Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome back for 2016 and a special welcome to our new Year 7 students. I hope it has been a smooth start for you all and can I thank and acknowledge Year 7 Adviser, Rachel Lilliebridge, for all the work she has done in preparation for their arrival and the support she has given this cohort in their transition to life at Narrabri High. As a whole school, we have had a very smooth transition back into the classrooms with our new 5 period day structure and I would like to thank staff and students alike for a great start to the year.

Updating our staffing for the new school year.

Mr Dinos Charalambous has taken up his permanent appointment to our school as Deputy Principal. He will be in charge of Years 7, 9 & 11.

Mr Allan Tame continues in his role as our school funded second Deputy Principal. Mr Tame is in charge of Years 8, 10 & 12.

Ms Annie Manchee is Relieving Head Teacher English, Mr Brad Graham is Relieving Head Teacher HSIE and Ms Amy Johnson is Relieving Head Teacher Science. Mr Matt McConnell will be coordinating Sport.

A special welcome to our new permanent staff:
- Ms Judy Ormiston - Maths
- Ms Indigo Rosenblatt - Special Education MC Class
- Ms Rebecca Anderson - Maths (begin Term 2)
- Mr Jeremy Berghan - Music
- Mr Rhys Barnfield - Science

Also, on a Temporary basis, welcome:
- Mrs Suzanne McGregor - English
- Ms Rachel Rasa - English
- Ms Clare Love - English
- Mrs Megan Hartog-Smith - TAS
- Ms Maree Ford - TAS
- Mr Les Hala - TAS
- Ms Katherine Crosara - LOTE
I hope the community will make you feel very welcome.

The 2015 Year 12 cohort achieved some excellent results in their HSC exams. The entire staff of Narrabri High School are very proud of their performance and wish to congratulate the Class of 2015 and wish them well for their future study and work. The following is a representation of results in the top three Bands for all HSC subjects in 2015:

- Band 6 - 5
- Band 5 - 62
- Band 4 - 104

The highest ATAR I am aware of was 88.9 for Ben Holmes. Congratulations Ben on an outstanding result.

During the Christmas break we took delivery of our new Kaputar Trade Skills Centre for Metals & Engineering. This facility is nothing short of magnificent. I would cordially invite all of the community to come and have a look at this new facility on Monday afternoon from 5.00 – 6.30pm.

I have noticed at our whole school assemblies that our school uniform looks good and students are supporting the wearing of it. I thank parents and students for this. However, this brings me to my first major point for the year, the inappropriate footwear worn by some students. I made it clear last year that the light weight canvas shoes are a Work, Health and Safety issue at school to all our students. We have, at present, some students still wearing them to school. For the protection of your child, please provide appropriate footwear and insist that they wear it. We have a modest budget to assist families to buy new uniforms, so if there are issues in this respect please contact us.

I would welcome all new parents along to our P&C meetings and look forward to seeing you there.

Until our next newsletter.

Rod Jones
Principal

Aerosol spray

Due to the potential of life threatening allergic reaction, all aerosol spray is banned from Narrabri High School. Students are encouraged to bring roll on or pump pack deodorant/antiperspirant. Students who use aerosol, inside or outside of a building, can expect that there will be a consequence for this action, as well as the confiscation of the aerosol until the end of the day.
Chelsea Hancock has been selected in the North West Regional Girls Softball team. Chelsea will be playing at the CHS State Softball Carnival which is being held at Woolooware from the 1st March to 3rd March. We would like to wish Chelsea all the best for the carnival.

Cindy Neil
Softball Coach

Music Happenings
Firstly, we would like to welcome Mr Jeremy Berghan to the Music Faculty of Narrabri High School. Mr Berghan is a keen bass player who has come to us from Moree via Lismore. He will be teaching years 7 - 10 this year as well as assisting Mr Bailey with extra-curricular music activities this year.

Concert Band will be starting up again on Monday 15th February. Rehearsals this year will be held on Monday afternoons straight after school until 5pm in the school hall. All students who play woodwind, brass or percussion instruments are welcome to attend.

Regional camps are coming up very soon. This includes the regional Dance, Vocal and Instrumental camps. Students can collect application forms for these camps from Mr Bailey. A reminder that all completed forms need to be brought to Mr Bailey to get the principals signature after which Mr Bailey will return them for you to then send off to Di Hall, coordinator of the regional camps. You can find further information about these worthwhile experiences online at http://regionalartsnewengland.com.au/

At the end of last year we had some amazing performances at MADD Night, Special Assembly and Presentation Night. We have some big things planned for this year including a 90’s themed MADD Night in Term 2 along with other community performances. We are looking forward to showcasing the talented students we have here at Narrabri High School and working with the parents of our music students to make 2016 even bigger!!

