

# Narwee Public School

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Term 4 – Week 7

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012

## Principal's Report

Last week I had the pleasure of listening to those Year 5 students who wish to be voted in as our school leaders for 2013. All students spoke confidently and put forward a strong case as to why they are worthy candidates.

I was very impressed with all students and in particular the content of their speeches, the confident way they delivered their speeches and their presentation style. Congratulations to all students involved.

This Friday will be the last scripture lesson for this year. We are extremely fortunate to have such a wonderful group of volunteers who give of their time each week to teach religious instruction. I would like to thank them for their ongoing support and assistance.

Don't forget our Annual Christmas Walk begins at 10.00am on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Please come and join us for this special day.

**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.
- **Library Honour Student** – permission note and money to be returned by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.
- **School Picnic** – Special Needs and Medical Conditions form due back by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.



## Term Calendar

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

### 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  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** Honour Student Excursion

### 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:

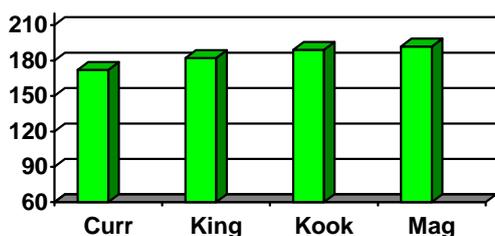
**1300 880 021**

## Awards

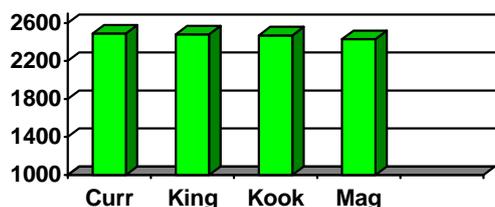
Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our last assembly.

Eric (5/6R)	Stavroula (3/4C)
David (5/6B)	Nikhil (5/6B)
Trent (KP)	Natalie (KP)
Elang (5/6R)	Raytim (1/2M)
Sean (1/2M)	Aimee (1/2M)
Jordan (2C)	Maysaa (2C)
Jason (4/5F)	Mohammad (3/4C)
Aliyah (4/5F)	Elang (5/6R)
Matea (2/3S)	Grace (2/3S)
Sidney (2/3S)	Zoe (3/4C)
Ali (3/4C)	Nikhil (3/4C)
Eric (5/6R)	Dhanisha (3/4C)
Callum (3/4C)	Jelai (5/6B)
Sally (5/6B)	Cameron (KV)
Noah (KV)	

HOUSE POINTS



UNIFORM SPOT CHECK



## Behaviour Levels Report

Last week staff were involved in the levelling process for behaviour. As a result:

- 51% of our students are on Gold Level
- 29% of our students are on Silver Level
- 18% of our students are on Bronze Level and sadly 2% are below this acceptable level.

It is fantastic to see so many of our students on acceptable levels and it is hoped that the students below Bronze can change their behaviour and reach Bronze Level by the end of term.

This term Acknowledgement Day is in the form of a school picnic. We will have a great day, playing games and enjoying the BBQ and ice blocks provided by the school.

It would be wonderful if all students could attend; however, we do not want students with poor behaviour to spoil the day for others, so if there are any students below Bronze Level on the day they will not participate.

Please ask your child what level they are on and keep encouraging good behaviour and manners.

**Mrs Berrett**  
Assistant Principal

## Important Message

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

Classes will not operate on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December as all staff will be involved in Staff Development.

## Christmas Walk

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

Just a reminder that permission notes for our Christmas 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.

**Mr Lennon**



## Special Photos

All photo orders have been finalised. If you still wish to order photos please contact MSP Photography.

Email: [southsydney@msp.com.au](mailto:southsydney@msp.com.au)

Phone: 8004 2341

[www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au)

## Chicken Pox

There have been 2 confirmed cases of Chicken Pox in the school.

Although the risk of spread to your child is small, we ask that you watch out for symptoms of Chicken Pox in your child, especially over the next 3 weeks.

Symptoms of Chicken pox include a slight fever, runny nose and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab.

If your child or any member of your family has the above symptoms, please contact your family doctor. This is extremely important for pregnant women and newborns.

Your doctor can advise whether Chicken Pox is likely and arrange for treatment if needed. Most children do not need any treatment. Calomine Lotion can be put on the spots to help relieve the itching.

