



Welcome to Stage Two

2025

PARENT INFORMATION HANDBOOK
NARRABRI PUBLIC SCHOOL

Welcome to Stage 2 at Narrabri Public School for 2025



Mrs Nicole Allison and **Mrs Fiona Williams** are the classroom teachers of 3/4AW. Mrs Williams is an enthusiastic and dedicated teacher, who loves sharing her expertise and love of all-things-horses. Mrs Allison is the Assistant Principal who supports Years 3 and 4. She has been a teacher at NPS for many years and brings experience, enthusiasm and empathy to her roles.

Mrs Tarnya King is teaching in Year 3. She is a passionate educator who has taught in Narrabri since 2021, and prior to that in Moree. Mrs King loves routine and organisation and spends most weekends travelling with her eldest son to horse riding events.



Miss Peta Cox is teaching in Year 4 this year and loves a good adventure. Her favourite hobbies include camping and swimming, playing rugby and listening to a good country tune. Miss Cox is super passionate about her sport and is a welcomed addition to Stage 2 this year.

Mrs Angela Young will be teaching 3/6Y this year. She has previously taught both Kindergarten and primary classes. Mrs Young brings enthusiasm to her room and her creative flair means that students are always engaged and can't wait to see what they will learn next. Students in 3/6Y are supported by **Mrs Jessica Saunders** and **Mrs Leesa Small**.



In the morning sessions, we are lucky enough to have **Mrs Tess Lindsay** take our Literacy Enrichment group for Years 3 & 4. She is one of our APC&Is (Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction) and works alongside all of the teachers at our school to improve student literacy and numeracy outcomes through the curriculum. Mrs Lindsay's expertise, experience and love of teaching are welcomed in Stage 2 this year.

Mrs Cathy Charles will be teaching K/6C again this year. She has been a part of our NPS team for many years and has previously been working as part of Learning and Support and the Stage 2 team. Mrs Charles brings a wealth of knowledge and skills to her teaching, developing tailored learning experiences to ensure her students are successful in their learning. Students in K/6C are supported by **Mrs Karen Croaker**, who has been an essential member of our team for many years. She is a carer of everyone including all sorts of animals, from those on her farm to injured wildlife, Mrs Croaker nurtures them all.



Learning Enrichment Officers & Learning Enrichment Teachers



Mrs Kate Brown, Mrs Michele Wilson and Mr Wayne Wall work with our students to improve their learning and ensure that all students are supported to achieve their personal best.

Release From Face to Face Teachers



Mrs Lindy White and Mrs Nicole Allison teach other Key Learning Areas (KLAs) when classroom teachers are released to work on data and programming.

What Does a Week in Stage 2 Look Like?

Every morning we focus on literacy. We have targeted reading groups with classroom teachers and learning support staff. Learning is focused on reading strategies, fluency and comprehension. The morning literacy session also covers phonemic awareness and spelling strategies, modelled reading and writing using text concepts and language features to teach students to improve their own writing.

In our middle session, we learn about number operations, problem-solving skills and mathematical concepts. During our afternoon session, we learn about a Key Learning Area (KLA). This might be science, history, personal development and health, or a creative arts subject. We also do daily physical education where we learn about fundamental movement skills like skip, run and side gallop; consolidating these in Friday sports.

Extra Weekly Activities	
Monday	K-6 Assembly
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Primary Assemblies
Thursday	Scripture
Friday	Sport @ 12.30 pm-1:30pm

When does my child borrow from the Library?

Our students use the school library during play and at an allocated time during the week. They can borrow books from our library at this time and even be involved in the Premier's Reading Challenge. Please contact the front office on 6792 2246 if you would like to know more about this opportunity.

When will my child's class do assembly?

Primary Classes (Stage 2 and Stage 3) have a combined assembly fortnightly on Wednesday from 2:00 – 3:00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to see your children showcase their learning and their developing ability to present to a larger audience. Keep an eye on the School Bytes calendar, newsletter and Facebook, as well as in your child's notes for when their turn is coming up.

When will my child do sport?

Stage 2 have sport on a Friday during the middle session, from 12:30-1:30pm. To prepare for this they should wear our sports uniform of a polo shirt and shorts or sports skirt. They should wear joggers and ensure they have their broad-brimmed hat with them to keep them safe in the sun. It is also a great idea to pack their water bottle.

What is my child learning at school?

In Stage 2 we continue using knowledge of sounds and letter patterns to spell words, apply spelling rules and write a variety of texts with correct grammar and punctuation.

We also focus on using and refining cursive script in handwriting lessons.

When learning in maths, Stage 2 further explore solving number problems using written and mental strategies and explain how they found an answer.

They will also be learning about the importance of building and maintaining well-being practices and peer relationships, how to maintain an active and healthy lifestyle, how and why life changed in the past and identify aspects of the past that remained the same, examining natural and human features of Australia and the diverse characteristics of Australia's neighbouring countries in PDHPE, history, geography and science. A term overview will come home each term to help keep you up to date with what they are learning.

Creative Arts is visual arts, music, dance and drama. Music is taught each semester, and drama throughout the year. Your child's teacher will program dance into daily PE, as well as other learning experiences where students learn to explore and appreciate the features of dance. Visual arts is used to help students explore and express their understanding of all other Key Learning Areas and it is always wonderful when students' work is shared with their families.

