

# Narwee Public School

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Term 4 – Week 6

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012

## Principal's Report

This term is passing by us at a speedy pace. Teachers are currently writing end of year reports. This is a very detailed and time consuming process.

Reports are written to provide parents with clear, concise, fair and honest reporting which reflects a child's progress including their strengths and weaknesses. Reports are an important document and it is advisable that parents store these in a safe place for future reference.

Reports will be sent home with all students on  
**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.**

**The last day of school for all students is Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.**

Staff will be involved in staff development on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

**Rene Demos – Principal**

## Notes Due Back

- **Xmas Walk** – Permission note due back by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.
- **Xmas Walk Sausage Sizzle** – Note and money to be returned to the canteen by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November.
- **Giving Tree Gifts** – to be handed in to your child's class teacher by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November.
- **Book Club** – order form and payment due back by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November.
- **Year 6 Farewell** – note and payment due back by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November.
- **School Picnic** – Special Needs and Medical Conditions form due back by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

## Contact Details

It is important that all parent/carer contact details are kept up to date in the event that the school needs to get in touch with you if your child becomes unwell at school. If you need to update any of your contact details, please see the front office.

## Term Calendar

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

### Term 4, Week 6

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November PSSA Round 9**

### Term 4, Week 7

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November P&C AGM – 7.00pm**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November PSSA Semis & Finals**

### Term 4, Week 8

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November Christmas Walk**

### Term 4, Week 9

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December Reports to Parents**

### Term 4, Week 10

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December Presentation Day**

### Term 4, Week 11

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December Year 6 Farewell**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December Picnic Day**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December Talent Quest for Students**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December Last Day for Students**



## 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**

## Awards

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

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| <b>Shyanne</b> (5/6R) | <b>Yasir</b> (5/6R)  |
| <b>Eric</b> (5/6R)    | <b>Jordan</b> (1/2M) |
| <b>Chanell</b> (1/2M) | <b>Qualin</b> (2/3S) |
| <b>Jacquie</b> (2/3S) | <b>Jordan</b> (2/3S) |
| <b>Toby</b> (KP)      | <b>Elijah</b> (KP)   |
| <b>Andrew</b> (2C)    | <b>Jeralias</b> (2C) |
| <b>Zoe</b> (3/4C)     | <b>Mark</b> (3/4C)   |
| <b>Sophia</b> (3/4C)  | <b>Moe</b> (3/4C)    |
| <b>Sadek</b> (5/6B)   | <b>Danial</b> (5/6B) |
| <b>Patrick</b> (5/6B) | <b>Aish</b> (5/6R)   |
| <b>Marwa</b> (5/6B)   |                      |

## Local Environment Walk

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, the children in 3S, 3/4C and 4F went on an excursion to the local area of Narwee for their Term 4 unit in HSIE.

The purpose of our excursion was to compare the features of the natural and built environments in the local area and evaluate whether the community of Narwee is well resourced in terms of shops, parks, community services and infrastructure.

Students also discussed how buildings and homes in our local area have changed over time, comparing the new housing development opposite the school in Broad Arrow Rd to the older fibro, weatherboard and brick homes in Mountview Ave and Rita St.

We concluded that we are quite fortunate in Narwee as we do have some very good facilities in our local community. Another positive point the children pointed out was that there are visible improvements still being made. For example, the recent railway station upgrade and the new café and Lebanese Bakery.

The excursion was a success, helping students connect with their local area and stimulating productive discussions back at school. Thanks to **Mrs Gwynne** and our two visiting student teachers **Miss Cook** and **Miss Ballouk** who assisted us. Well done to the children in Stage 2 for participating actively and being well behaved and responsible.

**Miss Filippis**

## Generation One Update

Thank you to everyone who voted for Narwee Public school in the 'People's Choice Award'. Entries closed on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November. We ended up with almost 200 votes which is a fantastic effort.

