

# Narwee Public School

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Term 2 – Week 6

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2013

## Principal's Report

Schools in general deal with various issues on a daily basis. In the past I have written about the importance of parents not interfering in disputes between children whether they are on the playground, during class time or at sporting events. Instead they should seek help from teaching staff or me to resolve these matters.

I regularly speak to students about the importance of displaying self and school pride. This should be done whilst at school, within the community and when representing the school at external events.

Teachers, parents and students are all responsible for projecting a positive image of our school. This can be compromised when people use inappropriate language, spread idle gossip or behave in an anti-social manner. I ask that we all work together every day to support our children, school and good reputation.

Yesterday we celebrated Family Day. We had a great turn out of family members in our audience. This too is something we value and promote.

I wish to thank those who attended and the many wonderful members of our community who value and support the students and staff at this wonderful public school.

**Rene Demos – Principal**

## Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews are being held in Week 9 of this term. Please see the note attached to this week's newsletter for your child's class date and time that interviews are available.

Parent/Teacher interviews are an important way to share information in order to assist your child to achieve the best possible outcomes.

Please complete the interview note and return it to your child's class teacher no later than **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June** so that suitable arrangements can be made

## Term Calendar

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

### Term 2, Week 6

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June**                      **Season 2 PSSA Begins**

### Term 2, Week 7

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June**                      **Public Holiday**  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June**                      **Rotary Performing Arts Festival Rehearsal - 11.00am to 12.45pm**  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June**                      **Rotary Performing Arts Festival Night Concert**  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**                      **PSSA – Round 2**

### Term 2, Week 8

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June**                      **UNSW Writing**  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June**                      **UNSW Spelling**  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June**                      **3S & 3L Hyde Park Barracks Excursion**  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June**                      **P&C Meeting - 10.30am**  
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June**                      **3/4R & 4B Hyde Park Barracks Excursion**  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June**                      **Reports Sent Home**  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June**                      **PSSA Round 3**



## School Security

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

**1300 880 021**

## Peer Support

We introduce a 3 step model this week to encourage resilient responses; Pause, Plan, Proceed. The children will take part in an activity to identify their feelings and the immediate effects on their bodies ie: butterflies in their stomachs. The normalcy of feelings is acknowledged and the importance of being proactive is stressed. The children learn that pausing when they are emotional is helpful. They can do this by being still, taking a breath or counting to ten. Pausing gives children space to see a situation more accurately before planning a response.

Ask your child to describe the 3 steps of the model and what is involved in each one.

**Mrs Canellis**

## District Cross Country

Last Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 31 children from Narwee Public School competed at the Georges River District Cross Country Carnival at Gannons Park on a very cold morning which turned into a beautiful sunny day.

All the children should be congratulated for their effort, enthusiasm and performance on the day along with their wonderful behaviour.

### Best individual performers were:

**Patrick** (5/6F) - 10<sup>th</sup> in the 10 Yr Boys  
**Joshua** (3/4R) – 13<sup>th</sup> in the 8/9 Yr Boys  
**Ibrahim** (2/3S) – 14<sup>th</sup> in the 8/9 Yr Boys  
**Zac** (5/6K) – 15<sup>th</sup> in the 10 Yr Boys  
**Anson** (4/5B) – 29<sup>th</sup> in the 10 Yr Boys  
**Faith** (4/5B) – 23<sup>rd</sup> in the 11 Yr Girls  
**Grace** (3/4R) – 28<sup>th</sup> in the 10 Yr Girls

Each age group had approximately 64 competitors so our students achieved some excellent results. Many thanks also to those parents who came along to cheer our teams on and also to **Christine Xenos** for supplying us with a wonderful canteen and for donating a percentage of the profits to Georges River District PSSA.

