

## Principal's Message

### Year 5 Leadership Speeches

We welcome all parents and families to attend the Year 5 leadership speeches on Thursday 12th December, commencing at 9:30am in the St Francis Xavier's Catholic Church.

It will take the Year 5 students courage to speak in front of the students and family members. The students from Year 2 - 6 and the staff will then vote for the leadership roles. The votes are then tallied by the leadership team and an independent representative.

Announcements will be made to parents via a phone call from their child. The student body from K-6 will then be informed of their school leaders for 2020.

It's an anxious time for all involved and I encourage each student to hold their heads high - whether they receive the roles they wanted or not.

### Reports

This week the **Semester 2 Reports** will be distributed to the children on **Tuesday 10th December**. I would like to commend the teachers for the work that goes into preparing these reports. Having personally read these reports, I was extremely excited to see so many consistent efforts throughout the student's reports. The attitude of wanting to get smarter is alive and well in our school. Our whole school approach is to encourage parents to continue to have regular conversations (electronically or face to face) with their child's teacher and nurture the working relationship between home and school.

### School Holidays

As this is the last newsletter for the year, on behalf of Michael Ball and the staff, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy your holidays and stay safe.

*May God bless you,  
Mrs Michelle O'Connor  
Acting Principal*



## ICAS Awards



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## Meet Mrs Grumley



**Name:** Leonie Grumley  
**Job:** Educational Assistant  
**Where did you grow up:** Tamworth  
**Years teaching:** Many

**What do you do in your spare time?** Spend time with family

**What other career could you see yourself doing?**

My love is helping children

**Colour:** Jade Green  
**Food:** Beef Stroganoff  
**Animal:** Mini Foxi  
**Sport:** Hockey  
**Movie:** Mamma Mia



## Slushies

Slushies will be available on Thursday and Friday this week for the last Canteen Week of the year. They are available in raspberry, blueberry or rainbow:

Small for \$1:00  
 Large for \$2:00

They are to be **pre-ordered** only via the Qrk! App or on lunch bag.

## Assemblies - Term 4

Wk 9- 13th December

1:45pm

Please note that the general Friday Assembly time has changed to 1.45pm.

## Pick Up

Please remember when picking up your child after school, the only designated zone is out the front of the school. Please do not pick up from the bus zone or in front of the church. Thank you

## Meet Miss Wheeler



**Name:** Chelsea Wheeler  
**Job:** Education Assistant  
**Where did you grow up:** Narrabri  
**Years teaching:** 1 year

**What do you do in your spare time?** Bake and read books

**What other career could you see yourself doing?**  
 Pastry chef

**Colour:** Navy Blue  
**Food:** Cheese platter  
**Animal:** My 3 dogs  
**Book:** The Harry Potter series  
**Sport:** Ballet

## THANK YOU TO OUR BOOK COVERING VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the volunteers who have kindly offered to cover the new library books this year. Your help is very much appreciated.



If you would like a copy of the latest issue of the Catholic Viewpoint you can collect one from the school office. Alternatively, the magazine is available for download at <http://armidale.catholic.org.au/catholic-viewpoint/>



Congratulations and thank you to all the students who have made deposits to their savings accounts with ADIG. Your deposits over the last 12 months have earned the school a commission of \$80.00.

## TERM DATES

Term 4: 14/10/2019 to 18/12/2019

## 2020 Term Dates

Term 1: 06/02/2020 to 09/04/2020

Term 2: 28/04/2020 to 03/07/2020

Term 3: 20/07/2020 to 25/09/2020

Term 4: 12/10/2020 to 16/12/2020

## IMPORTANT DATES:

12th December –Captains Speeches

16th December –Year 6 graduation Mass

17th December –Presentation night

18th December –Last day term

6th February –Years 1-6 students return to school

10th February – Kindergarten students start school

13th February –Swimming Carnival

## PRESENTATION NIGHT

Presentation night will be held at the Crossing Theatre on the 17th December at 7:00pm. Please join us in celebrating the School Year and to congratulate all our students on their efforts throughout the year.

## YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

Year 5 leadership speeches will be held this Thursday 12th December at 9.30am at the church. All welcome.

## MUFTI-DAY

We are having Mufti-Day for the last day of school on Wednesday the 18th of December.



## YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS

The Year 6 Graduation Mass will be held on Monday 16th December at 9.30am at the church. All welcome.



Upcoming Masses:

**SCHOOL MASSES:**

You are invited to attend the Year 6 Graduation Mass:

Monday 16th December @ 9:30a.m.