I am pleased to say that Narwee Public School is 1 of the 8 finalists (out of over 120 primary schools) in the Generation One Creative Change School Video Competition.

A huge congratulations must go out to everyone involved particularly the K-2 Choir, Senior Choir, School Band, KV and of course the dedicated and talented Music teacher duo – **Mrs Weedon** and **Mr Harris** and fellow choir teacher **Ms Muffett**.

Get behind Narwee Public school and brace yourself for the big announcement on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** at 2.00pm.

**Check it out at:**

<http://songs.generationone.org.au/>

The judging panel includes: **Casey Donovan** – singer, **Jack Thompson** (actor), **Jeremy Donovan** (musician and Creative Change Ambassador) and **Nicole Muir** (ASPA Managing Director).

**Mr Vaccaro**

## Christmas Walk

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

Just a reminder that our Annual Christmas Walk is being held on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November** from approximately 10.00am -11.00am. All parents are welcome to attend.

Permission notes for the walk are due back no later than **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**.

The canteen will be holding a sausage sizzle on the day. Orders can be handed directly to the canteen and must be in no later than **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**. There will also be special treats on sale.

We look forward to seeing the main street of Narwee full of our wonderful students singing the songs they have been busy learning over the last few weeks.

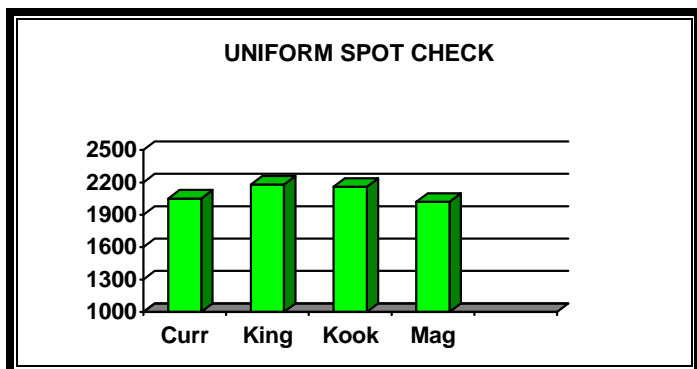
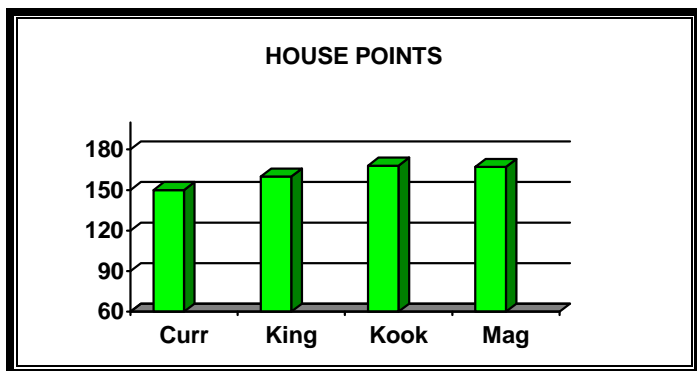
**Mr Lennon**

## Book Club

The final issue of Book Club for 2012 has been sent home will all students.

If you would like to place an order, please ensure your child's order form and money are returned to their class teacher no later than Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you to all the parents and students that have supported Book Club this year.



## Selective High School Information

**Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2014?**

Please find listed below key dates:

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

Return paper applications to Principal

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

Online application closes

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

Test centre advice

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

Selective High School Placement Test

Apply online:

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)

**Mrs Berrett – Assistant Principal**

## Beach Safety

Now that the weather is warming up it is important to teach your children about beach safety.

Always swim between the red and yellow flags at the beach. Make sure you never swim alone and always supervise children at the beach.

## P&C News

Next Wednesday, **21<sup>st</sup> November** is the Annual General meeting when all positions will be vacated. I wish to congratulate and thank all the hard work provided by our P&C volunteers. It was a pleasure working alongside the committee members. Any parents wishing to build strong relationships with like-minded families, submit your nominations before the meeting.

