

Narwee Public School

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Term 4 – Week 5

Wednesday 6th November 2013

Principal's Report

Some of our students have been selected to perform at the Regional Directors Choice Evening tomorrow night at Homebush.

This is a very prestigious event and our drumming performances will certainly show the guests how talented our students and staff are.

Our school is being recognised in so many areas: academic strength, sporting performances, public speaking and creative and performing arts.

The P&C have been very active fundraising for school resources and are a great support to the staff and also myself. Is it any wonder why so many families want their children to attend our school!

We have had so many people seeking enrolment for the 2014 school year and it would be appreciated if you could notify the office if your child will not be returning next year.

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.

Contact Details

It is important that all parent/carers contact details are kept up to date in the event that the school needs to get in touch with you if your child becomes unwell at school.

If you need to update any of your contact details please see the front office.

Term Calendar

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

Term 4, Week 5

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

Term 4, Week 11

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



Awards

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

Maraam (KP)	Tia (2/3S)
Victoria (2/3S)	Jackson P (4/5B)
Mohammad H (4/5B)	Aaryan (2/3S)
Pafusi (3/4R)	Claudia (3/4R)
Catherine (3/4R)	Demi (5/6K)
Elmer (5/6K)	Reya (3L)
Trishna (KV)	Cynthia (KV)
Haidar (1L)	Ivan (1L)
Keira-Mei (KP)	Kiara (1/2C)
Noah (1/2C)	Chanel (1/2C)
Maysaa (3L)	Hiba (3L)
Aliyah (2C)	Joseph (2C)
Tiari (4/5B)	Savvas (5/6K)
Mark F (4/5B)	Aliyah (5/6F)
Sadek (5/6F)	Isabel (5/6F)

Current Payment & Notes

- **Christmas Walk** permission note and costume hire due back by **Friday 22nd November**
- **School Survey** to be completed online by **Friday 22nd November**
- **Christmas Walk Canteen Sausage Sizzle** order form and payment due to the canteen by **Wednesday 27th November**
- **Year 6 Farewell** permission note and payment due back by **Friday 29th November**

Year 6 Farewell

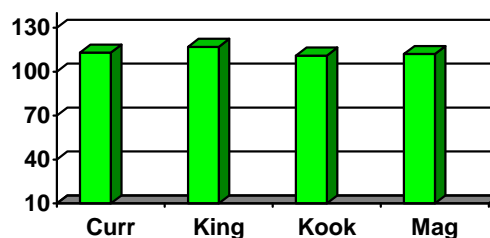
Year 5 & 6 students received their invitations to the 2013 Year 6 Farewell last week. In keeping with previous years, the Farewell is being held in the Blueberry Hill Room at the Canterbury Leagues Club on Monday 16th December.

Please ensure your child returns their permission note and payment as soon as possible.

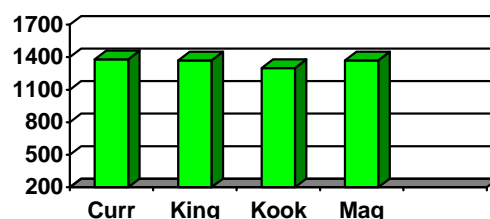
Mrs Koletti



HOUSE POINTS



UNIFORM SPOT CHECK



Chess Club News

On Tuesday 29th October the Chess Club finalists for 2013 took part in a one-day tournament organised by the NSW Junior Chess League. 35 teams from 9 different schools participated in the challenge.

All students were organised into teams of 3 and played 8 games throughout the day. Both teams enjoyed their first tournament experience and performed well on the day, particularly Team A who came 19th which consisted of **David** (3/4R), **Zoe** (5/6F) and **Hussein**(5/6F).

Mr Vaccaro

Sun Safety

This spring has seen temperatures soar. A new information pack with the latest advice on sun safety is available for parents.

Find out more at:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentssupport/studenthealth/sun-safety/index.php>

Label Everything

Your child's belongings can get easily misplaced at school. Please label all of your child's belongings with their name.

If your child has lost an article of clothing please check in the Lost Property basket located outside the staffroom on 'A' Block.

PSSA Reports

Hockey

This week we played Peakhurst Public School who proved to be formidable opponents in both the junior and senior games.

