

Narwee Public School

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Term 4 – Week 3

Wednesday 23rd October 2013

Principal's Report

Due to the terrible weather conditions this week we have kept the students off the playground on some occasions for safety and health purposes. We are constantly thinking too of our fellow Australians who have faced terrible losses through this very serious time of bush fires.

This Wednesday, Thursday and Friday I will be at the State Principal's Conference and Mrs Berrett will be the Relieving Principal in my absence.

Tonight is our P&C meeting from 7.00pm to approximately 8.00pm so please come along and join us for an informative evening.

Rene Demos – Principal

School Security

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

1300 880 021

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 Photos

School photos will be taken on **Tuesday 5th November**. Individual envelopes will be sent home with all students next week.

Envelopes for photos are not to be returned to school until Photo Day.

Family Photo envelopes will be available from the office once you have received your child's individual envelope.

Mrs Rizzov

Term Calendar

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

Term 4, Week 3

Wednesday 23rd October P&C Meeting – 7.00pm
Friday 25th October PSSA – Round 5



Term 4, Week 4

Friday 1st November Swim School Finishes
Friday 1st November PSSA – Round 6

Term 4, Week 5

Tuesday 5th November School Photos
Friday 8th November PSSA – Round 7

Term 4, Week 6

Friday 15th November PSSA – Round 8

Term 4, Week 7

Monday 18th November Writer's Festival
Wednesday 20th November P&C AGM – 7.00pm
Friday 22nd November Last Day of Scripture
Friday 22nd November PSSA – Round 9

Term 4, Week 8

Friday 29th November Christmas Walk
Friday 29th November PSSA – Semis & Finals

Term 4, Week 9

Friday 6th December Reports Sent Home

Term 4, Week 10

Tuesday 10th December Presentation Day



Awards

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

Zahra (3L)	Charlotte (1L)
Magenta (KV)	Jaafar (1/2C)
Zac (1/2C)	Chace (1/2C)
Alex (1/2C)	Stefanie (1/2C)
Cooper (1/2C)	Setefano (2C)
Ismail (2C)	Mohammad (KP)
Faaris (KV)	Kalvin (5/6K)
Mikayla (5/6K)	Mohamad (5/6K)
Sarah (5/6K)	Joel (4/5B)
Elias (4/5B)	Diya (4/5B)
Kristina (3/4R)	Adam (3/4R)
Fatima (3/4R)	Kevin (2/3S)
Evelyn (2/3S)	Jordan (2/3S)
Mikhaela (KP)	Sione (3L)
Jordan (3L)	Trent (1L)

Choosing the Right Shoes

School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from around \$30.00 to \$120.00 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more at:

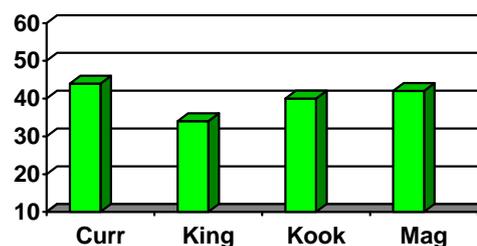
<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

Current Payment & Notes

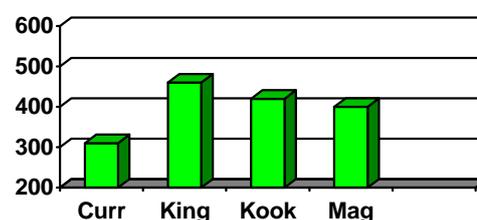
- **Stage 3 Solar Kit** note and payment due back by **Friday 25th October**
- **Chess Tournament** permission note due back by **Friday 25th October**
- **Book Club** order form and payment due back by **Tuesday 29th October**
- **Medical Form** to be returned by **Friday 1st November**
- **Corroboree Festival - 'Gurung Parade'** permission note due back by **Friday 1st November**
- **Christmas Walk** permission note and costume hire due back by **Friday 22nd November**
- **Christmas Walk Canteen Sausage Sizzle** order form and payment due to the canteen by **Wednesday 27th November**



HOUSE POINTS



UNIFORM SPOT CHECK



Christmas Walk

Our Annual Christmas Walk is being held on **Friday 29th November**. A permission note for students and an invitation for parents to attend were attached to last week's newsletter.

The Christmas Walk is based on a Nativity Theme so it would be wonderful if all children could enter into the occasion by coming dressed as one of the following:

- Shepherd
- Angel
- Wise Man
- Star

As with previous years we have a number of costumes that can be hired from the school. The cost to hire an outfit is \$7.00. \$5.00 will be refunded once the outfit is returned and \$2.00 will be kept as a cleaning fee for the outfit that your child wears. Ideas for costumes will be published each week in the newsletter.

The canteen will also be holding a sausage sizzle to celebrate our Christmas Walk.

Mr & Mrs Lennon

Book Club

The next issue of Book Club has been sent home with all students. All order forms and payment are due back no later than **Tuesday 29th October**.

Please ensure all order forms have your child's name and class printed on the top.

Giving Tree

As part of Narwee Public Schools' Christmas Walk that is taking place on **Friday 29th November**, the boys and girls will be presenting toys that will be donated to needy families in the Christmas season.

All gifts need to be handed to your child's teacher by **Friday 22nd November** (Week 7). There will be a prize for the class who has the greatest participation.

Mr & Mrs Lennon

Chess Club Update

Congratulations to the following students who have reached the finals of the Chess Club for 2013; **David M** (3/4R), **Zoe** (5/6F), **Andrew** (3L), **Hussein** (5/6F), **Zahra** (3L) and **Raytim** (2/3S).

