Principal’s Report

I am writing this newsletter as Mr Jones is absent for the first four weeks of this term. Schools are always busy places with each term bringing a different “kind of busy”. At the end of the first week of this term we had ANZAC day. I am proud of the number of students who volunteered to march with the school. It was noticed in the community, and a formal letter was received from the R.S.L. Sub Branch acknowledging our effort, along with the prayers said by our captains, Giulio and Gemma and the research project of Narrabri WW1(1914-15) soldiers. With regard to the latter my year 9 class did a lot of research at the end of 2014, with some continuing on this year with Mrs Constable, Mrs Ford and Mr Wright providing guidance.

Year 12 reports are due to parents very shortly. Please do not hesitate to contact relevant staff members if you would like clarification on any matter or ways in which the students can maximize their revision time. The partnership of student, parent and teacher is vital in the HSC year. A worthwhile parent teacher evening was held in March which assisted many students with study techniques. Year 11 completed their examinations in week 3 and they are advised to follow the constructive comments of their teachers.

This is big term for the finalising of assessments and reports. Parent teacher meetings will be regularly held and I encourage parents to attend and formulate plans to assist their children. The parent teacher nights are listed as: Year 11 - June 9th, Years 8 and 10 - June 23rd and Years 7 and 9 - July 21st.

Planning is well under way for two overseas excursions: Cambodia (Year 10) in December and Italy/Germany (Years 11 and 12 History students and parents) during the Easter holidays next year. Both of these are great opportunities for our students to experience life outside of our great little town.
It is pleasing to note that most students have been following our school policies. We have been making a big effort to make the school a safer place and to explain the reasons why we have certain rules and procedures. There have been a few students who have brought aerosols to school this term, with many correctly opting to use roll ons or pump packs. Similarly, most students are using the right gate to enter and leave the grounds and not riding bikes and scooters inappropriately. In the coming weeks we will focussing on the respectful way to address each other, and corridor etiquette, as people move around the school. I would like to thank the Year 9 Drama class of Miss Garnsey for their humorous instructional videos.

Since the last newsletter many of our students have excelled in a variety of fields. The girls shown in the picture on this page: April Smith, Jess Kennedy and Amy Larsen, represented the North West at Football. Ashleigh Dunn and Courtney Boyd are to be commended on their outstanding achievements at the Royal Easter Show. There have been many teams representing the school in sporting and cultural activities (including debating). It is great to hear from our former students. Linda Bell has just completed her PHD-it just goes to show that with the right commitment our students can go on to achieve great things. Congratulations are extended to Linda on her Doctorate!

The school had an evacuation drill in week 3. Mr Tame has worked tirelessly on the school’s policy and procedure for this eventuality. The vast majority of students were aware of the process and complied with staff directions. Whilst this may appear to be a strange comment, some students were not aware of the name of their roll class: they only knew which room they had and who the teacher was. All students must know their roll call class’ name as they have to line up in a set place so that we can quickly ascertain that everyone is present and safe.

On the staff front there have been some changes. Former student, Miss Bowen will be working with us for most of the term. Miss Kavanagh is due to go on maternity leave in week 5. Many of you will be aware of the passing of Mr McFetridge’s wife, Leonie. The school only had minimal staff on the day of the funeral, with the students who came being well behaved. Mr McFetridge will continue to be on leave for the remainder of the term and it is hoped that he will return to teaching at some point as his expertise is missed. Miss Crowley will be taking extended leave towards the end of this term to do some overseas travel.

The most significant staffing change this term will be Mrs Walker, who is the School Administration Manager in the front office, who is going on leave prior to retirement in week 6. The school wishes her all the best for the future and acknowledges the hard work and professionalism of Mrs Walker who has been with the Department of Education for 27 years. Mrs Goode will relieve as SAM for the remainder of the year.

Finally I would like to thank Mrs Charalambous for stepping into the role of relieving Deputy Principal and Mrs Partridge for relieving as the Head Teacher of Administration. Both are highly skilled teachers who have done a great job. We welcome back Mr Jones in week 5, who no doubt will be eager to return after his overseas adventures.

