



Narrandera High School

Issue 6 Week 2 Term 2

Tuesday 3rd May 2022

Dear NHS Families,

We have had a positive start to term 2 at NHS.

This term our school will operate with a number of COVID-smart measures that have been developed with NSW Health to minimise transmission and keep schools open.

These key measures include:

- rapid antigen testing (RAT) of students and staff who have COVID-19 symptoms or are identified as close contacts
- vaccinations
- maximising ventilation
- encouraging regular hand washing and continuing enhanced cleaning of schools
- assessing risk and applying appropriate safeguards across activities and events
- learning from home where face-to-face learning is not possible

In certain circumstances NSW Health and the Department of Education may advise that certain COVID-smart measures be temporarily reintroduced at school.

These temporary measures may include:

- ceasing large indoor gatherings
- ceasing off-site and inter-school activities
- mask wearing for adults and high school students
- limiting visitors to schools
- separating cohorts of students
- learning from home or remotely

Close contacts attending school

The announcement to ease the isolation requirements for close contacts was made on 20 April 2022. This will enable students and staff who are close contacts and have no symptoms to continue to attend school if they follow guidelines agreed with NSW Health.

Note that staff and students who have had confirmed COVID-19 in the last 12 weeks do not have to comply with the following guidelines if they become a household or close contact and are not required to self-isolate or test unless they develop new COVID-19 symptoms.

Close contacts attending school will need to adhere to the following in addition to the NSW Health guidelines:

- They must notify the school if they are intending to return under this provision.
- They should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 school days.
- They must wear a mask indoors except when eating or exercising.



- No student or staff member identified as a close contact will be permitted to participate in overnight excursions, including school camps.
- Any visitor to a school site who is a close contact is required to advise the school that they are a close contact before they come on site. These visitors should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result before attending. They must also wear a mask indoors at all times.

Show Team Success

The Narrandera High Show Team have followed up on their recent success of champion school at the National Angora Trophy Show in Goulburn by also taking out the champion school title in the Angora Goats section at the Sydney Royal Easter Show for the second year in a row.

The Royal Easter Show Team consisted of: Maddison Clifford, Clayton Ewers, Isaiah Hutchison, Hannah McDonald, Talara Wolter, Alex Wright, Ruby Hewitt, Mikalie Vearing, Madeline Fraser, Mr Matthew Shady and Miss Emma Charles.

The team won places in all sections of competition, including the paraders, wether and youth handlers competitions. The most pleasing results were:

- Champion School - Angora
- Reserve Champion School - Angora
- Champion Sires Progeny under 12 months
- 1st pair of angoras under 12 months
- 1st in the production class for both under 12 months and for over 12 months
- 1^{st, 2nd} and 3rd in schools wether competition

Other pleasing individual results were Madeline Fraser who was awarded Reserve Champion Junior Judges Competition. She is now eligible for the National Championships.

Highly commended (junior judges) were Clayton Ewers, Ruby Hewitt, Alex Wright.

These results are representative of the commitment and skill of the team and the high-quality agriculture program that has been developed over the last few years at Narrandera High School. Special thanks to Mr Matt Shady who has led our angora goats development at the school in his role of Agriculture teacher.

We are very proud of our team and our goats!

Cross Country and Athletics Carnival

The new dates for these events (weather permitting) are:

- Cross Country - Wednesday 11 May Periods 5 and 6 (week 3)
- Athletics Carnival - Wednesday 18 May - all day (week 4)

Strike Update – Tomorrow Wednesday 4 May

On 26 April the NSW Teachers Federation voted to hold state-wide industrial action in the form of a 24 hour strike on Wednesday 4 May 2022.

While our school will still be open, we will only be providing minimal supervision of students tomorrow. Minimal supervision means that normal classes will not operate but temporary class structures and a modified timetable will be in place to meet safety and supervision requirements.