A Christmas Prayer

Loving God, during this holy season of Christmas

We ask for your blessing on all families.

Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways

Be an inspiration to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope

During times of anxiety and uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families

With a spirit of light and love.

May the grace that encircled the Holy Family

Widen to embrace all families.

For this we pray.

Amen



*I wish everyone a relaxing, happy and holy Christmas and I thank you for your support of the religious life of our school.*

*Judy Rily REC*

**Altar Servers Roster**

**Sat 14th December 6pm:**

**Jakson and Cadence Dowdell**

**Sat 21st December 6p.m.**

**Patrick Welsh and Nicolas Ford**

**Sun 15th December 8a.m:**

**Elias Watene and Lily Bogdanoff**

**Sun 22nd December 8a.m:**

**Sophia Lampe and Ali Murray**



# Sports Report

## SWIMMING 2020

Due to our carnival being scheduled in our first week of school, notes for; events, permission slips and volunteers have been sent home and were due back last week.

## Summer Trials

On Friday 29th November, 9 of our Year 5 students attended the Diocesan Summer Sport Trials. All students displayed great sportsmanship and skill. Congratulations to Maxine O'Connor and Blake Fielder who gained selection in the Armidale Diocesan cricket teams. These students will now attend the Polding Trials to be held in Lismore next year. Well done to all who participated at the trials.

## Band Link

Last week we had a number of students at the annual Band Link workshop at the Crossing Theatre. This workshop is a great opportunity for the children to enhance their skills as they participate in tutorials for their specific instrument and then all come together to form a band.

The band then held 2 public performances to put on display the pieces of music learnt during the 3 days. Thank you to Ms Smith for the many hours of hard work she has put in to organising our children to attend this workshop.

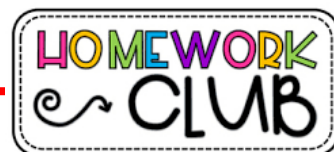


## Student Awards



	Key Learning Area Awards	
Class	Week 7	Week 8
Kinder S	Chelsea Henry	Lara Whitmore
1/2 F	Eve Phillips	Norah Nalder
1/2 R	Samantha Murray	Beau Macrae
1/2 S	Angus Read	Harrison Tout
3/4 H	Hayley Smith	Kade Hall
3/4 OC	Jakson Dowdell	James Allaway
5/6 G	Braiden Ryan	Archer Dalton
5/6 M	Samuel Elms	Jonty Brayshaw

	General Class Awards	
Class	Week 7	Week 8
Kinder S	Willow Stanford	Grace Luff
1/2 F	Amanda Paas	Liam Bogdanoff
1/2 R	Walter Read	Jayden Allaway
1/2 S	Noah Burford	Camilla Lampe
3/4 H	Nicolas Ford	Mia Greenaway
3/4 OC	Johanna Gordon	Jack Lowick
5/6 G	Lilly Burford	Maxine O'Connor
5/6 M	Hamish Webster	Josie Harvey



**All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are invited to come along to Homework Club.** Homework Club is held every **Tuesday and Wednesday** morning from 8.30am until 9.00am in the Activities Room (Next to the 5/6M Class Room).

## Library Roster

Odd Weeks –Health	Odd Weeks –Library
Even Weeks -Library	Even Weeks -Health
1/2F - Tuesday	1/2R - Tuesday
3/4O'C - Wednesday	3/4H - Wednesday
KS - Wednesday	1/2S - Wednesday
5/6M - Wednesday	5/6G - Wednesday



## CANTEEN NEWS

### Canteen Roster

TERM 4		
9	12th December 2019 <b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>	13th December 2019 Jodi Cameron & Tilla Winston-Smith

TERM 1 2020		
2	6th February 2020 <b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>	7th February 2020 <b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>
3	13th February 2020 <b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>	14th February 2020 <b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>
4	20th February 2020 <b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>	21st February 2020 <b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>



**Please note the following:**

**Cut off time for orders is 9.00am**

**Paper bags are supplied for orders placed via Qkr!**

**Dino's, Goujons, Nuggets & Chicken Tenders are ordered in bag lots.**

**Orders may be cancelled up until 9.00am for the day of order.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** For those ordering via Qkr! and using re-usable lunch bags, please send them into the canteen, clearly marked with "**ORDERED ONLINE**" otherwise your child will receive their lunch in a paper lunch bag.



TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. How do I cancel food orders that have already been paid for?

