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Changes to Student Reports
This year our teachers have fully implemented Phase 1 of the Australian Curriculum – in the areas of English, maths, science and history. Your child’s report will reflect these areas when you receive them at the end of this term. You will also notice some other changes in the way your child’s report appears. If your son or daughter is in Years 1 or 2, you will notice that grades have been removed from the report, whereas the Years 3-7 reports include grades for both the learning area and strands. Our Kindy and Pre-primary reports will remain similar to last year but will look quite different in Semester 1 next year. Here is a quick snapshot of what you will see in Year 1 and 2 on the left, and Years 3-7, on the right, from Semester 1 2013.

Building our Resiliency Toolkit
Please access the link to our website to download a fortnightly Take Home Activity about Resiliency - http://www.eastnarroginps.wa.edu.au/school-info/articles.

Make your teacher’s day
If you think your teacher is the best in the State and you believe they deserve to be rewarded, then we want you to tell them so! Schools have been supplied with merit certificates as part of the application process, so it’s the students’ turn to reward their favourite teachers for making learning so much fun, by giving them a merit certificate! You can pick up a certificate from our front office to have your say. Simply hand it to our school office by 16 August.

If you have more than one member of staff you would like to thank, you can download extra copies of the merit certificate at: http://www.det.wa.edu.au/educationawards/detcms/portal/.

WA Education Awards 2013 now open!
Applications for the WA Education Awards 2013 are now open! The WA Education Awards 2013 categories are:
- WA Premier’s Early Childhood Teacher of the Year
- WA Premier’s Primary Teacher of the Year
- WA Premier’s Secondary Teacher of the Year
- WA Primary Principal of the Year
- WA Beginning Teacher of the Year
- WA Secondary Principal of the Year
- WA School Support Staff Member of the Year
- WA Primary School of the Year
- WA Secondary School of the Year

Apply now to recognise the outstanding achievements of your school community. Go to http://www.det.wa.edu.au/educationawards/detcms/portal/ for more information.

Kind regards
Fiona Collopy, Principal

WANTED

In preparation for our 50th birthday celebrations this year we are looking for photos or other memorabilia for our display during the event on Saturday, 9 November 2013. If you have such items we would love to borrow them. Please hand them in to Fiona Kirby at the front office. We promise to keep them safe!

Also – we would love to have suggestions for items to go into a time capsule we will bury as part of the celebrations.
STUDENT PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

Last Thursday students across Australia were given the opportunity to step into the shoes of "principal" for a day as part of Principals Australia Institute's Student Principal for a Day.

Sam License was chosen by his peers to be our Student Principal for a day.

Sam took the role very seriously and participated in a variety of 'principal' tasks on the day. He met with Leigh Ballard (School Board Chair) and Aaron Cook (CEO of Narrogin) and asked questions on their career and role in the community. He also spoke to Year 1 students and helped them with their learning activities, supervised students during recess duty and completed administrative tasks in the office.

Sam spoke to the whole school yesterday about his experience and was very grateful for the opportunity. Sam will participate in a post event webinar with Ms Collopy on 20 June 20.

SCHOOL DRUG EDUCATION, RESILIENCY AND ROAD AWARE

At East Narrogin all students participate in Health Education. This term the students are participating in resiliency activities. I would like to ask each family to complete the ENPS Parent Health Survey (attached to this newsletter) to help us gain a better understanding of the Health Education focus.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

There is strong evidence in research showing high attendance equals stronger school results. It is important students maintain strong attendance patterns to support school achievement. We encourage all students to aim for 90% or higher with their personal attendance rates.

Two key Western Australian research studies by the Institute for Child Health Research have shown that a student’s level of school attendance has a major influence on their academic achievement. These studies concluded that:

- A child’s education is at risk if they frequently miss more than half a day of school a week (less than 90 per cent attendance). Attendance above 90 per cent is considered regular attendance.
- If a student’s attendance remains low, the pattern of absence can create gaps in their core skills such as literacy and numeracy.
- Students who are regularly absent are also less likely to fully participate socially or in the workforce. Some of the issues faced by these students can include long-term employment, involvement in the justice system and placing themselves at physical risk when they are not at school.

