Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community

Welcome to Week 4 and the start of another busy week at school. Thank you to those parents and family members who attended class meetings to discuss routines and procedures in your child’s class. For those who could not make these important sessions, please make it your first priority to catch up with your child’s teacher to discuss how you can help your child do well at school. Connection between home and school is one of the most important factors in improving student learning. This week Years 2–7 have commenced swimming lessons and these will continue until Friday 7 March.

Thank you

A big thank you to our P&C for the busy bee to remove the old Kindy play equipment in readiness for the new playground arriving SOON. You may also notice that our quadrangle has a new set of water fountains on the lawn area in front of the verandah wall. These were also funded by the P&C and already students have been able to fill their water bottles from them quickly rather than wait in line for the other fountains.

Thank you also to Laycee Coles and Kelly Smith who commenced our 0-4 program in the community centre last Thursday – it is so wonderful to have parent volunteers giving so generously of their time. This program will operate every Thursday from 9.00am – 11.00am and is a great opportunity for you to come along with your little ones and meet other parents and children.

Safety at School – Emergency Procedures

Last Tuesday at 9.00am our school held an evacuation drill to check that all of our procedures would be effective in an emergency. Our emergency signal was sounded (repeated blasts of the siren, or continuing ringing of the handbell) and all classes responded by making their way to our muster point, the school oval. I am very pleased to report that we accomplished this in just over 6 minutes – a new record for our school. Well done to everyone.

Payment of Voluntary Contributions is due now!

These funds are used to pay for important aspects of your child’s schooling. Last year we expected $16,860 from these funds, but only received $5,253. This is only 31% of our whole school population – a very disappointing amount! This year, as you are all well aware, funding to education has been greatly reduced so payment of these funds is even more important. Please talk to Fiona Kirby about how these contributions can be paid.

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**Coming Events**

- **Swimming Lessons Year 2-7**
  - Monday 24 February to Friday 7 March

- **Leader Assembly**
  - Friday 28 February 2.30pm

- **Labour Day Public Holiday**
  - Monday 3 March
  - STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND

- **P & C Meeting**
  - Monday 10 March 7.00pm in staffroom

- **Faction Swimming Carnival**
  - Friday 14 March

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**Monday After School Swimming**

From 3.00pm — 3.45pm
For East Narrogin Primary School students. Must be at a Stage 3 level or above.
Free lessons are available but must pay for own cost to enter Leisure Centre.
For more information contact Lynda Herdman or the school office on 9881 1581

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Please remember that we have early close at ENPS every Monday:
School closes at 2.30pm
Kindy closes at 2.30pm
From the Principal (Cont)

**Student Leaders Assembly**
This Friday there will be a Student Leader assembly at 2.30pm in the undercover area, and presented by our Year 6 and 7 students. During this assembly there will also be class reports from each class. This Friday is a special event as our Year 6 and 7 students will receive their student leader badges. Please note that although the student leader assembly date was correct in the term planner, I noted it as Week 8 in my section of the newsletter. I apologise for my error. We are trialling parent assemblies at 2.30pm this term in an effort to attract more parents to these events.

**From the School Board**

This week’s focus behaviour is....
Wait in lines patiently and for our turn.

**East Narrogin School Board are seeking new members**
One of the differences between an Independent Public School and an ordinary public school is that an Independent Public School has a School Board instead of a School Council. As an Independent Public School, East Narrogin’s School Board was established in October 2011.

I have attached an information sheet about the roles and responsibilities of school board members, but in summary, it is one of setting the long-term future for the school and maintaining oversight (not management) of the school's operation. **It is not about running the school – that is the job of the principal.** It is about providing additional expertise to help the school achieve the best outcomes for the students.

The school is seeking new parent members to join the East Narrogin School Board. If you are interested in becoming a school board member please provide your nomination to Ms Gemma Ward, School Board Chair (gemma.hward@hotmail.com) or to me (Fiona.Collopy@education.wa.edu.au), stating your interest and what skills you can bring to the board. We are also very happy to answer any questions you may have about the role of the board. Nominations will close on Friday 28 March 2014 at 4.00pm.

