

From the Principal

After almost a week of struggling with the lack of communication within our school we are now back to full access to the internet/intranet/faxes/telephones and computer system. Thank you to all of our families for their understanding during what was a very difficult time for our staff.

Work is continuing on the required repairs to our facilities from the weather event on Friday the 1st May. Students and staff from the affected areas have been moved to other classrooms and staff are working very hard at maintaining program consistency for these students. If parents have any concerns please contact the school.

The physiotherapy vacancy has now been filled and I am pleased to be able to introduce our new staff member to our community. Her name is Bhumika Chelwani and she has been very busy getting to know our students and staff. We also welcome to our site Hannah Tipman another therapist who is based here and supports other schools within our Region. It is my understanding that the interview process has been completed for the nursing vacancy and we should be welcoming a nurse in the very near future.

It is with sadness that I inform our community of the recent passing of one of our foster parents. Graham Murray died on the 24th April. Graham and his wife Val are the long term care providers for Cierah and very supportive members of our community. Graham will be missed by staff and students here at Narbethong. Our deepest condolences and heartfelt thoughts go out to Val and family.



IMPORTANT DATES

Queen's Birthday	Monday 8th June
Last Day of Term 2	Friday 26 th June
First Day of term 3	Monday 13th July

BIRTHDAYS

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

👤 Toby 👤 Nicholas

Congratulations

We are pleased to share with our families the safe arrival of Evan Douglas Keighley. Evan was born on the 5th May, 2015 weighing 4.26kg. Congratulations to Evan's parents Naree & Jeff and to Gemma who is now the very proud older sister.



P&C News

Thank you to the Narbethong School Community for supporting the Easter Raffle \$650.00 was raised for the P&C.

A report from the Narbethong P&C will be published in the next school Contact.

Library Corner

It's great to see the classes coming into the library! Here are some titles that some of the Narbethong students have been reading lately:

- Middle 6 really love library time. Wil found a book called "Little Cat and the Big Red Bus" written by Jane Godwin. Jayden enjoyed reading "Kiss Kiss" by Margaret Wild, and Eden loved "What will we get for Grandma." by Judy Delton. These books are Twin Vision books – they have both print and braille on the pages.
- Dominic and William were practising being Daddies on Thursday and brought their babies into the library to read them some stories. It sounded like they enjoyed their visit!
- Hannah and Matthew from Middle 5 came to the library with Lee and read "Walking Through Cherbourg". This story was written by the Budjar Class at Cherbourg Primary School. There were a lot of different Australian animals in this story and it was funny to hear the animal noises!



From senior 5

I would like to welcome you to Senior 5! A class made up of four student's Codey, Cezanne, Declan and Tasha. This year our team of teachers are John and Joe.

One of our most enjoyable programs has been our weekly cooking program. Each week the staff make a different food creation, while the student's part is to taste each component of the cooking, as well as the final product. This provides opportunities for students to engage in messy play with a range of different ingredients such as salty, sweet, smooth, rough, different sauces, different fruits and vegetables. Each cooking recipe is tried three times each term to provide occasions for students to compare their tastes and interest over different weeks. This provides us with very rich data about the student's interests and preferences as part of our literacy and numeracy programs.

As part of our school wide communication focus for our Greater Schools Guarantee we have been working hard with our Pragmatic Organised Dynamic Display (PODD) books as part of our programs. We use these as part of our morning and afternoon sessions to communicate information about our school day and help to name the students likes and interests. In addition to this we are focusing on using the books to provide consistent language to help the students name activities and emotions in a consistent manner. The use of this book is really in the early phase; however we are starting to see some wonderful improvements. Cezanne in particular is starting to self-regulate his behaviour when he is offered the book to communicate a message, and is becoming very happy and excited at the end of an activity because he is realising that he can request it again easily! This has been a great improvement on Cezanne's part and exciting for the staff to see.

Since the beginning of last week, we have welcomed two extra students Addison and Reagan into our classroom as a result of their regular classroom being destroyed by the flooding. These two students have taken well to our classroom routines and have put some of their own orientation and mobility skills to the test by exploring our classroom. It has been a pleasure to have them in our class.

Thank you again to all of our staff and parents in helping us achieve wonderful results for our students!
John, Joe and staff



Rocking Out With Rhythm – Music News

“The Rain keeps tumbling down, listen, it’s a wonderful sound!” Students over Week 2 and 3 have been experimenting with different sounds made with water. Recreating scenes where rain, wind, thunder and lightning took the spotlight, students played with the different sounds of water being poured, sprinkled, gushed, sprayed and ‘whooshed’. These lessons have allowed students to explore and get creative with sound effects and music inspired by rain.

Rocking Out With Rhythm awards for Week 2 and 3 have been achieved by Ethan Allen from Middle 2 and Cody Ward from Senior 5. Ethan has been improving his length of time holding onto a percussion instrument in one hand and has shown great progress both in our drumming sessions and his music lesson. Last week Ethan swapped his shaker from one hand to the other several times showing great development in his skills. Keep up the great work Ethan!!! ☺

Cody had a beautiful music session week 2 and enjoyed exploring several instruments placed around the room. Cody has a unique singing voice and loves to sing to instrumental music and music from the Middle East. Keep up your creative flare Mr Cody! ☺



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Principal