

# Narwee Public School

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Term 4 – Week 6

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013

## Principal's Report

Many thanks to our brilliant students, staff and parents who were involved in last Thursday's Directors Choice Award Ceremony at Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre. Our students shone and were exceptional ambassadors of our school.

There were many positive comments about the quality of our performance, the smart band outfits and our student's good behaviour. I am very proud of you all.

This term is passing us by at a very speedy pace. Teachers are in the process of completing end of year reports. Reports are written to provide parents with clear, concise, fair and honest reporting which reflects a child's progress including strengths and weaknesses.

Reports are an important document and it is advisable that they be stored in a safe place for future reference.

**Reports will be sent home on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.**

On **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** we will be holding our Annual Christmas Walk. This will be our 8<sup>th</sup> year holding this event. Students have always delivered a gift to various shops in Narwee shopping centre. Last week we received a generous donation of \$100.00 from **Mr Albert Farid**, the owner of Narwee Shoe Repair who looks forward to our event each year. This contribution will be used for resources to support the walk.

**Please note on your calendar - the last day of school for all students will be Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.**

Staff will be involved in Staff Development on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

**Rene Demos - Principal**

## 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 6

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November PSSA – Round 8**

### Term 4, Week 7

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November Writer's Festival**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November P&C AGM – 7.00pm**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Last Day of Scripture**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November PSSA – Round 9**



### Term 4, Week 8

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November Christmas Walk**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November PSSA – Semis & Finals**

### Term 4, Week 9

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December Reports Sent Home**

### Term 4, Week 10

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December Presentation Day**

### 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**

## 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.

Sereen (3/4R)	Sidney (3/4R)
Martin (2/3S)	Ibrahim (2/3S)
Alcheyah (3/4R)	Indianna (5/6K)
Kalib (5/6K)	Jemuel (5/6K)
Mark (4/5B)	Katerina (4/5B)
Garry (4/5B)	Ayah (3L)
Jeralias (3L)	Nicola (3L)
Kauthar (5/6F)	Sadek (5/6F)
Ashleigh (5/6F)	Andrew (3L)
Mikayla (5/6K)	Angelique (5/6K)
Sally (5/6K)	Jackson (5/6K)
Onofre (4/5B)	Fatima (5/6F)
Sulia (3/4R)	David (3/4R)
Christian (KV)	Harrison (KV)
Jemar (2/3S)	Dhanisha (2C)
Hussein (2C)	Lande (KP)
Kayne (KP)	Ali (KV)
Christopher (2C)	Keira (KV)
Reuben (KV)	Mikhaela (KP)
Toby (1/2C)	Isaac (1L)
Ioannis (KV)	Chase (1/2C)
Yasmine (1L)	Kane (1L)
Ovon (1L)	Praneil (1/2C)
Shyanne (1/2C)	Joseph (5/6F)

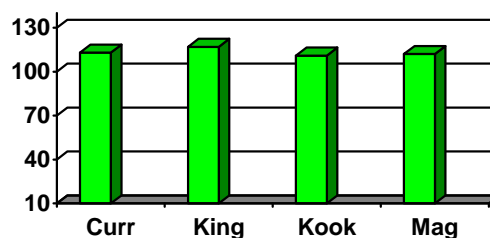
## Contact Details

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.

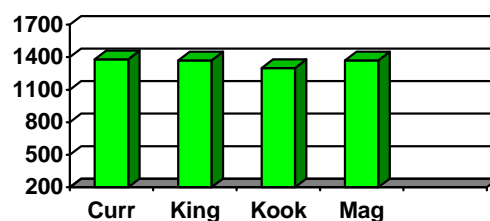
If you need to update any of your contact details please see the front office.



HOUSE POINTS



UNIFORM SPOT CHECK



## Canteen News

### Skeleton Day – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013

The canteen will be holding a Skeleton Day for all students to promote healthy bones as well as encouraging a higher calcium intake for our students.

A meal deal is available to purchase for \$6.00. This will include a cheese sandwich or toasted cheese sandwich, a flavoured milk and a moosies ice cream.

All students who purchase a meal deal will go into a draw to win a movie voucher.

Please fill in the order form that we have attached again to this week's newsletter. All orders must be returned to the canteen no later than **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**.

**Christine Xenos – Canteen Manager**

## Year 6 Farewell

Permission notes were sent home in last week's newsletter with all Year 5 & 6 students for the Year 6 Farewell. The Farewell is being held at Canterbury Leagues Club in the Blueberry Hill Function Room on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**.

Please ensure your child returns their permission note and payment no later than **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**. The cost is \$15.00 for Year 5 students. There is no cost for Year 6 students.