A. To cancel a food order from your itemized eReceipt:

1. Open Qkr! and tap Activity.
2. Scroll down to 'Order History' and sign in with your password.
3. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.
4. If your eReceipt contains food orders for more than one child, you will need to cancel one by one.

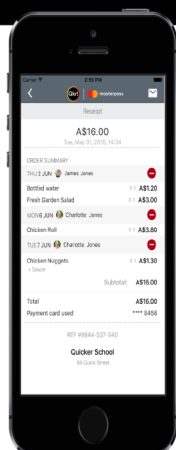
OR

To cancel a food order from the calendar view:

1. Open Qkr! and select the relevant menu.
2. Tap on the tick icon on the date for which you want to cancel the order.
3. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.

Cancelled items are shown in red on your eReceipt confirming they have been cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders. The value of any credits will be automatically deducted from your next Qkr! food order.

Please contact your school office to cancel any other (non-food) school payments according to school policy.



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**

**We desperately need canteen volunteers for Term 4 so if you are able to help out please let us know. Even if it is only a couple of hours.**



## Term 4 2019 Calendar

Week/ Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Week 9	09	10	11	12 Year 5 Leadership Speeches 9:30am	13	14/15
Week 10	16 Year 6 Graduation Mass 9:30am	17 Presentation Night 7:00pm	18 Students Last Day Multi Day	19	20	21/22

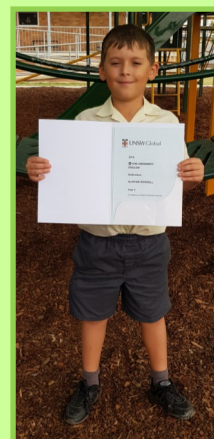
## Term 1 2020 Calendar

Week/ Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Week 2	03	04	05	06 Years 1-6 First Day Best Start	07 Best Start Assessments	08/09
Week 3	10 Kindergarten First Day	11	12	13 Swimming Carnival	14	15/16

### ICAS Awards

Congratulations to all the children who have participated in the ICAS tests recently. Many of the children have achieved excellent results. The ICAS tests are very hard assessments and we are very proud of our students' achievements.

A special mention to the following children who received distinctions: Alistair Dowdell (English), Leo Roth (Science and Writing) and Beth Faris



### Website

Our school website [www.sfxnarrabri.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sfxnarrabri.catholic.edu.au) is an important source of information about all facets of our school. It also contains an events page as well as a link to our school calendar which is updated regularly and contains the information above.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Holiday Tennis Clinics in Narrabri

“When” — 2 clinics these holidays-!!! One before Xmas and one in the New Year

**Pre Xmas Clinic** – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019.

9am to 12 noon = \$40 for 2 days or \$25 per day

9am to 3pm = \$60 for 2 days or \$35 per day

**New Year Clinic** – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

9am to 12 noon = \$80 for 4 days or \$25 per day

9am to 3pm = \$120 for 4 days or \$35 per day

Attend any number of days

### “Program includes”

Learning through play coaching program!

Timed rotations using multiple coaches

Instruction on all tennis strokes

Match Play through singles and/or doubles play.

### “Extra Information”

Suits everyone! (Ages 4 to 16 years)

Free racquet hire.

Party and Presentation final morning from around 1130am.

For further information contact Shane Murphy  
0405151935, Facebook Narrabri Tennis or drop over to  
the Dangar Park Tennis Centre!!



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### NARRABRI BLUE BOARS CHRISTMAS PARTY

AND

### RUGBY CLINICS WITH JACK FARRER

2.30pm – 3pm Junior Clinics (U6 to U12 & U14 to U18)

3pm – 3.45pm Girls & Ladies 7s Clinic

3.45pm – 5pm Senior XV's Clinic



SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2019 @ Dangar Park  
BAR OPEN FROM 2pm. BBQ FROM 5pm.

### EVERYONE WELCOME!

All junior players and families, senior players, kids, uni-students on holidays, Old Boys and Members, Sponsors, supporters and anyone else – all welcome.

Our very own born and bred Jack Farrer is home for Christmas and is going to run a few clinics for Blue Boars of all ages. Jack is a Blue Boar who has played for Sydney University and also the Melbourne Rebels. He has now risen rapidly through the coaching ranks to currently being an assistant coach to the Australian Women's 7s Team.

Come on down to Dangar Park – home of the Narrabri Blue Boars – to learn from the best and find out all the latest drills, ideas and moves that are usually reserved for the elite players.

All enquiries to Mick Coffey, 0429 937 834, [macoffey1978@gmail.com](mailto:macoffey1978@gmail.com)



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