



Narrandera High School

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Tuesday 7th December 2021

Dear Narrandera High Families,

The last fortnight has been a busy one at Narrandera High, with the HSC Exams concluding and our Year 7 2022 students joining us for two orientation days. Our final transition day for our new Year 7 students, will be tomorrow, Wednesday 8 December. I have been very impressed by the way our new Year 7 students have conducted themselves during these transition sessions.

Student Attendance Support

Research indicates a strong correlation between attendance and long term educational, social and health outcomes for young people. At NHS, we will continue to prioritise students being at school every day unless unwell or on other urgent leave. This is particularly important as the end of the year approaches. To support families with attendance, we are also able to pick students up each day. Families that would like to access this service are requested to contact the office or to let an appropriate staff member know. **Our current attendance data indicates a significant decline in student attendance on a Friday. Your support in ensuring students are at school, each day, including on a Friday is greatly appreciated.**

Classroom Expectations and Ready to Learn Routines

At Narrandera High School, we have recently established clear classroom expectations and ready to learn routines for all students. These expectations are in line with our positive behaviour for learning values of respect, responsibility and learning. These expectations have been explained to all students and are on display in each classroom space. I have also attached a copy of these procedures to this newsletter.

Presentation Day

Our annual Presentation Day will be held on Tuesday December 14 from 11.15am. Due to COVID restrictions, this event is restricted to students and staff only, however, the presentation will be professionally livestreamed for all families to view. A link to access the livestream will be sent to all families before the day (via email). If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Year 12 Formal

We are looking forward to celebrating the Year 12 Formal with Year 12 students and their parents tonight at Narrandera Golf Club. I will share photos from this important occasion on our next newsletter.

B Block Roof

You may have noticed that a large area of our school is currently a construction site. The



roof on B Block (hall and change rooms) is currently being replaced. We are anticipating that this work will be finished by the end of the school year.

End of Year Plans

The last day of the 2021 school year for students will be next Thursday 16 December. All students are expected to be at school, engaged and learning, up to and including this date.

Kind Regards,

Marni Milne

Principal

QUOTE

Holidays

**Are about experiences and people,
And tuning into what you feel like doing
at that moment.**

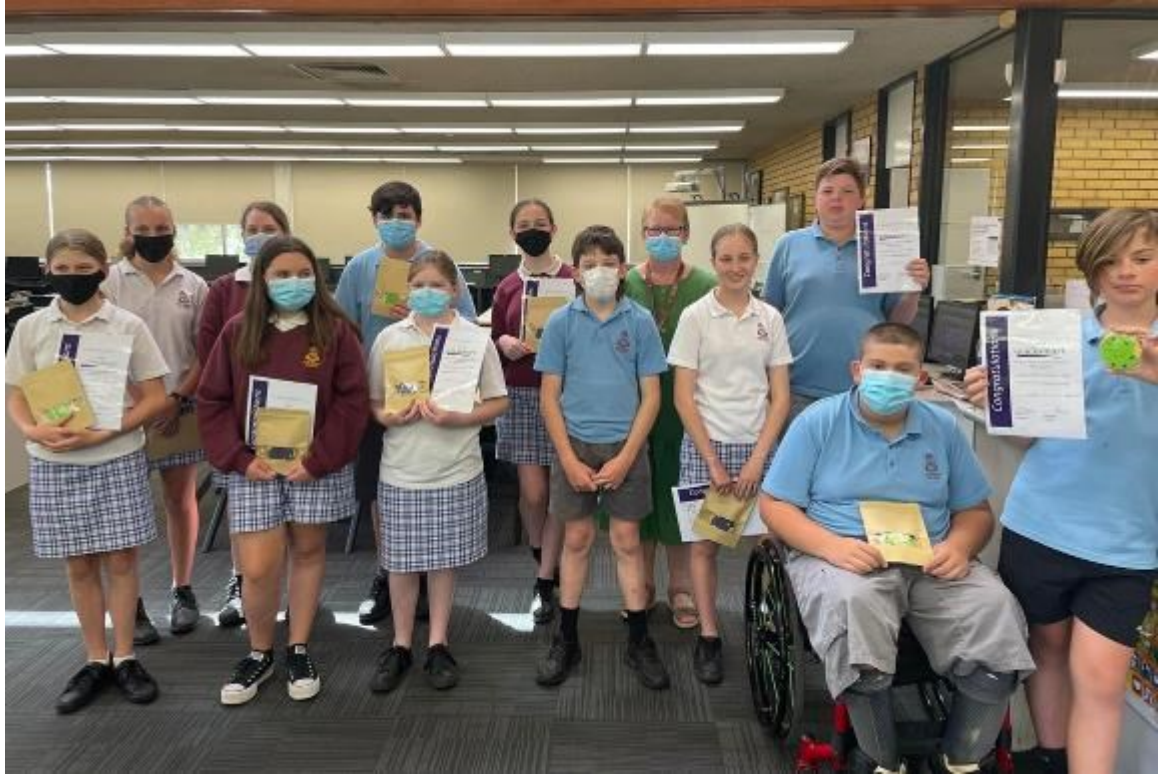
Enjoy not having to look at a watch.

EVELYN GLENNIE



Year 7 students involved in the Quicksmart Literacy program in 2021 celebrated their graduation last week with cake and also received their certificates.

Thank you to tutors Mrs Hoogers and Mrs Gilmour.



YEAR 8 SCIENCE



TERM 4 ALEC

Within the Aboriginal Learning and Engagement Centre (ALEC) the 2021 Year 10 students will continue to be the targeted group with the three main focus areas being students' wellbeing and engagement, academic and cultural identity. The ALEC staff and Aboriginal staff across the school are working closely to guide and support the students and their individual needs. ALEC staff are also working across all grades to support teachers and students in class, withdrawing students for one on one and small groups for additional support with class tasks and assessment completion.

