

Newsletter

EAST NARROGIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

An Independent Public School



Newsletter 1
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From the Principal

Kaya to our wonderful ENPS Community,

The 2026 school year has begun, and we are in the Noongar season of Bunuru: the "Season of Adolescence". Bunuru is the second summer, the hottest part of the year. Traditionally people moved inland, focusing on fishing, and foraging for roots and seeds.

School started on a very hot day last Monday and yesterday was another scorcher. During hot weather the library and computer lab are open for students at recess and lunch to seek refuge from the heat.



Recess and Lunch: **PLAY FIRST, then EAT**

This year we are continuing the PLAY FIRST arrangement at both recess and lunch time in Pre-primary to Year 6 so that children have the opportunity to expend their energy before settling to eat their snacks or lunch.

Eating of recess and lunch is on the soft fall in the Early Childhood Centre and on the verandah outside Rooms 7 & 8 for Years 3 to 6. This procedure aims to prepare the students for focussed learning in the classrooms following the breaks.

Parking and Kiss and Drop

Parents are reminded to utilise the "Kiss and Drop Zones" for easy drop off and pick up. Please drive forward so that other cars can use the lane behind you.

The carpark is available for parents to use when needing to enter school grounds.

Student Update

A reminder to parents to please update the Front Office of any changes to contact details including emails, phone numbers, addresses or contact arrangements.

Assembly Days

In 2026, Assemblies will move to THURSDAY mornings 8:45am – 9:30am to accommodate our kindergarten students and make them feel part of the school.

Please see the term planner for dates.

The first assembly will be held on Thursday 19 February to present the Year 6 Leadership Badges to the Class of 2026. All community members are welcome to attend.

Class Meetings

Parents/Carers and families are invited to attend the class meetings and meet the teachers to find out about the routines and structures in the classroom.

Please see details below for meeting times:

Kindy Meeting - Wednesday 11 February at 3:15pm.

Teacher: Mrs Lucie Betteley
Education Assistant: Mrs Deb Cutri

ECC2 Meeting - Thursday 12 February at 3:15pm

Teacher: Ms Lauren Bardsley
Education Assistant: Mrs Ellen Stephens

ECC1 Meeting - Monday 16 February at 3:15pm

Teacher: Ms Lisa Hodgetts
Education Assistant: Ms Latia Kickett

Room 4 Meeting - Tuesday 17 February at 3:15pm

Teacher: Mr Julian Agafonoff
Education Assistant: Mrs Chona Chivell

Room 8 Meeting - Wednesday 18 February at 3:15pm

Teacher: Mr Stephen Heaton
Education Assistants: Mrs Tracy Bolton and
Mr Max Slawinski



Two Way Science

East Narrogin will be implementing the Ngaparrtji Ngaparrtji Two Way Science Initiative this year.

Our focus area will be the Gnarojin Creek, a local place with rich cultural significance for the Wiilman Noongar community.

From the Principal cont...

Each class from Pre-primary to Year 6 will be visiting the creek regularly on a specific afternoon to observe, listen and connect to the environment, while learning On Country.

Follow up lessons will take place back at school where students will participate in curriculum lessons related to their discoveries at the creek.

ECC1 & ECC2 - Thursdays

Room 4 - Wednesdays

Room 8 - Tuesdays

Excursion notes will be distributed to cover the whole year, seeking permission for students to walk approximately 1.5km to the nearby creek on a regular basis.

Parents and family members are encouraged to attend with their student's class or meet at the creek on the allocated afternoon.

Clean up Event at Gnarojin Park

To kickstart our Caring for Country and links to the local community the Year 3 to 6 classes will undertake a Clean Up Australia event on Friday 27 February.

Please look out for the permission note being sent home shortly.



Olympics Unleashed School Visit Incursion

Olympic athlete Conor Nicholas (Paris 2024 – Sailing) will be visiting the Year 5/6 class at East Narrogin Primary School on Monday February 16 at 12:00pm in the Library.

Selected students will have the opportunity to have their photos taken with the athlete.

A consent form will be sent home with these students.

Swimming Lessons

Many thanks to the P&C for contributing \$45.00 towards swimming lessons for every student this year.

The school has also received a Sporting Schools Grant and will contribute again to swimming lessons meaning the Year 3 to Year 6 students will not need to pay anything towards swimming lessons.

Students in Year 3 to Year 6 will have Interm Swimming Lessons in Week 4 and 5 of Term 1.

Consent and Swimming Enrolment forms are being sent home today. Please ensure they are both returned by Monday 16 February at the latest.

Students will need to bring a separate bag to school each day with bathers, towel and goggles.

Lesson Start Times

Room 4: 12:50pm

Room 8: 1:35pm

NAPLAN

Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in NAPLAN testing from Wednesday 11 March to Monday 23 March. Ms Williams, our Acting Deputy, will be conducting the testing in the computer lab.

An information flyer will be sent home with students this week.

Teddy Bear Hospital

The Teddy Bear Hospital (TBH) is a community medicine strategy that assists children in becoming more aware and accustomed to hospitals and medical treatment whilst developing the clinical skills of medical treatment.

