

Narwee Public School

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Term 3 – Week 2

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Principal's Report

Our school continues to thrive and develop; our students abide by the school rules and are kept safe in an enriching learning environment.

Our parents and community members play a vital role in teaching children about the importance rules play in our lives. I wish to thank all our community members who park outside the school grounds and adhere to the rules.

Please remember that the NO PARKING sign outside the school is labelled with the times 8.30am – 9.30am and 2.45pm – 3.30pm. This sign clearly indicates that during the specified times no parking is permitted. Drivers are permitted to drop off or pick up passengers but only a 2 minute period is permissible.

There is also a sign in the school premises which clearly states that parking inside the school grounds is not permitted. Our rules are in place to keep our children and community members safe.

This Friday 26th July we will be holding our Tree Planting Day. Mr Mark Coure, our local member will be joining the students in planting a tree.

A big thank you to Bunnings Greenacre who supplied the trees free to the school.

Rene Demos – Principal

Payment Due Dates

- **School Camp** third payment due back by Friday 26th July.
- **Book Club** order form and payment due back by Friday 2nd August.
- **School Camp** final payment due back by Friday 23rd August

School Security

If you see anything unusual happening in the school grounds please call School Security on:

1300 880 021

Term Calendar

Upcoming Events at Narwee Public School
Please put these dates in your diary.

Term 3, Week 2

Thursday 25 th July	NED Show
Friday 26 th July	Tree Planting Day
Friday 26 th July	PSSA Round 6

Term 3, Week 3

Tuesday 30 th July	Education Week Open Day
Wednesday 31 st July	UNSW English
Friday 2 nd August	PSSA Round 7



Term 3, Week 4

Friday 9 th August	PSSA – Round 8
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Term 3, Week 5

Tuesday 13 th August	District Field Events
Tuesday 13 th August	UNSW Mathematics
Thursday 15 th August	District Track Events
Friday 16 th August	PSSA – Round 9

Kindergarten Enrolments

Kindergarten enrolments are now being accepted for all eligible children and siblings of those already enrolled at our school for 2014.

Children must turn 5 before 1st August 2014 to be able to enrol for next year. Please call at the front office if you need to collect an application form or alternatively you can download one from our school website.



Lost Property

It is important that you label your child's belongings as things can get easily misplaced at school. Please label all of your child's belongings with their name. Don't forget things like books, pencil cases, clothes, school hats, lunch boxes and drink bottles.

If items are misplaced at school and have your child's name on them they will be returned to the class teacher. If items are not labelled they are placed in Lost Property.

The Lost Property basket is located on the verandah outside the staffroom on A Block.

If your child has lost an item please check in the basket. All items unclaimed will be washed and donated to charity.

Attendance & Friendship

Going to school is important. It makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children.

- Keep your child home only when they are sick.
- Make appointments outside of school hours where possible so that your child does not miss valuable learning time.

Friends are important

- Show an interest in your child's friends
- Invite friends to come and play
- Encourage your child to play with other children

Helping your child have a happy day at school is important for you and your child. If you are having difficulties in getting your child to school you should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the problem and ask for help.

The Principal may ask a Home School Liaison Officer to contact you for further assistance and advice.

Special Swimming Scheme

The Special Swimming Scheme will be held at Roselands Aquatic Centre from Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November.

All students in Years 2 to 6 who cannot confidently swim 25m should be encouraged to attend this very important swimming program.

A detailed note will be sent home with all students in Years 2 to 6 in the coming weeks.

Mrs Rizzov

Ned Show

NED is coming to our school tomorrow.



We are pleased to announce that Australia's most popular school assembly show will soon be hosted at our school.

The NED show is a program experienced by more than 2.2 million children a year worldwide. It combines a great message with yo-yos, humour and audience participation to teach children how to develop three valuable characteristics involved in becoming champions at school and in life...

Never give up (focus, persistence)
Encourage others (kindness, shared learning)
Do your best (diligence, excellence)

For 5 school days after the show, our school will have NED items available for purchase.

