

# Narwee Public School

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Term 1 – Week 2

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013

## Principal's Report

It is all systems go and the year has started very well. Our new Kindergarten children are very settled and are showing us how mature they are and that they are certainly ready for BIG SCHOOL.

We have also had a number of new students enrol in various grades. I wish to welcome all our students and their families to our school.

All students in Years 1 – 6 have been placed in their 2013 classes and assessments have begun. Classes are as follows:

KP – Mrs Pentecost  
KV – Mr Vaccaro  
1L – Mr Lennon  
1/2C – Mrs Cope  
2C – Mr Cameron  
2/3S – Miss Seitaridis  
3L – Miss Filippis (Term 1 & Monday and Tuesday of Term 2, 3 & 4) and Mrs Lennon (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from Term 2)  
3/4R – Mrs Rizzov  
4/5B – Mrs Berrett  
5/6F – Mr Forman  
5/6K – Mrs Canellis (Monday & Tuesday) and Mrs Koletti (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)  
Learning Difficulties – Mrs Tucker  
English as a Second Language – Ms Muffett  
RFF – Mrs Weedon  
School Learning Support Officers – Mrs Thomson & Mrs Gwynne

As always we are planning an exciting and hardworking year of learning enjoyment and goal setting.

Our first P&C meeting will be held on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February** at 7.00pm. Please join us to hear about the upcoming school activities and have a role in the decision making process.

**Rene Demos – Principal**

## 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**

## Term Calendar

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

### Term 1, Week 3

Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming Carnival
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Eye Screening

### Term 1 Week 4

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Work Book Sale Day
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	P&C Meeting – 7.00pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Book Club Due Back
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Scripture Commences
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	PSSA Commences

### Term 1, Week 5

Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Evacuation Drill
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Information Morning
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Clean Up Day
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	PSSA – Round 2

### Term 1, Week 6

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	PSSA – Round 3
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### Term 1, Week 7

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	PSSA – Round 4
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Stewart House Bags Due

### Term 1, Week 8

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Harmony Day
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	P&C Meeting – 7.00pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Combined Easter Service
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	PSSA – Round 5

## Notes Due Back

- **Swimming Carnival** – permission note and payment due back by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February**.
- **Eye Screening for Kindergarten & Year 1** – permission note due back by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February**.
- **Contact Details Form** – due back by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**.
- **Work Books** – note and payment due back by **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**.

## Library News

We have in place a system that rewards students for borrowing books in the library. Students receive a tick when returning books they have borrowed and for showing good manners and behaviour during library time. Once a student has received 30 ticks they become a 'Library Honour Student'.

### What is a Library Honour Student?

A Library Honour Student is a student who borrows regularly and behaves honourably while in the library.

### How do I become a Library Honour Student?

To become a Library Honour Student you must achieve 30 ticks in Mrs Well's record book. Students are rewarded for returning books and good behaviour.

### What do Honour Students Receive?

Every year there is a special selection of brand new books that only Honour Students may borrow. When you become an Honour Student you will also receive a Merit Certificate in assembly.

Honour Students are also invited to a special excursion to the movies in Term 4 to thank them for their excellent behaviour and enthusiastic borrowing throughout the year.

Anyone can become an Honour Student if they borrow each week. Please encourage your child to borrow books by providing them with a cloth library bag on the day they have library.

**Mrs Wells**

## Allergies

If your child has an allergy or medical condition please see the front office and fill in a medical form for your child.

## Home Reading Scheme

Once again our students are looking forward to taking part in our Home Reading Scheme Program.

A letter will be sent home with the K – 2 students explaining the program to parents later in the term.

All students in K – 2 will be issued with a reading folder and plastic bag to protect their home readers from being damaged.

**Mrs Muffett**

## Helping Your Child With Maths

Do weekly maths mental lead to tears? In this hands-on workshop you will learn to play some great maths games that will help your child develop their maths skills at home. Some handy hints for managing maths mental homework are also provided.

Date: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2013

Time: 6.00pm to 8.30pm

Venue: Learning Links Peshurst

10 Railway Pde, Peshurst 2222

Cost: Free

Suitable for: Parents Only

**For enquiries and bookings please phone**

**Dana on 8568 8200**

This workshop is funded by the Department of education and Communities

## Work Book Sale Day

**Work Book Sale Day will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February.**

Notes were attached to last week's newsletter. All notes and payment need to be returned by **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**. A receipt will be issued to all students for their books.

Books will not be issued to students until the school has received payment. If you have misplaced your child's note, a new one can be downloaded from our school website.

## Swimming Carnival

Our Annual Swimming Carnival is being held on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February** at Greenacre Pool.

All students in Year 2 who are turning 8 this year along with all Year 3 – 6 students are expected to attend.