In Term 3, prior to the covid period, all Year 8 and Year 10 Aboriginal students were provided opportunities to attend the ALEC twice a week for Literacy and Numeracy coaching sessions. This term commenced with Year 8 continuing coaching groups and Year 10 focusing on aspects of Literacy. Year 7 and Year 9 will commence Term 1, 2022.

Year 10 students have also been supported with preparing for National Minimum Standard tests. Through these explicit teaching sessions we were preparing the students to attempt and some to re-sit National Minimum Standard tests and envisage students success in completions.

Over the past weeks all students across Year 7, 8 and 9 have completed scheduled Checkin assessments online, all students completing yearly stage based Exam and senior students, Years 11 & 12, sitting HSC exams.

The start of Week 8 was busy with students commencing the new school year with the compressed curriculum changeover. I can not express how important it is to attend school each day and be punctual to class in order to keep up with the educational learning. Everyday counts.



One on one support- MacqLit



Year 9 Check-in Assessments

Year 8 and Year 10 Literacy and Numeracy focus group



Term 4- ALEC Cultural Identity, education and learning.

As a teacher, I am motivated in my role to share my knowledge and passion of Aboriginal culture and to promote Aboriginal Education and increase students interest and desire to learn more about their rich cultural background.

The purpose of the Aboriginal student cultural group sessions is to provide Aboriginal students an opportunity to

learn more about their culture, connect and engage in learning activities to increase cultural identity, pride and build a stronger sense of belonging.

Cultural Identity Year 10

Year 10 students (now in Year 11) have actively participated in some Aboriginal cultural sessions once a week. They have engaged in conversations about culture, artworks and learning more Wiradjuri language. Students have been exploring painting techniques, symbols and meanings and how to apply new skills to individually paint their own Aboriginal sunset silhouette artworks.

Year 10 students painting Aboriginal sunset silhouettes.



Cultural Identity Aboriginal Girls groups

There were two targeted stage groups being the Women's group and Sista Speak group. Year 9 and 10 Aboriginal girls were given opportunities to join and participate in the Women's group on Thursdays. Year 7 and 8 girls participate in Sista Speak on Fridays. Both groups attend the ALEC for two consecutive period each week.

Due to covid restrictions we are unable to attend the TAFE Women's Elders group or venues off site to gain a greater connection to community or excursions to Aboriginal sites. For now, the girls have been engaging in cultural learning activities through the ALEC.

The initial purpose of the groups forming was due to declining school attendance, but also to increase cultural knowledge and understanding, to build and reinforce 'YINDYMARRA' respect for self and others.

The girls have been learning Wiradjuri language, engaging in conversations around themes of Yindymarra, Gratitude and uniqueness.

Over the past sessions the girls have been exploring Aboriginal symbols and their meanings, art techniques to create canvas paintings, made cultural key chains, most have attempted hand stitching for the first time, cooked Johnny Cakes, participated in conversations about personal health, wellbeing and hygiene and the stage 5 group sewing bags and designing humpies.

The final weeks of the school year are quickly coming to an end. Activities to complete the next session will be themed around Christmas and healthy eating, girls preparing fruit smoothies and a special treat.

Monica Lyons

Head Teacher Aboriginal Transition and Engagement



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“Studies have shown that children who read for pleasure from a young age are much more likely to do well throughout their academic life.”

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NB. They are great for long car trips or exercise regimes!

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Classroom Expectations



RESPECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow teacher instructions• Be tolerant and considerate of others• Be courteous, patient and use appropriate language
RESPONSIBILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be on time and prepared for learning• Phones off and away• Be safe, cooperative, and accountable for your actions
LEARNING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attempt all work• Let others do their work• Listen and ask questions appropriately

Agreed Classroom Practices

1. Entry Routines



- a. Line up outside the classroom door, quietly
- b. Hats /Hoodies off
- c. Headphones away



- d. Phones in bag & off - out of sight
- e. Food away
- f. If late, knock and wait

2. Ready to Learn Routines

- a. Move to your assigned seat
- b. Bags off (back of chairs / on bench)
- c. Books and pens out



3. Exit Routines

- a. Personal gear packed away when instructed
- b. Remain in your seat until dismissed













Share Our Space

This play area is open over the holiday break

Share Our Space is a commitment by the NSW Government to make schools the centre of our community. Our grounds are open from **8 am to 5 pm** during the school holidays, including weekends and public holidays.

Remember to:

Play safe. Respect others. Care for our space.

-  Access to school grounds outside of hours is prohibited
-  No skateboards or rollerblades/kates
-  No vehicles on site
-  Children should be supervised by adults at all times
-  No smoking or alcohol
-  No fires or BBQs
-  No littering or depositing of any material
-  No glass
-  No damage to school facilities
-  No animals

School outdoor facilities are unsupervised.
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For emergencies call 000.

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PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The Narrandera High School P & C Committee are inviting all interested parents and community members to be part of this integral school organisation in 2022.

With the retirement of several current members at the Annual General Meeting in March next year, we need the involvement of parents and community members to keep this important committee going.

The P and C Committee works with the principal and provides assistance and recommendations on issues and concerns in respect of the students and the general operation and management of the school.

This is your chance to be involved with the decisions involving your child's education as well as help to keep the services going that are there for the benefits of the students of the school, including the school canteen, parent representative on teacher selection panels, sponsoring of end of year awards and future uniform changes. The committee itself are not committed to any formal fundraising.

Please consider coming along to a committee meeting held every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm and feel free to contact any member of the current Executive through the school if you have any questions or would like more information.

