



Narrandera High School

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Tuesday 3rd November 2020

It has been a busy fortnight at Narrandera High with all junior and HSC students engaged in examinations. Yearly Exams will finish for students in Years 7-10 at the end of this week whilst our Stage 6 students conclude HSC Examinations on November 11.

External Validation

Once in a five year cycle each NSW Department of Education school undergoes an external validation of their school's self-assessment of progress by an independent panel made up of a Principal and a Principal, School Leadership from outside of our network.



Last Tuesday, October 27, Narrandera High School's panel report was delivered based on the expectations articulated in the School Excellence Framework (SEF).

The feedback received about our school and progress was outstanding. Narrandera High was validated as excelling, which is the highest level on the School Excellence Framework, in the following areas: learning culture, wellbeing, data skills and use, learning and development, educational leadership and school resources. All other areas were assessed as sustaining and growing and no areas were judged as delivering or working towards.

The panel's description of our school as a 'lighthouse school' is wonderful affirmation for our entire school community and sets a fantastic stepping stone moving forward.

The panel made comment about our outstanding focus on building a positive learning culture, individualised learning and intervention and having a clear culture of school improvement which is backed by significant improvements in student learning growth, increasing enrolments and quality teaching practice. The school's focus on evidence-based improvement was also recognised. Knowing each of our students well and creating an environment where every student is known, valued and cared for was also validated. Our above average 'value add' between years 7-9 and again in years 9-12 was also praised. The effective use of school resources, both



human and physical was also made mention with Narrandera High being a leader in terms of innovative supports and initiatives such as our Intervention Centre, Aboriginal Learning and Engagement Centre and Clontarf Academy.

The significant improvements in relation to student attendance and the reduction in student suspensions also validated the judgment of 'excelling' in relation to wellbeing.

Part of this process also involved the school identifying future directions to support school improvement. Our school has identified the following elements as areas for future growth:

- Continue to prioritise the use of innovative strategies to encourage high expectations of students and families (learning culture).
- Maintain momentum and growth in relation to improving student attendance and devising effective strategies to engage high-risk students at school (learning culture).
- Increase the number of students in the top two bands of NAPLAN by further enhancing the focus on high expectations, student success and the explicit teaching of literacy and numeracy (student performance measures).
- Continue to provide more opportunities for teaching staff to model and view the most effective and evidence-based teaching strategies (effective classroom practice).
- Continue to increase the confidence of all teaching staff in their understanding of data concepts and the ability to independently analyse student data to plan and modify their teaching practice (data skills and use).
- Continue to strive for and embed a culture of high expectations closely aligned to student progress and achievement across the whole staff (educational leadership).

Thank you to our executive team who led the preparation of our External Validation submission in such a thorough, dedicated and reflective manner. Thanks are also extended to Miss Emily Brooke who assisted in the preparation of the Wellbeing evidence set. Such quality practice and feedback can only occur as a result of the hard work of our entire staff and school community. Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support of our school. I will continue to update you all on our new Strategic Improvement Plan as work on this continues this term. Feedback on our Situational Analysis has already been gratefully received from our staff, P&C and AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group).

Rollover to New Academic Year

A reminder to all families that we 'rollover' to our new academic year on Monday

16 November (Week 6). It is important that all students are prepared for the new year with new books and equipment as required. If you have any questions about the rollover, please contact the school office.

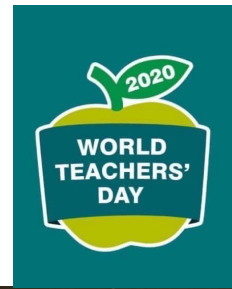
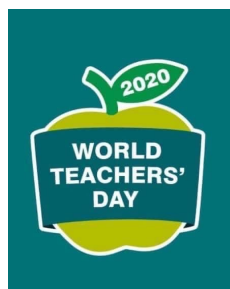
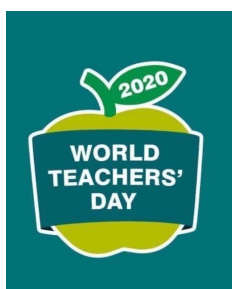
Year 10 Work Experience

Due to changes related to COVID restrictions, Year 10 have been allocated one week of work experience next week (Week 5 between 9-13 November). Students must ensure all of the appropriate paperwork has been completed and submitted to Mr Ireland as a matter of urgency if they intend to participate in Work Experience.