From this week, all matches will be played on the outdoor chess board on Thursdays at lunch time (weather permitting) so please come along and support the quiet achievers.

Mr Vaccaro

Dance Festival

Congratulations to all the boys and girls in the Stage 1, Stars and Diamonds Dance Groups who performed last night at the Bankstown Sports Club.

The children were extremely well behaved while off stage but most importantly danced enthusiastically and with a great deal of energy and abundant smiles.

Many thanks go to the teachers who assisted on the night and the parents who supported the children.

Miss Cairnduff

Days off School

As we are in the final term of the school year there can be a tendency to let your child have the occasional day off school.

Stay strong, especially after the weekend. Monday morning is hard for most of us and kids are no different. Getting a good night's sleep on Sunday is important.

Some parents find it easier to do a bit of preparation on Sunday night to give them extra time on Monday morning. This could be in the form of getting uniforms ready, finding shoes and socks, packing bags, bathing or showering at night instead of in the morning and making lunches and keeping them in the fridge.

Schools are constantly monitoring poor attendance in order to rectify problems quickly. Keep in mind that one days absence a week equates to one year off school by the time your child reaches Year 6.

Art Club Mural Project

The stories behind the Mural

Part 1 – 'Ngoonungi'

Thank you to Frances Bodkin for the inspiration in her book 'D'harawal Seasons and Climatic Cycles'.

The season which takes place during the months of September and October is 'Ngoonungi'; also known as the time of the Grey-Headed Flying Fox.

It is typified by weather that is cool yet getting warmer (Murrai'yunggory).

'The time of the gathering of the flying foxes. A magical time of the year when the flying foxes gather in the darkening skies over D'harawal Lands. They come in from the north-east, the north, the north-west and the west, and swirl over the Sydney area in a wonderful, sky-dancing display just before sunset, before setting off for the night-time feeding grounds to the south. But it is also a very important ceremonial time for the D'harawals, which begins with the appearance of the splashes of the bright red Miwa Gawaian (*Telopea speciosissima*) in the bushland'.



(Exert from 'D'harawal Seasons and Climatic Cycles', Frances Bodkin)

Selective High School Applications

Last week all Year 5 students received a postcard and a note expressing the Intention to Apply for a selective High School in 2015.

Selective High Schools are not our standard high schools. They accept highly achieving, academically gifted students. To apply for placement in one of these high schools, students need to complete an application which can be found at:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Students would then sit a Placement Test on **Thursday 13th March, 2014**. Applications must be returned by **Monday 18th November**. If you have any queries about this process, please ask your child's class teacher or see me.

Mrs Koletti

School Surveys

As a part of our Annual School Report, we are evaluating our School Plan. In previous years, paper copies of surveys were sent home with a random selection of classes across the school. This year, to ensure all families have the opportunity to contribute, simple surveys are being completed online.

To complete the survey:

1. Go to:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TMV8LG7>
2. Answer the questions
3. Click on the DONE button and PRESTO! You are finished.

All data collected is anonymous and is extremely important in helping up determine future directions for our school. If you do not have access to the internet, you can request a paper copy of the survey from the office.

Your support in this process would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Koletti

Road Safety

**Please take me to the right side of the road.
Don't leave me on the wrong side of the road.**

Child pedestrians are at greater risk of injury than adults.

- After school, meet your child at the school gate. If driving, park the car safely and legally, get out and walk to the school gate.
- If you are unable to meet your child, arrange for another trusted adult to meet them.
- Until they are at least 8 years old, hold your child's hand on the footpath, in the car park and when crossing the road. Until they are at least 10 years old, hold your child's hand when crossing the road.
- If your child comes home on the school bus, meet your child at the bus stop, before choosing the safest place to cross.
- Talk with your child about what to do if you are late.
- Reward your child with lots of attention and praise for good road safety behaviour.

Year 6 Fund Day

On **Tuesday 3rd December**, Year 6 will be holding their Annual Fundraising Day. Activities will be held between lunch and recess.

Children will be able to participate in many fun activities. There will be lots of prizes and loads of fun for everyone. Watch the newsletter in upcoming weeks for more information.



Monkey Baa Recounts

On Wednesday 9th of October KP, KV, 1L, 1/2C, 2C and 2S went to the Monkey Baa Theatre to watch Emily Eyefinger.

Firstly, we went to the train station and boarded a train to go to Town Hall. We walked to Darling Harbour and took a break.

Our break was done so Miss Seitaridis decided to take a walk. We were walking on a bridge and the teachers decided to take a photo of all of us. We saw a ship and the teachers took another photo.

We walked to the Monkey Baa Theatre and we sat down. Other schools came to watch Emily Eyefinger.

We walked into the theatre and the show began. The show started off as an animation. When the show ended it was time for question time. Question time was finished and we walked back to the train station. We boarded a train and went back to NPS and we had a great day.

Jemar (2/3S)

On Tuesday Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 went to the Monkey Baa Theatre at Darling Harbour.

First we boarded a train to get to Town Hall. Then we walked to Darling Harbour. When we got to Darling Harbour we had lunch.

After we had lunch we played some games and then we went for a walk. When we were walking we saw jellyfish under the bridge.

We went in a circle and stopped at Darling Harbour. After that we went inside the Monkey Baa Theatre. We watched Emily Eyefinger. My favourite bit was when the mouse mummy came out. They said that Emily was born with an eye on the tip of her finger.

After the show we went back to Narwee Public School on the train.

Aaryan (2/3S)

