Welcome Parents and Carers to our August Newsletter

Term 3 is rapidly disappearing and I think we are all looking forward to the warmer weather coming in the not too distant future.

Year 12 has just completed their Trial Exams and are now moving into the final phase of their road to the HSC. I think the rest of the student body needs to be congratulated in the way that they have supported their Year 12 peers and given them the quiet space they need to complete their exams. Over the course of the next week or so I look forward to reviewing the Trial results and discussing with staff what we can achieve in the last few weeks of their schooling. There is still much to do and the foot will not be taken off the accelerator as we move to the HSC.

We have finalised our daily structure for 2016 and beyond. We will move to a 5 period (60 minute/period) day and we have recently purchased a new timetable package which is making life easier for Ms Brodrick and Mr Loder as they move through the subject selection process and all of the elements that go into constructing a timetable for 2016.

We recently hosted Year 6-7 Parent Information evenings to support students and parents transition into high school. I would like to thank Ms Johnson, Mrs Constable, Ms Broderick, Mr Tame and Ms Lillibridge for the work that they did for those evenings and also thank all the parents that attended. It is a very exciting time for not only Yr. 6 students, but also for Narrabri High School with the upcoming events we have planned for them to make a seamless transition to high school. We are also hosting a great, fun night for Year 6 parents on the 18th August, which is their ‘Back to School Night’. This is really a fun night for all concerned and we are looking forward to it.

Principal’s Report
I have really enjoyed recently being part of, or observing some lessons around the school. This is really refreshing to see some of the great things our teachers and students are doing in classrooms. Like the two deputy principals, it is nice to get away from dealing with the 10 -15% of students that take up all our time and see what the vast majority of our school is really like.

Work has been completed on the Betty Berriman Hall floor and stage area and it looks fantastic. We are still waiting to have the final coat of protective product applied to the floor and then it will be in full use again.

As we move into Term 4, I am required to conduct evaluations and reviews of our school and some aspects of our organisation aligned with our school plan. There will be opportunities for randomly selected parents and groups of students to participate in online surveys to help improve our school and I would ask for your support in doing these if you are contacted. I thank you for your feedback, in advance.

I look forward to talking with parent/carers at our next P&C meeting. All are welcome.

Until our next newsletter

Rod Jones
Principal

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This was the best snow season for many years, with both Tuesday and Wednesday being beautiful days with clear blue skies. Thursday began like this, but around lunchtime the wind was so strong that the chair lifts were stopped and people were moved from the top of the mountain. We were not really affected by this as we set off for Young that afternoon.

It would be unfair to single out individual students as so many of them made great progress over the course of the 3 days. Everyone was tired and a little sore on their return.

Laura Finlay
Art Success

At the recent Frost Over Barraba Art Exhibition Laura Finlay won first prize in the secondary school section with her work titled "The Anzac".

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Ski Trip Report

Once again Narrabri High School Year 10 students had an enjoyable week in Thredbo. Forty nine of them were accompanied by Mr Hamilton, Mr Charalambous, Mrs Wallace and Mrs Flood. The group left on a brisk Monday morning on August 27th at 5.30 a.m.

Approximately three quarters of the students chose to snowboard, with the rest selecting the more traditional method of skiing. The students had lessons for two hours each day, starting at 8.30 a.m. The rest of each day was used by them to consolidate what they had learnt. When a student believed that they were ready for the next challenge - at first to go on a green run, they had to prove to the teachers by accompanying them.
Narrabri High School Win Regional Final of the Bill Turner Trophy School Soccer Competition

The Bill Turner Trophy is a school soccer competition for girls aged 15 and under. Each year, nearly 400 schools from NSW, QLD, ACT and Victoria compete in this knockout contest.

This year Narrabri High School won the North West/New England Regional Final of this competition, making it through to the final 32 schools.

