

Narwee Public School

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Term 3 – Week 3

Wednesday 1st August 2012

Principal's Report

Yesterday we held a spectacular ceremony for our Education Week Open Day.

This year's theme is 'Creating the Future'. After watching our students and staff I have no doubt that our students will become leaders and great community members in their future pathways.

Mr Coure, MP for Oatley also presented the school with a cheque for \$2400.00 which was provided by the Veteran Affairs Commission for an ANZAC Day grant which the school was successful in attaining after submitting an application last term. Thanks must go to Mr Forman and Ms Townsend for assisting in the completion of the grant application.

Our students have also been involved in gardening workshops and sporting activities today. Education Week is a great opportunity for us all to celebrate the wonderful opportunities our children are offered in Public Education.

Rene Demos – Principal

Medical News

We have recently had a confirmed case of 'Chicken Pox' in the school.

Time from exposure to illness

2 – 3 weeks

Symptoms

Slight fever, runny nose and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab. Can be more severe in pregnant women and newborns.

Do I need to keep my child home?

Yes, for 5 days from the onset of the rash and until the blisters have dried.

How can I prevent spread?

Immunise your child at 18 months of age. Immunisation is recommended for children at 12 years if they are not immune.



Term Calendar

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

Term 3, Week 3

Friday 3rd August PSSA Round 8

Term 3, Week 4

Tuesday 7th August Music Festival Choir 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 Stewart House Bags Due Back

Friday 17th August PSSA Semis & Finals

Term 3, Week 6

Tuesday 21st August Lockdown Drill

Friday 24th August No PSSA

Term 3, Week 7

Tuesday 28th August Music Festival

Friday 31st August NO PSSA

Term 3, Week 8

Friday 7th September Season 3 PSSA commences

Notes Due Back

- **Music Festival Choir Rehearsal** – permission note to be returned by Thursday 2nd August.
- **Book Club** – order form and money to be returned by Friday 3rd August.
- **Combined Schools Music Festival Tickets** – ticket order and money to be returned by Friday 3rd August.
- **District Field Events** – permission note and money to be returned by Wednesday 8th August.
- **District Track Events** – permission note and money to be returned by Friday 10th August.
- **Cookie Dough Fundraiser** – order form and money to be returned to the P&C by Friday 17th August.
- **NRMA Techno Push** – permission note and money to be returned by Friday 10th August.
- **Final Camp Payment** – money to be returned by Friday 31st August.

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

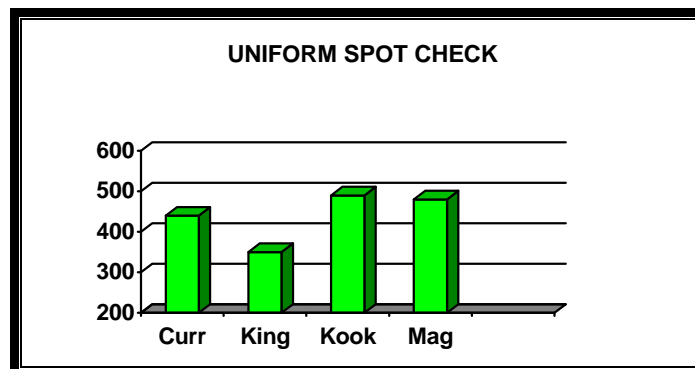
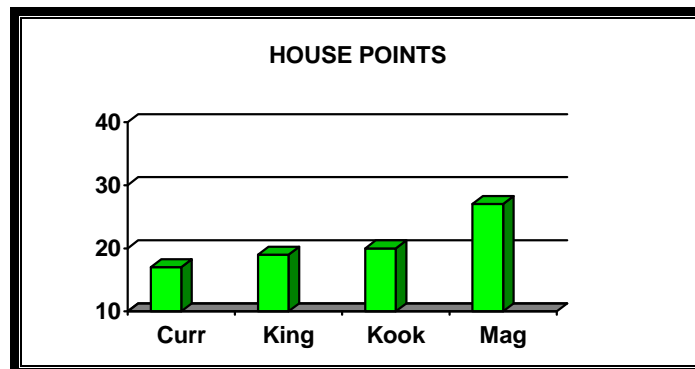
SRC Thank You Lunch

Last term Mr & Mrs Lennon held a 'Thank You' lunch for the SRC for their outstanding efforts thus far this year.

