

Narwee Public School

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Term 1 – Week 7

Wednesday 13th March 2013

Principal's Report

On March 17th 2012 our school faced a difficult time with the passing of our then school captain Lioni Carmelina Havili.

Lioni had suffered from an illness known as Lupus. Students, staff and community members were all saddened by this sudden loss.

This Sunday it will be one year since Lioni's death. Lioni was a beautiful member of our school and was much loved by all those who knew her. We will never forget Lioni and as a tribute to her on Monday some Year 6 students planted some flowers in her memorial garden bed. At our afternoon assembly we held a minutes silence and played one of her favourite songs 'Price Tag'. This week our bell has also been changed to Price Tag in honour of Lioni. On Friday our flag will be lowered to half-mast.

We will also be holding a purple gold coin donation day on Thursday 21st March and all proceeds will be donated to the Lupus Association of NSW.

Rene Demos – Principal

Notes Due Back

- **Harmony Day Sausage Sizzle** – note and payment due back to the canteen by **Friday 15th March**.
- **Book Club Issue 2** – due back by **Wednesday 20th March**
- **Year 2 Nursing Home Visit Note** – due back by **Wednesday 20th March**.
- **Easter Guessing Competition** – tickets and money due back by **Tuesday 26th March**.

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 7

Friday 15th March	PSSA – Round 3
Friday 15th March	Stewart House Bags Due

Term 1, Week 8

Tuesday 19th March	Harmony Day
Wednesday 20th March	P&C Meeting – 7.00pm
Friday 22nd March	Combined Easter Service
Friday 22nd March	PSSA – Round 4

Term 1, Week 9

Monday 25th March	Yr 2 Nursing Home Visit
Wednesday 27th March	K – 2 Easter Hat Parade
Friday 29th March	Public Holiday – no school

Term 1, Week 10

Monday 1st April	Public Holiday – no school
Friday 5th April	PSSA – Round 5

Term 1, Week 11

Thursday 11th April	Acknowledgement Day
Friday 12th April	ANZAC Day Service
Friday 12th April	PSSA – Round 7
Friday 12th April	Last Day of Term 1

Term 2, Week 1

Monday 29th April	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 30th April	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 1st May	Students Return



Awards

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

Shanzay (1L)	Jelai (5/6K)
Joy (2/3S)	Christopher (2C)
Sean (2/3S)	Lotu (2/3S)
Fatima (3/4R)	Sreen (3/4R)
Qualin (3/4R)	Stavroula (4/5B)
Sophia (4/5B)	Mark (4/5B)
Praneil (1/2C)	Tyrell (1/2C)
Indianna (5/6K)	Jackson (5/6K)
Alex (1/2C)	Jacklynn (KV)
Leroy (KV)	Kleo (KP)
Lily (3L)	Matea (3L)
Jordan (3L)	Ayan (2C)
Dean (KP)	Trent (1L)
Sajad (5/6F)	Jack (5/6F)

K – 2 News

The Home Reading Program commenced this week. Students are encouraged to bring their Home Reader book back to school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

I am requesting any parent/carer who can volunteer some time on those mornings or afternoons to help listen to students read and exchange their reading books. I will provide training to any volunteer who can help out on these days.

If you are available on a Friday afternoon from 2.10pm – 3.20pm to help out with K – 2 Friday sport it would also be greatly appreciated.

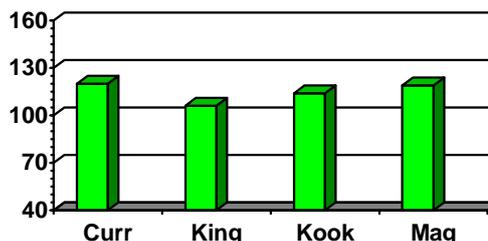
Mrs Muffett – Assistant Principal

Easter Egg Donations

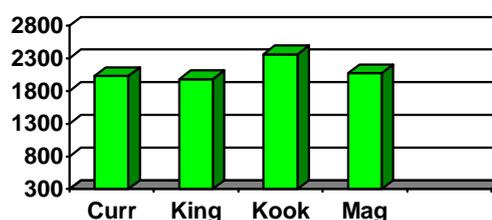
Just a reminder that we are still collecting Easter eggs for our Year 2 students to take with them in their visit to the local nursing home.

All students that donate eggs will go into a draw to win an Easter prize. The eggs can be handed in at the front office.

HOUSE POINTS



UNIFORM SPOT CHECK



Social Room

On Thursday 21st February, our school received a wonderful donation to the social room. The Good Games Hurstville store provided us with over a dozen new designer board games for play and as classroom resources.

These games promote fun, engaging game play while avoiding the aggressive nature found in mass marketed video games. I have offered to teach one new game each week with a brief summary in the newsletter.

Last Wednesday in the social room the children learned 'Hey, that's my fish' by Fantasy Flight Games. In this game, each player controls four penguins who move around a shrinking island of ice gathering fish. Lasting about 15 minutes and catering for 4 players, it is accessible for the younger children in our school. Children develop their spatial awareness and strategic planning as their penguins can be blocked by other players and gaps in the ice.