Please ensure the permission note and money are returned to your child's class teacher no later than **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February**.

Mrs Rizzov

## Book Club

The first Book Club issue has been sent home this week. With every dollar spent through Book Club the school receives Reward Points. These points enable us to purchase books for the school. Purchasing books from Book Club is not compulsory.

Scholastic Australia has a credit card payment option for purchases over \$15.00 to eliminate the worry about children bringing large amounts of money to school. If you choose to use this option please ensure all details are correctly filled out on the order form. Orders can also be paid by cheque. You can write one cheque to cover two or more order forms. Cheques can be made payable to Narwee Public School.

Please ensure all forms are filled out correctly with your child's name and class printed on the top of the form and the correct money is placed in an envelope and handed to your child's class teacher before the closing date. The books should arrive approximately 10 days after the closing date given by Scholastic.

Please feel free to talk to Mrs Dewsnap in the front office if you have any queries.

## Stewart House Bags

Stewart House Bags have been sent home with all students. Stewart House conducts two clothing appeals throughout the year.

All wearable clothing collected is used for welfare work while the remainder is used for industrial purposes.

If you have any clothing that you no longer wear, please place it in the bag provided and return it to school no later than **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**.

**Please do not leave bags after this date.**

When returning the bags to school, please place them outside the disabled toilet which is located on 'D' Block next to Mrs Rizzov's classroom

## PSSA Sport

Season 1 of PSSA for students in Years 3 – 6 will commence on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Permission notes and Code of Conduct notes will be sent home with all students selected in a team. Please read through these notes with your child.

All forms must be returned to school prior to sport starting. Without the return of these notes your child will not be able to participate.

Mrs Rizzov

## 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 child to use the pedestrian gates and not the car park gates.

We would like to remind parents again that they are not permitted to drive in and park in the school grounds when dropping off or picking up their children. This also places 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**

## Sun Care

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Remind your child to protect themselves from sun and heat exposure while at school by:

- Reducing their exposure to the sun wherever possible
- Wearing their school hat in the playground to protect their face, neck and ears
- Playing in shaded areas particularly during peak UV levels
- Drink plenty of water
- Use 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen

## School Attendance

Did you know that if your child misses as few as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a whole year of education?

By law, you are required to send your child to school every day. If your child has to be away from school for any reason, please send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence, as soon as possible.

If your child arrives at school late, or needs to leave early, you will need to go to the office to sign your child in or out.

If you are having problems getting your child to attend school regularly and on time, please talk to your child's teacher or Principal.

For your obligations under the school attendance guidelines, please go to:

[www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student\\_admin/attendance](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_admin/attendance)

## Birthday Cakes

We understand that students like to celebrate their birthday by bringing in a birthday cake to share with classmates.

With the rise in the number of students suffering from food allergies we ask that no cakes, lollies or chocolates be brought to school.

We thank you for assisting in helping us to keep all of the students at our school safe and healthy.

## House Points

Children earn house points by displaying positive attitudes in class, keeping the playground litter free and by having excellent assembly manners.

Be sure to check which house is in the lead each week in the newsletter and encourage your child to earn extra points.

**Mrs Rizzov**

## Reading with your Child

Reading with children is fun and one of the best ways to help prepare them for school.

Try not to let television intrude on reading time – set aside some uninterrupted time to read with your child.

## Holidays

Parents, students and teachers are concerned when students fall behind in their studies because of long absences. Families who plan to travel are encouraged to travel during school holidays. Parents are reminded that they must seek permission from the Principal to take a student out of school during term time.

If you are planning to take your child out of school during term time, please make an appointment to discuss your plans with the Principal.

The Principal has information to assist families to plan holidays that are least disruptive to their children's schooling. Parents planning to travel may apply to the Principal for 15 extra days approved leave.

### School terms for 2013

- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**School Development Days are held on the first day of Term 1, Term 2 and Term 3 and the last two days of Term 4.**

## Clean Up Day



Last year, Narwee Public School was one of 2,200 schools who registered a site and came together to create cleaner school environments for our children.

On **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**, our school will again be demonstrating their support for the environment through participating in the 2013 Schools Clean Up Day. Classes will be provided with bags supplied by Clean Up Australia and will be allocated certain areas of the school grounds to clean.

It is recommended that parents, where possible, provide students with disposable gloves on the day in order to maintain cleanliness and safety on the day.

**Mr Vaccaro**

## Bullying Advice

Schools have a zero tolerance of bullying but with mobile devices such as phones and laptops, bullying can follow children past the school playground.

Get the lowdown on bullying from School A to Z: the signs to look for, what to do if your child is being bullied and how you can help your child.

There are expert articles to read and videos to watch at:

[www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/behavior](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/behavior)