**Mrs Rizzov**

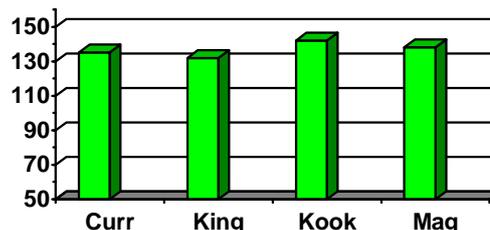
## Hang 40 Challenges

The Hang 40 Community Group challenge last week was 'Coin Catch'.

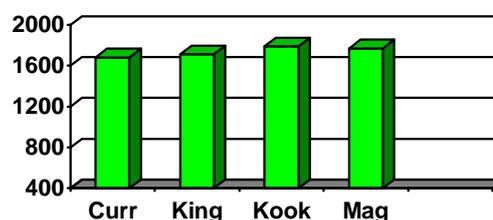
Below are listed the best results:

**Faith** (4/5B) – 8  
**Grace** (3/4R) – 10  
**Kalib** (5/6K) – 7  
**Serene** (3/4R) – 9  
**Maysaa** (3L) – 6  
**Jett** (2C) - 9

HOUSE POINTS



UNIFORM SPOT CHECK



## Payment Due Dates

- **Technology Workshop Attendance Slip** due back by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2013.
- **Stage 2 Hyde Park Barracks Museum Excursion Permission Note and Payment** due back by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2013.
- **School Camp** second payment due back by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013.
- **Year 6 T-shirt** order form payment due back by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013
- **School Camp** third payment due back by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July.
- **School Camp** final payment due back by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

## PSSA

Season 2 of PSSA commences this week, **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June**. Notes have been sent home with all students that have been selected in a team.

Please ensure all three notes are returned to school by tomorrow, **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June**. No student will be able to participate in PSSA until their forms have been returned.

**Mrs Rizzov**

## Year 6 T-shirts

Please bring in your order form and payment of either a \$10.00 deposit or the full amount by this Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June.

If you have misplaced the order form, it can be printed from the school website.

Mrs Koletti

## Enrichment Afternoon

A big congratulations must go to the team of boys that attended the East Hills Boys High School Enrichment Afternoon – they achieved second place in the competition. Patrick, Sean, Jason and Anderson worked together as a team to solve a variety of challenging mathematical and science questions.

At the end of the afternoon, after working on such a large number of questions, they were only TWO points away from first place! In addition, the boys represented the school wonderfully, demonstrating good manners and excellent behaviour. What a great afternoon, well done.



Mrs Koletti

## SWS Dance Festival

On **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June** (Week 6), students going to the South West Sydney Dance Festival must be at school at 8.50am – no later.

Due to time restrictions we are unable to wait for any students that arrive at school late. There are no refunds if your child is absent on the day as this excursion has been pre-paid.

The students have been asked to wear sports uniform and to bring their own lunch as no lunch orders or food purchases are available for these students on this day.

Students will return to school by 3.20pm. I am sure all students will have a good time.

Miss Cairnduff

## Medical News

There has been a confirmed case of 'Slapped Cheek' in the school. Listed below are symptoms to keep an eye out for.

### Time from exposure to illness

1 to 2 weeks

### Symptoms

Mild fever, red cheeks, itchy lace-like rash and possibly a cough, sore throat or runny nose. Slapped Cheek can cause foetal disease in pregnant women if they have not been previously infected.

### Do I need to keep my child home?

No, as it is most infectious before the rash appears.

### How can I prevent spread?

Careful hand washing and avoid sharing drinks

## Social Room

Last week we had a 3 player game of Botswana. Designed by Reiner Knizia, this title is part of the Gryphon Book Shelf series. This stock holding game requires forward planning by the players.

Each turn you play an animal card and then choose to keep any one of the remaining animals in the pool. Once all 6 cards from 0 to 5 have been played for one animal, the game finishes. You score points for the current value of each animal in your collection. Do you collect animals for the 5 in your hand or will the game finish too early?