Round one Narrabri High School had a bye.
Round two the girls took on St Philomena's Moree and won convincingly 8-0. Round three was against Oxley High School. Oxley are a very competitive school and this was a very tough game. The girls came back from 2-nil down to win the game 4-2. This put Narrabri High School through to the North West/New England Regional Final which meant a road trip to Tenterfield. The game against Tenterfield, again, was very tough. The game was a nail biter, Narrabri High held on to their 1-nil lead to win the match and become regional champions for the very first time. This put Narrabri High through to the final draw of 32, taking on Hunter Valley Grammar School in the Area Final.

The Area Final was played on the school oval with years 7-9 cheering the girls on. It was a very high scoring and exciting game. Unfortunately, this is where the journey ended, Hunter Valley Grammar winning the game 7-4.

The girls can be very proud of their huge achievement in this prestigious competition and the sportsmanship they showed in every game. Bring on next year!

Open Boys Soccer

The Open Boys Soccer team were unfortunately knocked out of the North West knockout competition last week. After a successful campaign, which featured large wins over Moree (6-2) and Coonabarabran (9-1), the team travelled to Armidale in a bid to reach the North West final.

After stopping for a morning break in Gunnedah the bus rolled on to the big city of Armidale. While the result didn't reflect the effort the boys played with in this particular game, I was very proud of their behaviour and attitude throughout the tournament.

Led by captain Matthew Hall, the boys played some wonderful football, working as a team to conjure two excellent victories.

A special farewell to the year 12 boys, some of whom have played in the team since my arrival in 2013. Matthew Hall, Izaac Finn, Alex Hamilton, Todd Bailey, Dylan Phillips and one game wonder Connor Duncan, your support and contributions on and off the field are much appreciated. The boys stand in good stead for the future; I wish them all the best.

Thank you to Jake Brayshaw, former Wanderer for volunteering his time to help out.

A special thank you to Mrs Hill and Mrs Trindall who took students to Armidale for our last match.
Clothing Pool
Do you have any 2nd hand uniforms to donate to the Clothing Pool??
Thank you

Numbers game: 5 - the average of goals scored per game throughout the knockout tournament.

Player rating: 9.9/10 - Cooper Brayshaw demonstrated his undeniable class in all three games. His work ethic and leadership are admired traits.

**Group 14 Junior Judging Finals**

On Sunday 19th July, The Gunnedah Show Society hosted the Group 14 Agricultural Societies Council (ASC) Junior Judging Final. Four members of the Narrabri High School’s show team attended and were very competitive all day.

The competition is for young men and women aged between 15 and 25 years. There were 35 competitors travelling from areas such as Tamworth, Moree, Gunnedah, Warralda, Walgett and Wee Waa. They competed in Meat Sheep, Merino Fleece, Merino Sheep, Grain, Fruit and Vegetable and Beef Cattle Judging Competitions. In each, the competitors were marked on their placing of the class, their handling, their justification of the placing, presentation and public speaking skills. The winner and runner up of each competition earns themselves a place in the State final which is held at the Royal Easter Show in Sydney in March next year.

The Narrabri High School students all competed in each event with three students making the finals in a number of events. Courtney Boyd followed up from her success in the fleece judging in Sydney earlier this year by winning the group final again and also placing third in the Merino sheep judging class. Ben Atkinson was a very consistent competitor all day, making the finals in every event except one. Ben was first in the Grain Judging and a very close second in the Meat Sheep Judging. Laura Findlay was one of the youngest competitors, however she didn’t let that put her off, she placed 2nd in the Merino Sheep judging and third in the Fruit and Vegetable Judging. Ashleigh Dunn was also very competitive, attempting to back up from her success last year; she narrowly missed out on placing in more than one class.

Thank you to the judges, the ASC for conducting the event and Gunnedah Show Society for hosting the competition. Well done Courtney, Ben, Laura and Good Luck for the State Finals next year.
Textiles Technology
Fashion Parade

On the 5th and 6th of August the Australian Cotton Trade Show was held at the Crossing Theatre.

The Year 9 Textiles Technology class were invited to showcase clothing they have made during the year in a fashion parade on both days. They also utilised fashion items from the local shop One of a Kind showcasing cotton fibres. The fashion parade went for about 10-15 minutes each day with a few clothing changes in between. These students were very enthusiastic about this experience and were very grateful for the opportunity to show off their items.

