

# Narwee Public School

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Term 4 – Week 7

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013

## Principal's Report

Tonight we will be holding our Annual General Meeting to elect our 2014 P&C Committee. The P&C play an important role in the decision making process and fundraising activities of our school. I encourage our school community to get involved and attend the meetings which occur 8 times throughout the year.

We are already planning for next year. I would like to say thank you to those parents who have notified us that their child will not be returning in 2014 due to a change of address. This helps us greatly in planning for classes.

We will be listing any stationery needed for 2014 in our upcoming newsletters so that parents/carers can purchase items during the vacation period. Costs for books and resources required for next year will also be listed and these will need to be paid for by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014**. A note will be sent home at the beginning of the year informing you of the details.

**Rene Demos - Principal**

## Canteen Skeleton Day

On Monday the canteen held a Skeleton Day to promote healthy bones as well as encouraging a higher calcium intake for our students.

Thank you to all the students who took part by ordering a special meal deal that was packed full of calcium.



## Term Calendar

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

### Term 4, Week 7

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
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### Term 4, Week 10

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

## 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.

# Important

## Awards

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

Isaak (2C)	Amira (2C)
Brandon (2/3S)	George (4/5B)
Sakinah (2/3S)	William (2/3S)
Jason (4/5B)	Reya (3L)
Elana (4/5B)	Latif (4/5B)
Marko (2C)	Christopher (2C)
Rami (3L)	Lily (3L)
Mahdi (1/2C)	Arvan (KP)
Alex (1/2C)	Sandra (KV)
Zac (1/2C)	Kleo (KP)
Jaydn (KV)	Sadek (5/6F)
Abbiel (5/6F)	Angelique (5/6K)
Joanna (5/6K)	Alex (5/6K)
Catherine (3/4R)	Neil (3/4R)
Jacque (3/4R)	

## Year 6 Fund Day

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013

Year 6 are running their Annual Fundraising Day. This is a special day where the Year 6 students organise a range of exciting activities in order to raise money to purchase a leaving gift for the school.

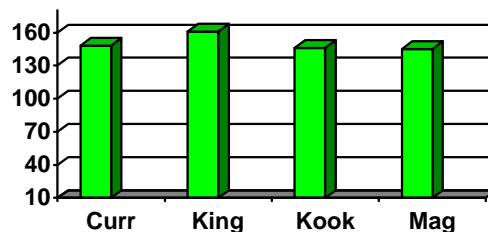
All students are invited to attend and help support this special day. Students can help support the Year 6 students by dressing in mufti and bringing in a gold coin donation for this as well as bringing in a small amount of money to spend on the activities.

Some of the fantastic activities include a haunted house, a fairy garden, ice-cream spiders, mini tramps, ten-pin bowling and much much more. A flyer will be sent home again in next week's newsletter with more information about the day.

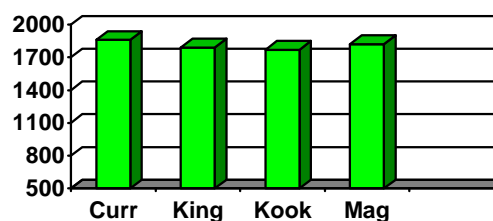
Mr Forman



HOUSE POINTS



UNIFORM SPOT CHECK



## Art Club Mural Project

The stories behind the Mural

Part 5 – Burrugin

*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 June and late July is 'Burrugin'; also known as the time of the Spiny Anteater. It is typified by weather that consists of cold, frosty and short days (Tugarah Tuli).

This is the time when the male Burrugin (echidnas) form lines of up to ten as they follow the female through the woodlands in an effort to wear her down and mate with her. It is also the time when the Burringoa (Eucalyptus tereticornis) starts to produce flowers, indicating that it is time to collect the nectar of certain plants for the ceremonies which will begin to take place during the next season. It is also a warning not to eat shellfish again until the Boo'kerrikin blooms.

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



## 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.**

## Book Club

The final issue of Book Club for 2013 has been sent home with all students.

If you would like to place an order please ensure your child's order form and money are returned to their class teacher no later than **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. Thank you to all the parents and students that have supported Book Club this year.

