

### **From the Principal**

We are certainly over the impact felt from the tropical cyclone event experienced last week. The major difficulty for our school is the flooding which occurs over the road access to the school and the road closures that occur around this suburb. Another factor in decision-making for the safety and well-being of students is that many travel from other areas of Brisbane, Ipswich & Logan and we are unsure of the impact the weather is having in accessing those areas safely. Thank you to all of our families for being so supportive and understanding of the decisions made last week.

We have been informed of our staffing allocation for 2015 and we will be maintaining the staffing numbers that we began this year with. It is pleasing that we are able to maintain the consistence for students, staff and our community.

Thank you to the 16 family members that were able to attend our Open Day last week. During their time here the Guidance Officer, Head of Curriculum and one of the Orientation & Mobility teachers presented relevant information from their areas of expertise. We also included a visit to the Alternate Format Library where the braille requirements for the State is produced. Thank you to the library staff for making us all feel so welcome.

### **School Levy**

Please find enclosed the school levy contribution form. Thank you to the families who have already contributed for 2015. The money collected is used to purchase resources and equipment for students. Since the start of school this year we have purchased additional books for our student's reading scheme at a cost of \$6 000. The levy money is also used to offset some of our on-going maintenance costs, for example the cost of operating the hydro-therapy pool is approx. \$12 000 annually and we receive \$3 584 from the department. We also receive \$2 200 from the department to use for the running costs of our 2 buses but these cost us \$6 000 per year without any major repairs that may occur.

Please contact our BSM – Cathy Quinn if you would like further information as to the purpose of the levy monies.

Please return completed forms to the office via your child's class teacher.

### **Narbethong State Special School Trivia Night**

Thankyou to families who have ordered tickets via the office. These will be sent home by the end of the week. Families may contact the office if they would like to pre-purchase raffle tickets.

To avoid disappointment please contact the office on 3823 0777 to book and organise payment for your tickets, it is not necessary to have a full table of 10 we can place you on a table with other people to make up a table of 10.

Parents who are not able to attend are able to still participate and support the school via the purchase of raffle tickets. These are being sold at 5 tickets for \$5, 12 tickets for \$10 or 25 tickets for \$20. There will be multiple raffle draws on the night. Please use the enclosed ticket ordering sheet and return to the office by the 6<sup>th</sup> March.

We are also grateful for any donations of suitable items for our raffle draws and these can be left at the school office.

### **Non-Teaching Staff**

The department has advertised the nursing vacancy and the physiotherapist vacancy for our school and are currently short listing applicants. We are expecting both vacancies to be filled before the end of Term 1.

### **Narbethong P&C**

The P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March commencing at 9.30am. All members of the school community are welcome and encouraged to come along and join the Narbethong P&C.



## From T, Anita and Jean's classroom.

(Nicolla, Timothy, Joshua, Hamish, Sam, Emma, Quentin, Aidan, Lachlan, Michael and Toby.)

There are 11 students in our class this year. We are the senior multiply impaired students in the school. We are looking forward to having experiences which will assist us in our preparation for post-school.

So far we have been enjoying getting used to each other and starting up our programs. We have been swimming, attending concerts at city hall and trying to go sailing (so far the weather has been against us). Some of us are attending choir on Thursdays and wheelchair dancing on Tuesdays (with students from Churchie).

One of our favourite things in our school week is our session with the music teacher each Friday. It's a great way to finish the week and is a lot of fun. Lee has found out who likes to bang, strum, use the sound bed and vocalise. She doesn't let any of us slacken off and we love participating together.

We are looking forward to a great year together and especially to our first sleepover as a class next term.

## Rocking Out With Rhythm – Music News

Strumming guitars, shaking shakers, blowing on bird whistles, banging drums and playing on the organ! Students' of Narby are doing it all! Our very first Rocking Out with Rhythm Music Awards go to Hannah Beth Fisher (Middle School) and Cierah Kohere (Middle School). Hannah has been a star student in Music lessons and has shown excellent listening skills. Cierah has been working really hard to let her fingers move across the strings of a guitar to make beautiful music. Congratulations to both Hannah and Cierah! Keep up the great work!

Narbethong would also like to thank Georgia Clarkson, Ray Biggs and Sally Hanson for donating some instruments they no longer need at home. Thank you all so much, the kids are loving the opportunity to explore a variety of instruments.

Lee ☺

### Hannah Fisher



Cierah Kohere



## IMPORTANT DATES

Staff Professional Development Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb

Narbethong Trivia Night      Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Last Day Term 2                      Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Good Friday                              Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Easter Monday                          Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April

1<sup>st</sup> Day Term 2                          Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April



## BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays in the next fortnight.

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## From The Deputy

Our School community would like to acknowledge a very significant event in our lives of one of our families. On Australia Day, Chae-yon, her mum, Heesu and two younger brothers, Junsuh Minsuh, become Australian Citizens.

This was the culmination of many years of advocacy involving the preparation and submission of considerable documentation, reports and letters of support.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to these very worthy Australians.

Anne Nystrom

Principal