The NED Show is free of charge.

NED's message is an inspiration for all ages.

You will be able to purchase Ned items on the day. An order form with prices listed was attached to last week's newsletter. All items ordered will be distributed on the day of the NED show.

UNSW Computer Skills

3 students from Narwee Public school achieved great results when they participated in the UNSW Computer Skills Competition in Term 2.

Congratulations to **Anderson** (5/6F), **Isabel** (5/6F) and **Patrick** (5/6F) who were all awarded Certificates of Participation for their wonderful effort.

Mrs Tucker

PSSA News

Unfortunately due to the inclement weather PSSA sport was cancelled last Friday. Good luck to all our teams this week.

Please ensure your child pays their \$5.00 PSSA levy at the front office each Friday morning before school.

Failure to pay may see your child missing out on attending sport.

Camp News

Planning for our school camp for students in Years 4, 5 & 6 is well under way.

The next payment is due by Friday 26th July.

If you are behind in your payments please ensure these are up to date by this Friday as well.

Behaviour of students may impact on their inclusion in the camp. Behaviour will be monitored by the levels system. Only students on bronze Level and above will be able to participate in the camp.

Mrs Berrett – Assistant Principal

Canteen News

Just a reminder that the canteen will be holding a BBQ lunch for all students, parents and community members to celebrate Education Week Open Day on **Tuesday 30th July**.

Sausages in a roll will be available to purchase for \$3.50 or alternatively a meal deal which includes a sausage on a roll, a packet of chips and a slushie can be purchased for \$6.00.

The canteen will also be holding a Red Day where children will be able to purchase lollies and treats.

An order form was attached to last week's newsletter. Please ensure this is returned to the canteen no later than **Friday 26th July**.

Debating News

On Tuesday 17th July Narwee's Debaters travelled to Bankstown Public School to debate against their Bankstown's Debaters.

The debate was titled 'Learning to Cook was Necessary'. The Narwee Debating Team held the negative view trying to convince the adjudicator that learning to cook was not necessary. All the students were convincing but unfortunately lost the debate. It was a great learning opportunity for all students involved.

Mrs Muffett

Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all students who competed in the school Athletics Carnival last Wednesday at Campbell Oval.

Thank you also to the parents and carers, the Hang 40 group, canteen workers and staff who came along to cheer and make the carnival such a success.

Mrs Rizzov

Important Message

It is essential that parents read all notes that are sent home very carefully. Teachers put a great deal of thought into all notes and therefore we ask that you read them thoroughly and contact the school if you need help understanding them.

All permission notes for excursions, book club, sport etc have a closing date clearly printed on them. All notes and money must be returned by this date. If you unable to return a note or money to the school by the closing date we ask that you let the school know why a note cannot be returned on time so that your child does not miss out on any event.

If your child pays for an excursion and is absent on the day we are unable to offer a refund as excursions and bus hire are paid for prior to the day of the outing.

Student Safety

Parents are asked not to walk through the staff car park when dropping off or picking up their children.

There are two pedestrian access points into the school. One is located near the wombat crossing and the other is located near the traffic lights in Broad Arrow Rd.

Walking through the car park puts you and your child at risk. Small children may not be seen by reversing cars. Please ensure you teach your children to use the pedestrian gates and not the car park gates.

We would also like to remind parents that they are not permitted to drive into the school grounds when dropping off or picking up their children. This can also place children in a dangerous situation.

Parents must park their cars outside the school grounds and walk in. Street parking is available in Chamberlain and Mountview St as well as further down Broad Arrow Rd.

School safety and the safety of all our students is a priority.

Cycling Fun

Cycling is a fun and healthy activity for people of all ages.

The NSW Government has set up the Bicycle Information for NSW website. The site includes information of what to look out for when choosing a bike, suggestions on great bicycle paths around NSW and safety tips. Go to:

<http://www.bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au/index.html>



Premier's Reading Challenge

This is a reminder to all students that the Premier's Reading Challenge cards need to be returned to Mrs Wells by **Thursday 15th August**.