Staffing Update

This term we have welcomed the following new staff to our school:

- Erin Golding – Art
- Judy Ing – Careers
- Melissa Mudd – English / Literacy Coaching
- Mark Sykes – SLSO (MC Class and Attendance)
- Ashley Beer has also moved into the full-time SLSO position in the Autism class.
- Rebecca Rowlings—English (from week 6)

Next Friday, 13 May will be my last day as Principal of Narrandera High School. I would like to thank the entire NHS community for their support during my 5 years at Narrandera. I will leave the school with many fond memories. NHS will always hold a special place in my heart and I will be watching with interest the happenings at NHS as I move into my new position as Principal at Yanco Agricultural High School. I am confident that Ms Simone Walsh will capably lead the school as Acting Principal for the remainder of the 2022 school year. Congratulations on your appointment Simone. Recruitment for a permanent Principal at NHS will take place in Term 4 this year for a 2023 start.

Kind Regards,
Marni Milne
Principal

AFL

Sam, Jaxon, Darcy & Isaiah are in Wollongong this week representing Riverina at the U15's State Championships. We wish them all well



NAPLAN – information for parents and carers



2022

Why do students do NAPLAN?

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit in May each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students do.

As students progress through their school years, it's important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Schools are transitioning from paper-based to computer-based assessments. Most schools will complete NAPLAN tests online in 2022. All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

Online NAPLAN tests provide more precise results and are more engaging for students. One of the main benefits is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test presents questions which may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

What does NAPLAN assess?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.

Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. Questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.

All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN test materials.

To find out more about NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au

Participation in NAPLAN

NAPLAN is for everyone. ACARA supports inclusive testing so all students can participate in the national assessment program.

Adjustments are available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs.

Schools should work with parents/carers and students to identify, on a case-by-case basis, reasonable adjustments required for individual students with disability to access NAPLAN. Adjustments should reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments.

To help inform these decisions, you may consult the [NAPLAN public demonstration site](#), the [Guide for schools to assist students with disability to access NAPLAN](#), or our [series of videos](#) where parents/carers, teachers and students share their experience of using NAPLAN adjustments.

In exceptional circumstances, a student with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on adjustments for students with disability or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

NHS NAPLAN TIMETABLE

2022 NHS NAPLAN Schedule

Participation in NAPLAN

All students in Years 7 and 9 are expected to participate in the annual NAPLAN assessment. Students with a disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments. You should discuss the use of any adjustments for your child with your child's teacher.

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What if my child is absent from school on NAPLAN days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule.

NAPLAN at Narrandera High School

The NAPLAN Online assessment window starts on Tuesday 10 May and finishes on Friday 21 May 2021. The specific dates for NAPLAN at NHS are detailed below

Contact

Please contact Simone Walsh (Deputy- IL), Monica Lyons (HT-ALEC) or Priscilla O'Mahoney (HT-Learning Support) at the school on 02 69591744

Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Reading Tuesday 10th May	Year 7 Pd 1 & 2 Year 9 Pd 3 & 4	Year 7: 65 min. Year 9: 65 min.	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts and then answer related questions
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What can I do to support my child?

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN.

You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers.

Some familiarisation and explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

See the types of questions and tools available in the online NAPLAN assessments at nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site

NAPLAN timetable

The NAPLAN online test window is nine days. This is to accommodate schools that may have fewer devices.

The NAPLAN online test window starts on Tuesday 10 May and finishes on Friday 20 May 2022. Tests must be scheduled as soon as possible within the testing window, prioritising the first week.

Online NAPLAN test scheduling requirements are detailed in the table below.

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How is my child's performance reported?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each assessment. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student has demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be provided by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents/carers may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help identify students who need greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas of need to improve teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see information about the performance of schools over time at myschool.edu.au

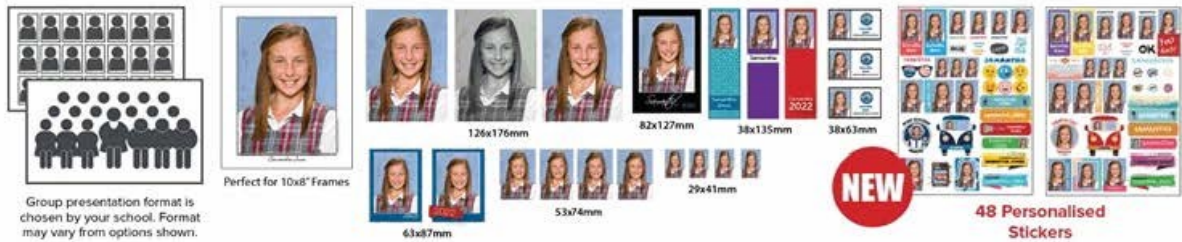
Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact Narrandera High School: **02 69591744** or simone.walsh10@det.nsw.edu.au
- visit nap.edu.au

SCHOOL PHOTOS

school photographs are coming up soon



Group presentation format is chosen by your school. Format may vary from options shown.

