Narrandera High School

Issue 7 Week 4 Term 2



Dear Narrandera High School Families,

Last Friday we farewelled our Principal, Marni Milne. Marni's hard work and commitment to Narrandera High was acknowledged throughout the week at a number of functions and gatherings.

I have included the student leader speech that was made at Marni's last assembly:

Mrs Milne, as it is your last day at Narrandera High School, we would like to say a few words on behalf of all the students to wish you the best for the next chapter at Yanco Ag, and to say thank you for your time here and the dedication you have put into this school.

For all of the Narrandera High students, you have been here for our entire Narrandera high School journey, whether that be just for a few weeks, or coming on six years, and you have always tried to ensure a positive, friendly and welcoming environment.

You have been a passionate supporter of Year 12 fundraising activities and we thank you for your generous donations and support each year. You have also been a strong supporter of the Clontarf Academy, sporting carnivals and events, NAIDOC activities, Year Days, ANZAC day, among many other excursions and opportunities you have provided or encouraged.

Your encouraging smile and positivity throughout the corridors and playground will be greatly missed.

All the best in everything that is to come, and don't forget you're always welcome back to visit.







Students and staff have been very busy over the last fortnight engaging in a variety of academic and sporting endeavours.

Naplan 2022

Year 7 and 9 students have now completed the first completely on-line NAPLAN testing, with a few 'catch -up assessments to be conducted on Friday. Students handled the online format with ease and confidence.

All students are to be commended on their conduct and commitment to the assessment – with supervising Head Teachers reporting that behaviour and respect was exemplary. This attitude ensures that results truly reflect ability and enable staff at Narrandera High to tailor and target teaching to individuals.

Schools generally receive their students' NAPLAN reports from mid-August to mid-September. Narrandera High will notify you when the reports are being sent to your home.

Athletics carnival

After a 6-week delay, we hope to conduct our annual Athletics carnival here on our back ovals. Students are strongly encouraged to attend this school day – it's an excellent opportunity to showcase talents and skills, participate in a whole school event and spend time with friends.

The day commences with roll call at 8.50am in the COLA. Students are asked to show house spirit by wearing their House colours

Year 12 will be holding a BBQ to support their chosen charity – **Narrandera Can Assist**. Bacon and egg rolls, coffee, steak sandwiches, sausages, rissoles and other snacks and drinks can be purchased throughout the day (so bring some extra cash!). The day concludes with the highlight events such as the Boys open 100m, House Tug-a-war challenge and Staff / Student relays. These strongly contested events need competitors and spectators to really cap off what is always a great day.

Student Attendance

All students are expected - and will be supported - to be at school every day. Improving student attendance and increasing the numbers of students with an attendance rate over 90% will continue to be a priority this term. Research indicates a strong correlation between attendance and long term educational, social and health outcomes for young people. Executive and SLSO Staff will be contacting families as required and meeting with students individually to encourage increased attendance. Your support around this initiative is very much appreciated.

Parent and Community Engagement

Next week we welcome parents and carers to our school:

<u>Monday 23rd May</u>, Preliminary Academic reports will be distributed to students in Period 6. Reports will also be emailed to parents. Reading the reports, it was pleasing to see the vast majority of students working hard in preparation for the HSC. I urge all students to access our after-school Homework Centre, Mondays and Wednesdays

<u>Tuesday 24th May</u>, at 6.00pm we invite all prospective students (Year 7, 2023) and parents / family to our Hands on High School evening. Attendees will hear about our Year 7 programs and support, participate in some hands-on mini lessons and enjoy a delicious supper. All families wishing to enrol for 2022 are reminded to ensure they have completed an expression of interest form. Thank you to the families who have already submitted this paperwork <u>Thursday 26th May</u>, from 3.30pm- 6.00pm we are conducting our Stage 6 Parent/Teacher interviews in the School Hall. Parents/carers are asked to access the Narrandera Parent Sentral Portal – Interview icon, to book an appointment with your young person's teacher. You can also catch up with the Principal, Deputy, and Careers Advisor on the night. Should you need assistance with the Parent Portal contact the school or meet with one of our staff members on the night.

