

Narwee Public School

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Term 3 – Week 5

Wednesday 14th August 2013

Principal's Report

Each year all students and staff are involved in a Lockdown Drill. Lockdown is a procedure used when there is an immediate threat to the school e.g. an intruder.

Lockdown minimises access to the school and secures staff and students in rooms. This is a safety procedure which is a mandatory requirement in all government schools. The drill will occur on **Tuesday 20th August** at approximately **10.00am**. Children are briefed prior to the drill to allay anxiety.

Please remember that our next P&C meeting will be held on **Tuesday 27th August** commencing at **9.30am** in the Special Program's Room in 'K' Block.

Rene Demos – Principal

Kindergarten Enrolments

Kindergarten enrolments are now being accepted for all eligible children and siblings of those already enrolled at our school for 2014.

Children must turn 5 before **1st August 2014** to be able to enrol for next year. Please call at the front office if you need to collect an application form or alternatively you can download one from our school website.



Payment Due Dates

- **Combined Schools Music Festival Rehearsal** permission note and payment due back by Friday 16th August.
- **School Camp** final payment due back by Friday 23rd August
- **Monkey Baa** permission note and payment due back by Friday 30th August.
- **Learn to Swim** permission note and payment due back by Friday 6th September.

Term Calendar

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

Term 3, Week 5

Thursday 15 th August	District Track Events
Friday 16 th August	PSSA – Round 9

Term 3, Week 6

Tuesday 20 th August	Lockdown Drill
Tuesday 20 th August	P&C Meeting – 9.30am
Thursday 22 nd August	Book Fair
Friday 23 rd August	PSSA Semi's & Finals



Term 3, Week 7

Tuesday 27 th August	Combined Schools Music Festival
Wednesday 28 th August	Father's Day Stall

Term 3, Week 9

Monday 9 th September	School Camp Begins
Friday 13 th September	School Camp Returns
Friday 13 th September	Season 3 PSSA Begins

Term 3, Week 10

Wednesday 18 th September	P&C Meeting – 9.30am
Thursday 19 th September	Acknowledgement Day
Friday 20 th September	PSSA – Round 2
Friday 20 th September	Last Day of Term

School Security

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.

Kalib (5/6K)	Danial (5/6K)
Jemuel (5/6K)	Onofre (4/5B)
Angelina (1L)	Jackson (KP)
Maraam (KP)	Shanzay (1L)
Hannah (2C)	Jessica (2C)
Anson (4/5B)	Jaafar (1/2C)
Mahdi (1/2C)	Aimee (2/3S)
Daniel (1/2C)	Faith (4/5B)
Sakinah (2/3S)	Victoria (2/3S)
Andrew (3L)	Giselle (3L)
Zahra (3L)	Claudia (3/4R)
Robert (3/4R)	Rayden (KV)
Reuben (KV)	Sadek (5/6F)
Sean (5/6F)	

Special Swimming Scheme

There are still vacancies in the Special Swimming Scheme that is being held at Roselands Aquatic Centre from **Monday 21st October** to **Friday 1st November**.

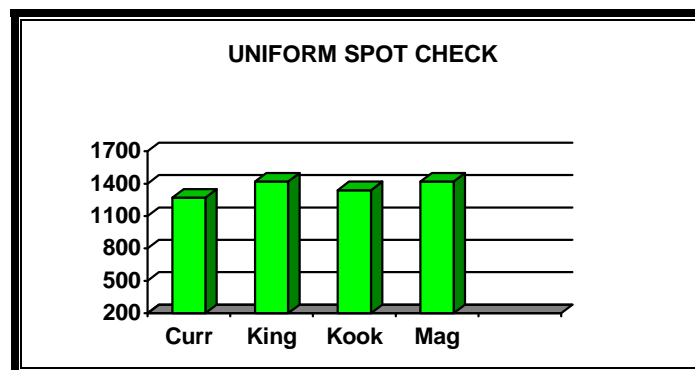
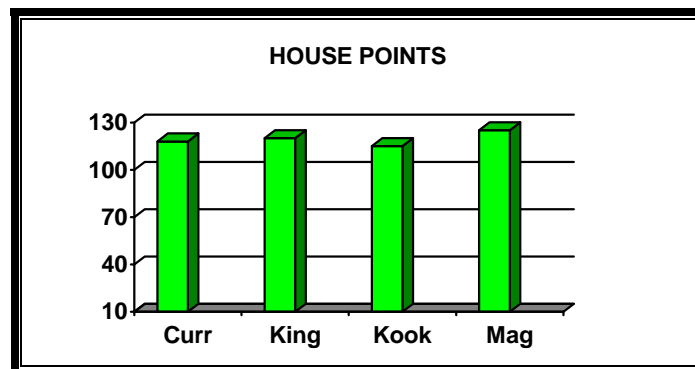
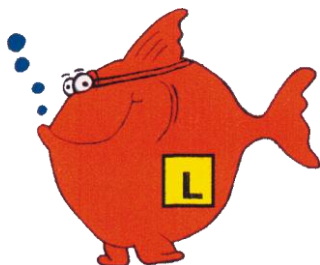
All students in Years 2 to 6 who cannot confidently swim 25m should be encouraged to attend this very important swimming program.

