

Narwee Public School

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Term 2 – Week 2

Wednesday 8th May 2013

Principal's Report

Today the SRC held a very successful Mother's Day Stall. Our students were very excited about buying a gift for their special mum.

The SRC have shown great leadership qualities in their management thus far of the fundraising activities for the year which include the school disco and today's stall. The skills they gain will provide lifelong benefits to our very reliable school leaders and the students who learn from observing them and who aspire to follow in their footsteps. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Lennon who are our SRC co-ordinators. May I wish all our mums a great and relaxing Mother's Day.

Tomorrow we have again been requested to host a visit from some of our Members of Parliament. This is a credit to the work undertaken in the school by our dedicated staff, hardworking students and enthusiastic and supportive community.

The honourable Christopher Pyne, the Shadow Minister for Education, MP Mark Coure, Member for Oatley and David Coleman, Liberal Candidate for the Federal Electorate of Banks will be at the school in the afternoon observing various school activities.

Rene Demos – Principal

School Security

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

1300 880 021

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 2

Friday 10th May PSSA – Round 9

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

Term 2, Week 8

Monday 17th June UNSW Writing
Tuesday 18th June UNSW Spelling
Wednesday 19th June P&C Meeting 9.30am
Friday 21st June Reports Send Home
Friday 21st June PSSA Round 3



Awards

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

Isaak (2C)	Hannah (2C)
Kevin (2/3S)	Kiara (1/2C)
Jaafar (1/2C)	Mahdi (1/2C)
James (KP)	Nancy (KP)
Rayden (KV)	Sandra (KV)
Angelina (1L)	Joshua (1L)

Peer Support

Our whole school will be starting Peer Support sessions this week. The children will be participating in a new module 'Moving Forward' which focuses on resilience.

The experiences in the module help children to identify their qualities and strengths, develop skills, respond with a range of strategies and seek support when faced with challenges.

In this session, the children will establish connections with the other members of their group and develop their group agreement to enable them to work well together. The children will discuss an example of a challenging situation and some resilient and non-resilient responses.

You might like to discuss with your child what they can do to help them take an active role in Peer Support.

Mrs Canellis

Aunty Wendy's Mob

Last Thursday, the K-2 students were lucky to experience an interactive, hands-on performance from 'Aunty Wendy'.

She taught the students about how Aboriginal people look after the land and introduced some Aboriginal words to the students that they ALL later used whilst singing and dancing throughout the performance.

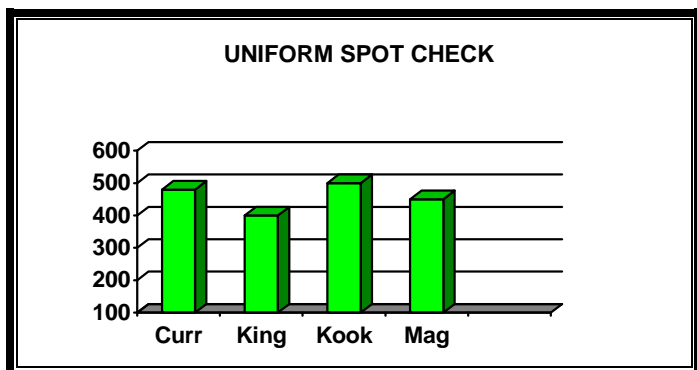
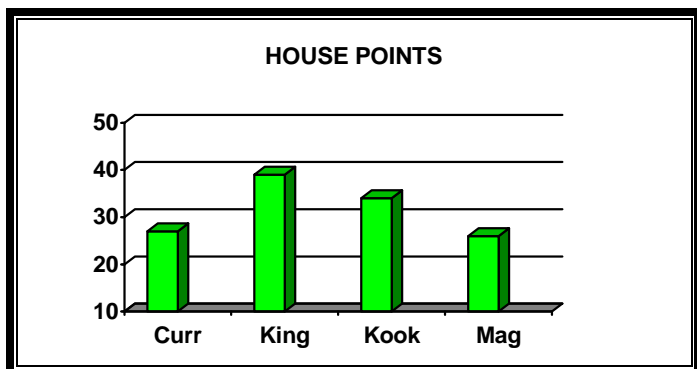
The students were shown the Aboriginal flag and were told the meaning of the flag – red for the earth/land, black for the Aboriginal people and yellow for the sun. With this new knowledge the students were able to do the actions to the song 'Red, Black and Yellow'.