The real Impact of missing school can mean:

- if a child misses an average of five days a term (years 1 to 10), they miss out on approximately one year of school
- if a child misses one day a week of school (from years 1 to 10), they will miss almost two years of school
- if a child misses 1.5 days a week of school (from years 1 to 10), they will miss almost three years of school
- if a child misses two days a week of school (from years 1 to 10), they will miss almost four years of school
- if a child misses three days a week of school (from years 1 to 10), they will miss almost six years of school
- if a child misses five weeks a term (years 1 to 10), they miss almost five years of school

Joanna Hayes & Johan Van Wyk, Deputy Principals

Principal for the Day

My name is Samuel Licence and I had the opportunity of being Student Principal for the Day last Thursday.

During my day I had meetings with Mr Ballard the School Board Chairman and with Mr Cook the CEO of the Town of Narrogin. The best part of these interviews was when Mr Ballard spoke about his leadership skills and Mr Cook explained where he got inspiration from.

I helped out in the office answering the phone and folding folders for report cards. Thank you to Holly and Gabrielle from ECC 1 for making me, welcome cards.

At recess time I helped Mrs Hancock with duty then I got to go to the Narrogin Senior High School with Ms Collopy and Mr van Wyk for morning tea where I met with students and the High School Principal.

In Room 3, I spoke with the students and then got to preview Room 7s rehearsal for last Friday’s assembly.

By this time it was lunch time in the staff room and boy did I find out a secret or 2!! (Mr van Wyk’s, sugar stash).

At the end of the day, I got the chance to reflect on the day with Ms Collopy.

I took for granted the huge job that it is to run this school....and how everyone has an important role. I felt so grateful to have been chosen for this day and I enjoyed the experience and learnt so much.

Thank you Ms Collopy, Mrs Hayes and the Year 7s, I hope I did you guys proud.

Samuel Licence
Principal for the day
During Week 3 this term, our school was privileged to have two teachers from Jakarta Indonesia, visiting the school. This is a program which has been stimulated by the Narrogin Asian Language Hub. Pak lik (Mr lik) is an IT teacher and Ibu Novi (Mrs Novi) is a Mathematics teacher in Jakarta. Both of them teach in the same school which is a sister school with Narrogin Senior High school in Indonesia.

The Year 6/7 students had the opportunities to practise their Indonesian with our visitors. Pak lik and Ibu Novi also taught them how to play badminton and sepak takraw (similar to soccer). The students really enjoyed the experience of Pak lik and Ibu Novi’s visit. The unique experience they brought to our school was really inspiring to our students.

Last October the Gillard government announced their plan to fund the teaching of a number of Asian languages to Australian school children, Indonesian being one of the prime languages. According to the White Paper released in October, the Prime Minister said, “Every Australian had a financial interest in knowing and understanding Asia’s Engagement with Australia to take advantage of a region that will soon be the world’s economic centre.”

At East Narrogin Primary School, we are well ahead of the Federal Government’s plan. Since the early 2000s, our students began their journey into the Asian Studies when they started their weekly Indonesian classes. We now have some 150 students developing knowledge of both the Indonesian language and culture. The visit from the two Indonesian visitors also helped to boost the significance and value of learning a second language and Asian Literacy.

I would also like to thank Mrs Nelson for letting the visitors visited her year 2/3 class. Well done to Mr Dehnel’s class and Mrs Hancock’s class for making our visitors felt welcomed. Our visitors were spellbound as to how friendly and well-mannered everyone was at East Narrogin Primary School.

Terima kasih (Thank you)

Pak Young (Mr Young)

From the Canteen

Thank you Kerri Whelan, Brad Chivell, Leah Russell, Rachael Grice and Ruth Bilman, for your help. We desperately need more people to help out each day as lunch numbers rise. If you have some time please come in and put your name on the roster.

We will have an ENJO demo at the canteen on Friday, 21 June for those interested. All your questions can be answered by an ENJO representative.

ENJO products last for years so you can save money on all cleaning. The ENJO tea towel is made from bamboo and once you have used one you will not want to use anything else to dry you dishes.

UNIFORMS

Our order of track pants have arrived, for those waiting on them. We are selling scarves for $6.00.