Mr D. Charalambous
Relieving Principal
Where Are They Now... (by ex student Linda Bell)

I completed my HSC at Narrabri High School in 1997. I graduated from the University of Sydney in 2000 with a Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiation Technology) and since then have worked at the Northern Sydney Cancer Centre as a radiation therapist.

My main interest is in research, particularly in the use of Image Guided Radiotherapy, which allows us to deliver more accurate treatment to our patients. This has resulted in six journal publications and presentations at national and international conferences.

I have just completed a PhD degree at the University of Sydney with research into the assessment and management of prostate bed motion in post-prostatectomy imaged guided radiotherapy. We have been able to make changes to our planning, treatment and imaging techniques to increase the accuracy of the treatment we give our prostate cancer patients.

I continue to work as a radiation therapist and am now involved with two world-first trials into motion management that are underway at Northern Sydney Cancer Centre in conjunction with the University of Sydney.

Softball Report

In the regional final of the NSWCHSSA Girls Softball K’Out Peel High defeated Narrabri High 24 to 3.

Narrabri started off well with lead off batter Monique Foster hitting a one base hit to right outfield. Chelsea Hancock got to 1st with a base on balls. Isabelle Howard-McPhemister then recorded a hit to 3rd base, where the Peel 3rd baseman fielded the ball and tagged Monique out at 3rd. Cheyenne Tovehi received a base on balls but the two balls later saw Cheyenne lead off and was tagged out going back to first base. Catilyn Dewar was the third out of the innings.

Peel then scored seven home after they had some safe hitting and a few fielding errors by...
Narrabri. Narrabri’s Brielle Wales needed to be 7 foot tall to take some of the balls thrown to her at 1st base. A highlight of this innings was the catch by Katarnie Toomey at left outfield and the commando roll by Catilyn after stopping the ball at centre outfield.

In second innings Peel shut Narrabri out of the game by scoring 9 runners, to give Peel a 16 to nil lead.

The third innings saw Narrabri score three runners home. Then Peel scored 8 runs. Katarnie took a screamer of a catch at first followed by Laura Gourley’s out at third.

At no stage did the Narrabri girls give up. Right outfielders Isabel Gourley & April Smith were always backing up. Pitchers Cheyenne & Isabelle played well with catcher Alex Howard-McPhemister having a great game.

A big thank you to Dale Nixon & Ashley Castles who umpired the game.

Also we wish Peel High all the best at the State Final in Newcastle next month.
Cindy Neil
Coach

**CHS Swimming**

At the end of last term 10 students from Narrabri High School attended the CHS swimming championships at SOPAC. The students achieved some excellent results with many students achieving personal best times. Nicholas Tomlinson made the finals of the 14 years 100m breaststroke and the 200m IM, Laura Gourley the finals of the 13 years 100m freestyle, 100m backstroke, the 200m IM and 50m backstroke, Bethany Mison made the final of the 15-16 years 400m freestyle. The 14 years girls relay team of Zoe Campbell, Jorja Bakhuus, Lucinda Caton and Laura Gourley finished 4th in the Invitational Relay. Nicholas Tomlinson has been selected in the CHS team for the All Schools Championships on the 18th May in the 50m breastroke as has the 14 year old boys relay team of Dylan Gordon, Angus Browning, Andrew Coleman and Hilton Jackson in the medley relay event.

Amendment - 14 yrs Girls champion from the swimming carnival was also Lucinda Caton as we had a tie. Apologies for missing Lucinda.

**State Junior Judging Finals**

Two Agriculture students were successful in qualifying for the State Finals in Junior Judging, which was held at the Royal Easter Show. Ashleigh Dunn first competed in the Meat Sheep judging, where she had to judge two classes of sheep, a short wool and long wool breed. There were 24 competitors, Ashleigh placed 19th. From the meat sheep, Ashleigh then backed up and improved her performance in the beef cattle judging. In this event Ashleigh had to judge three classes, a class of Red Poll bulls, Charolais bulls and then Brahman heifers. She placed 17th out of 28 competitors. This was a very promising start to Ashleigh’s judging career as she was the youngest competitor in both competitions.
Courtney Boyd was the next student to enter the judging ring at the states’ most prestigious Agricultural Show. She was judging merino fleeces. To begin with Courtney was a little intimidated by the calibre of her fellow competitors, with some of them already in the industry or from Agricultural Colleges and University. However once the judging commenced she was totally focussed on the task at hand. She had two classes of fleeces to judge. Courtney admitted that it was difficult as there was very little wrong with any of the fleeces, making it very difficult to place them from 1st to 4th. However she clearly knew what she was doing as she scored an almost perfect score of 99 out of 100 for her visual assessment.