Mr Stephen Bailey

Attention Parents/Guardians
Re: Notes
Please make sure they have:
- Child’s full name
- Year
- Roll Call
- Reason
- Time Leaving and returning
This year at Narrabri High School we are implementing a new sport truancy policy. Sport requires compulsory attendance as it is part of the High School curriculum, helping build physical strength, co-ordination, team spirit and social development. Please find below an outline of the policy. If for any reason a student is unable to attend sport for legitimate reasons, then a leave pass will need to be organised with the school.

**Narrabri High School Whole Sport Truancy Policy**

1. Teacher marks sport roll
2. Sports organiser checks the roll for whole sport truancies
3. Sports organiser interviews student marked as truant

If student is found to be a truant then the following action will take place:
1. Sport truancy letter will be generated by the sports organiser
2. Sport detention will be issued, to be carried out the next appropriate sport day

**Sport detention**
- Student reports to the teacher on duty, where they will complete the assigned work from the sports organiser

**Sport detention not completed satisfactorily**
- Second offence letter issued by sports organiser (if applicable)
- Second sport detention issued

**Second sport detention not completed satisfactorily**
- Student referred to Principal and/or deputy for persistent disobedience
  - If a student occurs more than two sport truancies in a semester then they will be referred straight to the Principal and/or deputy for persistent disobedience

**Sport detention completed satisfactorily**
- Back to sport the following week

**Second Sport detention completed satisfactorily**
- Back to sport the following week
Narrabri High School Timetable for 2016

In 2015 Narrabri High School evaluated the period length of our lessons and decided to make a change for 2016. Lessons were of 75 minutes, but from 2016 they will be 60 minutes. This has also resulted in changing the structure of the day, with roll call no longer starting the day and altering the number of breaks to two. Below is the structure of the day to commence in 2016, however, there will be regular evaluations to ensure that the students are receiving the maximum amount of time in their teaching and learning. Please note that when students are required to go to consecutive periods/roll call without a break, there is an allocation of time for them to get to the next class on time. The timetable will still run on a two week block, as we have this year, with the rotation of periods through the day occurring at the beginning of each term. If you are unsure of how this works, or how it will affect your child please contact the High School on 67921180.

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Statements will be sent home shortly.

Please note that Elective Subjects must be paid for by the end of Term 1.

Thank you
Hannah Morris
School: Narrabri High School
Industry Placement: I. A. Watson Wheat Research Centre, Narrabri NSW (University of Sydney and AGT)

"Through the camp and my placement I have gained a better insight of the possible paths I can take when I finish school and university."

Industry Placement Camp

The industry placement camp was such a great opportunity for me to learn more about science and agriculture and get a better idea of what jobs are available in the Agricultural Industry. The knowledge I gained could help me in my HSC as well as deciding my future career.

We also got the University experience by staying in the Stasia Rudd Collage at USQ.

On Monday we visited one of the labs at USQ, the most interesting part was Dr Lindsay Brown's research into Obesity and some related diseases. This involved SPA and how it interacts with our hormones. His PhD students explained what they were studying such as the positive effects of anthocyanins, caffeine and Garcinia humilis on weight loss and overall health. They also showed us the lab rats that they were conducting the studies on and got to watch a dissection of a rat (that was a little gross but cool).

The visit to the cotton farm was also good as we got to see what goes into managing a farm and the role of an Agronomist. Brendan explained the soil composition and its effects on plant production really well. I'm sure this will help me at school.

The presentation at Vanderfield showcased how they utilise the amazing technology in the new John Deere machinery. This has a major contribution to sustainable agriculture.

Throughout the week I also gained some great contacts that may be helpful in the future.

My Industry Placement

For my industry placement I worked at the I. A. Watson Wheat Research Centre in Narrabri. Dr Philip Davies organised the week for me and spent the first day with him and his colleagues. They work for the University of Sydney. My job along with Ionatza was to clean the wheat plants ready for Philip and Rebecca to score them on how disease affected them i.e. how far the disease has reached up the stem.

On the second day I worked with Jayne Ovens and Tracy Dunlop for AGT which is a commercial plant breeding company. I was in this lab which tests many aspects of the potential new wheat varieties. They test on traits such as water holding capacity, bread making and pasta making characteristics. I was helping with a germination experiment that was aimed at having seeds that last for several days after rain before germinating. I had to count and place seeds on moist petri dishes. They then count the amount of seeds germinated each day. I was amazed to see what goes into reawakening a new variety of wheat (over 8 years).

On the third day I worked with Dr Kedar Arthiikar who is a Faber bean breeder. Firstly he gave me a tour of the glass house where they grow the beans during summer (they are a winter crop). They have to inoculate the beans to stop natural pollination from occurring and then breeding can be controlled.

