Both girls thoroughly enjoyed their time at the show, which was a real eye opener of them. Many thanks must go to the many people who supported the girls in their fundraising efforts, their families for accompanying them and Mr Scott Hann from Truro Hereford Stud at Bellata, for his coaching in Sydney. Congratulations on your achievements Grace and Mariah.
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Zac Hobden actively involving himself in a PDHPE lesson.

Rhys Bridge (above) and Cameron Cronin (below) drawing isometric cubes in Yr 8 metal work class.

Aubrey Adams marking out a toaster holder in Yr 8 Woodwork.

BreeEverson with the top to her table she is making in Woodwork.

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**Calendar**

**April**
- 8-11 Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
- 10 Senior Success year 11
- 15-26 School Holidays
- 29 Staff Development Day
- 30 Staff Development Day

**May**
- 1 Students resume Term 2
- 13-17 Wingham Beef Week
  Yr 12 Metals and Engineering Work Placement.
- 21 ICAS Computer Skills
- 22-24 CHS Rugby
- 22 Tamworth Careers Expo
- 27-29 CHS Rugby League
- 27-31 Year 12 Construction Work Placement
- 28-30 CHS Netball
- 30-31 HSC Seminars
- 30-31 North West Cross Country

**June**
- 3-6 North West Cross Country
- 5-6 CHS Girls Touch
- 5 ICAS Science
- 7 NHS Athletics Carnival
- 12 Year 12 Senior Success
- 14 NW Cross Country
- 17 ICAS Writing
- 18-20 CHS Boys Touch
- 18 ICAS Spelling
- 24-28 North West Open Girls Tennis Trials

**July**
- 1-12 School Holidays
- 15 Staff Development Day
- 16 Students resume Term 3

**Narrabeen Academy of Sport**
A sports camp for students over 16 years and living with a mental illness will be conducted at Narrabeen Academy of Sport in May 13-17 and another in November 11-15. For more information contact 98792600 or 1800124121. You could also contact Mrs Mason at Narrabi High School.
## Narrabri High School Canteen Roster 2013

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Canteen Supervisor - Mrs Lynne Ward - Canteen - 6792 1189

Thank you for volunteering for canteen. We hope you find it rewarding and enjoyable.

If at any time you have a problem, please speak to Lynne or one of the Committee members.

If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, it would be appreciated if you could arrange for one of the other volunteers listed below to take your place.

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