North West Athletics Carnival

The following students have qualified for the NSWCHS Athletics Carnival at Homebush, Sydney on September 3rd - 5th. These students had to finish first or second in their events at the North West Athletics Carnival held at Tamworth on Friday 24th July.

13 years girls
Chloe Wales - Shot Put
Mae Harvey - 200 metres
Makayla Beddow - Long Jump, High Jump and 80 metre hurdles
Stephanie Stuart - Long Jump, High Jump and 80 metre hurdles

14 years Boys
Nick Tomlinson - 100 metres
Will Alexander - Javelin

14 years girls
April Smith - 400 metres, Javelin and 4x100 metre relay
Bella Stewart - 200 metres, Long Jump, High Jump and 4x100 metre relay
Chloe Myers - 100 metres, 200 metres and 4x100 metre relay
India Johnson - 4x100 metre relay
Kiesha Leonard - Shot Put

16 years girls
Maddison Smith - High Jump

17+ years boys
Dylan Phillips - Discus

17+ years girls
Amy Larsen - 800 metres
Jessica Kennedy - Triple Jump

Absent from photo: Kiesha Leonard, Maddison Smith & Jessica Kennedy
**TAS Faculty – Wood Drive**

Wood Technology teachers are looking for good useable timber already cut to size, that people from the community would like to donate. We are trying to source mainly hardwood timber to use for recycled and reclaimed timber projects, planned for students in years 7 - 10. Any help in transporting the timber being donated to the school would be appreciated.

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**Narrabri High School (POP)**

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

This payment method is now available. Log onto School site at [www.narrabri-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.narrabri-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

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**Calendar**

**August**
- 14 Jesus Racing
- 18 Back to School Night 6pm
- 19 Platinum class Year 7, 2016 applications closing date

**September**
- 3-5 NSW CHS Athletics Carnival
- 9 Year 6 (Year 7 2016) Gala Sports Gala Afternoon
- 11-17 Year 11 Yearly Exams
- 18 Year 12 Farewell Assembly 11am

**October**
- 5 Public Holiday
- 6 School commences term 4
- 14 Year 7, 2016 School Visit from St Xavier's School.
- 21 Year 7, 2016 School Visit from Narrabri West School
- 28 Year 7, 2016 School Visit from

**November**
- 5 Year 7 2016 Yarrie Lake Fun Day
- 9-11 Year 10 Exams
- 16 NW Girls Cricket Trials
- 17 NW Boys Cricket Trials
- 30 Year 7, 2016 Orientation Day

**December**
- 1-4 Year 10 Work Experience
- 8 Narrabri Public School Presentation Evening
- 9 Narrabri High School Presentation Evening
- 11 NWSSA Presentation Day
- 14-16 Term 5 Activities
- 16 Last day for students
- 17 & 18 Staff Development Days.

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**Attention Parents and Carers**

Please advise the school if there are any changes to following:
- Address
- Phone number
- Emergency contacts

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**How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone**

**Phone & iPad Users:**
1. Click the “App Store” icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using capital names will help.
3. If phone, you will see your school appear, click “Free” then “Install”
4. If iPad, change the top dock list to “iPhone Apps”; your school will then be visible, click “Free” then “Install”
5. When installed click “Open”.
6. Select “OK” to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.
During the War and Peace unit year 10 students created Found Poetry. Here are some of the amazing results.

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Russian infantrymen vacate their holes in the snow and run to new hiding places in the snow drifts behind the huts. We are gripped by a wild thirst for blood. Intoxicated by victory. At having taken the feared enemy by surprise.

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A young infantryman is thrown into the air. One of his legs, things by shreds of flesh. Blood spurts from his thigh like water from a burst pipe. I bend over him, but it’s no use. He dies, thanks to Braun’s...
Year 9 History students visited the new War Memorial at the RSL and the Town Clock.

This is part of their current unit of work covering Australia’s involvement in both World Wars.

Students enjoyed the excursion with Mr Doherty.

Students picture with Mr Doherty at the RSL War Memorial.

Students at the Town Clock