Children will be leaving school at **9.45am** and will return by approximately **12.00pm**. A detailed note for all Year 2 to 6 students has been sent home. If you have misplaced this note, one can be downloaded from the school's website.

The cost of the program is \$75.00. This includes bus fare and pool entry for the two weeks. Lessons are provided free of charge.

Due to the Swimming Scheme being pre-paid we are unable to offer a refund if your child is absent on any of these days.

Mrs Rizzov



Music Festival

The Combined Schools Music Festival is being held on **Tuesday 27th August** at Bankstown Sports Club.

The students involved will travel by bus to the venue to rehearse during the Day. They will need to be at school by **8.15am** and will return to school by **3.20pm**. The cost for bus hire is \$5.00.

Due to time restrictions we are unable to wait for students who arrive late.

Please ensure that the permission note and money to cover bus hire are returned to school no later than **Friday 16th August**.

It is the responsibility of parents to transport their child/children to the night performance. All students participating must arrive at the venue by **6.45pm**

Mrs Rizzov

Yeronga School Uniforms

Please be advised that Yeronga School Uniforms will be closed on the following dates due to stocktake and preparation for summer:

Thursday 15th August
 Saturday 17th August
 Saturday 24th August
 Saturday 31st August
 Saturday 7th September

IMPORTANT DATES

PSSA Reports

Rugby League

Juniors lost 40 – 30 Seniors won 46 – 32

Last Friday the juniors played Kingsgrove Public School and the seniors played Connells Point Public School at Evatt Park. Both teams were down in players but the players that were there brought their A - game.

Juniors – this has to be one of the best team games I have ever had the pleasure of watching. Despite only having 5 players everyone put in 150% effort. No one gave up and you all kept encouraging each other throughout the whole game. This week was too hard to have player of the week. Instead it will be **TEAM** of the week. Well done boys.

Seniors – we played one player down the whole game and were still able to get a convincing win. We need to remember to keep it simple and not try and get too fancy. Against a stronger opposition they would have capitalised on our small mistakes. Once again our defence let us down although it has improved over the past weeks. Player of the match went to **Ky** (5/6K) for some solid defence and bustling hit-ups.

Mr Lennon

Boys Soccer

Juniors drew 2 – 2 Seniors lost 4 – 0

Last week Narwee played Hurstville South Public School at Gannons Park. With one player short, the boys put in another gritty performance. They have really found their form in the latter part of the season. The boys worked hard in both attack and defence but just couldn't get the extra goal. Man of the match went to **Thomas** (3/4R) for being as consistent as ever in defence.

Well done seniors for holding your heads high in defeat, you deserved your best result ever. Most players fought a determined game and we came so close to scoring our first goal of the season. Let's see what happens next week. Man of the match went to **Joseph** (5/6F) for working really hard on the field and being a good team player.

Mr Vaccaro

Netball

Last Friday Narwee Public School played Beverly Hills Public School at Olds Park. The junior team won 12 – 8. Well done juniors – excellent team work. We need to use our wing player more effectively to get the ball into our third. Please remember that the ball must be passed once inside the centre third from our centre. Player of the match went to **Pafusi** (3/4R) for excellent skills in shooting and getting the ball in the key.

Our senior team were defeated 17 – 6. We have improved greatly against Beverly Hills and have learnt to play together as a team. Please remember your 3 feet rule before you put your hands up. Excellent job everyone. Player of the match went to **Sarah** (5/6K) for excellent effort as a centre.

Mrs Lennon

Book Fair

On **Thursday 22nd August** we will be holding our Annual Book Week celebrations. As the theme this year is 'Read across the Universe', students are invited to come to school in mufti, dressed in any appropriate 'space' themed costume e.g. aliens.