Perfect for 10x8 Frames

126x176mm

82x127mm

38x135mm

NEW

48 Personalised Stickers

Please note: Traditional or Composite group and the presentation format are chosen by your school. Sibling photos, if available, can also be ordered online and must be ordered prior to your photo day. A late fee will apply for photos purchased after ordering has closed.

how to order

order online

Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard and PayPal. Alternatively, you can choose to pay over 10 weeks using LatitudePay.

STEP 1

Go to www.advancedlife.com.au on your computer, phone or tablet.

STEP 2

Enter your school code:

939 RQP 369

in the 'order and download' box. This will take you to your school's secure online ordering site.



STEP 3

Click on 'Order Photos' and complete your details and procedures. During this process you can place orders for additional children at your school and sibling photos, if available



cash/envelope ordering

Your school prefers orders to be placed online. However, if you are unable to order online, please complete your order using the order envelope provided.

STEP 1

Complete a separate order envelope for each individual child's package/s ordered. If ordering for more than one child, payment should be enclosed in the envelope of the eldest child and this should be indicated on the envelope of the other child/children (the envelope that does not have cash enclosed).

STEP 2

Enclose exact cash payment in one envelope for the package/s you are ordering. Payment for more than one child should be in the eldest child's envelope and marked at the bottom of the envelope in the space provided.

STEP 3

Return your completed envelope/s, with correct cash payment, to our photographers on the day.

Please note: You must enclose exact correct payment, as change is not available. Credit card payments can only be made online and we no longer accept cheques. There is a separate envelope for sibling photo orders, should your school choose to offer sibling photos.

School photographs will be returned to your school 4-6 weeks after the day of photography

IMPORTANT - "not for publication" students

If you have instructed your school that your child's image is "not for publication" (sometimes called "do not publish" or "not for media release" instructions), the school will ensure that your child is not presented to our photographers on photo day and school photographs will not be available for purchase. If you wish to change your instruction, then you must notify your school, so they change their records and identify your child as able to be photographed for school photography purposes. All students presented to our photographers by your school on photo day will be photographed, their images will appear in school photography packages with their fellow students and these packages will be available to purchase by all families.