To help prevent the infection spreading, children who have been diagnosed with Chicken Pox should not attend school or childcare for at least 7 days after the first spots appear and until all of the spots have scabbed over.

Vaccination is the most important way of reducing Chicken Pox in our community. Immunisation is available for children over 12 months and is recommended for people over 12 years of age who are not immune.

## K – 2 Home Readers

Could all parents please ensure that Home Readers are returned to school by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you to all of our parents for your ongoing support shown towards our Home Reading Scheme this year.

We look forward to your continued co-operation and support for our reading scheme in 2013.

**Ms Muffett**

## P&C News

Tonight is the Annual General Meeting, when all positions will be vacated. We have had several nominations offered, however anyone interested will be able to nominate themselves at the meeting. Growing participation at the meetings means we will have a strong committee for next year with many more benefits for all of our children.

Last week I attended the regional P&C meeting. While the school's meetings allow parents to talk with the school Principal, the regional meeting allows members to hear updates from the Department of Education for our region. Most interesting was the response to proposed cuts. The department summarised the draft proposal for reorganising services that our school receives from the department.

I have also had wonderful feedback from the students in the social room last Wednesday. Each week I am introducing the students to a new designer board game. Next year the social room will receive a generous donation from a chain of game stores.

**Peter Maylott – P&C President**

## Christmas Safety

**Keep your children safe this Christmas**

Christmas trees, decorations and lights are particularly fascinating for young children. Make sure they are kept out of reach as they may pose choking hazards.

Remember that Christmas trees can tip over when tugged. Christmas lights can also pose electrical hazards for inquisitive young children.

***For advice on how to make your Christmas safe call Kidsafe on (02) 9845 0890.***

## Road Safety

**Kids need a hand in traffic**

A child's perception, judgement and awareness of potentially dangerous situations is generally not sufficiently developed to properly cope with the road environment until they are at least 10 years of age.

Children need adults to set a good example and to supervise them closely in and around traffic, including roundabouts, traffic lights and car parks.



## Writer's Festival Recounts

On the 12.11.12, a group of students from Years 3-6 had a chance to go to Grays Point Public School to meet authors like Sue Whiting, Duncan Ball, Deborah Abela, Marc McBride, Aleesah Darlison and Serena Geddes at the Sydney Writer's House.

First we had to get there. We had Mr Forman and 2 other parents that were able to drive us to the school. It took 40 – 45 minutes to get there. When we got there we saw Mrs Wells and then we went to see Sue Whiting. She told us a little bit about herself and told us about her books.

After that we saw Deborah Abela and she told us about her books that she wrote and told us stories that her grandma used to tell her. Then it was recess.

After recess we saw Marc McBride who is the illustrator of the Delta Quest books. He was spray painting a dragon and then he told us about opposite colours. Next we saw Duncan Ball who told us funny jokes and more.

After lunch we saw Aleesah Darlison and Serena Geddes and they told us what they do and how they do it. Serena Geddes drew a picture of a boy named Anderson that had orange hair and ate spaghetti. Then we waited for the people who were getting their books signed.

Finally we said bye to Mrs Wells and we left. I liked the Writer's Festival.

### Angelique (4/5F)

On the 12<sup>th</sup> November some students from 3 – 6 went to the Writer's Festival at Grays Point Public School.

We had to get to school before 8.30 or the transportation would leave without us. It took 40 minutes to get there. When we got there we had to go to a classroom to see the author Sue Whiting. She talked to us about where she gets her inspiration from. She also talked to us about her new book. She wrote a book called 'Freaky'

After we saw Sue Whiting we went to the library to see Deborah Abela. She talked to us about her new book called Grimsdon and she showed the trailer of Grimsdon. Then she showed us a couple more trailers about Ghost Club and Max Remy.

After seeing Devorah Abela we had recess. The bookstore was open during recess so some of us bought books. I purchased Ghost Club because it seemed interesting. When recess was over we went to the hall to see Marc McBride. He is an illustrator who draws mythical creatures such as dragons. He talked to us about drawing and then we drew a dragon with him and it looked very cool.

After seeing Marc McBride we went to another classroom to see Duncan Ball. He talked to us about his famous series called Selby. He then read some poems out of the book and he also read a funny one called 'O Bum O Bum'. After that it was time to go back to school. It was a great day.

### Joseph (4/5F)