Kedar and his team conducted a field trial in 2015. They collected lots of data about the Faber beans during the trial and harvested the seeds for further testing. They used the data to select the best new varieties and my job was to sort the bags of Faber beans into keep and discard bins. In the following days Kedar and his team opened the bags and assessed the beans on their appearance.

On day four of my placement I worked with Rebecca Thedtatherawe. She is a student conducting her PhD at the research centre. I didn't get a chance to ask her what it was about but I had to use a counting tray to count 300 wheat seeds then weigh them. On day five I was in the AGT lab again doing the same thing as the second day.

Everyone that I worked with throughout the week was so welcoming and appreciated my help. They also said that it was the most boring time of year for them as they are just processing last year's harvest.

How My Placement Influenced Me

At my placement I got to see more of the Agricultural research that happens in my local area. This would be helpful if I decide to go to work in the research field. I was also offered work when I finish the HSC and during the university holidays next year (or the year after).

Through the camp and my placement I have gained a better insight of the possible paths I can take when I finish school and university. I'm still not exactly sure what to do when I finish school but definitely want to continue my studies with a Bachelor of Agriculture or Rural Science at university.

Acknowledgements

I would like to thank the PICSE scholarship program and all of the organisers for this great experience. As well as all of the presenters throughout the camp, they did an awesome job.

Thank you especially to Dr Philip Davies for organising an interesting week at my work placement, and to all of my supervisors throughout the week for showing me what they do.
# Canteen Menu - 2016

## Sandwiches (Multigrain or White)
- Cheese - Lite: $2.50
- Chicken & Lettuce: $4.00
- Chicken Salad: $4.50
- Corn Beef & Pickles: $4.00
- Curried Egg: $4.00
- Egg: $4.00
- Egg & Lettuce: $4.00
- Ham & Cheese: $4.00
- Ham & Tomato: $4.00
- Ham Salad: $4.50
- Salad (No meat): $3.50
- Salmon: $4.00
- Vegemite: $2.50
- Toasted Sandwiches: $2.50 + .20c

## Rolls (Multigrain or White)
- Chicken Salad: $4.50
- Ham Salad: $4.50
- Salad (No meat): $4.00
- Extra Fillings: $4.00 + .20c

## Wraps
- Chicken Salad Wrap: $4.50
- Ham & Salad Wrap: $4.50

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## Hot Foods
- Chilli Chicken Subs: $4.50
- Hot Dog: $2.50
- Hot Dog with cheese: $2.80
- Pie, Plain: $4.00
- Pie, Potato: $4.50
- Pie, Cheese & Bacon: $4.00
- Pizza Singles: $3.00
- Pizza Rounds: $3.00
- Sausage Roll - Small: $2.20
- Sausage Roll - Large: $4.00

## Drinks
- Cup of drink: $0.50
- Flavoured Milk - 300ml: $2.50
- Flavoured Milk - 500ml: $3.50
- Water - 600ml: $2.00
- Water - Pump Plain - 750ml: $3.00
- Water - Pump Flav - 750ml: $3.50
- Juice NAS - 375ml: $2.00
- Juice NAS - 500ml: $2.50
- Slushey: $2.00
- Hot Milo - Lite (Winter only): $2.50
- Powerade - 600ml (Weds only - Sports): $3.50

## Others
- Salad Dishes Chicken/Ham (must pre-order): $4.50
- Fruit Salad Tubs (Summer only - must pre-order): $4.00
- Muffins: $2.50

## Ice Creams
- Frozen Yogurt: $2.00
- Ice Creams: $1.00
- Lasers: $1.00
- Paddle Pops: $1.50
- Paddle Pop Thick Shakes: $2.00

## Chips
- Red Rock Deli Small 28grm: $1.50
- Red Rock Deli Large 45grm: $2.50
- Jay Jay’s 28grm: $1.50

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*Note: all chicken sandwiches, wraps, rolls and salads dishes are made with freshly canteen cooked chickens.
Prices may vary with some items.

*Sorry we DO NOT provide accounts!*

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*If you have any special dietary requirements please discuss with Canteen Staff to see if they can assist.*

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*Volunteers Needed!*
Newsletter by email
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

School Photos
Students will be given information regarding the photos to be taken on 21 March.

Students bring the envelope on 21 March with the correct money in the envelope and give straight to the Photographer

The school DOES NOT collect the envelope prior to this day.

Unfortunately we DO NOT have change on the day.

Thank you

Twilight Swimming Carnival
25 February 3pm
Students come to school at normal time but leave the school to go to the pool at 3pm.
If students attend the carnival they DO NOT have to attend school on Friday 26 February.

Clothing Pool
If you have any uniforms that you would like to donate to the Clothing Pool, please send into the office.

Thank you