World Teachers Day

Last Friday, October 30 we celebrated World Teachers Day at Narrandera High School. Our teachers are extremely dedicated, capable and committed to the highest standards in relation to their teaching practice and care of our students. Thank you once again to our fantastic teaching and non-teaching staff. You are all amazing!

WORLD TEACHERS DAY



YEARLY EXAMINATIONS

Year 9

Week 3 & 4

Tuesday 27th October—
Friday 6th November

Year 10

Week 3 & 4

Monday 26th October—
Thursday 5th November

ATTENDANCE REWARDS



Students that have **100% attendance during weeks 4-9 inclusive** will go into the draw for a set of Apple Air pods. We have two sets to giveaway



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Year 12 Graduation

Narrandera Academy members Deakin Bright and Tyrek Afuamua have finally finished their schooling on a high with receiving their Year 12 Certificate.

Tyrek will be the first in his family to receive his Certificate.

His mum is really proud of his efforts and thanks Clontarf for helping him through his schooling.

Deakin has been a real leader within our Clontarf academy and we hope that our younger generation follows his footsteps of staying at school, putting the effort in, and receiving a Certificate.

Deakin has completed all his work-ready documents and just recently obtained his provisional drivers license.

The academy staff would like to give these academy students high recommendations on achieving this milestone in such a dramatic year with what was happening through the COVID-19.

The academy staff would also like to wish them well in their future endeavours and will look forward to seeing them come in to visit as alumni.



STAGE 5 VISUAL ARTS

Year 9 & 10 Experimentations into relief and intaglio printing

This semester Visual Arts elective students have been creating a series of prints using both relief and intaglio methods.



Year 9 students have been experimenting with collographic printmaking inspired by the faces of people around them. While Year 10 have been equally inspired by the natural environment, delving into creating lino prints of plants and animals.



BOOK WEEK 2020

Narrandera High School celebrated Book Week last week. The Children's Book Council postponed it from August and the Theme was "Curious Creatures: Wild Minds". No one really dressed up.....well.....almost nobody.....but we had a great time in the Library!

Thank you to all the students who participated in the Curious Creatures Competition and became 'crafty and creative' at lunchtimes. The winners were Mia Spencer, Emma Mills and Phoebe Romeo and Ainsley Maver received a Highly Commended.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROTARY CLUB OF NARRANDERA INC



Lil Mills Tertiary Scholarship



Narrandera Rotary Club is once again offering the Lil Mills Tertiary Scholarship of \$1500 for 2021.

As students leave home and embark on the next stage of their life, they are often faced with many new financial expenses not previously encountered.

This can include things like living expenses, board, text books costs, transport expenses and course fees to mention just a few.

The purpose of the Rotary Scholarship is to assist these students to make the transition in their first year.

To be eligible, students must be completing their last year of formal schooling, reside in Narrandera Shire and be planning to embark on some form of Tertiary Studies through a University, TAFE, apprenticeship or other recognised Tertiary Institution within the next twelve months.

The Scholarship is in memory of Lil Mills who was a local woman who worked tirelessly for the community through a number of different voluntary organisations.

Application forms are available from Narrandera High School, Close Pharmacy and Narrandera Bendigo Bank.

Closing date for applications is Friday 11th December 2020 and interviews will be conducted on Wednesday 3rd February 2021.

Safer Drivers Course at Narrandera

Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd November

9:30am—12:30pm

@ Narrandera Shire Library Youth Space

For more information contact NRMA Safer Driving—Wagga Wagga on 0439 006 762 or email sarah.wardman@iag.com.au

5 HOURS = 20 LOG BOOK HOURS

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Tennis Coaching

When: 7th, 14th, 28th November & 5th December – 4 weeks

Cost: Membership* \$30.00 per player plus
5-8years 30 mins lesson \$10/lesson
9+ years 45 mins lesson \$15/lesson

Time: 9am or later depending on age group, you will be notified

Where: Narrandera Tennis Courts, Jonsen Street

Coach: Megan Polkinghorne from Griffith

Racquets provided

* Membership is for 12 months to Narrandera Tennis Club

Contact Allison Foster 0457248809 to register your interest.