Contact us: www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

advancedlife
school photography & print specialists

STUDENT CONCESSION CARDS

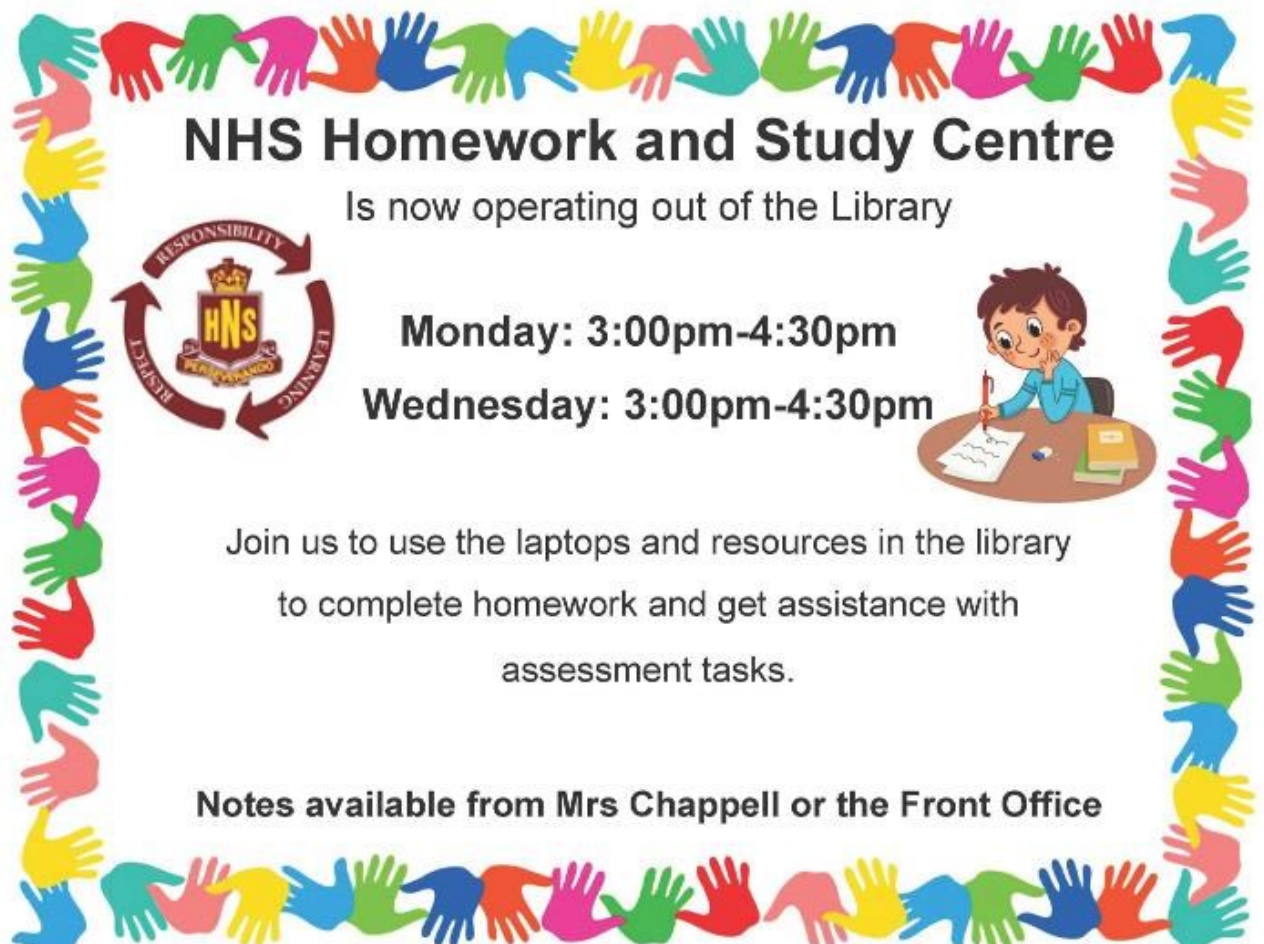
You may be entitled to concession travel on NSW public transport (Trains, buses, light rail, metro, Sydney Ferries and NSW Trainlink services).

Students enrolled in a NSW or ACT secondary school or non-government secondary school are eligible to apply.

Please contact the school so that we can apply for you. You must be over 16. There is no cost.



HOMEWORK CENTRE



NHS Homework and Study Centre
Is now operating out of the Library

Monday: 3:00pm-4:30pm
Wednesday: 3:00pm-4:30pm

Join us to use the laptops and resources in the library to complete homework and get assistance with assessment tasks.

Notes available from Mrs Chappell or the Front Office

The poster is framed by a decorative border of colorful hands. On the left side, there is a circular logo for NHS with the words 'RESPONSIBILITY', 'LEARNING', and 'RESPECT' around it. On the right side, there is an illustration of a student sitting at a desk writing.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



kurrajong

Presents songs of

MAMA MIA!



