

Narwee Public School

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Term 3 – Week 1

Thursday 19th July 2012

Principal's Report

Our first week back is already proving to be a busy one. Yesterday we held a very successful athletics carnival. Our students had a great day and it was pleasing to see so many parents/carers in attendance.

Today we celebrated 100 Days of Kindergarten. It is so impressive to see how much our students have grown and developed academically in such a short period of time.

Education Week is fast approaching and our Open Day begins at 9.30am on Tuesday 31st July. This is an important event and I hope we will again fill the hall with parents/carers, family members and friends. After the performances in the hall, class visits will take place followed by a barbeque lunch.

Last term I formed a panel to interview for a permanent teaching position at our school. The panel consisted of Mrs Tucker (teacher), 2 parents from our P&C Committee – Ms Cerise Packer and Mr Peter Maylott and myself. I would like to thank them for their support and assistance in participating in this important process. I would like to congratulate Ms Karin Pentecost (who has been filling a temporary position) who was the successful candidate.

I would also like to welcome Ms Jodie MacRae to our school. Ms MacRae has transferred to our school in the role of School Administrative Officer.

Rene Demos – Principal

Peer Support

In this week's final session of the Peer Support module 'Promoting Harmony' the children will be creating a chatterbox, helping them reflect on what they have learned over the past 7 weeks.

They will be reminded to reflect on their values and how they can demonstrate these to other people. Each Peer Support group will have the opportunity to celebrate what they have learned and the new friendships and connections they have made.

Mrs Berrett



Term Calendar

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

Term 3, Week 1

Friday 20th July PSSA Round 6

Term 3, Week 2

Tuesday 24th July Aust Youth Choir Visit
Wednesday 25th July Opportunity Class Test
Friday 27th July PSSA Round 7

Term 3, Week 3

Tuesday 31st July Education Week Open Day
Tuesday 31st July UNSW English
Friday 3rd August PSSA Round 8

Term 3, Week 4

Tuesday 7th August Music Festival Rehearsal
Friday 10th August PSSA Round 9

Term 3, Week 5

Monday 13th August District Field Carnival
Tuesday 14th August UNSW Maths
Wednesday 15th August Techno Push
Wednesday 15th August P&C Meeting
Thursday 16th August District Track Carnival
Friday 17th August PSSA Semis & Finals



School Security

Please help keep our school safe.

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

1300 880 021

Medical Insurance

Just a reminder to parents that there is no personal injury insurance cover provided by the NSW Department of Education and Training for students in relation to school sporting activities, physical education lessons or any other school activity.

Parents and caregivers are advised to assess the level and extent of their child's involvement in the sport program offered by the school, school sport zone, region and state school sport associations when deciding whether additional insurance cover, above that provided by Medicare, is required.

Personal accident insurance cover is available through normal retail insurance outlets.

The NSW Supplementary Sporting Injury Benefits Scheme, funded by the NSW Government, provides limited cover for serious injury resulting in the permanent loss of a prescribed faculty or the use of some prescribed part of the body.

Further information can be obtained from:

www.sportinginjuries.com.au

Medical Information

Each week we will be publishing infectious diseases of children. For more information on these diseases please contact your local public health unit, community health centre, pharmacist or doctor.

Conjunctivitis

Time from exposure to illness

1 – 3 days

Symptoms

The eye feels scratchy, is red and may water. Lids may stick together on waking.

Do I need to keep my child home?

Yes, while there is discharge from the eye.

How can I prevent spread?

Careful hand washing, avoid sharing towels.
Antibiotics may be needed.

Attendance

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.
- See doctors and dentists after school times.

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.

National Year of Reading

The National Year of Reading 2012 is about celebrating and encouraging a nation of readers.

If your child is learning how to read, or you are looking for book recommendations for avid readers, visit the National Year of Reading website.

For more information, great tips and to find out what events are being held in your local area go to:

<http://www.love2read.org.au/>

Label Your Child's Belongings

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

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 Mrs Pentecost's Kindergarten classroom (A1).

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



UNSW Computer Skills

7 students from Narwee PS achieved outstanding results when they participated in the UNSW Computer Skills Competition in Term 2.

Congratulations to **Nguyen** (3/4C) who was awarded a Credit Certificate.

All other students received a Participation Certificate for their wonderful effort.

Mrs Tucker



PSSA Sport

Good luck to all our teams on Friday. Please ensure your child pays their \$5.00 PSSA levy at the front office each Friday morning before school. Failure to pay this may see your child missing out on attending sport.



Eco Tip

Your old mobile phone is now good for the environment!

Recycle your old mobile phone and Landcare will plant a new tree for you. Mobilemuster, the official recycling program of the mobile phone industry, have pledged to plant a tree for every mobile phone handed in for recycling.

To locate your nearest Mobilemuster drop off point visit:

www.mobilemuster.com.au

Kindergarten Enrolments

Kindergarten enrolments are now being accepted for all eligible children and siblings of those already enrolled at our school for 2013.

Children must turn 5 before 1st August 2013 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.



Core Rules

Student Discipline in NSW Government Schools

All students in NSW Government Schools are expected to:

- Attend every school day, unless they are legally excused, and be in class on time and prepared to learn.
- Maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school's uniform or dress code policy.
- Behave safely, considerately and responsibly, including when travelling to and from school.
- Show respect at all times for teachers, other school staff and helpers, including following class rules, speaking courteously and co-operating with instructions and learning activities.
- Treat one another with dignity and respect.
- Care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others.

Camp Payments

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

The final payment is due on **Friday 31st August**.

If you are behind in payments please ensure these are up to date by Friday 31st August as well.

Behaviour of students may impact on their inclusion in the camp. Behaviour will be monitored by the level system.

Only students on Bronze Level and above will be able to participate in the camp.

Mrs Berrett

Canteen News

Just a reminder that the canteen will be holding a BBQ for all students, parents and carers to celebrate Education Week Open Day on **Tuesday 31st 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 bottle of water 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 is attached to this week's newsletter. Please ensure these are returned to the canteen no later than **Friday 27th July**.

Christine Xenos – Canteen Manager

Special Swimming Scheme

The Special Swimming Scheme will be held at Roselands Swimming Centre at the beginning of Term 4.

All students in Years 2 to 6 who cannot confidently swim 25m should be encouraged to attend this very important swimming program. Preference will be given to students who are not confident swimmers.

A detailed note will be sent home in Week 4 with the payment instalment details.

Mrs Rizzov

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.

Music Festival Rehearsal

A rehearsal for the Combined Schools Music Festival is being held on **Tuesday 7th August** at Beverly Hills North Public school.

Senior Choir members will receive a note this week with all the details outlined. Please ensure this note is returned to the school no later than **Thursday 2nd August**.

Mrs Weedon

Contact Details

Are your details up to date?

There are times when children become sick at school and we are unable to contact parents to let them know due to incorrect and out of date contact details.

If you have moved or changed phone numbers please let the office know so that we can keep your records up to date.

Telephone Interpreter

If you need an interpreter to assist you to contact your Principal or school, please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on **13 14 50** and ask for an interpreter in your language.

The interpreter will call the Principal or school and will stay on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

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.