

Narwee Public School

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Term 2 – Week 1

Wednesday 1st May 2013

Principal's Report

Welcome back to school. Over the vacation period we had 2 classrooms painted and our grounds received some tender loving care. The newly started vacation care was very successful and this is a program I plan to continue.

Reminder

Our school newsletter is sent home each Wednesday. A great deal of time is spent preparing the newsletter to keep our community informed about school activities.

Permission notes are also attached to the newsletter and it is important that parents/carers take time to read the newsletter.

The newsletter and notes are also able to be downloaded from the school website. We often receive requests for additional copies of permission notes from people who have lost or can't find them. This is time consuming for my staff and costly to the school.

Additionally we often are requested for additional copies of school reports and NAPLAN results. These are important documents and parents should be filing them in a safe place for future reference. It is not the school's responsibility to provide additional copies of such documents.

Pre Service Teachers

This term you will see a number of new people working in our school. We are fortunate to have students training from Notre Dame University, Charles Sturt University and The University of Western Sydney.

Rene Demos – Principal

Kindergarten Enrolments

Kindergarten enrolments are now being accepted for all eligible children and siblings of those already enrolled at our school for 2014.

Children must turn 5 before 1st August 2014 to be able to enrol for next year. Please call at the front office if you need to collect an application form or alternatively you can download one from our school website.



Term Calendar

Upcoming Events at Narwee Public School

Please put these dates in your diary.

Term 2, Week 1

Friday 3rd May PSSA – Round 8

Term 2, Week 2

Wednesday 8th May Mother's Day Stall

Wednesday 8th May Cross Country

Friday 10th May PSSA – Round 9

Friday 10th May Stewart House Day

Term 2, Week 3

Tuesday 14th May NAPLAN

Wednesday 15th May NAPLAN

Wednesday 15th May P&C Meeting - AM

Thursday 16th May NAPLAN

Friday 17th May PSSA Semis & Finals

Term 2, Week 4

Tuesday 21st May UNSW Computer Skills

Thursday 23rd May District Cross Country

Term 2, Week 6

Tuesday 4th June Family Day

Wednesday 5th June UNSW Science

Friday 7th June Season 2 PSSA Begins

Term 2, Week 7

Monday 10th June Public Holiday

Friday 14th June PSSA – Round 2



Free Parent Workshop

Thank you to those parents who have already sent in their Expression of Interest notes for the planned free workshops.

Roza Georgieva (the presenter) has contacted me to advise that she would like to run the NAPLAN workshop on Wednesday 8th May from 9.30am – 10.30am.

Please keep this morning free and come along to this important workshop.

Ms Georgieva has chosen this date and time due to her other commitments. I will advise you when we will be holding the homework help workshop in the near future.

Mrs Demos

Debating Workshop

On April 2nd, **Mohammad** (5/6K), **Jason** (5/6K), **Jackson** (5/6K) and I, **Sally** from 5/6K attended a whole day workshop about debating at Georges Hall PS.

Mrs Muffett drove us there. There were three teachers who taught us about how to create a successful debate.

We participated in a mock trial debate against Georges Hall PS. The topic was 'Zoos should be banned'. We were the negative side and had to argue that zoos should not be banned and stated reasons as well as rebutted against the debaters from Georges Hall PS.

It was a great learning day about debating. Thanks to Mrs Muffett for taking us to Georges Hall PS.

Sally (5/6K)

Sausage Sizzle

The canteen will be holding a sausage sizzle for all students and parents at the Cross Country Carnival on **Wednesday 8th May**.

All profits raised from the sausage sizzle will be donated to the school to go towards subsidising the school camp in Term 3.

Sausages in a roll will be available for purchase for \$3.50.

A meal deal is also available for \$6.00. This will include a sausage on a roll along with a packet of chips and a slushie voucher.

There will be no other lunch orders on the day.

Please fill in the order slip attached to this week's newsletter and return it to the canteen by **Monday 6th May 2013**.

Cross Country Carnival

Wednesday 8th May 2013

Commencing at 12.10pm with the 8/9 Yr races.
Concluding at approximately 1.50pm

All children in Years 3-6 along with the children in Year 2 who are 8 years old or who are turning 8 by the end of the year will be participating in the School Cross Country Carnival.

Children are asked to wear their sports uniform with accessories in their house colour. Sport shoes should also be worn and sun protection measures should be taken.

Please ensure that children have a good breakfast and bring a healthy lunch, a water bottle and an asthma puffer if needed.

Pencil cases etc will still be needed for morning and afternoon activities.

Students who are unable to run on the day must bring a signed note by their parents. They are expected to attend and help cheer on their team mates. Please encourage your child to participate, achieve their personal best result and earn house points for their team.

Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Mrs Rizzov



Peer Support

Next week, Stage 3 will spend Monday and Tuesday participating in two training days to help prepare them to become reliable, responsible and strong leaders. They will complete a variety of exciting and informative co-operative and group activities.

These training days will be run by Stage 3 teachers and held in the school hall at no cost. Stage 3 students participating in the training will be allowed to wear sensible mufti, making sure they still wear enclosed shoes and a hat.