FRIDAY 20TH MAY

CRC Theatre Narrandera:
7pm night performance

SATURDAY 21TH MAY

CRC Theatre Narrandera:
2pm Matinee Performance

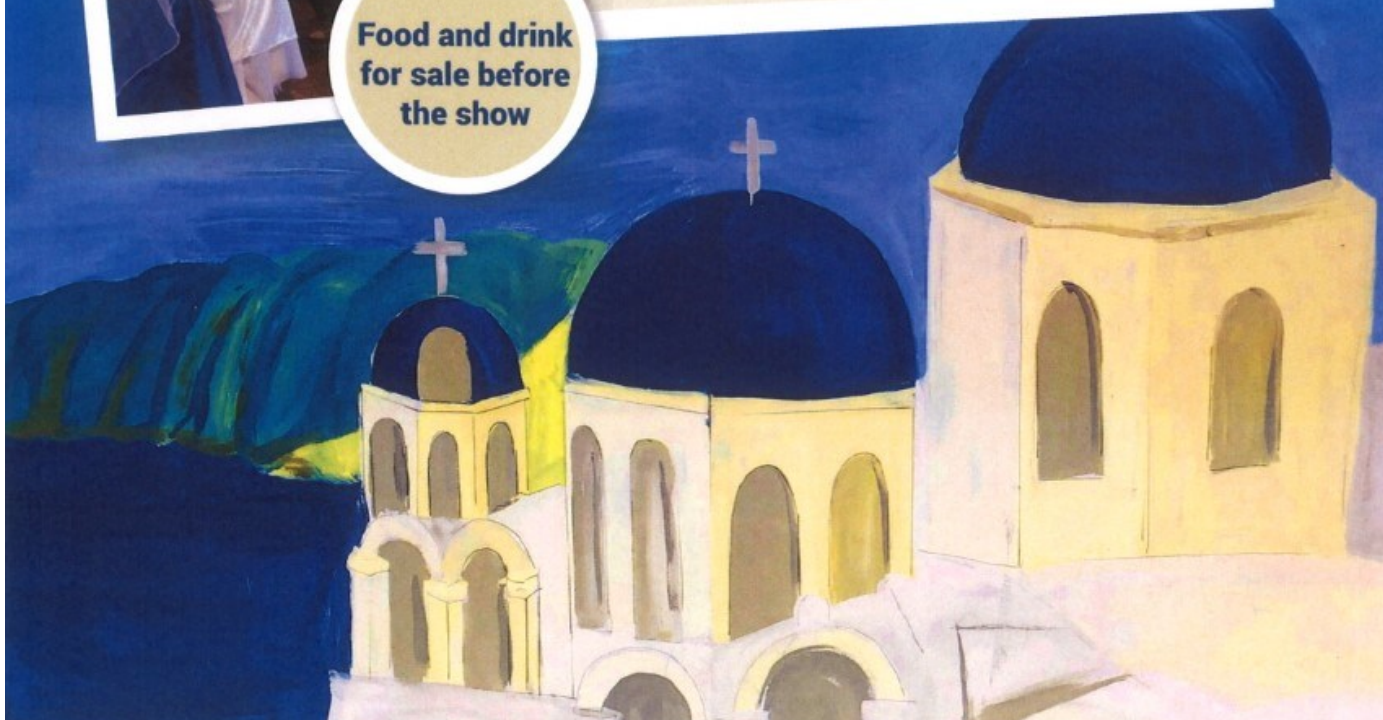
Here we go again!

Tickets:

Seating capacity of 500

<https://kurrajongwaratah.eventbrite.com.au>

Food and drink
for sale before
the show





Mother's Day Narrandera Farmers' Market

Sunday 8th May 2022

at The Shady Gum Nursery Car Park
9am - 12noon

*Breakfast & Coffee
Available*



**LION TRAIN SHUTTLE
ON THE HOUR (SEE MAP FOR ROUTE)**

Vendors welcome contact Annie on 02 69591780

A Mothers Day

DEVOTION

Sunday 8th MAY 2022

9am - 1pm

Narrandera

A half day workshop to illuminate what matters and connect to family.

For mothers and daughters (+10yrs)

Included

Connection tools for self and others : Somatic practices :
Vibrational joy activities : Delicious morning tea

bonus

a deeper level of connection to family : digital detox
vulnerable discussions : a good laugh
connections to likeminded tribe : limited numbers to dive deep

details

Exchange \$88 per couple
Limited numbers

To book your place
Contact Mel Zeiher on 0402823141

If you have any questions or just want to chat in more detail please reach out.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

May 20th - 22nd, 2022

3 DAY ABORIGINAL CULTURAL FESTIVAL

NARRUNGDERA EARTH FEST

Friday 20th May

"GAWAYMBANHA"

Welcome Event

10am - 1pm

Narrandera Fisheries

MUSIC BY THE
MARRAMBIDYA

Didgeridoo Contest

6:30pm - 9:30pm

Koori's Beach

PRIZES

Saturday 21st May

Narrungdera

Cultural Day

10am - 5pm

Narrandera Showground

Connecting to Country - Celebrating Culture

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ON WIRADJURI COUNTRY

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CLEANERS WANTED

Applicants need to be available to work
Monday to Friday between the hours
5:00am-7:00pm.

- Split shifts: 5:00am-9:00am and
2:00pm-7:00pm
- Day shift available from 11:00am-3:00pm



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