**Complaints Process and Home-School Communication**
While school staff endeavour to meet the needs of our students at all times there may be additional issues or concerns arising that need to be brought to our notice. To ensure that the school is able to adequately address any issues, concerns or complaints we ask that all families respect and support the school by following our complaint processes.

Our school uses a range of communication strategies to provide information to parents and families. In most cases questions can be answered by using these methods of communication. These include:

- **Classroom level**
  - Weekly or fortnightly classroom newsletters (also available on the website);
  - Individual communication books for some students;
  - Scheduled parent interviews, appointments and meetings.

- **Whole school level**
  - Fortnightly newsletter (also available on the website);
  - Incidental notes home; and
  - Updates on school website (www.eastnarroginps.wa.edu.au).

If you have questions or concerns relating to your child’s learning or social needs, your first step should be to contact the classroom teacher to make an appointment to discuss your concern. If the concern is a behavioural issue involving another student outside your child's class, please contact the deputy principals, Mr van Wyk or Mrs Jo Hayes. More serious issues should be addressed to me as the school principal.

Best regards
Fiona Collopy
Principal, East Narrogin Primary School

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Hello Students, Parents and Caregivers,
Well what a great start to 2014 we have had here at East Narrogin. It’s week 4 already and time has just flown by.

The Board met last week on Tuesday 18 February. Thank you to Mr Van Wyk for attending and talking to us about the CRE program set out for this year. Parents wishing for more information as to what ENPS will be doing in 2014 please see the Deputies page.

Since this is the Boards’ third year in effect, even though it is only our second year as an IPS, we are now looking for nominations for willing and able parents and community members to join our Board. As Ms Collopy has mentioned we are looking for members to join who may be able to bring a different view point to our discussions and meetings. If you are reading this thinking ‘I don’t know if I’m the right person, I don’t know what’s involved’ think again! Anyone who is enthusiastic about making positive change to our school community and to our kid’s future, PLEASE consider nominating.

If you are in anyway unsure of our particular role and duties as a Board, or the roles and duties you would need to perform as a Board Member please do not hesitate to ask either Ms Collopy or myself.

Gemma Ward
East Narrogin Primary School Board Chair
Leadership Assembly
This Friday our student leaders will be hosting the formal assembly. We will be presenting their leadership badges during this assembly.

Ovarian Cancer Fundraiser
Thank you to everyone who donated cupcakes for this fundraiser. The Year 7 fundraiser team coordinated this event and were successful in raising $347.10 so far to help this cause.

Students Arriving Early to School
The school does not provide supervision prior to 8.20am in the morning. We ask that students are not on school premises before this time. Students are required to go directly to their classes at 8.20am and get ready for the day.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION (CRE) 2014
Christian Religious Education (CRE) has been taught at East Narrogin Primary School for over 20 years. The trained, voluntary CRE teachers are Department of Education registered and welcome children of all religious and cultural backgrounds from Years 1-7 for a weekly 30-minute lesson. Christianity has made a significant contribution to Australia culture. Values presented in CRE are consistent with values identified in the National Framework for Values Education. We believe that CRE adds great value to the educational experience for students.

What does CRE teach?
☐ How selected Bible stories focus on key life values (love, hope, honesty, forgiveness, etc)
☐ That these Bible stories and the values they present are positive and life affirming
☐ How Bible story values can be applied to and improve day-to-day life.
☐ The central belief underpinning CRE is that the student is valued and loved.

What about the CRE Curriculum?
☐ A multi-level, age-appropriate curriculum specifically for use in government schools
☐ WA Education Department approved & used in all schools where CRE is taught
☐ Stimulating student activity books at four different levels
☐ Music, drama, games & craft activities enhance lessons & encourage student participation
☐ Teaches children about the Christian faith, does not tell them what to believe.

Our CRE classes enable children to:
☐ explore personal values, choices and behaviours
☐ discuss & respect faith and beliefs, including those of other cultures
☐ discuss life experiences & key events
☐ understand Biblical references in art, literature and everyday life.

Who are the CRE Teachers at East Narrogin Primary School?
We currently have two trained CRE Teachers at ENPS from different Christian churches, with professional backgrounds.