Mrs Koletti



## 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 4 – Marrai'gang

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 April and June is Marrai'gang; also known as the time of the Spotted Quoll. It is typified by weather that is wet yet becoming cooler (Bana'murrai'yung).



'The time of the year when the cries of the Marrai'gang (Quoll) seeking his mate can be heard through the forests and woodlands, and when the lilly pillys ripen on the trees. However, when the lilly pillys start to fall, it is time to mend the old warm cloaks from last cold season, or make new ones, and begin the yearly trek to the coastal areas.

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

Mr Vaccaro

## Important Message

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

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

## Selective High School 2015

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

Applications are required by **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013** for parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2015.

Parents with internet access are requested to apply online. Application information is available at:

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)

For parents without internet access a limited number of paper application forms are available from Mrs Koletti.

All students seeking Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2015 will be required to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014**.

Applicants may apply for a total of any four selective high schools. A complete list of selective high schools is available at:

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolfind/types/shs\\_ahs\\_details.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolfind/types/shs_ahs_details.php)

## Public Transport

New timetables for trains, buses and ferries are now in place. To find out more go to:

<http://www.131500.com.au/timetable-changes>

## School Photos

All class photo orders have been finalised. If you still wish to order photos please contact MSP Photography directly on **9558 3363**

## Current Payment & Notes

- **Canteen Skeleton Day** order form and payment due to the canteen by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**
- **Christmas Walk** permission note and costume hire due back by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**
- **School Survey** to be completed online by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**
- **Christmas Walk Canteen Sausage Sizzle** order form and payment due to the canteen by **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**
- **Year 6 Farewell** permission note and payment due back by **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**



## Beach Safety

Now that the weather is warming up it is important to teach your children about beach safety.

Always swim between the red and yellow flags at the beach. Make sure you never swim alone and always supervise children at the beach.

## Giving Tree

As part of the Narwee Public School's Annual Christmas Walk that is taking place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, the boys and girls of Narwee will be presenting a chosen charity with toys to be donated to needy families in the Christmas Season.

Children can bring in toys to be donated. We ask that these gifts be left unwrapped and new. Please do not bring in second-hand toys. These donations need not be expensive as we are trying to teach the children that Christmas is a time of giving and caring for others.

All gifts need to be handed in to your child's class teacher by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** and remember there is a prize for the class who has the greatest participation. We thank you for your co-operation and hope that you support this worthy cause.

**Mr & Mrs Lennon**

## Writer's Festival

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 15 students from Narwee Public School will be attending the Sutherland Shire Writer's Festival. Although our school is not located in the Sutherland Shire, we have received a special invitation as our very own Mrs Wells is the festival co-ordinator.

The students will get an opportunity to listen to talks and meet 4 prominent children's authors and illustrators. There will also be an on-site book shop stocked with books that students can purchase and have autographed on the day. We look forward to hearing about their wonderful experience at the Writer's Festival when they return to school.

## Digital Citizenship

We are the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills – how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online.

Here are some tips to get you started:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/raising-good-digital-citizens>

## Road Safety

### Avoid traffic congestion around the school

- Allocate enough time to get your child to the school gate safely and without rushing.
- Always observe the parking signs outside the school. They are designed to keep children safe.
- Never park illegally. This includes in the school driveway, on or near the school crossing, in the bus zone and in the 'No Parking' zone.
- Never double park. This blocks the vision of other drivers, forces children onto the road and obstruct the flow of traffic.

## PSSA Report

### Newcombe Ball

The Junior and Senior Newcombe Ball teams played Penshurst West Public School on Friday.

The junior team played very well as a team and made some great saves to keep themselves in the game to the very end. Although eventually being beaten all players had a great game and continue to show improvement each week. Don't forget to keep encouraging one another and play YOUR best game. Player of the match went to **Elias** (4/5B) for always giving his best and being a great team player.

The seniors played a good match only being defeated in the last set by 2 points. Great catching by **Jelai** (5/6K) and **Zoe** (4/5B) saw us staying in the game right to the end. With some powerful serving by **Jason** (5/6K) and **Eric** (5/6K) we were able to get a few easy points. Player of the match went to **Garry** (4/5B) for great improvement in skills and trying hard to learn the rules.

**Mrs Canellis**

## Christmas Walk

Just a reminder that our Annual Christmas Walk is being held on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** from 10.00 to 11.00am. All parents are welcome to attend.

Permission notes for the walk are due back no later than **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**.

The canteen will be holding a sausage sizzle on the day. Orders can be handed directly to the canteen and must be in no later than **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**. There will also be special treats on sale.

We look forward to seeing the main street of Narwee full of our wonderful students singing the songs they have been busy learning over the last few weeks.

**Mr & Mrs Lennon**