Ros, Dot & Jo Canteen Managers

Scholastic Book Club

Orders are Due back to the front office no later than Friday, 14 June.

RE-MARKING NETBALL COURTS

After postponing re-marking the netball courts last week, it’s on again. This Sunday, 16 June at 10:00am. Any queries, please call Ben Jones on 0428381935.
Good evening to you all. My name is Jennifer Parker–Smith. I have had the privilege of attending this school for all of my primary school years.

My name is Emma Coppock. I moved to this amazing school, ENPS, in September 2008, therefore I have been here for five years.

Together we will be taking you on the ride of a lifetime explaining why our school is so amazingly different to any other and why we love it so much. At our school we use many different learning systems, we have a strong school community, we have the ability to make choices and we have a great school identity. Sit back, relax and enjoy what we have to say.

Our first reason we love this school is the fun and interesting ways we learn. We use technology such as ipads, computers and our magnificent interactive whiteboards! Every single student is eager to use them!

**Teachers**

And what about our great teachers? Not only are they our teachers, they are also our friends. They listen to our ideas, they help us when they need it and they know exactly what is going on. Also, we have whole school approaches. This means that instead of every year teacher have different ways of teaching things, they teach the same approach every year, thus not confusing us students. Take for example our ‘Words Their Way’ spelling program. From Year 3 upwards, every student takes part in this program every year, its just when they move up to their next grade, the skill level goes up.

**Rewards**

We also have a terrific reward system. Every single class has their own rewarding system, but as a whole school, we have bigger ones. These include good standing, which is basically a whole school fun day for the students that have behaved all term. There is also our traffic light system, which discourages negative behaviour but encourages positive behaviour with a reward. Not to mention our chain system, which is where when specialist teachers come into the classroom and are impressed with our behaviour, they give us a paper link, which goes onto our chain, and when the chain reaches the floor, we get a great reward.

**Leadership**

As Year 7 leaders we have the ability to influence decisions that we feel will affect our everyday life. For example, Emma and I were among a group of students who were disappointed by the school boards decision to make the Year 7 leaders wear the same graduation shirts as the previous leadership group. We then approached our classroom teachers to see if there was any way we could persuade them otherwise. Next we decided to write a persuasive argument in an attempt to change their minds. Contrary to popular belief, we did make them have a change of heart. After all we were the ones who had to wear them! So as you can see at our school we are listened to and we have a voice in decisions.

Another reason we love our school is because of its identity. This includes that all of the students wear their school uniform with pride. Since we became a SunSmart school in 2010, basically all of the students have stopped wearing caps and are now wearing either our fabulous wide brimmed hat or bucket hat. Also, we have a school website. This site includes all of the classes and what they are doing, school downloadable sheets, parent information, photos and so much more. We also have a very good reputation. You may ask “for what”? Well, we have a good reputation for everything, including the fact that our school is also turning 50! Our school is also unique because not only does it have new buildings, it has a mix between old and new. And somewhere in the old buildings, there is a hidden time capsule! It has been hiding for 45 years. And now we are also independent… and our school is memorable for many reasons.

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Our final reason is that East Narrogin has a big school spirit. We are like a small community! We are caring, kind, helpful, considerate, friendly and we are committed to being a role model to younger students. For example, some of the Year 6/7 students have buddies, usually below Year 2. These are kids that we help with their work and play with them in the playground. One of the biggest goals for the 6/7 students is to be a role model to the younger buddies and show them that they can trust us. Also, when new students come to our school, they feel safe and welcome because everybody is caring to them. So, they have a great start to their education at ENPS. Furthermore, our school grounds are a very comfortable size. This is because it is big enough so it is not all squishy and makes you claustrophobic, but small enough so you do not get lost. Most likely the biggest reason is that we fundraise for our school and the community. Over time, we have had our whole school air conditioned, a great undercover area built, a fabulous canteen, playground equipment and our interactive whiteboards! This is thanks mostly to the P&C. And what about the great staffroom that our teachers made for our teacher? We here at East Narrogin are so caring and we love our school for that.

As you can see we love our school because of the exciting ways we learn, the opportunities we get, the fun vibe our school community gives off and the great school identity. I dearly hope you have enjoyed our speech. Goodnight.

