

# Narwee Public School

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Term 4 – Week 10

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013

## Principal's Report

Presentation Day held yesterday was again a memorable occasion. 192 awards were presented and another 350 in the special afternoon assembly.

Students entertained the huge audience and the BBQ lunch completed the special morning with a great community presence.

Our guests commented on how impressed they were with our students and the many programs Narwee Public School offers. We have had much to be proud of in 2013.

Another very productive and successful school year is coming to a close. I often think back at different events, celebrations and projects we have had throughout the year and I am in awe of all that we achieve.

This of course is because of the hardworking and talented staff we have at Narwee Public School all of whom I wish to congratulate and thank for all their work throughout the year.

Thanks must also go to our P&C committee who have forged ahead with fundraising activities and supported students who attended our school camp as well as donating money to purchase new reading books for our K-2 Home Reading Scheme.

As this is the last newsletter for the year I wish to also thank all the volunteers and community members for assisting in making this another great year.

To our outgoing Year 6 students may your journey into High School be another successful learning and growing time for you in your life journey. We will miss you and look forward to your visits back to our school and hearing stories of your new pathways.

Next year we will be welcoming new Kindergarten students and a number of other new enrolments. Planning has already begun for the 2014 school year program which again is building to be another enriching time.

May I wish you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas break.

**Rene Demos - Principal**



## Term Calendar

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

### Term 4, Week 11

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Farewell
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Acknowledgment Day
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Talent Quest
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day for Students



### Term 1, Week 1 - 2014

Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Years 1 – 6 Start Back
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Group 1 Kinder Start
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Group 2 Kinder Start

## Planning for 2014

To assist us in planning for 2014 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.**

## School Security

If you see anything unusual happening in the school grounds over the vacation period please call  
School Security on:

**1300 880 021**

## Important Message

**The last day of school for all students will be  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.**

Classes will not operate on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December as all staff will be involved in Staff Development.

# Important

## House Winners

Congratulations to **Kingfisher** who were the House Point Winners for Term 4.

Congratulations also go to **Currawong** who were the Uniform Spot Check Winners this term. All students in **Currawong** will receive a Merit Certificate for their wonderful effort of making sure they were in school uniform each day.

Mrs Rizzov



## Year 6 Fund Day

Last Tuesday Narwee Public School had its annual Fund Day. It was a huge success and a lot of fun. As was printed in last week's newsletter we raised \$1880.00. This money will go towards the Year 6 Farewell and buying a parting gift for the school. Year 6 have decided to spend this money on a new digital SLR camera.

The students participated in many different and exciting activities such as the Haunted House, Fairy Garden, Mini Tramp, Ten Pin Bowling, Footy Passing and many more.

The day went well and all children appeared to have a lot of fun. A big thank you to all students who participated and a very big thank you to the Year 6 students who organised and ran their activities so smoothly. Well done Narwee!

Mr Forman

## Hockey News

I have heard back from our Convenor and after the forced cancellation of the Grand Final due to the hideous weather conditions, the final season results are in.

Narwee Juniors finished 3<sup>rd</sup> with Lugarno PS and Hurstville South PS joint Premiers. Narwee Seniors finished 3<sup>rd</sup> with Hurstville South PS and Beverly Hills PS joint Premiers.

Congratulations to both teams again on great performances.

We have some other exciting Hockey news. One of our players **Mohammed** (5/6K) was accepted into the Hockey Program at Endeavour Sports High School. It must have been all of that high quality coaching from Mr Lennon and I. Well done **Mohammed**.

Mrs Koletti

## Current Payment & Notes

- **Authority to Publish form** due back by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**



## Year 6 Farewell

The big night is near. On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December we will officially say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 students. The doors open to the students at 6.00pm and then re-open again at 8.45pm for parents of our Yr 6 students to come and watch the presentation occur. Please be prompt and ready to pick up your child at 9.00pm.

If students are not being picked up by their regular carer, please let us know in writing the change to your normal routine.

I would like to say a big thank you to Mr Forman, Mrs Canellis, Ms Cairnduff and Mrs Dewsnap and Mrs Ford in the office for all of their hard work preparing for this exciting evening.

Mrs Koletti



## Canteen News

The canteen held a Christmas Walk Sausage Sizzle raffle. The winners were **Kevin** (2/3S) and **Matea** (3L).

Thank you to everyone for your support this year.

Christine Xenos – Canteen Manager

## 2014 Payment Information

The cost for next year's workbooks and resources are listed below for each grade. This amount does not have to be paid this year. Notes will be sent out with further information at the beginning of the 2014 school year.