Further Information
☐ Teachers’ lesson books, student books & brochures to view at the school office
☐ Adele Maartens, CRE Coordinator at adelemaartens@westnet.com.au
☐ Cailey Raffel, Youth CARE CRE Field Officer. 9376 5000 www.youthcare.org.au

Request For Exemption From Religious Instruction
While it is assumed that all students will attend Scripture classes, a parent or guardian may in writing request the principal to grant an exemption for the child from attendance at scripture classes on the grounds of conscientious objection. A person’s objection is based on a personal, philosophical, religious or educational belief involving a conviction that participating in the class would be prejudicial to the child.

Exempted students will be supervised, however will not be put on an alternative program. The principal will notify the parent/guardian of the decision to grant the request for exemption. The principal or deputy will maintain a record of parents’ requests for exemption.

PROPOSED SCRIPTURE TIMES 2014:-
Semester 1 (Term 1 & 2) - Start in Week 6

Wednesday – Sister Sahaya:
Room 8 Year 4/5 1:45 – 2:15pm
Room 7 Year 4/5 2:30 – 3:00pm

Thursday – Tammy Vause
Room 10 Year 6/7 1:45 – 2:15pm
Room 9 Year 6/7 2:30 – 3:00pm

Semester 2 (Term 3 & 4)- Start in Week 2

Wednesday – Sister Sahaya:
Room 3 Year 1 1:45 – 2:15pm
Room 4 Year 2/3 2:30 – 3:00pm

Thursday - Tammy Vause
Room 5 Year 2 1:45 – 2:15pm
Room 6 Year 3/4 2:30 – 3:00pm

Passports, Passports !! East Narrogin Passport
Families that were part of the 2013 passport program will automatically be part of the program for 2014 and can continue using the same passport as last year. If you have misplaced your book please see Mr van Wyk for a new one. If you still have the passport can you please just change the year to 2014. We would like to keep the passports at school for easier management so we would appreciate you sending your passport back to the classroom teacher.

If you are new to the passport program please complete the tear off form on page four and send back to Mr van Wyk.

From the Deputies

Joanna Hayes & Johan Van Wyk
Deputy Principals
I would like to congratulate Jayden Lawrence from Room 10 and Mackenzie Tullett from Room 9 for completing their special assignment for Indonesian. I mentioned in the last newsletter about the Indonesian special assignment and I have to commend Jayden and Mackenzie for doing a good job to teach ten people the assigned Indonesian phrases. I have already chosen our next four students for the next Indonesian special assignment and I hope to see great result from them.

Terima kasih (Thank you)
Pak Young (Mr Young)
Teacher of Indonesian Language

Dental Screening
Dental screening will be conducted on Thursday 13 March in the morning. All children enrolled with the School Dental Service who are in Years 3 and 6 will be briefly examined by a dentist to assess the need for orthodontic treatment.

If it is indicated a letter will be sent home inviting you to come to the Dental Therapy centre to discuss the possibility of referral. Some children will be placed on a recall system if orthodontic treatment is anticipated in the future.

All enrolled Pre-Primary students will also be screened to identify any child in need of urgent attention. If you are not contacted immediately then your child will be placed on a recall system and they will be seen for an examination when their recall is due (families are recalled together).

A reminder that if you have received an enrolment form, please complete and return to the office as soon as possible.

If your child is in Year 3, Year 6, or Pre-Primary, please endeavour to have them at school on this day.

Regards
Karen Fazey
Dental Therapist

Easter Raffle
Once again the Early Childhood Centre in combination with the P & C will be running an Easter raffle. We are asking for all families at the school to donate some items to go in the raffle.

Please drop the items to the Early Childhood Centre from Tuesday 4 March.

The raffle will be drawn on Friday 4 April at the last whole school assembly for the term.

Raffle tickets will come home attached to week 6 and 8 newsletters for families to sell.

Thank you
Nicole Fowler
Early Childhood Centre Teacher

P & C

Many hands make light work....Come along to the East Narrogin Primary School P&C AGM
Monday 10 March 7.00pm, in the school staff room

Who are we?
Parents from all year levels, both working, & stay-at-home, some new to the school, some old-timers; along with key staff members and extended family.

