



## School Newsletter

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### P&C Elections

Brilliant new committee supporting our school

A huge thank you to all of the parents, staff and community members who made it to our P&C AGM on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, we appreciate the active role you are taking in the development of our school and your children.

Our new committee for 2011 is:  
Alistair Mansley – President  
Bonnie Mansley – Vice President  
Jim Hoadley – Secretary  
Diane Glover – Treasurer

On behalf of the students and staff of Euabalong West public school I would like to congratulate the new committee members on obtaining or continuing their role as part of our P&C and I wish them all the best for the up coming year.

As one of their first duties, our P&C was involved in the Lower Lachlan PSSA swimming carnival held jointly by Naradhan and ourselves at the Lake Cargelligo pool. Diane Glover represented our parents and worked very hard, before, during and after the carnival to help ensure the canteen on the day ran smoothly. You did a fantastic job Diane, thank you very much.

The next item on the P&C agenda is the upcoming Easter chocolate fundraiser. We will be asking families and community members to help us sell as many Easter eggs as possible to help raise money for some exciting projects around the school, so keep your eyes peeled for news of this delicious idea. We are aiming to send the chocolates home by the 25<sup>th</sup> of March to be sold.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March in week 9 of this term. I would like to encourage any interested community or family member to come along.

### Lower Lachlan PSSA Swimming Carnival

Naradhan and Euabalong West make a splash

Last Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of February was the Lower Lachlan PSSA swimming carnival. The carnival was held at Lake Cargelligo swimming pool and attended by Naradhan, Ungarie, Lake Cargelligo, West Wyalong, Wyalong and Tullibigeal; it was run this year by Naradhan and ourselves.

Unfortunately this year we didn't have any students eligible to participate in any of the races but our seniors still managed to impress all the visiting schools through the active role they played in helping to run the carnival itself. Running messages, reporting times, helping fellow students, working in the canteen and helping the marshals, our senior students demonstrated their leadership and organisational skills as well as demonstrating their brilliantly enthusiastic personalities. We were very proud to have them represent us as a school. You did a great job seniors, thank you very much and well done.

The overall winner of the carnival was West Wyalong and the winner of the small school handicap was Naradhan public school. Congratulations to both those schools. Finally a huge thank you to Naradhan public school, their P&C and their principal Crystal ... particularly, you help us make it look easy and we look forward to teaming up again in the future.



## Calendar of upcoming events

What's happening?

### Week 6, Term 1, 2011

Monday	28 <sup>th</sup> /02/2011	InTENSive training at Lake Cargelligo with Karen Henry, Miss J out and Miss L replacing
Thursday	03 <sup>rd</sup> /03/2011	Visit from Geoff Pellizzer for PAR's meeting with Miss J  Clean up Australia day
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> /03/2011	Circus performance at Rankin's Springs with P6 network schools

### Week 7, Term 1, 2011

Monday	7 <sup>th</sup> /03/2011	International Women's Day
Friday	11 <sup>th</sup> /03/2011	Crazy hair day, mufti day for students in exchange for a gold coin donation, raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation

### Week 8, Term 1, 2011

Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup> /03/2011	National Ride and Walk to school day
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup> /03/2011	Maroon day – Mufti day for students to raise money for schools that need help as a result of the Queensland floods
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup> /03/2011	Best Start leaders day, Miss J out, @ Griffith, Miss L replacing
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> /03/2011	CAP funding meeting at Naradhan, Miss J out, Miss L replacing

## Clean Up Australia Day

Keeping our planet healthy

On Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March our students took part in the national event "Clean up Australia Day". Our students went to a great deal of effort to ensure that our school grounds and its surrounding fence line were spick and span.

This event is always a great opportunity for our students to develop a deeper awareness of how they are connected to other students, schools and Australians as well as how we can work together to make a difference not just to our local area but to our entire country. It is also an opportunity to develop their pride in their school and a chance to ensure we are always presenting ourselves at our best.



## Upcoming P&C Meeting

Kicking off our fundraising

Now that our P&C is once again officially up and running we are heading back into fundraising mode. The first fundraiser out of the gates is the ever popular, chocolate fundraiser. This year with a new twist we are looking for Easter themed chocolates.

The chocolates will be ready to send home on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, week 9. If you are interested in selling a box or two please fill in the form below and return it to school and as soon as the boxes become available we will send them home with the children. We will be collecting the money for the sold chocolates in the last week of this term and the first week of term 2.

