



Narrandera High School

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Tuesday 15th December 2020

Dear NHS Families,

As we move into the final few days of the 2020 school year, I would like to pass on a huge thank you to all families for your support this year. 2020 has been a year like no other but we have still continued to make great gains at Narrandera High School and celebrate many positives. Much of this is as a result of the support we enjoy from our families and the broader school community. For your support of myself and our school, I extend my sincere thanks.

Presentation Day

Last Friday, 11 December we celebrated our 2020 Presentation Day. Even though this ceremony was limited to award winners and supervising staff due to COVID restrictions, it was wonderful to be able to share this occasion with families and our broader school community via livestream. Special thanks are extended to Mr Jamie Gawne and Mrs Sally Gillespie for their impeccable organisation of this event. A selection of photographs from Presentation Day are included as part of this newsletter.

Arrangements for last day for students – Wednesday 16 December, 2020

Tomorrow will be the last day for students for the 2020 school year. Alternative activities will take place for the whole day. During periods 1 and 2 students will either participate in the 'Pink Stumps' staff versus students cricket match or alternative cultural activities. During periods 3-6 students will spend the afternoon at the pool. Students are requested to wear their sports uniform or something pink. Donations for the McGrath Foundation will also be collected on the day. Please also make sure that students bring sunscreen, hat and a water bottle. Students who travel home by bus will be collected at the end of the day at the pool.

Literacy and Numeracy Coaching Model for 2021

Research validates that small group teaching delivered by professional educators, is very effective in boosting students learning, particularly in literacy and numeracy. During 2020, small group tutoring sessions, with a specific focus on numeracy and reading have taken place for a number of our students. For 2021, this model will be enhanced and expanded to include a variety of students at different levels of achievement. More information will be provided about this coaching very early in 2021.

Tutorial Centre for After School Tuition for 2021

Our literacy and numeracy coaching model will also include an after-school component that will enable students to access small group tuition after school on a Monday, Tues-



day and Wednesday. This is a very exciting initiative that will also be open for Stage 5 and Stage 6 students to access for homework and assessment task purposes.

2021 Return to School Dates

Wednesday January 27 and Thursday January 28 2021 will be staff development days. Students in Years 7, 11 and 12 will return on Friday January 29 with all remaining students (8, 9 and 10) returning on Monday February 1.

Farewells and Happy Holidays

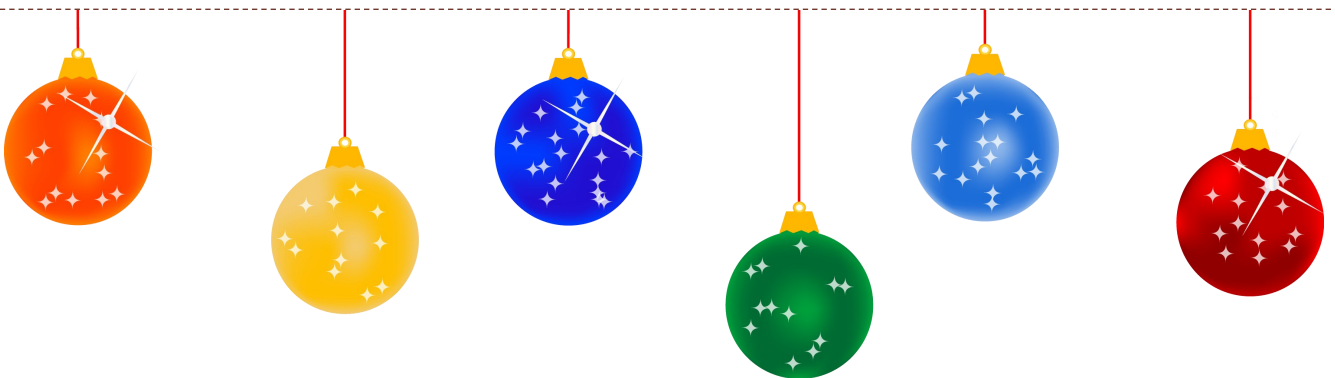
At the end of this week we will say farewell to Mrs Jaclyn Lister, Mrs Gloria Crouch and Miss Gabrielle Bodor. We wish Jaclyn, Gloria and Gabrielle all the best and sincerely thank them for their contribution to Narrandera High School.

We also send best wishes to Miss Emily Brooke as she takes a period of leave for 2021. We look forward to welcoming Emily back to Narrandera High in 2022.

I would like to wish all of our families a safe and happy Christmas and new year and I look forward to working with you all again in 2021.

Kind Regards,
Marni Milne
Principal

QUOTE



I once bought my kids a set of batteries for Christmas with a note on it saying 'toys not included.'

