



Welcome to Stage Three

2025

PARENT INFORMATION HANDBOOK
NARRABRI PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Mr Travis Heffernan is the teaching Assistant Principal who supports Years 5 and 6. Mr Heffernan has worked on our Stage 3 team for the last eight years. He shares his expertise in robotics and all things techno with staff and students alike, as well as coaching and selecting school sporting and PSSA representative teams. This year Mr Heffernan will be looking after the Stage 3 Literacy Enrichment class.



Miss Keeley Glass has been teaching Year 6 for the last 4 years and again teaches 6G this year. She is our resident softball coach and with amazing success last year and she hopes to keep that ball rolling into 2025. Miss Glass looks forward to guiding Year 6 students through their final year of primary school.



Mrs Clarissa Clifford has been teaching since 2010 and has lived her entire life on the Central Coast up until last 2023. This year she is staying on Stage 3, sharing the teaching of 5SC with Ms Stoltenberg and supporting Year 5 RFF. She is a mother of three and a sports enthusiast; passionate about netball. Mrs Clifford loves seeing students grow and learn, helping them to achieve their personal best.



Ms Sharon Stoltenberg will be teaching Year 5 again this year and will be team teaching with Mrs Clifford on 5SC. She has been teaching for over 35 years and has been at NPS since 2018. Ms Stoltenberg brings a wealth of knowledge and skills to her teaching as well as an exuberance for life. She shares her passion for singing with the NPS Primary Choir.



Miss Brooke Henderson will be teaching Stage 3 again this year on 5/6H. She is excited about rekindling her connection with previous students and is looking forward to the year ahead. Miss Henderson is a passionate lifelong learner who has invested a lot of her professional time in deepening her knowledge of literacy and numeracy skills, supporting her to differentiate learning and target her student's learning needs.



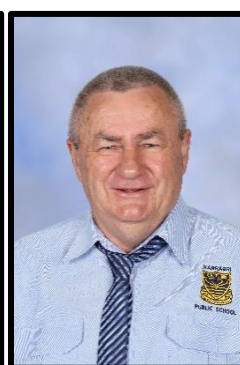
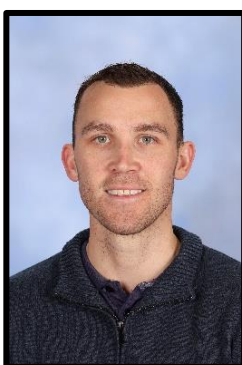
Mrs Charles will be teaching K/6C again this year. She has been a part of our NPS team for many years and has previously been working as part of Learning and Support and the Stage 2 team. Mrs Charles brings a wealth of knowledge and skills to her teaching, developing tailored learning experiences to ensure her students become successful in their learning. Students in K6C are supported by **Mrs 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.



Mrs Angela Young will be teaching 3/6Y again this year. Mrs Young brings enthusiasm to her room and her creative flair means that her students are always engaged and can't wait to see what they will learn next. Students in 3/6Y are supported by **Mrs Jess Saunders** Monday – Thursday and **Mrs Leesa Small** on Fridays.



Release From Face To Face (RFF) Teachers and Learning Enrichment Officers



Mrs Melissa Packer, Mr Jake Brayshaw, Mrs Lindy White and Mr Wayne Wall are also important members of our Stage Three team. They work with our students to improve their learning and ensure that our students are supported and encouraged to strive and achieve their personal best.

What Does a Week in Stage 3 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 participate in numeracy groups where activities are designed to explicitly teach and reinforce place value, counting process and calculation skills. Mathematical concepts are taught in class groups, where we learn about number operations, problem-solving skills and further consolidate our understanding of key ideas.

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 games.

Extra Weekly Activities	
Monday	K-6 Assembly
Tuesday	HPGE Art Group fortnightly
Wednesday	Assemblies when scheduled, Buddies Yr 6
Thursday	Scripture
Friday	Sport

When does my child borrow from the Library?

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

When will my child's class have their assembly?

- Our Stage 3 classes will have a combined assembly on some Wednesday afternoons from 2:15 – 3:00pm during the year. 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 Newsletter, the Week Ahead and Facebook notifications for upcoming assembly dates. These can also be found on our School Bytes calendar.

When will my child do sport?

- Stage 3 has sport on a Friday during the afternoon session. To prepare for this they should wear our sports uniform of a polo shirt and shorts or a sports skirt. They should wear joggers and ensure they have their broad-brimmed hats 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 3 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 3 further explores 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, the role that democracy and the gold rush played in forming our nation's history and what makes Australia connected to its global neighbours 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. This can also be found on our Facebook page.
- Creative Arts are visual arts, music, dance and drama. 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. Music is taught each semester using the Amplify program and drama is taught in Semester 2.

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 5 students visit the *Red Hill Environmental Education Centre* at Gulgong and Year 6 visit the nation's capital city, Canberra. More detailed information will be shared with families at a later time including dates and costs via School Bytes and email.

How can I help my child at home?

- Celebrating our children's success is the best motivation you can give them to become a lifelong 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 Facebook page where we celebrate our student success. Expected behaviours are reinforced and rewarded in class through management systems, 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 Merit Award Cards that contribute towards White Cards, Bronze and Silver Awards.
 - o 5 Merit Award Cards = 1st White Card
 - o 10 Merit Award Cards = 2nd White Card
 - o 10 Merit Award Cards = 3rd White Card
 - o 10 Merit Award Cards = Bronze Award and Celebration
 - o 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

School gates open:	8:30am
Supervised Morning Play:	8:45am
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 is at the front school gate and 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 Office staff 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 Bytes Parent 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 or use the canteen app called 'My School Connect' to order your child's lunch or recess or snack with drinks the day before or by 8:45 am on the day it is needed.
- You can contact the canteen directly for any other inquiries on 0497 854 676.

Communication with the 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***



***Mrs Nicole Allison -
Assistant Principal
Stage 2***