Kindergarten -	\$35.00
Year 1 -	\$45.00
Year 2 -	\$45.00
Year 3 -	\$50.00
Year 4 -	\$50.00
Year 5 -	\$60.00
Year 6 -	\$60.00

## School News

From time to time issues or disagreements may occur between students. It is the responsibility of school staff to deal with these matters.

I would ask all parents/carers to bring these matters to the attention of a staff member or myself rather than approaching students and discussing matters directly with them.

Mrs Demos



## Behaviour Levels

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

- 50.60 of our students are on Gold Level
- 29.3% of our students are on Silver Level
- 19.50% of our students are on Bronze Level

There are only 0.6% of our students below the acceptable level of Bronze. This is the least amount of students we have ever had below Bronze level at this time of the year.

It is fantastic to see the vast majority of our wonderful students on acceptable levels. The students below Bronze are in danger of missing out on the Acknowledgement Day Picnic and other fun activities which will be held before the end of the year.

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

It would be fabulous if all students could attend; though, we do not want students with poor behaviour to spoil the day for others, so if there are any students below Bronze on that day they will miss out and instead be counselled by a teacher and given strategies to use to hopefully improve their behaviour in the future.

Congratulations to the students who have remained on Gold Level and received a Gold Banner at our special afternoon assembly yesterday.

Thank you to all parents who support our Levels program by asking what level students are on and encouraging good behaviour and manners. Our combined effort is making our school a very pleasant place for all.

**Mrs Berrett – Assistant Principal**

## Giving Tree

Thank you to all of our generous families who kindly donated gifts for our Giving Tree.

Last week all gifts were delivered to Springwood where the Salvation Army Relief Support will distribute them to families who were sadly affected by the recent bush fires in the Blue Mountains.



## School Bus Safety

- There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is picking up or setting down school children.
- This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.
- The 40km/h speed limit must be obeyed when the rear 'wig-wag' lights on the bus flash.
- Flashing headlights on these buses also alert oncoming motorists that children are close by.
- A fine and loss of demerit points will apply for failing to observe the 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus when the 'wig-wag' lights are showing.
- If you park illegally in a bus zone there is a minimum fine of \$253.00 and the loss of 2 demerit points.

## School Holiday Tips

School holidays seem to increase the likelihood of your children quarrelling amongst themselves. Here are some steps you can take to help prevent quarrels:

- Protect the needs of each child – prevent older children's activities from being messed up by younger children and vice versa.
- Spend special time with each child on a regular basis.
- Allow each child to own something that they don't have to share.
- For younger children see that there are enough toys to play with so that they can play together without having to share.
- If you have three children, make sure that the same one is not left out every time.

**For more information go to:**

[www.raisingchildren.net.au](http://www.raisingchildren.net.au)

## Lost Property

If your child has lost an article of clothing, a lunch box, drink bottle etc please ensure you check the Lost Property basket outside of the staffroom on 'A' Block prior to the end of the school year.

**All items not claimed by the end of the year will be disposed of.**

Please ensure you label all your child's belongings. This will ensure they are returned to your child if they are found in the playground.

**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS**

## 2014 Captains and Prefects

Yesterday at our Presentation Day Assembly our Captains and Prefects for 2014 were announced.

### School Captains

**Ky (5/6K) & Georgia (5/6F)**

### Vice Captains

**Zac (5/6K) & Angelique (5/6K)**

### Prefects

**Sarah (5/6K) & Jason (5/6K)**

**Zoe (5/6F) & Joseph (5/6F)**

Congratulations. We look forward to the wonderful job you will all do next year.

## Reflection of 2013 CD

Don't miss out on the opportunity to purchase a CD full of Narwee memories of our year at Narwee Public School for 2013.

A disc is available to purchase which has the PowerPoint Presentation that was shown prior to our Presentation Day Assembly commencing.

Please complete the slip attached to the newsletter and return it to your child's class teacher.

**Discs will be sent home with your child on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.**

## School Picnic & Disco

Just a reminder that on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding our Acknowledgement Day School Picnic and Daytime Disco.

The picnic and disco is the school's way of rewarding those students that are on Bronze, Silver or Gold Level for their good behaviour. Students below Bronze Level will not be permitted to attend.

Recess and drinks must be brought with your child to the picnic. The school will be supplying one sausage sandwich and an ice block for each child for lunch. If your child does not wish to have a sausage sizzle they should also bring their lunch.

**There will be no lunch orders on the day.**

The picnic and disco is for staff and children only. The daytime disco is only a small part of the day so we ask that students wear clothing that is appropriate for outdoor physical activity and dancing. Enclosed shoes are a **MUST**.



## Good Bye & Good Luck Year 6



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