What do we do?
A LOT! Raise money and raise fun, run the uniform shop and canteen, hold social events & discos, enhance our children’s education by funding key programs and enrichment activities, buy much-needed equipment & lobby on behalf of our school, build a better and stronger school community.

Why get involved?
Meet new people, make a positive difference to the school and your child’s education, give back, have fun, get to know staff members, share expertise, be part of decisions and direction, extend your network.

How can you get involved?
Be an office bearer, join the committee, a sub committee or working group, be a class rep or just help out with what you can, when you can! You don’t need to be able to attend every meet to be involved.

For more information contact Sara Ballard (President) on 0428836262 or sara@ballardseeds.com.au
Yes, we would like to be part of this year’s footy tipping competition. Please issue us with _____ footy tipping books at $30 each.

I understand that payment must be finalised by week 3 of the football season.

Name(s): ___________________________________  ___________________________________

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Drop this slip in to the school, or email enpsfootytips@hotmail.com to be in it!
### Community Notices

**Olympics Netball Club Inc**  
**Registration Day**  
Tuesday 4 March, 4.00pm-6.00pm  
Narrogin Leisure Centre Foyer  
Fees payable at registration. Please bring your WWC card if applicable.  
New members welcome.  
For more information contact Ned Crossley at ARtS SPACE  
4.00pm

**Flames Netball Club Registration for 2014 Season**  
Welcoming all new and current members both Junior and Senior Divisions  
Tuesday 25 February and Wednesday 26 February  
4.00pm-6.30pm at the Narrogin Leisure Centre.  
Also welcoming Expressions of Interest for Senior and Junior Managers, Coaches and Umpires including Net Set Go (Expressions to close Tuesday 4 March).  
For further information contact Nola Day 9881 1400

**Narrogin Repertory Club**  
Call for cast members for Repertory Club One Act Plays  
There is one male and female part and both call for actors in the 30-50 age bracket.  
Rehearsals will be on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and will be performing mid May.  
If interested in auditioning contact the President Of the Club Sarah Dyson on 0410 012 461 or s.dyson191@gmail.com

**Narrogan Calisthenics Club**  
Recreational Sub Junior Class  
Pre-Primary, Year 1 and Year 2  
Thursdays 4.00pm to 5.15pm.  
St Peters Hall—United Church  
Contact 9882 4011

**Avon Youths MDTA**  
(Modern Defensive Tactics Australia)  
Classes aged 8-12 year olds and 13 year olds to Adults.  
Held on Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays  
At the Scouts and Guides Hall in Furnival Street  
Call Shane at Avon Youth on 9881 6001 or 0487 260 002 for times.

**Karate Lessons In Narrogin**  
Family friendly ages 8 to 80  
Narrogin Uniting Church Hall Monday and Thursday  
6.30pm-7.30pm  
Adults $5.00, Juniors $2.50  
For more information contact Peter 0429 882 871

**Art on the Move**  
Professional Development Program and NEXIS Gallery  
Present a free training day for gallery volunteers, artists and other arts workers who wish to learn skills required in presenting art exhibitions.  
**WHEN:** Friday 28 February from 9.00am—4.00pm  
**At the NEXIS (Narrogin Exhibition Space)** between Nationwide Jewellers and ARtS SPACE  
82 federal Street Narrogin  
For more information contact Ned Crossley at ARtS SPACE or 0459 557 305 or nexis@artsnarrogin.com.au

**Girl Guides Australia**  
Guides meet every Monday evening at 5.00pm at the Scout and Guide Hall, Furnival Street Narrogin  
For more information call 1300 GIRL GUIDES or go to www.girlguides.org.au

**Local Sporting Champions**  
Closing 28 February  
Young people find it difficult to meet the ongoing and significant costs associated with participation at sporting competitions, particularly those from regional areas. The Local Sporting Champions program is an Australian Government initiative designed to provide financial assistance for young people aged 12-18 towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing, coaching or officiating at an official national sporting organisation (NSO) endorsed state, national or international sporting championships or a School Sport Australia state or national championships.  