## 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.

## School Security

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

**1300 880 021**

## Current Payment & Notes

- **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**
- **Book Club** order form and payment due back by **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**.

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## Corroboree Festival

### Gurung Parade

Last Thursday students from Narwee Public School took part in the inaugural 'Gurung Parade' as part of the Corroboree Festival Sydney.

Our students joined 1500 other primary school students from across NSW in what was a truly remarkable parade from Hyde Park to Government House.

The sea of red waratahs, handmade by all participating students, held by both Indigenous and non-Indigenous children was an amazingly powerful and symbolic sight to behold.

Upon arrival at Government House, students were met by the Corroboree Council of Elders and the NSW Governor Prof. Marie Bashir. They then had their picnic lunch while being entertained by numerous local Indigenous performances; from a student choir and dance act to some musical acts and a great didgeridoo show.

The performances were as beautiful as they were diverse, a great testament to contemporary Indigenous culture today.

All students were extremely well behaved on the day, so a big thank you to everyone who attended.

### Mrs Muffett, Mrs Cope & Mr Vaccaro



### Newcombe Ball

The Junior and Senior Newcombe Ball team played Oatley West Public School last Friday.

The senior team tried hard but were defeated 45 points to 26. Player of the week went to **Zoe** (5/6F) for always trying her best and playing with determination each week.

The junior team lost 45 points to 33. Well done juniors as you really gave it a great shot and didn't give up. Player of the week went to **Chanell** (3L) for enthusiasm and skill every week.

### Mrs Canellis

#### Hockey

Last week we played Beverly Hills Public School in the chilly weather. Both teams demonstrated great sportsmanship which led to two enjoyable matches. The juniors drew 1-1 and the seniors lost 6-0. All of the juniors showed a greatly improved understanding of their positions and how to take free shots. Player of the week went to **Ibrahim** (2/3S) who must have had lots of petrol in his tank because he did not stop running for the entire match.

In the senior's game, our players were faced with some big hitting and strong players but we never gave up! **Patrick** (5/6F) invented his own new position called Attacking Mid Defender! Player of the week went to **Mohammed** (5/6K) for his efforts playing and for his efforts keeping up the spirits of his team.

### Mrs Koletti

#### Girls Touch Football

**Juniors lost 3-1 Seniors lost 6-1**

**Juniors-** well played girls. You all hung in there against a strong opposition and did not give up at all. You all displayed teamwork and a real positive attitude. I am impressed with your defence as you all moved up together and put pressure on the other team. Player of the match went to **Elle** (3/4R) for having a great running game.

**Seniors** – I think you played well despite the results. Your attacking game was better and you all passed the ball around a lot - a big improvement. When defending, make sure you all advance forward together to put pressure on the opposition. Player of the match went to **Georgia** (5/6F) for her strong runs.

### Mr Forman



## Behaviour Levels

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

- 46% of our students are on Gold Level
- 31% are on Silver Level
- 22% are on Bronze Level and sadly 1% are below this acceptable level.

It is fantastic to see so many of our students on acceptable levels and it is hoped that the students below Bronze can change their behaviour and reach Bronze Level by the end of the term.

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

It would be wonderful if all students could attend; however, we do not want students with poor behaviour to spoil the day for others, so if there are any students below Bronze Level on that day they will not participate. Please ask your child what level they are on and keep encouraging good behaviour and manners.

### Mrs Berrett – Assistant Principal

## Community Surveys

A number of parents have been coming with me into the computer room to complete our Community Surveys – as promised they discovered how quick and easy this was. It will take you less than 5 minutes and will help us to make important decisions for the coming years.

Please take a look at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TMV8LG7>

If you don't want to type out the web address, go into the newsletter on our website and just click on the link!

### Mrs Koletti

## School Leaders 2014

This Thursday, our Year 5 students will be giving some speeches to the rest of their Year 5 peers to start the process of determining who will become our 2014 school leaders. So, what is a good school leader? It is not the most popular, most pretty or the most sporty person in the grade. Year 5 brainstormed a list of attributes of a good student leader. They decided that a good leader is a student who:

- Is a role model and helps others without being asked
- Always tries their best and joins in lots of groups
- Always follows the rules in and out of school hours
- Wears their full school uniform every day and is polite to teachers and other students

### Mrs Koletti