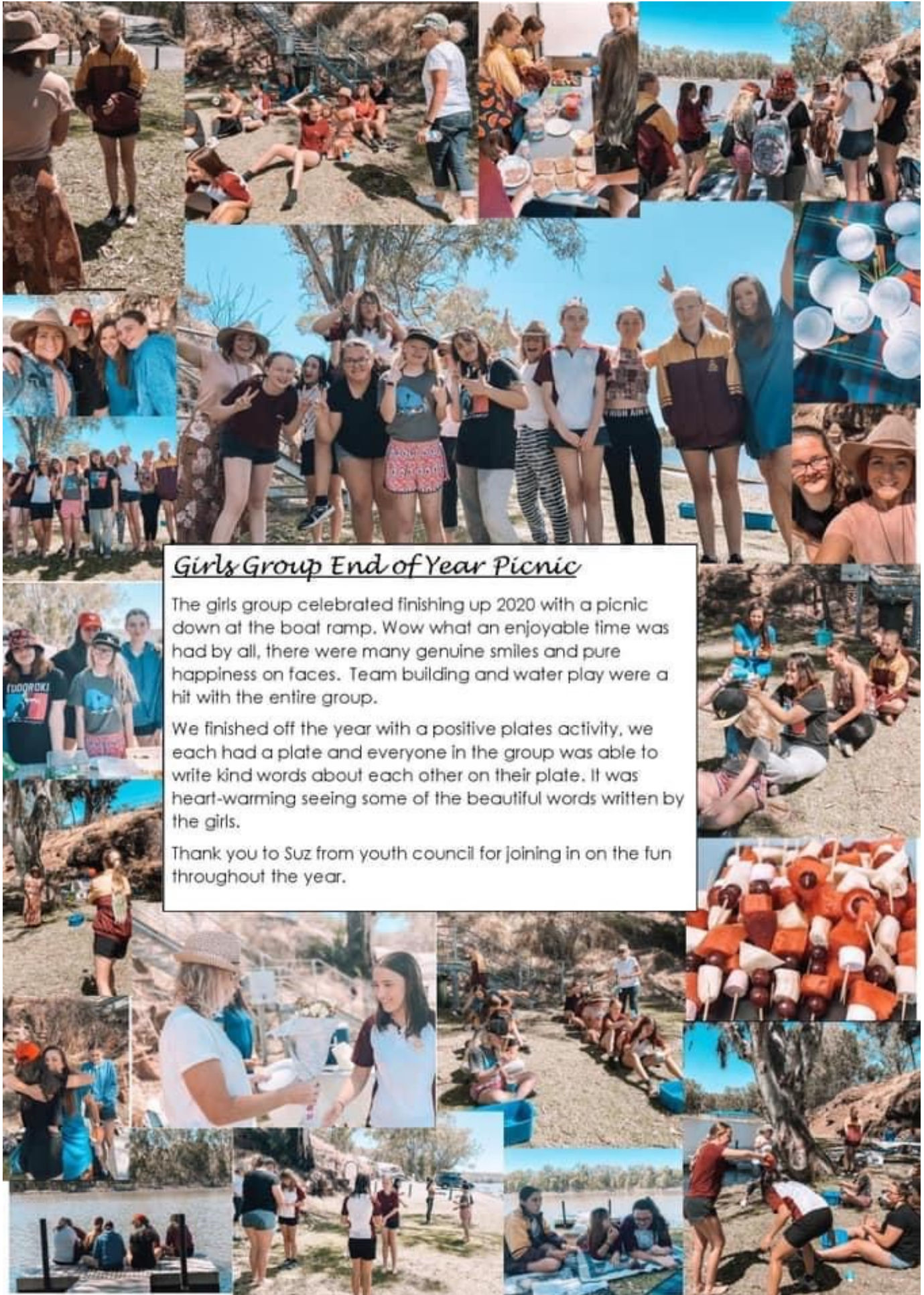
Bernard Manning

PRESENTATION DAY





GIRLS GROUP



Girls Group End of Year Picnic

The girls group celebrated finishing up 2020 with a picnic down at the boat ramp. Wow what an enjoyable time was had by all, there were many genuine smiles and pure happiness on faces. Team building and water play were a hit with the entire group.

We finished off the year with a positive plates activity, we each had a plate and everyone in the group was able to write kind words about each other on their plate. It was heart-warming seeing some of the beautiful words written by the girls.

Thank you to Suz from youth council for joining in on the fun throughout the year.



Mental Health Services and Support

Beyond Blue

24/7 mental health support service

1300 22 4636
beyondblue.org.au

headspace

Online support and counselling to young people aged 12 to 25

1800 650 890 (9am-1am daily)
For webchat, visit: headspace.org.au/eheadspace

Kids Helpline

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services for children and young people aged 5 to 25

1800 55 1800
kidshelpline.com.au

1800RESPECT

24/7 support for people impacted by sexual assault, domestic violence and abuse

1800 737 732
1800respect.org.au

Lifeline

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services

13 11 14
lifeline.org.au

Suicide Call Back

24/7 crisis support and counselling service for people affected by suicide

1300 659 467
suicidecallbackservice.org.au

Mensline

24/7 counselling service for men

1300 78 99 78
mensline.org.au

QLife

LGBTI peer support and referral

1800 184 527 (6pm-10pm daily)
qlife.org.au (online chat 3pm-12am daily)

If you are concerned about someone at risk of immediate harm, call 000 or go to your nearest hospital emergency department.



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STUDENT CONCESSION CARDS

What is the Transport Concession Entitlement Card?

The transport concession Entitlement card is used to prove customers' entitlement to concession fares in NSW. The use of the card is being expanded to include Senior Secondary students (16 years and over).

Schools are able to order cards through their existing School Portal login.

Our school will order these cards in bulk, cards will arrive at the school and will be kept in student files until/if they are required. There is no cost for these cards.

Concession travel is available on all NSW public transport. You must carry this card at all times if travelling on public transport.

NB: This card is not applicable if travelling on private buses.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



NEW YEAR NEW JOB?

Are you looking for a fresh start in 2021? Do you want to work for a family owned company that empowers and encourages its staff?

In 2021 Joss Facility Management are looking for cleaning staff to work at local Government sites across regional NSW. At Joss we value our diverse and committed workforce and we are regularly recruiting for cleaning positions across NSW.

PPE, Training and Uniforms provided.

Applicants need to provide a valid Working With Children Check upon application and successful applicants will be required to undertake a pre-employment medical prior to commencement.

Please contact Joss Facility Management via email on careers@jossgroup.com.au



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