Our juniors were unlucky to lose 0-1 in a close match. **Seamus** (3L) had a great game and proved himself to be Mr Everywhere. Player of the week went to **Andrew** (3L) for being the most improved player on the field.

Our seniors match was incredibly tight with a final score of 1-1. After this week, **Isabel** (5/6F) must forever be known as 'Intercept Isabel'. **Sophia** (4/5B) also impressed, improving so much so quickly.

Player of the week was **Ky** (5/6K) who held his position perfectly and came so close to scoring so many times that we could only laugh.

Well done all!

Mrs Koletti

Newcombe Ball

The Senior Newcombe Ball team played Penshurst West Public School and WON in 3 games to 0.....congratulations to all team members for working together to score the points to win the game. **William** (5/6K) did a great job catching off the serves. Congratulations to **Brandon** (5/6F) for improved skills. Player of the match went to **Ethan** (5/6F) for powerful throws. Great work seniors, keep up the winning streak!

The Junior Newcombe Ball team also played Penshurst West Public School this week and lost. Great job to all players for trying hard and having fun in the process. Well done to **Chanell** (3L) and **Zahra** (3L) for a great game this week. Player of the week went to **Catherine** (3/4R) for improved skills in catching.

Mrs Rizzov

Home Readers

Could all parents of students from Kindergarten to Year 2 please ensure that their child's Home Readers are returned to school by Friday 29th November.

If you have lost your child's Home Reader a \$10.00 replacement fee will be charged.

Thank you to all of our parents for your ongoing support shown towards our Home Reading Scheme this year.

We look forward to your continued co-operation and support for our reading scheme in 2014.

Ms Muffett



Art Club Mural Project

The stories behind the Mural

Part 3 – Burran

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 January and March is Burran; also known as the time of the Eastern Grey Kangaroo. It is typified by weather that is hot and dry (Gadalung Marool).

'The behaviour of the male kangaroos become quite aggressive in this season and it is a sign that the eating of meat is forbidden during this time. This is a health factor; because of the heat of the day meat does not keep, and the likelihood of food poisoning is apparent. The blooming of the Weetjellan (Acacia Iplexa) is an important sign that fires must not be lit unless they are well away from bushland and on sand only, and that there will be violent storms and heavy rain, so camping near creeks and rivers is not recommended'.

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

Mr Vaccaro



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

Important Message

The last day of school for all students will be Wednesday 18th December.

Classes will not operate on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st December as all staff will be involved in Staff Development.

Keep Your Child Safe

Prevent falls

Falls are the most common cause of injuries in children. Over 8,000 children are admitted to hospital each year due to falls. A fall from a height can be especially serious.

How Can You Prevent Falls at Home?

- Ensure windows cannot be opened more than 9 – 10cm except by an adult, or have a securely fitted window guard.
- Remember, fly screens give no protection against falls from windows.
- Keep objects that a child can use to stand or climb on away from windows (including beds, cupboards, chairs and other furniture).
- Keep objects that a child can use to stand or climb on away from balconies (including pot plants, outdoor furniture, boxes, etc).

More tips on Child Safety at:

www.health.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/childsafety/index.asp

Selective High School 2015

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

Please find listed below key dates:

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.



International Games Day

Love all sorts of games?

Join us for a day of fun-thrill activities to celebrate International Games Day at Hurstville Library. Activities include: board games, drop-ins, giant chess, giant connect four, kids craft station, kids puzzles, Minecraft Quick Build Challenge and more.

When: Saturday 16th November

Time: 11.00am – 3.00pm

Where: Hurstville Library

For more information, contact Hurstville Library on 9330 6142

Computer Safety Tips

Keep computers out in the open!

Your child might think twice about looking at inappropriate websites and won't be able to chat to their friends all night while you think they are doing their homework.

For more information go to:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au

Competition Winner

At our Monday afternoon assembly **Jason** (4/5B), who wrote a story about his role model and was the first prize state winner in a stationery competition was presented with the prizes from Di who represented OfficeMax and Ben who contributed the prizes of stationery.

Jason received a stationery gift pack and the school received \$1000.00 and 2 huge parcels of stationery which will be distributed across the school.

Jason will also receive a \$100.00 gift voucher from the school as an acknowledgement of his great effort.

Mrs Demos

