

Narwee Public School

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Term 4 – Week 4

Wednesday 30th October 2013

Principal's Report

This year we have had a larger group of students than last year attending the Special Swimming Scheme at Roselands Pool.

It is great to see that our families are taking advantage of the free professional swimming tuition which is provided by this scheme. The only cost incurred is the bus fare and pool entry. This is a program we offer each year in Term 4 for students from Years 2 to 6. It is an excellent program which incorporates swimming lessons, survival skills and water safety aspects. The program will run until the end of this week. I have heard that our students are showing great progress.

I would like to share some wonderful news that we received last week. **Jason** (4/5B) won a National Competition. The students were asked to write about a role model and to draw a picture. Jason's role model was our school captain, Patrick. Please take the time to read his winning entry, a copy of which is attached to this week's newsletter. Jason has been inspired by someone who has all the qualities that we are trying to instill in all of our students. We are very proud of those who have attained and who strive to attain these qualities. One entry was chosen from each state of Australia and the competition was open to all students from Years 3 to 6 so it was certainly an outstanding achievement. Well done Jason, you are also an excellent role model.

Cathie Berrett – Relieving 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.

Term Calendar

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

Term 4, Week 4

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

Term 4, Week 5

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



Term 4, Week 6

Friday 15 th November	PSSA – Round 8
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Term 4, Week 7

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

Term 4, Week 8

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

Term 4, Week 9

Friday 6 th December	Reports Sent Home
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Term 4, Week 10

Tuesday 10 th December	Presentation Day
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Awards

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

Jackson (4/5B)	Jack (5/6F)
Zoe (5/6F)	Mohammad (4/5B)
Elana (4/5B)	Lillian (4/5B)
Jamie (4/5B)	Seamus (3L)
Nicola (3L)	Rami (3L)
Ky (5/6K)	William (5/6K)
Zac (5/6K)	Antonia (3/4R)
Robert (3/4R)	Jacquie (3/4R)
Sean (2/3S)	Raytim (2/3S)
Claudia (3/4R)	Jason Y (4/5B)
Mark F (4/5B)	Elias (4/5B)
Anson (4/5B)	Jordon V (3L)
William Y (5/6K)	Sarah G (5/6K)
Jelai (5/6K)	Demi (5/6K)
Danial (5/6K)	Zahra (3L)
Jordan C (3L)	

Christmas Walk

All students are busy learning songs for our Annual Christmas Walk that is being held on **Friday 29th November**.

Permission notes for the walk are due back no later than **Friday 22nd November**. We look forward to seeing all of the Narwee students joining in this wonderful event.

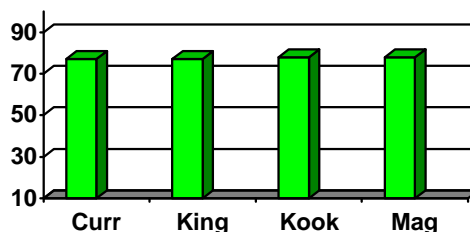
Mr & Mrs Lennon

Current Payment & Notes

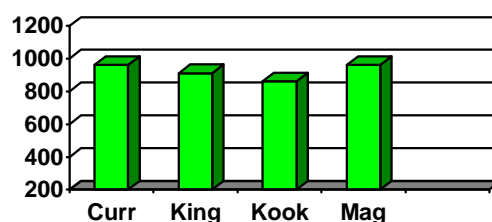
- **Medical Form** to be returned by **Friday 1st November**
- **Corroboree Festival - 'Gurung Parade'** permission note due back by **Friday 1st November**
- **Christmas Walk** permission note and costume hire due back by **Friday 22nd November**
- **Christmas Walk Canteen Sausage Sizzle** order form and payment due to the canteen by **Wednesday 27th November**



HOUSE POINTS



UNIFORM SPOT CHECK



Behaviour Levels

Below are the statistics from our Levels Meeting last week:

Gold Level – 46%
 Silver Level – 31%
 Bronze Level – 21%
 Level 4 or Below – 2%

Many fun activities have been organised this term to reward children on Bronze Level and above. It is hoped that at our next levelling meeting in Week 6 that the few students below Bronze Level will be able to be promoted. To do this they must behave appropriately.