Kind regards

Simone Walsh

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Riverina Local Land Services presented a coolamon to the school as a show of gratitude for the entries of Ainsley and Maddie in the 'Magic of Wiradjuri Country' photo competition in 2021.



QUOTE

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget *how you made them feel*"

> Maya Angelou 1928-2014

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

UNIFORM

We are a school that requires all students to wear uniform. However, it is valuable to consider why we wear uniform. There are a number of powerful reasons:

- We are all seen as equal—The wearing of uniform means that people are not misjudged as individuals by something as superficial as the clothes they wear
- No competition—The forces of fashion are very strong. Without a uniform, many students would compete in a fashion stakes
- We are all members of one community—By wearing uniform we identify as one group. Without it there would be greater splinter groups based on clothing styles
- Safety—Uniforms help make our school safe. We can more easily identify people who should not be within the school and who could place students at risk. We can also identify you more easily if you need assistance because you uniform says you are one of us
- Members of a team—We all enjoy and take pride in being part of a successful team. The community recognises and supports us in wearing our school uniform with pride
- But we are all individuals—Yes, we are and in a way by wearing uniform we are foregoing some of that individuality. However, we can express our individuality in a variety of ways through our achievements and contribution in academic, sporting, musical, social, technological and creative aspects of school life. We feel that the many benefits of proudly wearing our school uniform contribute to making our school a positive learning community.

If a student cannot wear their uniform for any reason they must bring a note signed by their parent/guardian to their year advisor before school. They will be issued with an out of uniform permission note for the day.

Note—School spray jackets may be worn by girls and boys as part of the school uniform. Seniors may wear the official spray jacket which is predominantly navy blue. In some practical classes it may be necessary to wear a hair net when working near or with machinery. Protective clothing or goggles may also be required.

School uniform is to be worn each day and on all occasions where the student is representing the school (ie, trips and excursions), unless otherwise instructed. Students' names should be clearly marked on all items for easy identification in case of loss.

SAFETY NOTICE

It is a Department of Education and Communities requirement that Leather Lace-Up shoes must be worn in all practical lessons. These shoes provide proper safety and foot care. Sports shoes should only be worn for sports lessons.

No Jewellery, except small sleepers or studs may be worn. No cosmetics are allowed at school.

Junior Boys	Senior Boys	
Summer	Summer	
Grey shorts	Grey shorts	
Blue school polo shirt with logo	White school polo shirt with logo	
Grey socks	Grey socks	
Maroon school jumper	Maroon school jumper	
Maroon and Gold school spray jacket	Blue and White senior spray jacket	
Black leather lace-up school shoes	Black leather lace-up school shoes	
Winter	Winter	
Grey long trousers	Grey long trousers	
Blue school polo shirt with logo	White school polo shirt with logo	
Grey socks	Grey socks	
Maroon and Gold school spray jacket	Blue and White senior spray jacket	
Black leather lace-up school shoes	Black leather lace-up school shoes	
Junior Girls	Senior Girls	
Summer	Summer	
Blue and White check pattern skirt	Light blue skirt	
White school polo shirt with logo	White polo shirt with logo	
White short socks	White short socks	
Maroon school jumper	Maroon school jumper	
Black leather lace-up school shoes	Black leather lace-up school shoes	

Winter	Winter			
Maroon knee length check skirt or plain maroon trousers	Maroon knee length check skirt or plain navy trousers			
Black opaque tights with skirt or white short socks with trousers	Black opaque tights with skirt or white short socks with trousers			
White school polo shirt with logo	White school polo shirt with logo or white collared shirts with logo optional			
Maroon school jumper	Maroon school jumper			
Maroon and Gold school spray jacket	Navy and White school spray jacket			
Black leather lace-up school shoes	Black leather lace-up school shoes			
PE and SPORT (Boys and Girls)				
Sports Shoes	Students are expected to change into their sports uniform when participating in PE lessons. Students may wear their PE clothes to school on Sports Day (WEDNESDAY).			
White ankle socks				
Black sports shorts				
School sports polo shirt				
Plain black tracksuit pants (Winter)				
REPRESENTATIVE UNIFORM				
Girls	Boys			
Representative Blazer	Representative Blazer			
Maroon knee length check skirt	Grey long trousers			
Black opaque tights	Grey socks			
White collared blouse	White collared shirt			
Black leather lace-up school shoes	Black leather lace-up school shoes			
School tie	School tie			

The following items of uniform are available only from the school. Some items may need to be fitted and ordered.