**Connecting The Dots**  
If you live in a community in the WA Wheatbelt and are a parent or carer, staff, committee or board member of an ECEC or Local Government representative then we need your help!  
We are aiming for as many responses as possible so we can understand our communities needs better.  
Please complete a survey which takes 15 minutes and is voluntary and confidential closing Friday 28 February  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WheatbeltECEC](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WheatbeltECEC)  
Each completed survey is eligible for a chance to win one of five $100 IGA vouchers for each of the five Wheatbelt sub-regions  
More information phone Glenice Batchelor - Regional Development Officer 0428 611 911 or email glenice.batchelor@dawheatbelt.com.au  

**Is your child interested in playing Netball?**  
Net Set Go is a netball program for junior netballers aged 5 to 10 years.  
The Net Set Go netball program will be run for Term 2 only.  
Children in Pre-primary or Year 1 are invited to register in the Net Set Go netball program that will be run on **Monday afternoons** from 4.00-5.00pm at Narrogin Leisure.  
Older children who want to be involved in Net Set Go must register with a club to be involved in the **Saturday morning** Net Set Go netball program.  
Registration for the PP/Yr 1 group is on Monday 10 March from 4-5pm at Narrogin Leisure. Cost is $50. All enquiries to Sarah Corner: 0429813316.

**D Grade Football Training**  
Wednesday 12 March  
4.30pm-5.30pm  
For more information contact Gavin 0488 005 484

**Do You Need A Mouth Guard?**  
Impressions will be taken at the UGSHA clubrooms at the Narrogin Leisure Centre for the last time on Saturday 1 March by appointment only.  
Prices start at $95.00. Claimable with your health fund.  
For appointments call Karen Fazey after 5.00pm on 9881 4785

**Kids Soccer**  
Saturday 1 March  
At East Narrogin Primary School Oval  
For more information contact Clive Barton 9881 1657
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Roles and responsibilities of School Boards

The role of a school council (board) is outlined in the School Education Act 1999. In essence, the role of school board is one of setting the long term future for the school and maintaining oversight (not management) of the school's operation. It is not about running the school – that is the job of the principal. It is about providing additional expertise to help the school achieve the best outcomes for the students.

An Independent Public School Board will operate with functions consistent with the legislative role of school councils.

The responsibilities of an Independent Public School Board are to:

- work within the Department of Education’s relevant legislation and regulations;
- contribute to the School Delivery and Performance Agreement and the Business Plan. (These documents summarise what the school wants to achieve in the future and how it plans to get there; the agreement will be signed off by the chair of the Board, Principal and Director General);
- endorse and review the annual budget (the budget summarises the income received annually from the Department of Education and other sources; It also lists planned expenditure, including salaries);
- assist with the formulation of codes of conduct (guiding principles designed to influence decisions and actions that the school takes);
- review the performance of the school;
- create interest in the school within and across the community;
- assist with principal selection when a vacancy arises (the chair of the School Board will be a member of the selection panel);
- approve fees, charges, contributions and items of personal use (booklists);
- approve extra cost optional components of programs;
- approve arrangements for sponsorship and advertising.
- liaise with other committees within the school e.g. the P&C;
- hold one open meeting each year to report to the school community; and
- provide advice to the principal on religious education and related activities.

The School Board does not:

- manage the day to day running of the school (for example, it does not employ staff, decide which classes students will be assigned to, or resolve issues relating to individual teachers and students and/or parents);
- discuss individual issues relating to teachers, staff or parents – these are very clearly management roles and therefore the responsibility of the principal;
- represent specific interest groups, or permit special interests to dominate the agenda of the Board;
- intervene in the educational instruction of students;
- purchase land, buildings or motor cars, nor enter into hire purchase agreements or obtain credit or loans, unless permission is given by the Minister; and
- performance manage the principal or any other staff member.

Role of School Board Members

- Parent members of School Boards bring their experience as parents at the school, and the views and context of the wider school community to School Board meetings.
- Community members bring a particular skill to the School Board. This may include business, accounting or building skills, or some other skill that the school is looking for at that time.
- Department of Education employees bring their educational expertise to School Board meetings.

References:
School Education Act (1999), School Education Regulations (2000,)
State of Victoria (Department of Education and Early Childhood). Used with permission.