Here are some tips for the students:

- Stop and think before acting
- Be honest, don't tell lies
- Be considerate and think about and care for others
- Be responsible – your action, your consequence
- Be friendly
- Be polite
- Speak nicely – don't ever swear
- Follow instructions
- Don't give attitude
- Try your hardest
- Don't be hurtful

Students who are on Bronze, Silver or Gold Level in Week 11 will be invited to the Acknowledgement Day Picnic and Disco. The Narwee staff would like all students to be able to attend.

Mrs Berrett – Assistant Principal

High School

What's it like in high School?

If your child is starting High School next year, show them this video to ease them into the idea of going to High School. It has great tips on making new friends, getting organised, planning assignments & studying.

Go to:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/highschool/index.php>

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

School Photos

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

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

If you would like your children to have a Family Photo envelopes for this can be collected from the front office.

Mrs Rizzov

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

Art Club Mural Project

The stories behind the Mural

Part 2 – Parra'dowee

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 November and December is Parra'dowee; also known as the time of the Short-finned Eel. It is typified by weather that is warm and wet (Goray'murrai).

This season begins with the Greet Eel Spirit calling his children to him, and the eels which are ready to mate make their way down the rivers and creeks to the ocean. It is the time of the blooming of the Kai'arrewan (*Acacia binervia*) which announces the occurrence of fish in the bays and estuaries.



This is a great law story of the D'harawals which told of the time when the ants, sharks and eels made a pact to keep the seas, land and rivers/creeks clean respectively.

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

Mr Vaccaro

Christmas Card Competition

All students are invited to participate in a Christmas Card Competition being run by our local Member of Parliament Mr Mark Coure MP.

The purpose of the competition is to celebrate the local artistic talents of students and to share in the spirit and festivities of Christmas.

The theme for this year's competition is '**Christmas in the Community**'. Students are invited to submit a design that they think best represents our community at Christmas.

Entries must be submitted to Mrs Muffett by **Wednesday 13th November 2013**.



Sydney Kings Visit

Junior Dunker – 2 free Tickets to a Kings Game

Last Monday at our K-2 assembly we were fortunate to have three players from the Sydney Kings Basketball team visit our school.

They spoke to the children about healthy living, enjoying physical activity and of course Basketball. All the players were able to show the children some basic moves and drills, leading up to some more complex ones.

Most students received a flyer about how to access 2 FREE tickets to a home Sydney Kings game. In order to receive the FREE tickets you must log on to sydneykings.com and sign up to the Junior Dunker Program.

To ensure you receive the tickets you need to enter some personal details such as name, address, email etc. Failure to provide this information will result in no tickets being issued. Please use the flyer to view the dates of the home games and the appropriate website to visit.

Mrs Lennon

Selective High School Information

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2015?

Please find listed below key dates:

15th October 2013

Online Applications Opened

22nd October 2013

Application Information & Forms Available in Schools

18th November 2013

Parents Return Printed Forms to Schools

18th November 2013

Applications Close

27th February 2014

Test Centre Advice Received by Parents/Carers

13th March 2014

Selective High School Placement Test

July 2014

Outcome Advice

If you have any questions or would like any further information please see Mrs Koletti who works on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



Chicken Pox

There has been a confirmed case 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.

What is Chicken Pox and what are the symptoms?

Chicken pox is a highly contagious viral illness. It is spread by droplets produced by coughing and sneezing. Symptoms include:

- Slight fever
- Runny nose
- 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 Chickenpox is likely and arrange for treatment if needed. Most children do not need any treatment for Chickenpox. 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 Chickenpox should not attend school or childcare for at least 7 days after the first spots appear and as long as all of the spots have scabbed over.

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

Canteen News

The canteen will be holding a BBQ to celebrate our Christmas Walk being held on **Friday 29th November**. A BBQ lunch will be available for all students and parents.

Sausages in a roll will be \$3.50 or alternatively a Meal Deal can be purchased for \$6.00. This includes a sausage in a roll along with a packet of chips, an ice block and a Christmas treat.

There will be no other lunch orders on the day.

A Red Day will also be held on the day where children will be able to buy lollies and treats.

Please fill in the order form that was attached to last week's newsletter and return it to the canteen no later than **Wednesday 27th November 2013**. If you have misplaced your order form please see the canteen or one can be downloaded from the school's website.

Christine Xenos – Canteen Manager