For those families attending the Toy and Games Expo, be sure to check out some titles from the games library that would be fun for rainy afternoons or a regular family night. There are some co-operative games which require everyone to work together to play against the game, which teaches children to share the victory.

Under 30 minutes	Fluxx, Incan Gold, Botswana, Tsuru, Love Letter, Hey that's my fish
Dexterity Games	Animal upon Animal, Toc Toc Woodman, Dancing Eggs
4 Year Olds	Gulo Gulo, Kids of Carcassonne, Qwirkle
60 – 90 Minutes	Carcassonne, Zooleretto, Acquire, Ticket to Ride, Formula De
Cooperative Games	Forbidden Island, Pandemic, Castle Panic

Peter Maylott

## Days off School

As the year approaches the mid mark there can be a tendency to let the kids have the occasional day off. Stay strong, especially after the weekend. Monday morning is hard for most of us and kids are no different.

Getting a good night's sleep on Sunday is important. Some parents find it easier to do a bit of preparation on Sunday to give a bit of extra time on Monday morning. This could be in the form of getting uniforms ready, finding shoes and socks, packing bags, bathing or showering at night instead of in the morning and packing lunches.

Schools are constantly monitoring patterns of poor attendance in order to rectify any problems quickly. Keep in mind that one day a week off equals one year off school by Year 6.

## P&C News

Good afternoon folks – wow what a great Family Day we celebrated yesterday. Another outstanding performance from our little people – how amazing are our children?

### Just a few reminders:

**Pie Drive** – you still have until the **18<sup>th</sup> June** to put your pie order in. I personally am going to stock up my freezer for the holidays where I plan to have a holiday from cooking – well at least a break from worrying about what I am going to make for dinner. As I said last week a few of the ladies and I did a taste test and we agreed that for the price, taste and convenience these locally made pies are great so please, please, please support our fundraising efforts as all funds raised will be going towards this year's school camp for the Year 4, 5 and 6 students.

**All pie order forms and money can be handed in at the canteen.**

**P&C Meeting** – the next meeting is on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June**. At the last meeting we had great attendance with a mixture of our faithful usuals and a few new faces. Thanks again for attending. We look forward to seeing you all again. I can't stress how important it is for our school to have a strong and dedicated P&C – so we need your help. If you can't attend let us know, we still appreciate any feedback or suggestions you may have. We have a few parents that can't attend due to work or prior responsibilities. We are still here to listen so let us know what you are thinking.

Enjoy the rest of your week.

**Cerise Packer – P&C President**

## Beverly Hills IEC Visit

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, the students from Beverly Hills Intensive English Language Centre visited Narwee Public School once again to meet with students from 3L and compose narratives as part of their writing program.

The students ranged in age from 14 to 17 years and are all newly arrived migrants in Australia from countries such as Iran, Sudan, Bangladesh, China, Lebanon and Greece.

This year there was a significant number of students from Greece who have migrated to Australia as a result of the recent economic crisis. This was an interesting demographic change compared to last year's group of students who came predominantly from South East Asia and the Middle East.

The students shared many stories about their circumstances back home which helps to remind us all that we do indeed live in a 'lucky country' where we are safe and well provided for.

The ESL room was a hive of activity as students shared their stories excitedly. It was a very successful morning which was enjoyed by all.

Thanks to Francine Commeignes from the IEC for once again organising the event and to the children of 3L who were well behaved, great ambassadors for our school.

**Miss Filippis**

## Attendance Information

Parents/carers are required by law to provide an explanation to say why their child was absent from school.

### A note of explanation should contain:

- Date that the note was written
- Child's name
- Days/dates your child was absent from school
- The reason why your child was absent
- The signature of the child's parent or carer

If more than one child from the same family has been absent a separate note for each child should be written.

A note should be brought to school on the first day your child returns to school after an absence.

The school is required to investigate all unexplained absences (where a child has been absent and no explanation has been received) within two days.