Don't forget to bring your pencil case, fully stocked with all the basic equipment such as scissors, glue and coloured pencils.

These training days are essential to prepare Stage 3 leaders for the lessons they will be implementing during Peer Support in Term 2 so attendance is vital.

Mrs Koletti

School Disco

What another successful event proudly brought to you by the phenomenal SRC. The focus of the disco was for the SRC members to gain relevant skills relating to organisation, public speaking and cash handling skills.

In the weeks leading up to the disco the SRC discussed what items they wanted to sell at the disco. They put forward suggestions of songs and decided on different roles that they would take responsibility for.

During the disco they students were announcing the games of the evening, judging the winners of the dance competitions and were responsible for the selling of the food and beverages.

The disco was a huge success raising \$1357.00. The disco could not be this successful without the donations of prizes and food. A special thank you to Mrs Thomson for donating the prizes. Thank you to all the wonderful students and families for your support.

Mr & Mrs Lennon

NAPLAN

Tuesday 14th May

Language Conventions & Writing

Wednesday 15th May

Reading

Thursday 16th May

Numeracy

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 in all government and non-government school. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of all students in all Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

It is important all students in Years 3 and 5 attend school on these days. On **Friday 17th May** a 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.



School Security

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

1300 880 021

Healthy Habits

- Encourage your child to drink lots of water instead of fizzy drinks. This helps with their metabolism and their general health.
- Encourage your child to snack on fruit and vegetables such as carrot sticks, watermelon, bananas and apples instead of chips and chocolate. This will teach them healthy eating habits for later life.
- Always have healthy snacks in the house to decrease the temptation of having unhealthy ones.
- Make sure your children always have a healthy breakfast every morning including whole grains, proteins such as eggs, cereals low in sugar and fresh fruit.



Lost Property

Your child's belongings can easily get misplaced at school.

Please label all of your child's belongings with their name. Don't forget books, pencil cases, clothing and school bag. Please ensure lunch boxes and drink bottles are also labelled.

If your child has misplaced an item please check with their class teacher as all items labelled are returned to the appropriate classroom.

Road Safety Reminder

The best way to protect your children near traffic is to hold their hands. Young children do not make effective use of their hearing and vision and lack the skills to make safe decisions when in the road traffic environment.

Remember – watching children is never enough.

Always cross the road at a pedestrian crossing and remember to look right, then left and right again before crossing the road to check there are no cars coming.



Medical Insurance

Parents please note there is no personal injury insurance cover provided by the NSW Department of Education and Training for students in relation to school sporting activities, physical education lessons or any other school activity.

Parents and caregivers are advised to assess the level and extent of their child's involvement in the sport program offered by the school, school sport zone, region and state school sport associations when deciding whether additional insurance cover, above that provided by Medicare, is required.

Personal accident insurance cover is available through normal retail outlets. The NSW Supplementary Sporting Injury Benefits Scheme funded by the NSW Government, provides limited cover for serious injury resulting in the permanent loss of a prescribed faculty or the use of some prescribed part of the body.

Further information can be obtained from:
www.sportinginjuries.com.au

Celebrate Attendance

It is important for parents to make attending school a priority

Allowing children days off for birthdays, to look after younger children, to go shopping, to keep you company or because they were tired from a late night not only sends the wrong message to your child, it is against the law.

Children who get used to having days off school for these kinds of reasons develop an attitude that their attendance at school is not very important. This can become a big issue as a child gets older.

Teach your children that being on time is important. Children that are often late to school miss the part of the school day when the teacher explains new activities. The beginning of the day is also when many students are freshest and can concentrate better.

Students that are late on a regular basis may become the target for comment by other students and often as a result isolate themselves from their peers.

Telling the Time

Learning to tell the time is one of those life skills that, well, take time. There are some great resources on the School A to Z website that can help. This page includes a downloadable clock template and both analogue and digital time references. For more information please visit:

www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/detresources/tell_the_time_uHKOzycPnd.pdf

What Did You Do At School Today?

If your child answers this question by saying 'nothing', try asking a different question: 'What words did you learn today?', 'Who did you play with at lunchtime?' or 'What did you enjoy most about school today?'

Friendships

Do Friendships make learning easier?

Your child's ability to make friends will affect their interest in learning – how can you help?

- Help them to learn self-control.
- Show them how well you treat other people, so they can learn from you.
- If you are concerned, speak to your child's teacher about it.

More details at:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine/yr2010/issue03/index.php



Take Your Holidays When We Do

Parents and teachers get concerned when students fall behind in their studies because of long absences.

Families who plan to travel are encouraged to travel during school holidays. Parents are reminded that they must seek permission from the Principal to take a student out of school during term time.

If you are planning to take your child out of school during term time, please make an appointment to discuss your plans with the Principal.

Mrs Demos has information to assist families to plan holidays that are least disruptive to your child's schooling. Parents planning to travel may apply for 15 extra days approved leave.

Term Dates for 2013

Term 2: Monday 29th April to Friday 28th June

Term 3: Monday 15th July to Friday 20th September

Term 4: Tuesday 8th October to Friday 20th December