With this outstanding score Courtney made it into the finals. She dropped a few a points with her handling of the fleeces; however, this is something that Courtney can improve on with experience. Courtney’s public speaking and justification of her placings was outstanding. At the end of the competition Courtney placed 3rd, only 1 point behind the runner up, this is an outstanding result for the year 11 student! Competition was clearly strong as Angus Dawson who won the competition continued on to win the National Merino Fleece Judging Competition which was held after the State Final.

The following day Courtney competed again, this time in Fruit and Vegetable Judging. This was challenging as there is not a lot of opportunity to judge fruit and vegetables, so her experience in this competition was limited. She had to judge three classes, a class of tomatoes, potatoes and apples. Despite Courtney’s limited experience in this competition, she placed 9th and was only 2 points off making it into the finals.

Both girls enjoyed the experience of being a part of the Royal Easter Show and should be proud of their achievements.

**Narrabri Show**

Narrabri High School has recently had a very busy time preparing for the Narrabri Show. We entered in some new categories this year and achieved some outstanding results in all areas. The school show team participated in the Grand parade showing off some of our commercial steers, which was a fantastic spectacle. A number of students also participated in a variety of Junior Judging Competitions over the course of the weekend, with the organisers being very impressed by the level of participation from the students and the way they conducted themselves. It was also pleasing to see many of our students competing in other events at the show; such as the Junior showgirl competition, Fine Arts, Photography and horse events, just to name a few. Congratulations go to all participants.

School Results are as follows:

**School Work:**

**Science Project:**

1st Andrew Coleman
2nd Aiden Hunter
3rd Lily O’Brien
Highly Commended: Hilton Jackson & Bree Smith
Research Project:
1st Laura Findlay
2nd Emily McFarland
3rd Patrick Loder
Highly Commended: Lachlan McBeth & Lauren Wall

Home Produce:
1st & 2nd in the Best Pumpkin
2nd Brown eggs

Poultry:
2nd in both the female and male hard feather classes

Sheep:
1st Pen of three heavy weight lambs.
Donated by the Atkinson Family
This pen of lambs went on to be judged the overall Champion pen of lambs at the show.

Prime & Commercial Cattle:

Yearling steers Class:
1st High School Angus Steer donated by the Robinson Family
2nd High School Hereford Steer donated by the McGowan Family
3rd High School bred Shorthorn Steer

Senior Cow and Calf:
High School Bred Shorthorn cow and bull calf

Champion Steer: High School Angus Steer
Reserve Champion Steer: Hereford Steer

Champion Female: High School Shorthorn cow and calf
Supreme Champion Prime and Commercial Exhibit: High School Shorthorn cow and calf.

School Prepared Steer:
1st Hereford Steer, led by Ruby Ford
3rd Shorthorn Steer, led by Ashleigh Dunn
4th Angus Steer, led by Lorraine Robinson

Cattle Paraders:

Under 15 years:
1st Tom Hamilton
Equal 3rd Holly Carthew and Ruby Ford
4th Sara Charles

15 & under 25 years (Emma Rice Memorial):
4th Natasha Rice

Junior Judging:
Fleece:
1st Courtney Boyd
2nd Ashleigh Dunn
3rd Jack Brennan
**Maths Tutoring**

The maths staff is offering **free tutoring** for **Year 12 students**. Miss Broderick is offering to students doing Mathematics, Mathematics Extension One and Mathematics Extension Two in room 40 on Monday afternoons from 3.30-4.30. Mrs Hamilton and Ms Cameron are offering tutoring to General 2 students alternate Mondays and Tuesday in room 2 or 3 from 3.30 - 4.30. Please encourage your children to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

**Raise Foundation Mentoring Program**

Last Monday saw the beginning of a 20 week In School Mentoring Opportunity for 16 students at Narrabri High School. They will be working one-on-one with 16 trained mentors from our local community for one hour each week. This program focusses on helping young people make informed choices, improve relationships, advance their wellbeing and coping strategies, increase their self-confidence, identify and achieve goals and engage in further education and employment. Staff and students at NHS are very grateful for the opportunity that this program and the mentors are offering these students.