To celebrate the one year anniversary of Wil Wheaton's youtube series on board games, Saturday 30th March will be TableTop Day. This day is a perfect opportunity to sit down with friends and family and try some board games. Good Games Hurstville will be hosting an event with free use of their table space and games library. You can find other events at www.tabletopday.com

Peter Maylott



Behaviour Levels

Last week staff were involved in the behaviour levelling process. The good news is that the majority of our students have had a terrific start to the year and are behaving well.

Most students remained on bronze level at this meeting however unfortunately two students have been moved to Level 4. It is hoped that these students will learn a valuable lesson and will be able to improve their behaviour and attitude for the remainder of the year.

Don't forget to show an interest in your child's level and ask frequently what level they are on and offer advice on how this can be improved or maintained.

Below are the criteria which we use to promote students to Gold level.

- Always strive to do their best
- Always follow school rules
- Respect everyone – all school staff members, students, casual teachers, helpers etc
- Make an effort to be involved in all organised activities and events
- Show initiative
- Be punctual – to class and to start work
- Be organised with classroom equipment – pens, pencils, rulers etc
- Do homework to the best of their ability
- Wear full school uniform

Cathie Berrett – Assistant Principal



Debating Update

The excitement of debating has begun at Narwee Public School this term. There are 12 eager students ranging from Year 4 to Year 6. The students are organised into 3 teams of 4 students who will develop debating skills during recess on Mondays.

Debating Day at Georges Hall Public School

On Tuesday 2nd April, four Year 6 students will be attending a debating workshop at Georges Hall Public School. The students will be involved in activities to develop skills necessary for a successful debate.

Mrs Muffett

Clean Up Day

On Friday 8th March all Narwee students were involved in a clean-up session. The task was to further develop their awareness of keeping their local environment clean.

A special thanks to Bunnings Greenacre for supplying gloves and tongs making the Clean Up Day at Narwee Public School successful.

Congratulations to the Green Thumbs who were involved in a rubbish audit. The students sorted the rubbish into several categories to determine what was the major rubbish found in the playground.

Mr Vaccaro & Mrs Muffett



P&C News

Hi folks – it's another week gone and another week closer to Easter and Term 1 school holidays. Doesn't time fly when we are all enjoying our school hours. Personally I have just finished work and commenced my maternity leave and look forward to getting some 'me' time before number three joins our family. I have just realised that once you lose sleep you can never find it again – so parents to all of you whether you are in the workforce full-time or part-time or if you have that full-time job at home get your rest when you can.

Easter Guessing Competition

Don't forget you have until the 26th of March to get your ticket stubs with your name, address, phone number and classroom back to us. Since we started the competition last Wednesday we have had a great response so a big thank you to those of you who have already purchased your tickets. Please remember if you have multiple children at the school and purchasing all the tickets becomes too expensive please return those that you do not wish to buy. To those parents who want more tickets you can pick up extra tickets from the school office or approach any of the P&C and we will be happy to give you more. Again thank you to those who have already purchased tickets and thank you to those who plan to purchase them. As we have received all our great prizes by donation all money we raise from this guessing competition goes back into our school for needed resources.

P&C Contribution

Last week you would have received a request for your P&C contribution in the school newsletter. Compared to many public schools this monetary contribution request is small. However we do understand that \$30.00 for one child or \$50.00 for two or more children can be a lot of money so please remember this is a voluntary contribution. Let us remember our school asks very little from us but as parents we expect our children to receive a complete and well-rounded education at primary school. These early school years are very important in establishing a solid and healthy love of learning for our children. We ask that if you can't afford to pay your voluntary contribution this term that you make this donation at any time in the school year. Please also remember money can also mean 'your time' – if you are able to contribute to ideas and participate in school fundraising activities we welcome this contribution whole heartedly.

Uniform Donations

Last week we told you we are collecting any second-hand uniform pieces that you may have. Please bring your clean, official school branded items to the school on Thursdays and someone from the P&C will be available to collect your items. If you can't find us around the playground before or after school please come to the store room next door to Mrs Pentecost's room.

Entertainment Books

Just to let you know that we will be selling Entertainment Books again this year. I don't know the full details as of yet but please watch our weekly newsletter contribution for more details.

Cerise Packer – P&C President

PSSA Sports Report

Boys Oz Tag

Narwee PS vs Penshurst PS
Juniors won 5 – 1 Seniors won 11 – 2

Juniors – a big improvement juniors so well done. Remember to do simple passes and quick play the balls. I was really impressed with your defence this week, only conceding 1 try. Great effort boys! Player of the match went to Youssief for great running.

Seniors – wow, a very impressive win this week boys. I saw some clever passes and solid defence. We still need to speed up our play the balls and improve our organisation with marker defence. Player of the match went to Patrick for his running game.

Mr Forman

Stage 2 Community Helpers - Reading

Reading skills are essential in all Key Learning Areas and it is a great help when teachers secure regular volunteers to support students with one on one reading practice sessions.

Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered to help with reading programs in the Stage 2 classrooms. We still need additional volunteers so if you are available please contact the school.

Mrs Berrett – Assistant Principal

Combined Easter Service



On **Friday 22nd March 2013**, a Combined Scripture Easter Service will take place in our hall from 10.50am to 11.20am. This has been organised by The Narwee Baptist Church.

If you do not wish your child to attend this service, please notify your child's class teacher.