- Representative Blazer
- School Tie
- Junior and Senior bucket hats
- Girls winter skirts
- Junior & senior girls summer skirts

Note—Other uniform items are available from Trims Collective, including material for girls summer and winter skirts. A winter skirt pattern is also available from the school office.

There is no excuse for any student not to have the correct uniform, including correct, sale footwear.



BOYS

Summer

Winter

Sports



GIRLS

Summer

Winter

Sports

2022 NAPLAN

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.

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.

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

Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Reading Tuesday 10 th 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
Writing 11 ^क May	Year 9 Pd 1 & 2	Year 9: 42 min.	Students are provided with a 'writing stimulus' (sometimes called a 'prompt' – an idea or topic) and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrativeor persuasive writing)
Writing 12 th May	Year 7 Pd 1 &2	Year 7: 42 min	Students are provided with a 'writing stimulus' (sometimes called a 'prompt' – an idea or topic) and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrativeor persuasive writing)
Conventions of language 17 th May	Year 7 Pd 1 & 2 Year 9 Pd 3 & 4	Year 7: 45 min. Year 9: 45 min.	This test assesses spelling, grammar andpunctuation
Numeracy 19 th May	Year 7 Pd 1 & 2 Year 9 Pd 3 & 4	Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min.	This test assesses number and algebra,measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability

HANDS ON HIGH SCHOOL



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- Supper provided
- School Tour

At Narrandera High School our vision is to develop strong learning partnerships where staff, students and families work together to empower each student to be the best they can be. All members of our school community will be challenged to continue to learn and improve every year in a respectful, inclusive and high expectation environment where every student is known, valued and cared for.



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SCHOOL PHOTOS - THURSDAY 16TH JUNE

school photographs are coming up

soon



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.



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



Enter your school code:

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



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.



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

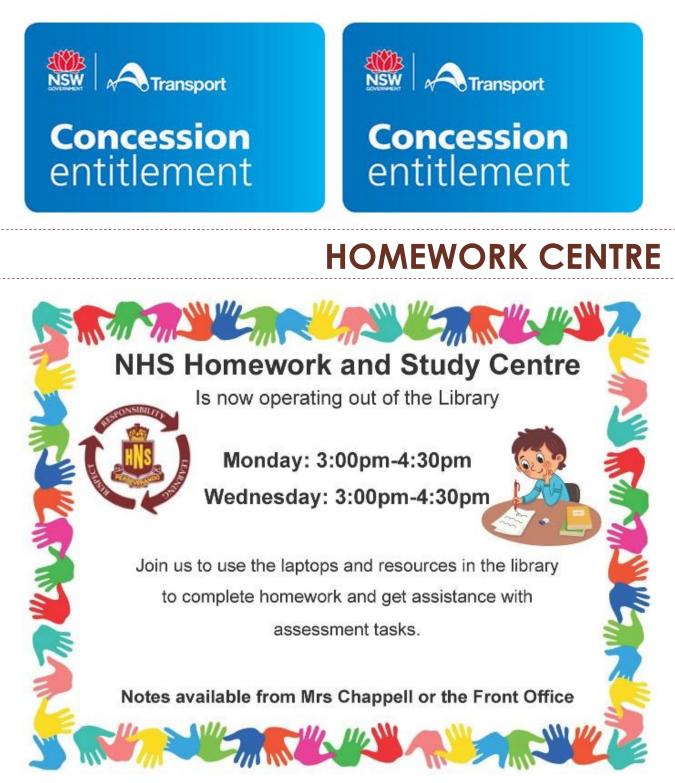
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STUDENT CONCESSION CARDS

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



COMMUNITY NOTICES



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Tee off for Breast Cancer Trials GRONG GRONG GOLF CLUB

Saturday 4th June 2022

Come and join us for a fun day of golf with

your mates.

Breast Cancer Trials is a group of world-leading Australian & New Zealand breast cancer doctors and researchers. Exploring and finding better treatments for people affected by breast cancer through clinical research trials.



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