The teachers wanted to acknowledge the efforts of all of the SRC members in raising funds over the first two terms. The lunch consisted of pizza, poppers, chips and music all of which was kindly supplied by Mr & Mrs Lennon to show their gratitude to their SRC members for putting in such a gallant effort so far.

It wasn't all fun and games – before eating the SRC had to vote on some winning suggestions from the SRC suggestion box, with all entries coming from the student body. Upcoming events such as running a Father's Day stall were also discussed.

To our school community we hope you continue to support our SRC in all of their endeavours. Stay tuned until the next SRC instalment in the newsletter or at assembly.



Athletics Carnival Age Champions

Congratulations to the following students who were House Champions at our Annual Athletics Carnival.

Junior Champion

Girl – **Faith** (3/4C)
Boy – **Jackson** (5/6R)

11 Year Champions

Girl – **Shanny** (5/6R)
Boy – **David T** (5/6R)

Senior Champion

Girl – **Courtney** (5/6R)
Boy – **Mitchell** (5/6B) & **Will** (5/6R)

District Athletics

Permission notes have been distributed to all students participating in the District Track and District Field Events.

District Field notes are due back by **Wednesday 8th August** and District Track notes are due back by **Friday 10th August**. Please ensure these notes are returned to school by the due dates to enable your child to participate.

Mrs Rizzov

PSSA Sports Reports

Netball

Juniors lost 16 – 0 Seniors won 22 - 2

Last Friday we played Hannans Road Public School at Olds Park.

Juniors – despite having only one reserve we managed to complete the game with our heads held high even if we were out of breath. We are consistently starting to mark our opposing player, so from now on we can concentrate more on our passing game. Once again a solid effort was shown in attack by **Qualin** (2/3S) and **Pafusi** (2/3S). Player of the match went to **Sreen** (2/3S).

Seniors – Wow! What a game. You did everything right throughout the game. Quick passes, excellent defence and outstanding shooting were all on display. Congratulations to all players. Player of the match went to **Jelai** (5/6B).

Mr Lennon

Boys Soccer

Juniors lost 7 – 0 Seniors lost 8 – 1

Juniors – what a great game. Well done to the juniors for continuing to build on their form of last week. The boys are beginning to use the whole field, make good passes and work hard in defence.

Seniors – the seniors showed real determination on the field last week. Team spirits were high and the boys' skills and teamwork really shone. They scored a well-deserved goal, an apt award for their outstanding effort.

Players of the match went to **David C** (5/6B) for his fine goal and **Yasir** (5/6R) for his superb goal keeping. Well done boys.

Mr Vaccaro

Rugby League

Juniors won 36 - 12 Seniors lost 28 – 0

Juniors – this is by far the best game I have seen you all play. You all played as a team and supported each other. Your defence was better and I saw some great tackles. A special mention goes to **Zac** (4/5F) for his organisational skills and **Mohamad** (4/5F) for his strong running. Player of the match went to **Freeman** (3/4C) for his excellent attack and strong defence.

Seniors – I think you were half asleep today. Our defence did not move up together and I did not hear any talk on the field. When we had the ball our mistakes let us down. We must complete our sets! A special mention goes to Clayton 95/6B) for his enthusiasm. Player of the match went to Elijah (5/6B) for his solid defence. Let's train hard this week and best of luck next game.

Mr Forman

UNSW Competitions

7 students from Narwee Public School recently achieved outstanding results when they participated in the UNSW Science Competition.

Those students whose achievements were outstanding were rewarded with Certificates of Credit and Distinction.