By Emma Coppock and Jennifer Parker-Smith
On the 10th of June we went to Room 9 and in Room 9 there were activities and my favourite was the water tornado. What it did was spin the tornado around like a whirlpool and the tornado had to hit the bottom and I liked it because you have to spin how fast you can.

By Asha Slawinski
Yr 1 Room 6

Today I went to Room 9 to look at some science activities. My favourite was the soap film because you could see a rainbow in it. It captured the water.

By Garth Anderson
Yr 2 Room 6

On the 10th of June my class went to Room 9. My favourite activity was the fingerprint because you had to put your finger on the piece of special glass and you would see your fingerprint.

By Makenna Batt
Yr 2 Room 6

Today we went to Room 9 to look at some scitech activities. My favourite was the magnetic pendulum because it was funny when we tried to get it on the blue instead of the red. It stuck on the red and not the blue because the red has positive magnets and blue has negative magnets.

By Ella Dehnel
Yr 2 Room 6

Honour Certificates

Congratulations to our certificate winners from the Assembly held on Friday, 7 June. Well done!

Our Aussie of the Month Certificates were awarded to Gabrielle Piper, Brianna Hansen and Kayla Hebb.
Dear Parent Carer

Procedures for drop off & pick up of students at discos.

These procedures are to ensure the P & C provide appropriate duty of care to all students who attend.
- Tickets to be pre-purchased at school in the week prior to the event ($7.00 for each child - which includes disco entry and a sausage sizzle).
- Juice boxes, Lollies, Chips etc will be available to purchase on the night so please send a few dollars with your child if you are happy for them to buy a snack.
- Parent / Carer (or responsible adult) MUST drop off their child at the undercover area and have them signed in as participating.
- Parent / Carer (or responsible adult) MUST collect their child from the undercover area at the end of the disco.
Therefore children CAN NOT walk to or from the disco unaccompanied by a responsible adult. They also CAN NOT be dropped off in the car park and left to walk into the undercover area on their own.

As previously mentioned, these changes are to make sure duty of care is passed directly from the parent / carer to the P & C. If students arrive unaccompanied by a responsible adult they WILL NOT be able to participate in the disco. We trust all families will support our efforts to ensure the safety of all our students.

The ticket for the JUNIOR disco is on this slip. If your child is going to participate in the disco please complete the details on the ticket and return to canteen (with payment) by Tuesday, 18 June.

Senior Disco will be held on Thursday, 4 July. Tickets will be sold the week prior to this event.

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P & C JUNIOR Disco
Thursday, 20 JUNE - Ticket

My child / ren ________________________________

YEAR(S) ________________________________

Junior Disco: 5.00pm – 6.30pm (Kindy to Year 3) School Undercover area

Additional sausage sizzles $4 each: _______ required.

Name and mobile number of adult dropping child off: __________________________________________________________

Name and mobile number of adult picking child up: ______________________________________________________________

Payment of $7.00 each child + additional sausage sizzle money enclosed. TOTAL: $ _________________

Parent / Carer signature: ________________________________________________________________

Parent help: I will be able to stay and help on the night either in canteen or with supervision: YES / NO

HELPERS NAME:

Helpers Phone # : _____________________________

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P & C JUNIOR Disco – THURSDAY, 20 JUNE

THEME: Pyjama Jam

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$10 Winners!!

Round 10
I didn’t think the Dogs would win either Clance...

Clancy Adamson

Round 11
One of only two perfect scores in this short round!

Lochie

Stats
Round 10
Highest - 8 (7)
Lowest - 5 (18)
Average - 6

Round 11
Highest - 6 (2)
Lowest - 2 (9)
Average - 4

Well wasn’t that round tough? The Fowler/Mainard family changed their GC vs NMFC tip three times before settling on the losing team...

Also, well done to Aaron Gould, who was the only one to tip Melbourne over the Pies...

Okay - he got the tip by default for not filling his form in completely, but still - worth a laugh yeah?

Tipping fees are now overdue. Please pay at the front office, and please don’t leave money in the tipping box! Really - DON’T!
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STS Student Exchange are seeking Aussie Families who are busy, friendly, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family.

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