**Meat Sheep:**
1st Ben Atkinson  
2nd Laura Findlay  
3rd Jack Brennan

**Fruit and Vegetable:**
1st Courtney Boyd  
2nd Ben Atkinson  
3rd Ashleigh Dunn

**Beef Cattle:**

**Under 15 years:**
Equal 1st on total points, but placed 2nd on a count back, Tom Hamilton

**15 & under 25 years:**
2nd Courtney Boyd

**Happenings in the Textiles Room**

Since last newsletter the textiles students have been busily working on the Urban Escape unit, including a written folio and a practical component. We are near the end of this unit and have seen some great outcomes. Students are pleased with their final product which had to be either a skirt, a pair of shorts or pants. Please admire the images of some of the completed products.

If you would like to receive the Newsletter by email, please advise the school either by phone 67921633 or email your information to: narrabri-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.
Parent Online Payments coming SOON to Narrabri High School (POP)

Once it is launched you will be able to pay online via the school’s website. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

What expenses can be paid online?
- Voluntary School Contributions
- Subject Contributions
- Excursions
- Sport
- Creative and Practical Arts
- Sales to Students
- Other

When?
This payment method will go live late June. You will be advised in the June Newsletter.

How?
Log onto School site at www.narrabri-h.schools.nsw.edu.au Click on “Make a Payment” and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.

Details?
When you access the $Make a payment$ you must enter:
- The student’s name, and
- Class and reference number OR
- The student’s name, and
- Date of birth
These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields.
You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.
Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.
For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration office.

Stewart House 2015 Donation Drive

Please find attached envelopes for donations to Stewart House.

Please return envelope to school by 19 May so they can be returned to Stewart House by 22 May.

Calendar

May
18-27 Narrabri Eisteddfod
20 Careers Excursion Tamworth
29 Year 12 HSC Seminar Day, Singleton

June
2-4 CHS Girls Touch Carnival
5 Athletics Carnival
8 Public Holiday
9 Special Assembly
Year 11 Parent Teacher 5pm-7pm
10 MADD Night
12 NW Cross Country
16-18 CHS Boys Touch Carnival
23 Year 8 & 10 Parent Teacher 5pm-7pm
26 Last day term 2.
27/6-12/7 Holidays

July
17 NSW CHS Cross Country
21 Years 7 & 9 Parent Teacher 5pm-7pm
24 NW Athletics Carnival
28 Parent Information Session Year 7, 2016
The Board of Studies has a program to help students with practical support in their Higher School Certificate examinations. This practical support, known as provisions, assists students to read examination questions and to write their answers. Provisions include rest breaks and extra time. The use of any provision is not written on the student’s results.

Students may need provisions for:

- a permanent condition, such as diabetes or reading difficulty
- a temporary condition, such as a broken arm, or
- an intermittent condition, such as back pain when sitting for long periods.

It is not embarrassing to apply for or use provisions. More than 5000 HSC students apply for provisions each year. Provisions help students to show the markers what they know and can do.

To apply for provisions, the school submits an online application to the Board of Studies. This application tells us which provisions the student is requesting and includes recent evidence. Evidence may include medical reports, reading results, spelling results, writing samples and teacher comments.

Much of the evidence can be collected by the school, but the parents’ role is welcome and needed. Parents help by talking with the school, describing the student's needs, and providing the school with medical or other reports.

Applications for provisions should be submitted by the school to the Board of Studies by the end of Term 1. Late applications are accepted for an emergency, such as a broken arm, until the time of the examinations.

Once the Board of Studies has made a decision about which provisions are approved or declined, a decision letter is provided to the school. The school will provide the student with a copy of the letter.

If you or the school are not satisfied with the Board’s decision, it is possible for the school to lodge an appeal. Appeals must state why the Board’s decision is unsuitable and must include new evidence to support the appeal.

If you think that you or your child may require support in completing the Higher School Certificate examinations, please discuss the matter with the Year Adviser, School Counsellor or teacher.