Will my child go on any excursions this year?

We always hope to enrich our student's learning by looking for opportunities to learn in a different way. Our Year 3 students visit the Narrabri Telescope facility and Yarrie Lake, and Year 4 visit Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Camp. More detailed information will be shared with families at a later time, including dates and costs.

How can I help my child at home?

Celebrating our children's success is the best motivation you can give them to become a life-long learner. When they get home ask, "What was the best thing you learnt today?"

Always celebrate how hard they've worked, rather than how smart they are. This means they learn that hard work and persistence equals success and everyone can work hard to achieve their personal best.

Share what you are reading with them; especially things like the newspaper. Ask them questions that make them think and encourage them to ask you questions too.

Encourage them to check their bag each day and complete any tasks that are sent home, as this helps them to secure their learning and make more progress in class.

Get them to join in daily chores, helping you cook and clean as this helps them to feel a sense of responsibility and you will enjoy it too!

What are the Core Values and how are they reinforced at NPS?

At NPS we have a positive, preventative approach to learning and value teaching students the tools to be 'Ready to Learn'. We have 5 Core Values that were decided by our school community. Our Core Values focus on Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Achievement and Inclusion.

Expected behaviours are on display in all classrooms and high-traffic areas. These behaviours are taught, modelled and practised. They are also shared with our school community on our website and Facebook page where we celebrate our student success. Expected behaviours are reinforced and rewarded in class through management systems and across the school with raffle tickets. School Achievement is celebrated with whole school rewards and celebrations.

NPS Merit System

What is the Merit System and how does it work?

The Narrabri Public School community encourages and celebrates student participation and effort. A range of awards have been implemented to acknowledge such achievements both within and outside the classroom.

Students earn Award Cards that contribute towards White Cards, Bronze and Silver Awards.

- 5 Merit Award Cards = 1st White Card
- 10 Merit Award Cards = 2nd White Card
- 10 Merit Award Cards = 3rd White Card
- 10 Merit Award Cards = Bronze Award and Celebration
- 10 Merit Award Cards = Silver Award and Badge



Our School Motto is “Savoir C’est Pouvoir” – “KNOWLEDGE IS POWER”

School Creed

This is our school
Let peace dwell here
Let our rooms be full of contentment
Let love abide here
Love of one another
Love of mankind
Love of life itself
Let us remember
That as many hands make a house
So many hearts make a school.

School Song

Narrabri North Western City
Jewel in the fertile plain;
Namoi ridges brown and willowy,
Waving fields of golden grain.
From the Nandewars, mighty Kaputar,
Calls aloud to children here,
We are lis'ning to the message
"Savoir C'est Pouvoir", be it said loud and clear.
Reach the summit by our motto,
"Knowledge is power" be it said loud and clear.

BELL TIMES

Supervised Morning Play:	8:50am
School commences:	9.15am
Lunch	11.20 – 11.30am (Supervised by teacher)
Play 1	11:30-12pm
Play 2	1:30pm-2pm
School concludes:	3:15pm

Where do I drop my child off and pick them up each day?

Student drop off and pick up areas are at the front school gate and near the back canteen gate.

What if they catch the bus?

Students have designated bus lines under the Primary COLA or behind the bus gate. Members of the Executive staff supervise and support students at bus lines each day.

If things change during the day or I need to get a message to my child, how can I do this?

It is always best to call the school and talk with our office staff. You can call on 6792 2246 and Cassie or Kate will pass on your message immediately.

You can also email the school email: narrabri-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or send a message on the school app.

What if I would like to talk to my child's teacher?

You can call or email the office staff and they will pass on the message. Your child's teacher will do their best to get back to you within the school day, but as they often have playground duties and meetings, your call may be returned the following day or by an Executive member. If the call is urgent, please indicate this to the office staff and they will ensure you receive a 'same day' call back.

Parents are welcome to attend pre-arranged booked meetings at our school.

What do I do if I need to order my child's lunch at the canteen?

You can send their lunch order in their blue folder and the class teacher will make sure it gets to the canteen, or you can drop the order to the canteen in person before the morning bell at 9:15am.

The P&C now have a canteen app called 'My School Connect' and you can use this to order your child's lunch or recess or snack with drinks the day before or by 8:30am on the day it is needed.

How do I communicate with school?

We keep our families updated with all current events via our School Bytes app, Facebook page and email. Newsletters and school permission notes will be emailed home unless paper notes have been requested at the front office.

Other Familiar Faces that can support you and your child are:



***Mrs Claire Allen –
Principal***



***Mrs Tess Lindsay – Assistant
Principal Curriculum
Instruction (APCI) and Stage
2 Literacy Enrichment
Teacher***



***Mrs Pattie Lettice –
Aboriginal Education Officer***



***Mrs Kate Wheeler – School
Administration Manager***



***Mrs Sonia Hall – School
Administration Officer***



***Ms Lisa Marple – APCI and
HPGE Teacher***



***Mrs Vanessa Charlton -
Assistant Principal
Stage 1***



***Mr Travis Heffernan-
Assistant Principal
Stage 3***