### Chocolate Fundraiser

**Yes, we would love to sell some Chocolates!**

**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of boxes:** \_\_\_\_\_



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This week's quote:

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

*Nelson Mandela*

## Student of the Week:

This student is being recognised for excellence, this week we congratulate:



Week 4



Week 5



Week 6

Emily Worsnop for her excellence in reading, Audrey Watts for her enthusiasm and the effort she puts into all her work and Mylee Mansley for her great sentence writing, well done girls!

## Senior Students Awards:

Each week our senior students choose a fellow student to recognise their great work or attitude in the classroom or the playground



Logan Biggin  
Week 4



Natasha Casey  
Week 5



Natalie Glover  
Week 6

Logan for his improvement and hard work when practising his times tables, Natasha for her help with the sports shed and Natalie Glover for her willingness to take on leadership roles and be a good friend to her classmates. Well done to you all.



## Making Changes in Maths

Improving our students learning by improving our teachers methods

In week 6 Miss Jackson, along with several other teachers from our network of schools took part in training for new initiative called 'InTENSive Maths'. This program is designed to help improve our student's confidence in maths as well as their overall number sense. Given that numeracy is one of our targeted areas this year these sorts of development days are essential to ensuring that we are providing our students with the best possible teaching and learning.

We have already begun to make changes in the classroom in line with the recommendations and strategies in the program. We invite any interested parents or family members to come and join one of our maths lessons if you're interested in learning more about how we are improving our practise and the student's outcomes.

## Notes

What's out there that needs to come back

We would like to remind parents to return any media or medical update notes that might still be on the fridge. These notes are a requirement for all NSW schools at the beginning of each year and help us to keep the important information about our students up to date and correct. The media note also lets us know who we may or may not put on our website, in newsletters or in our local papers. The return of this note will allow us to update our webpage to help keep our community better informed.

## Reminders

Keeping you in the loop

**Kids Club:** Is being held every second Wednesday, our next Kid's Club is on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March, in week 8. Club starts at 4:00pm and we ask that each of the children bring a coin donation to help offset the cost of the resources that we use.

**Little A's:** Lake Cargelligo Little A's presentation will be held tonight the 9<sup>th</sup> of March at 5pm at the Lake Cargelligo pool. Sausages will be supplied, please bring a salad and own drinks. Raffle tickets will be on sale on the night.

## Welcome Parents

We look forward to seeing you in the classroom

Every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9:30am – 11:00am our students take part in literacy rotations. We would like to invite any interested family or community members to join our class during these rotations to help us with the individual student reading. There's no need to make an appointment, if you find you have the time on these days please just feel free to drop in and join us. The students love to have you in the classroom and we all enjoy showing off how clever we are to our mums and dads.

## Infants Explore

Checking out community resources

On Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of February our junior students in Kindy, year 1 and year 2 joined with their counterparts from Naradhan to explore the local resources of Lake Cargelligo.

The students visited the ambulance station and were allowed to look inside the ambulance, hear the siren, get their blood pressure checked and go for a ride on a stretcher. We can't thank the ambulance officers enough. The students really enjoyed this opportunity and are still talking about it in the playground.

From there the students went onto the pirate park to enjoy their recess and have a game onboard our favourite ship. After this the students went on to our local town library where they had a look at how to borrow books and listened to Mrs Brett read two fabulous stories.

After the library the students moved onto the Rec ground park for lunch and a proper play before getting changed into their swimmers and joining the senior students for a swim at Lake Cargelligo pool. The behaviour of our youngest students on this excursion was fantastic and they were a credit to both their families and their schools.



## Bright Smiles

Learning to keep our teeth healthy

As many of you are already aware, the students here at Euabalong West take part in an oral health program that requires them to clean their teeth every day after lunch. This is to help our students develop their awareness of how important it is to brush their teeth three times a day every day.

Students also attend a yearly dental clinic, during which the student's teeth are examined and can be fixed with parental consent. In line with this program we have receive resources called 'Bright Smiles at Home' to help families continue this learning at home, we have attached one packet for each child to this weeks newsletter, if you would like more information about the program please contact the school at your convenience.

## Circus Fun

Learning how to be acrobats, jugglers and clowns

Last Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March our students attended a Circus workshop day at Rankin's Springs. The students were joined by other children from Binya, Naradhan and Rankin's Springs. Students had the opportunity to watch a fantastic performance and then take part in a variety of workshops to enable them to learn the skills they had just seen performed.

After participating in these workshops several of our students then had an opportunity to perform for the rest of the assembled schools. This was a great way to round out all of the circus learning we did as a school late last year, as well as an excellent opportunity for our students to reconnect with the other students in our network. It was great to see the students mixing with other schools and making an effort to make new friends and get to know each other.

## Picture This

Our creative kids