Many activities will be held throughout the day including our Trivia and Coin Sliding Competitions. Our Book Fair will also be open.

Children will have the opportunity to purchase books, posters and other stationery items. This is always a popular event at Narwee Public School. Children will be able to make a wish list to take home to show their parents.

The Book Fair will be open on Thursday morning from **8.50am–9.20am**, at lunch time from **11.30am–11.50am** and in the afternoon from **3.20pm–4.00pm**. Parents are welcome at the morning and afternoon sessions.

Mrs Wells

P&C News

A big reminder that our next P&C meeting has changed to **Tuesday 20th August**. It will be a morning session from **9.30 – 10.30** in the Special Programs Room in 'K' Block. We have changed this meeting because a lot of parents were telling us that Wednesdays are not always convenient so we look forward to seeing a lot of new faces. We have a lot to discuss but we are lucky enough to have a visit from Anne-Marie, the Commonwealth Bank School Banking representative. Please come and join us.

Saturday 7th September Federal Election Barbeque and Cake Stall – we need your helps folks. The P&C will be holding a barbeque and cake stall on this very important day. Historically all federal elections have been successful fundraising events for the school so we are focused on making this one very profitable. We plan to cook sausages, bacon and eggs and of course sell home baked goodies. As we get closer to Election Day we will be asking you for your help so please assist us if you can. I am personally planning to bake some ginger crunch, tan square, chocolate cupcakes and make some lolly cake with New Zealand made malt biscuits (my mother would be proud). I know for sure we will have boxes of Solina's famous chocolate brownie. So folks we will need your help – please watch this space for more information.

New and Used Uniforms – don't forget we have a limited stock of new and used uniforms so please contact me on 0411 883 021 if you have any questions.

A big thank you to Mrs Demos and her dedicated teachers for creating a positive learning environment for our children.

Enjoy your week and don't forget that the P&C members are here to listen to your suggestions or concerns.

Cerise Packer – P&C President

Permission Notes

Please remember to send in permission notes and money before the due date. All notes are sent out in the newsletter and posted on our website with adequate notice.

Parents/carers should read all notes carefully and take note of important dates. Teaching children about the importance of being reliable and well organised is a valuable life skill.

Sound Advice on Sleep

Did you know it is recommended that school-aged children get 10 – 11 hours' sleep each night?

For tips on how to make sure your child gets a good night's sleep go to:

http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/school_age_sleep_nutshell.html

Equipment List

It is important that children come to school prepared each day with the right equipment.

Please ensure your child has the following items and that they are bringing them to school every day.

- Pencil Case
- HB pencils (at least 2)
- Sharpener
- Rubber
- 30cm Ruler
- Glue Stick
- Coloured Pencils

Road Safety

Don't risk injuring a child

The 40km/h speed limit in school zones operate between **8.00am–9.30am** and **2.30pm–4.00pm** on school days – be aware of the time or you could get fined.

Children can be unpredictable and hard to see. It's important that parents and carers observe local school safety initiatives when dropping off and collecting children.

Penalties are high and loss of demerit points apply for all fines. The worst penalty is knowing that you've caused an injury to a child.

If you are crossing the road with your child please be aware of all traffic. Remember that watching children is never enough. Keep your children safe by holding their hand as you cross the street.

Cyberbullying

Prevention Tips for Parents

The statistics around cyber bullying are sketchy, mainly because it often goes unreported. What we do know is that the likelihood of children being bullied online or over the phone increases as they get older and use technology more frequently.

To find out more go to:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/say-no-to-cyberbullying>

How Much Screen Time

'Screen Time' used to mean how many hours you spent watching TV and playing on the computer. However, with the growing number of digital devices on offer today, the question of what screen time means now is far more complex.

To find out more go to:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/screen-time>

When Lunch Comes Home

Almost 9 out of 10 Australian parents say children's resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds. But it's a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it.

To find out more go to:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/when-lunch-comes-homeagain>

Benefits of Team Sports

If you want your child to grow up to be a confident and well-adjusted adult, then team sports may well be the answer. Playing a team sport provides kids with important lessons in personal values.

To find out more go to:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/fitness/benefits-of-team-sports>

Writing Skills

Here are a few practical tips to help your child to work out the best way to express themselves through their writing.

To find out more go to:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english-tips/eight-ways-to-support-your-childs-writing-skills>