In a TBH visit, children play the role of a parent and bring their teddy bears or favoured toys to a simulated hospital (classroom) for treatment by the Teddy Doctor (medical student). These Teddy Doctors demonstrate the entire process of a medical consultation in a fun, non-threatening environment.

Medical Students from Notre Dame University will visit our ECC students on Thursday 12 March, Week 6.

More information will be sent home this week. Could parents please return the consent form as soon as possible.



Attendance

The Department of Education mandates that children of compulsory school age (Pre-primary onwards) attend school every day to maximize learning, with a target of 90% or higher for positive attendance.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences within three days. Please notify the Front Office or update your child's attendance on Compass.

If you are planning on your child being away for an extended period please contact myself to discuss.

ENE Bee Assembly

Congratulations to our first group of ENE Bee winners for 2026.

We will share more information about our Positive Behaviours Guideline in our next newsletter.



Mrs Lisa Nelson
Principal

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2026 Annual General Meeting

Our AGM date has been set for Tuesday 17 February 2026 at 6:00pm in the school Library.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Following the AGM we will hold our first General Meeting of 2026 to discuss our year ahead and fundraising ideas.

We have committee positions to fill and we invite everyone to come along.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open by appointment. Please contact Brooke on gheckoembroidery@gmail.com or 0488 206 808 or complete a Uniform Order Form at the Front Office.

If you would like your child's name embroidered on their hat please contact Brooke. There is a cost of \$10:00 per hat.

Lunch Orders

Narrogin Senior High School will continue providing lunch orders on Mondays and Fridays.

Please make sure lunch orders are completed **before** school in the Undercover Area with Mrs Desi Wilkie.

Brooke Shanks

P&C President

ENPSPandC@hotmail.com

Narrogin Town Bus

The shire has advised that Havelock Street will be closed between Palmer Street and Walker Street from Monday 2 February until 1 March 2026.

Due to this the Narrogin Town Bus will not be able to travel this part of the Bus route.

Students who catch the Bus on this section of the route will have to come to Forrest Street until the roadworks are finished.



Olympics Unleashed School Visit

Monday 16 February, Week 3

P&C AGM & General Meeting

Tuesday 17 February at 6:00pm, Week 3

Year 6 Leadership Assembly

Thursday 19 February, Week 3
Undercover Area at 9:00am

Swimming Lessons

Room 4 & Room 8

Monday 23 February to Friday 6 March

Clean Up Day at Gnarojin Park

Friday 27 February, Week 4

Public Holiday

No students at school

Monday 2 March, Week 5

NAPLAN

Year 3 and 5

Wednesday 11 March to Monday 23 March

Teddy Bear Hospital

ECC1 and ECC2

Thursday 12 March, Week 6

Ride2School Day & Harmony Free Dress Day

Friday 20 March, Week 7

Faction Swimming Participation Carnival

Friday 27 March, Week 8

Room 8 Assembly

Thursday 2 April, Week 9

Undercover Area at 9:00am



School Times

8:45am Start
3:05pm Finish

Uniform Shop

By appointment

2 Way Science

Tuesdays

Room 8

Wednesdays

Room4

Thursdays

ECC1 & ECC2

School Bank Details

Commonwealth Bank

BSB: 06 6040

Account No: 1990 1631

Breakfast Club

8:15am-8:30am in the Undercover Area

Contact Brooke Shanks on

0488 206 808 or

gheckoembroidery@gmail.com

Chappy's Chat

Hi Everyone,

To all families and especially those of you who are new to the school I would like to introduce myself and tell you about my role as a School Chaplain.

I am here to focus on the well-being of students, parent/ carers and staff and show that your really matter.

For the students:

- ★ I am here to walk alongside you. I am here to listen to you and the things that concern you.
- ★ To help you achieve the best in your life by providing a listening ear whenever you need it.
- ★ I will be with you when words fail and all you can do is cry.
- ★ I will rejoice with you when you are happy again.
- ★ I am here to encourage you and help you set goals. It is my hope to see you achieve the goals you set.
- ★ I believe that when students are heard and their problems addressed (no matter how small or insignificant we think it might be), they behave and perform better in class.

Some of my training has included Trauma, Mental Health, Grief and Loss and Social Life Skills.

I am part of the Breakfast Club team and attend to lunch orders from Narrogin Senior High School on Mondays and Fridays.

Please feel free to contact me. If you are unable to attend the school I am happy to chat over the phone 9882 1600 or you can contact me by emails at desiree.wilkie@youthcare.org.au.

My office is located in the Bee Hive in Room 3.

See you at Breakfast Club.

Mrs Desi Wilkie,
School Chaplain & Breakfast Club Co-Ordinator



Kindergarten

Our Community Centre has been busy already this year welcoming our kindergarten students and families.



Thank you to Ellen Stephens, Lauren Bardsley, Kate Betteley and Lucie Betteley for volunteering your time painting the Community Centre. The room is looking so much brighter and we can not wait to see what you do next.

Mrs Betteley also had Eddie the Cat and Peppy the Dog helping prepare the classroom.