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded these certificates:

Distinction

Mathew (4/5F)

Credit

Nguyen (3/4C)

Jason (3/4C)

Anderson (5/6R)



All other students will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Mr Lennon

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.

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>



P&C News

Wow, it never gets old – how great are our young people? I have been lucky enough to be able to attend most of the school's celebratory events and I am constantly in awe of how wonderful it is to watch these young people perform in public. It is truly inspiring and it is a gentle reminder to me that sometimes I must be doing something right as a parent. I feel fortunate that my daughter and my son (in a few years) are lucky enough to be able to attend a local public school that offers such a well-rounded curriculum, is resource rich and lead by dedicated and professional educators. I am extremely proud of our little people and our little school.

As it is Education Week I would like to give a big thank you to Mrs Demos, her teachers and support staff. I don't know if you are all aware but the government contributes a whopping \$600.00 per child per year to the school. With this money Mrs Demos must pay the normal utility bills (gas, water, electricity), maintain the school and make sure it has the correct resources to educate our children in today's technology driven environment.

Our little school of 250 children has (just to name a few of our activities) two choirs, three dance groups, a band, a skipping club, a chess club, gardening club, visual arts group and offers a diverse range of sports. All of this is possible because our Principal, teachers and support staff go the extra mile. Most of these activities are available to our children because our Principal and teachers do all the work for this in their own time. Mrs Demos has to actively seek funding and our teachers have to plan activities for their clubs / groups / sports outside school time and basically without financial compensation. There is no denying that our children are the most precious gifts so I would like to say a big thank you to Narwee Public School for giving them a great education and teaching them that hard work and dedication is priceless.

We thank all of you who indulged at our cake stall and all of you who contributed. All money raised will be put back into the school.

The P&C would like to take this opportunity to give parents / carers a very gentle reminder that only 41 of our families have paid the P&C Voluntary Contribution. At the beginning of the year we asked for a voluntary contribution of \$35.00 per student of \$50.00 per family. All this money goes to resources that help the teachers create and provide exciting and relevant learning opportunities. It is also money that can be put toward subsidising activities for our children (like the school camp). I can't stress enough that this voluntary contribution will be used in the activities or resources to enrich our children's learning experience at school. This money is used very wisely by Mrs Demos, however, we stress it is voluntary and there is no obligation to pay this

contribution. In today's economy it is understandable that \$35.00 or \$50.00 out of a week's budget can realistically affect a supermarket shopping list. All we ask is that if you can contribute please complete the attached form and return it to your child's class teacher.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser

You would have received the Cookie Dough information in last week's newsletter and we also had information at the Open Day Cake Stall.

We are hearing lots of interest and have already had quite a few orders. There are a variety of yummy cookie flavours and so convenient when you want to impress visitors or your children with 'homemade' biscuits. I don't know if I can trick my children into believing I made them but I will give it a try.

All orders must be given to a member of the P&C – hopefully you recognise us now. We can only accept cash and orders must be returned before Thursday 17th August. Should you have any questions please feel free to speak to any of us on the P&C committee. Both Peter and myself can normally be found within the school grounds at least 20 minutes before first bell.

Thank you for reading

Cerise Packer – P&C Vice President

Powerhouse Museum

The Powerhouse Museum's Play at Powerhouse website has a range of fun and interactive activities and games for primary school children.

Activities range from how to make your own musical instrument to easy science experiments. Kids can also choose to play a number of interactive games designed to develop fine motor skills and problem-solving.

For more information go to:

<http://play.powerhousemuseum.com/>

Music Festival Rehearsal

The Senior Choir will be involved in a rehearsal for the Combined Schools Music Festival on **Tuesday 7th August** being held at Beverly Hills North Public School.

Students will need to be at school by 9.00am. Due to time restrictions we are unable to wait for any students that arrive late. It is expected that students will return to school by 12.30pm.

Please ensure your child's permission note is returned to school no later than **Thursday 2nd August**.

Mrs Weedon