



Such events do not occur without everyone working together. Miss Becher played a lead role in the coordination of this celebration and our amazing exhibition of artwork.

It was wonderful to have so many parents, grandparents and friends join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Hearing the reflections and memories from past staff was very interesting. Our school commenced in 1997 with 165 students and the first Kindergarten Orientation was held next door under a tree at Elizabeth Macarthur. We have grown and changed so much over the fantastic 20 years.



Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Term 4 Week 6

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very excited to present our Special 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of Narellan Vale News. It was a day we will remember for many years to come.



The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee worked very hard planning and organising for this event. We decided on the theme 'Let's Celebrate'. I would sincerely like to thank the many people who contributed to making the day such a success.

All classes had the opportunity to work with Artist Ken Tucker painting our twenty one panel mural depicting our local area: the cattle as Narellan Vale was predominantly dairy and cattle farming land, local flora and fauna, an aerial image of our school, a silhouette of a few students and a local homestead.



The audience enjoyed past student Nick Leech's rendition of the song 'Budapest' and Nick donated a copy of his CD to us. Chris McLaren spoke to us about his reflections of his time in Kindergarten back in 1997. Chris is now a teacher himself.

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We were honoured to have the presence of Mr Chris Patterson-Local Member, Tracey Hayne (Founding Principal), Mrs Christine Tasker (Director Schools Macarthur NSW), Mr David Byrne (Past Principal), past students, past staff together with our current students, staff and parents.



Our special guests enjoyed catching up with each other before the assembly.



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Our Kindy Dance Group, Junior Choir, Year 3 Dance Group and Combined Choir all performed at our Assembly.



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**SRC Banner**

Olivia P (3A) wrote a proposal for Mrs Sarjana asking if the SRC and the Eco Warriors could make a banner in commemoration of our 20 Year Anniversary. It was welcomed! Doesn't it look great?



**20 Year Certificate from Mr Chris Patterson MP, The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier of NSW, The Hon Rob Stokes MP, Minister for Education**



**Michelle Sarjana and first Principal Tracey Hayne and previous Principal David Byrne.**



## ART GALLERY



Our Art gallery raised \$490 towards our CAPA resources.



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## STUDENT RECOUNTS

6P – Caitlin. The Assembly was lovely when the performers sang and danced. Mrs Hayne spoke about what it was like assembling the staff and forming the students. The act that I enjoyed most was the student that came to Narellan Vale, Nick Leech who sang a song.

6P - Aiden

I thought that it was good how they got old teachers, principals and the students to come and talk about their time and moments at the school. The first principal was telling funny stories about kids and mistakes they made. I also like the performances and the Art Gallery.



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## MESSAGES

Mrs Rosemary Wall

Dear Michelle and the beautiful staff of NVPS.

I would just like to congratulate and thank you all for the wonderful Anniversary Assembly last Wednesday. The amount of planning and effort was amazing. I was so impressed by the children's behaviour. The performances were wonderful and of course the Kindy Dance troupe was gorgeous!! Also, Michelle, the Art Gallery was outstanding. What wonderful teachers at Narellan Vale, they must be exhausted!! Please pass on my thank you. It was so lovely to catch up with faces and memories of years ago and of course the present teachers. A great bunch and I do miss them all! Love and hugs, Rosemary Wall.

Presentation Night on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at Elizabeth Macarthur High School.



## WHOLE SCHOOL 20 YEAR PHOTO



Our 20th year celebration photo is still available to purchase. The cost of the photo is **\$16.00**

Envelopes are available at the front office. If you would like to order online via credit card - [www.schoolphotographer.com.au](http://www.schoolphotographer.com.au). The code is **17S1260NAR**. Payments will **NOT** be **ACCEPTED** after **Friday 1st December**.

## LETTER FROM KEN TUCKER, ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Hi Michelle & Staff

I would like to congratulate everyone on yesterday's beautiful Birthday celebrations. We felt privileged to be part of it & thoroughly enjoyed the assembly. A wonderful legacy created of past & for future.

Kind Regards

Ken Tucker

Ken's Art Work is being raffled by the P&C, tickets will be sent home for families to purchase. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The winner will be drawn at the 3-6

## ARTICLE FROM CAMDEN CHRONICLE



The school began with 165 students, growing to 852 pupils and 33 classes. A member of the first kindergarten class of 1997, Shannon Haines, has happy memories of the school.

"When the school first opened, there was basically nothing in the area besides the school," she said.

"I have watched the school grow, with so many more kids and buildings. It still has the family, close-knit feel I think is special."



School Captain Hannah Green said she was thrilled to celebrate the occasion.

"I love being at the school," she said.

Principal Michelle Sarjana was delighted to see the passion and smiles from staff and students. "It really is a special achievement for the school and community."

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