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Term 4 – Week 4

Wednesday 31st October 2012

Principal's Report

Last week I had the opportunity to attend a State Principal's Conference for 3 days. I heard a number of well-known speakers who lectured us on successful overseas and domestic education programs.

The conference was also an enriching time for me as I was able to discuss with Principals from metropolitan and country schools what they each offer in their schools and how productive such programs are. It is so important to listen to our colleagues and learn from each other.

I always return from such conferences inspired and armed with more ideas to expose our staff and students to so as to provide further enjoyable and educational opportunities.

Rene Demos – Principal

Notes Due Back

- **Local Environment Walk for Stage 2** – Permission note due back by Friday 2nd November.
- **Xmas Walk** – Permission note due back by Friday 23rd November.
- **Xmas Walk Sausage Sizzle** – Note and money to be returned to the canteen by Wednesday 28th November.
- **Giving Tree Gifts** – to be handed in to your child's class teacher by Wednesday 28th November.

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 4, Week 4

Friday 2 nd November	Swim School Finishes
Friday 2 nd November	PSSA Round 7

Term 4, Week 5

Tuesday 6 th November	Local Environment Walk – Stage 2
Thursday 8 th November	Know Waste Program
Friday 2 nd November	PSSA Round 8

Term 4, Week 6

Monday 12 th November	Writers Festival
Friday 16 th November	PSSA Round 9

Term 4, Week 7

Wednesday 21 st November	P&C AGM – 7.00pm
Friday 23 rd November	PSSA Semis & Finals

Term 4, Week 8

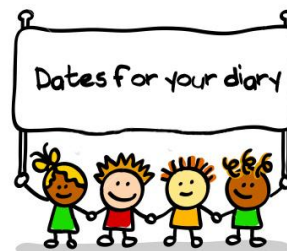
Friday 30 th November	Christmas Walk
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Term 4, Week 9

Friday 7 th December	Reports to Parents
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Term 4, Week 10

Tuesday 11 th December	Presentation Day
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Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our last assembly.

Lee (5/6B)	Annie (5/6B)
Levi (5/6B)	Crystal (3/4C)
Faith (3/4C)	Antonia (3/4C)
Kane (KV)	Thurston (KV)
Daniel (KP)	Ishaan (KP)
Kayla (1/2M)	Ibrahim (1/2M)
Trent (1/2M)	Angela (5/6R)
Will (5/6R)	Tanvir (5/6R)
Zahra (2/3S)	Pafusi (2/3S)
Anson (2/3S)	Kevin (1L)
Kyan (1L)	Stefanie (1L)
Nicola (2C)	Tia (2C)
Corey (4/5F)	Jason (4/5F)
Sarah (4/5F)	

High School

What's it like in High School?

If your child is starting High School next year, show them this video to ease them into the idea of going to high School.

It has great tips on making new friends, getting organised, planning assignments and studying.

Go to:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/highschool/index.php>

Asthma Action Plan

If your child has asthma you want to feel as confident as possible about leaving them at school or with other people when you go out. Here is a checklist on what you need to do:

Go to:

http://www.asthmafoundation.org.au/Childcare_info_for_parents.aspx

'Generation One' Competition

Over the last few months the song 'Hands Across Australia' could be heard across the school grounds at any given time.

The song is part of an exciting competition which asked schools to perform the song and make a multimedia presentation.

To answer the call, the Junior and Senior Choir, members of the school band and KV have created a fantastic entry under the guidance of Mrs Weedon, Mr Harris, Mrs Muffett and Mr Vaccaro.

Our entry has been automatically entered in the 'People's Choice' Award. The clip will be available for viewing from Monday 29th October to Monday 5th November and open to public vote on the 'Generation one' website.

The people's Choice will be awarded solely on the basis of highest number of votes by the general public so get behind Narwee Public School.

Ask your family, friends and everyone you know to vote for us.

Remember to vote for Narwee Public School on the website below from Monday 29th October to Monday 5th November.

www.generationone.org.au

Chess Club

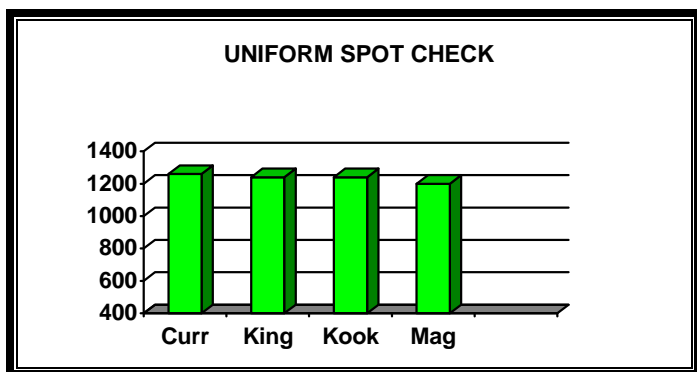
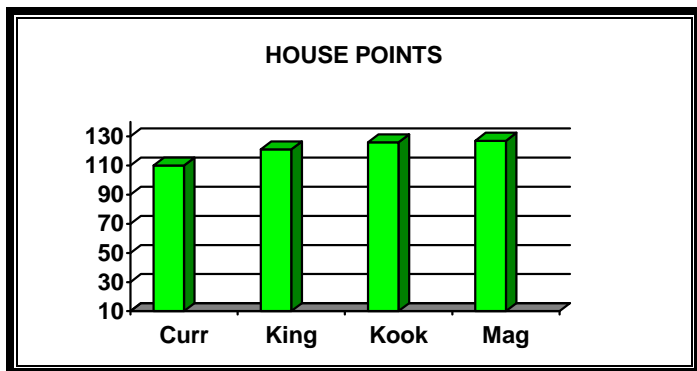
The Chess Club has almost come to an end for another year. Well done to those students who have attended each week with enthusiasm and commitment.