If you have any queries about the Reading Challenge please see Mrs Wells in the library on Wednesday or Thursday.

If you have been adding your own entries online please let Mrs Wells know as she will need to authorise these entries.

General Foods Tips

- Encourage your child to drink lots of water instead of fizzy drinks. This helps with their metabolism and their general health.
- Encourage your child to snack on fruit and vegetables such as carrot sticks, watermelon, bananas and apples instead of chips and chocolate. This will teach them healthy eating habits for later life.
- Always have healthy snacks in the home to decrease the temptation of having unhealthy ones.
- Make sure your children always have a healthy breakfast every morning including whole grains, proteins such as eggs, cereals low in sugar and fresh fruits. This will keep them energised throughout the day and less likely to snack on sugary foods.

100 Days of Kindergarten Celebration

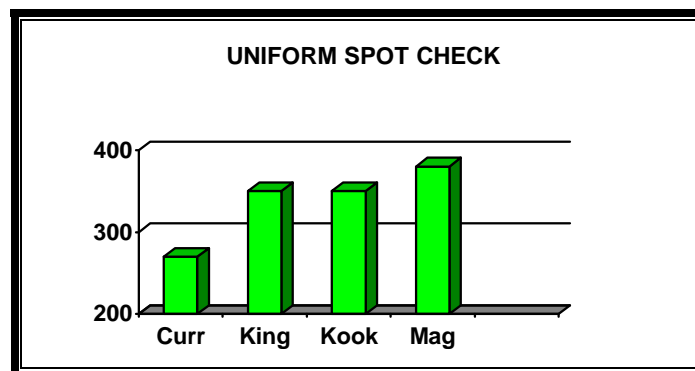
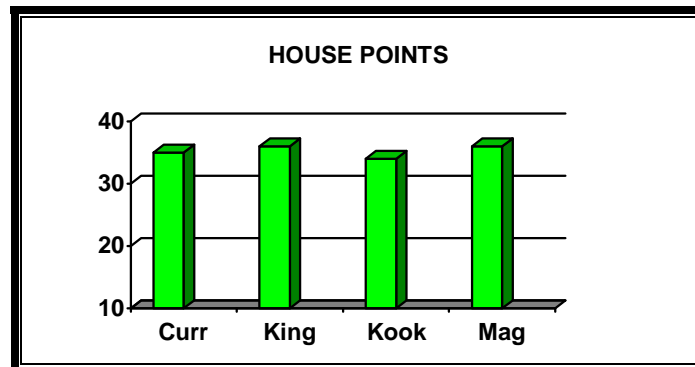
Last Thursday all Kindergarten students celebrated 100 Days of Kindergarten. What a great day of FUN!

The students made puppets from paper bags and created bottle top and pasta necklaces. They also created beautiful pictures with corks and stamps.

Later they were introduced to Mrs Pentecost's favourite toy 'Poposaurus' who cooked fresh popcorn for everyone to enjoy whilst watching a movie.

At the end of the day all students received their special '100 Days of Kindergarten' certificate.

Mrs Pentecost, Mr Vaccaro & Mrs Muffett



Asthma Awareness

Does your child suffer from asthma? Asthma affects about 1 in 9 school-aged children. The Asthma Foundation has great information for parents of children who suffer from asthma.

For more information on how you can support a child with asthma go to:

<http://www.asthmafoundation.org.au/>

A Child Asthma Record form can be downloaded from our school website. If your child suffers from Asthma we ask that you complete this form in consultation with your doctor and return it to school for our records. Alternatively you can collect a form from the front office.

District Carnival

District Athletics Carnival notes are being distributed this week. The District **Field** Events Carnival is being held on **Tuesday 13th August** at Olds Park, Mortdale. Students who have qualified will receive a green note.

Students competing in the District **Track** Carnival on **Thursday 15th August** at Sylvania Athletics Field will receive a yellow note.

Congratulations and good luck to all the children competing at these carnivals.

Mrs Rizzov