A quick reminder from the Department of Families and Community Services that the Education Tax Refund has been replaced by the Schoolkids Bonus. The first payment will occur in January. If you have a child starting Kindergarten or moving to high school next year, please check that your details have been updated.

For more information visit:

[www.humanservices.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus)

**Peter Maylott – P&C President**

## Giving Tree

As part of Narwee Public school's Mobile Christmas Walk that is taking place on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**, the boys and girls of Narwee will be presenting The Smith Family with toys to be donated to needy families in the Christmas Season.

Children can bring in toys to be donated. We ask that these gifts be left unwrapped and new. Please do not bring in second hand toys. These donations need not be expensive as we are trying to teach the children that Christmas is a time of giving and caring for others.

All gifts need to be handed in by **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November** and remember there is a prize for the class who has the greatest participation.

We thank you for your co-operation and hope that you support this worthy cause.

**Mr Lennon**

## Road Safety

**Avoid Traffic Congestion Around The School**

- Allocate enough time to get your child to the school gate safely and without rushing.
- Always observe the parking signs outside the school. They are designed to keep children safe.
- Never park illegally. This includes in the school driveway, on or near the school crossing, in the bus zone and in the 'No Parking' zone.
- Never double park. This blocks the vision of other drivers, forces children onto the road and obstructs the flow of traffic.

## Attendance

There are a number of sound reasons for you to ensure that your child attends school regularly.

Firstly, attending school every day makes learning easier. For younger students, missing the basic skills often leads to learning problems later on and for older student's absenteeism often interferes with academic progress. Friendships with other students are also easier if your child attends school regularly.

The law in NSW states that all children between the ages of 6 and 17 years are required to attend school. Sickness or injury, attendance at a special religious ceremony or a serious family situation are satisfactory reasons for non-attendance. Please let the school know why your child is not at school and provide an explanation on your child's return to school.

Birthdays, haircuts, pension days, Monday etc are not satisfactory reasons for absence from school. Also try whenever possible to arrange your holidays in school vacation time.

## Balancing Commitments

It is important for your child to maintain balance. Balancing commitments is especially important if your child is starting high school next year. Your child needs to be able to balance school commitments with social, recreational and family life as it is important for a happy and healthy lifestyle.

Areas that you should remind your child to help them balance their commitments are:

- Time management
- Planning and discipline
- Keeping fit
- Managing their stress
- Learning to say no

## Coping Skills for Children

- Children need to feel loved and lovable just for being themselves, not only when they do things well.
- Children need to feel they have some control in their lives.
- Children need to feel that they can be successful at something.
- Children need to have a sense of belonging.
- Children are helped by having people apart from their parents who care about and support them.
- Grandparents can be a special support for children and teenagers.

## 2013 Term Dates

Parents 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. Parents planning to travel may apply to the Principal for 15 extra days approved leave.

To help you organise your holidays for next year we have included the term dates below.

*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 Holiday Tips

### Plan ahead this Christmas

Take charge of your holidays in advance by making lists of things to do and setting aside some time each day for them – nothing creates more stress than last minute shopping and preparations. When entertaining children, one different activity each day will keep them excited.

### Money – Holiday Savings

If you are going out for the day during these school holidays don't forget to pack a picnic lunch. Lunches out can wind up costing too much money.

Minimise stress by staying in budget. Draw up a budget to make sure you don't overspend over the festive season. Choose simple, thoughtful or useful gifts over elaborate, expensive surprises – even Santa Claus has limited funds.

## Year 6 Farewell

Notes have been sent home with all Year 5 & 6 students for the Year 6 Farewell. The Farewell is being held at Canterbury Leagues Club in the Blueberry Hill Function Room on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December** from 6.00pm – 9.00pm.

Please ensure your child returns their permission note and payment no later than **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**. The cost is \$10.00 for Year 5 students. For Year 6 students there is no cost.