Congratulations to the following students who have made it through to the finals which commenced this week: **David** (2/3S), **Anson** (2/3S), **Hussein** (3/4C), **Joshua** (2/3S), **Annie** (5/6B) and **Jacquie** (2/3S).

Good luck to our six finalists who will represent Narwee Public School in the 'St George Primary School's One Day Chess Teams Tournament' organised by the NSW Junior Chess League. The tournament will expose the students to an inter-school competition environment and encourage them to extend their chess knowledge.

Mr Vaccaro





Veggie Patch Update

The students in 1/2M planted snow pea seedlings last term. They have been watering the seedlings and have seen them grow into vegetables. This week the students were very proud to harvest their crop.

Ms Muffett



Planning for 2013

To assist us in planning for 2013 could you please notify the front office if your child will not be returning to Narwee Public School next year.

This does not include Year 6 students going to high school next year.

PSSA Sports Report

Boys Hockey

Juniors lost 4 – 0

Seniors lost 6 – 0

Last Friday we played Hurstville South PS at Evatt Park. Both teams were a little light on players, though despite that, put in an awesome effort.

Juniors – we need to ensure that we stop passing across our goals when we are in own 10 metres as we open our goals for attack. Some good passing and dribbling skills were shown by **Lillian** (3/4C) and **Angelique** (4/5F). We need to stay in our positions for both defence and attack and not be scared to attack the player with the ball. Player of the match went to **Nguyen** (3/4C).

Seniors – it was disappointing that some girls let us down and decided not to participate on the field which was devastating to the rest of their team. We need to focus more on our own game and not worry about anybody else. Once again some great attacking skills were shown by **Mohammed** (4/5F) and **Patrick** (4/5F). We need to defend with the same amount of enthusiasm that we have in attack to avoid the opposition gaining good field position. Player of the match went to **Jackson** (5/6R).

Mr Lennon

Newcombe Ball

On Friday the Junior Newcombe Ball team played Penshurst PS at home. Our courts and nets are so fantastic to play on that we lifted with the home ground advantage and ended up in a very close game. Penshurst won the match 2 games to 1.

Players of the match went to **Ethan** (4/5F) and **Andrew** (4/5F) who never gave up, showed great skills, determination and fantastic sportsmanship for the entire three sets.

The Senior Newcombe Ball team played a very tough opponent in Penshurst PS. Their players were focused and skilful and ran away with the match 3 games to 0. Narwee needs to work hard at encouraging each other and keeping our minds on the game rather than being distracted by each other. We are a very skilled team who has the ability to do very well when we are all on game.

Player of the match went to **Ashleigh** (4/5F) for playing well and showing a determination to give it her best go.

Mrs Canellis

Behaviour Levels

Below are the statistics from our levels meeting last week:

Gold level – 51%
 Silver Level – 29%
 Bronze Level – 19%
 Level 4 or below – 1%

Many fun activities have been organised this term to reward children on Bronze Level and above. It is hoped that at our next levelling meeting in Week 6 that the few students below Bronze Level will be able to be promoted.

To do this they must behave appropriately. Here are some tips for the students:

- Stop and think before acting
- Be honest – don't tell lies
- Be considerate and think about and care for others
- Be responsible – your action, your consequence
- Be friendly
- Be polite
- Speak nicely – don't ever swear
- Follow instructions
- Don't give attitude
- Try your hardest
- Don't be hurtful

Students who are on Bronze, Silver or Gold Level in Week 11 will be invited to the Acknowledgement Day Picnic. The Narwee staff would like all students to be able to attend.

Mrs Berrett
 Assistant Principal

P&C News

We had a large turnout at the P&C meeting last week. I would like to welcome **Brunetta Kami** as Treasurer until the end of the year. There were very few updates as we are planning for next year.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st November. All executive positions will be vacated at this meeting. Anybody wishing to participate in an executive position for 2013 please return the nomination forms attached to this newsletter to the front office by Wednesday 21st November.

Peter Maylott
 P&C President

Beverly Hills IEC Visit

On Tuesday 23rd October, students from Beverly Hills Intensive English Centre (IEC) visited Narwee Public School to meet with students from 3/4C, KP and 4/5F. The students ranged in age from 14 to 17 years old and have been living in Australia for approximately a year. They have come from countries such as China, Somalia, Pakistan and Burma.

The purpose of their visit was to interview Narwee students and then return to their school and write a recount about what they had learned. They asked our students a series of questions about significant people and events in their lives in addition to things such as favourite colours, movies and foods.

Students from the IEC were initially shy and their teacher Miss Commeignes said they were all quite nervous about visiting our school as many of them are not confident in their ability to speak and write English. However, the Narwee students did their very best to make them feel welcome and they soon established an excellent rapport.

After the formal interview process was over, our students were then able to share more about their cultural heritage with the IEC students. Many even discovered they had very similar cultural backgrounds.

Some of the IEC students who came from war torn countries expressed their relief and gratitude to be in a country like Australia where they feel safe and happy. It was clear that everyone had a great morning and many interesting life stories were shared by all students.

Congratulations to the students in KP, 3/4C and 4/5F for being mature, enthusiastic representatives of Narwee Public School and for making our special visitors feel welcome.

Miss Filippis