As you can see from the photos the students really enjoyed the performance and learning about Aboriginal culture through song and dance.

Before leaving Aunty Wendy commended our students for their excellent participation and listening skills. Well done K-2.

Mr Lennon





Information for Year 4 Students

Thinking of applying for Opportunity Class Placement for Year 5 entry in 2014?

Apply online

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Key Dates

Monday 6th May

Intention to apply for OC Placement note due back

Friday 17th May

Closing date for OC Placement applications 2014

Wednesday 24th July

Opportunity Class Placement Test

Please contact Mrs Berrett if any additional information is required.

Mrs Berrett – Assistant Principal

Chess Club

This week, the Annual Chess Club will resume again for another year. The previous couple of years have proven to attract large numbers of students willing to learn or indeed improve their chess skills. I hope 2013 is no different. As always, there will be a number of opportunities for the students to play in tournaments against other schools in the district.

Looking forward to another great year of chess.

Mr Vaccaro

Book Club

Order forms for Issue 3 of Book Club have been sent home with all students.

If you would like to order any items please complete the order form and return it to your child's class teacher in a sealed envelope no later than **Friday 17th May**.

Year 6 News

Once again, congratulations to all Year 6 students for returning their High School Expression of Interest forms on time!

Last term, all of your forms were entered into the computer and posted to the correct school. This week, Round 1 of the processing of all your forms began.

As you can imagine, the High Schools have many applications to read and some very hard decisions to make. This means that the whole process takes many weeks. At this point in time, August 30th is listed as the date that all confirmation of enrolment letters will be sent.

Mrs Koletti

P&C News

Welcome back to school all. Hopefully we are all rested, revived and ready for Term 2. This term the P&C are raising money to subsidise the school camp. We are very lucky that BBQs being held by the school's canteen will contribute towards our fundraising efforts.

Any assistance parents attending can offer is greatly appreciated. The P&C are looking for volunteers to help with a BBQ being held at Woolworth's Wollie Creek on **Sunday 19th May**.

Please register your availability on the attached form.

We will have our next P&C meeting on **Wednesday 15th May at 9.30am** in the library. We have been having such great attendance at our meetings this year. We are really looking forward to this continuing in the morning meetings.

At our last P&C meeting, membership was raised. Only financial members should vote at P&C meetings. In order to become a financial member all you need to do is bring a gold coin to the next P&C meeting. There is also a fact sheet from the P&C Federation attached to this newsletter.

See you all at the next meeting.

Tanya Awadallah – P&C Secretary

Payments Due Back

- **School Camp** permission note and 1st payment due back by Friday 10th May 2013.
- **SWS Dance Festival** permission note and money due back by Friday 13th May 2013.
- **Book Club** due back by Friday 17th May 2013.
- **District Cross Country** permission note and payment due back by Friday 17th May.
- **School Camp** second payment due back by Friday 28th May 2013.
- **School Camp** third payment due back by Friday 26th July.
- **School Camp** final payment due back by Friday 23rd August

Garden News

Planting workshops are just the beginning

In the last week of Term 1, the Green Thumbs were given a helping hand from Sharna and Emma, the wonderful education officers from Bunnings Greenacre. Equipped with vegetable seedlings, liquid fertiliser, soil improver and tools for the garden, the dynamic duo talked and walked the green thumbs through a hands-on seedling planting workshop.

The duo from Bunnings will return to provide a series of workshops which will accompany Mr Andrew's weekly gardening in Term 2. Upon completion of the program, the students at Narwee will have access to a series of detailed and engaging lesson plans, relevant resources and exciting links across all areas of the curriculum.

The staff at Narwee Public School would like to thank Bunnings Greenacre for donating the seedlings and other materials and providing the students with such an important initiative. A special thank you must also go to Ms Neville for donating what seems to be an endless supply of horse manure for the garden.

Art Club

The Art Club have had a productive year thus far. The students spent Term 1 honing their drawing skills and developing a series of logos for the school community garden.

During the weekly meetings, students researched logos of various companies and organisations, brainstormed ideas and developed ideas for the different groups which have different roles in the garden.

Mr Vaccaro

