

# Narwee Public School

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Term 2 – Week 9

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2013

## Principal's Report

Pole Depot who are the accredited organisation running our before and after school care program have decided not to run the proposed vacation care program due to lack of numbers however, the vacation care for the September school vacation is planned to proceed.

This program is a very worthwhile and well run opportunity for students to have supervised social and educational activities during the vacation period.

As this is the last week of Term 2 I would like to wish everyone a very safe and enjoyable break. Students will return on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

**Rene Demos – Principal**

## Medical News

There has been another case of 'Slapped Cheek' in the school.

### 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.

### How can I prevent spread?

Careful hand washing and avoid sharing drinks.

## Payment Due Dates

- **School Camp** second payment due back by Friday 28<sup>th</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

## Term Calendar

### Upcoming Events at Narwee Public School

Please put these dates in your diary.

#### Term 2, Week 9

Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Acknowledgement Day
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	PSSA – Round 4
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Last Day of Term

#### Term 3, Week 1

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Athletics Carnival
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	100 Days of Kindergarten
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	PSSA Round 5

#### Term 3, Week 2

Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	NED Show
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Tree Planting Day
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	PSSA Round 6

#### Term 3, Week 3

Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	Education Week Open Day
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	UNSW English
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	PSSA Round 7

## School News

From time to time issues or disagreements may occur between students. It is the responsibility of staff members to deal with these matters.

I would ask all parents/carers to bring these matters to the attention of a staff member or myself rather than approaching students and discussing matters directly with them.

**Mrs Demos**

## Awards

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

<b>Ayah</b> (3L)	<b>Paige</b> (3L)
<b>Chanell</b> (3L)	<b>Shareef</b> (2/3S)
<b>Hailey</b> (2/3S)	<b>Joy</b> (2/3S)
<b>Trent</b> (1/2C)	<b>Toby</b> (1/2C)
<b>Ruby</b> (1/2C)	<b>Nicky</b> (KP)
<b>Samira</b> (KP)	<b>Zion</b> (2C)
<b>Jett</b> (2C)	<b>Elana</b> (4/5B)
<b>Diya</b> (4/5B)	<b>Sophie</b> (4/5B)
<b>Hussein</b> (5/6F)	<b>Xavier</b> (5/6F)
<b>Mohamed</b> (5/6K)	<b>Mikayla</b> (5/6K)
<b>Kalvin</b> (5/6K)	<b>Charlotte</b> (1L)
<b>Ethar</b> (1L)	<b>Ali</b> (KV)
<b>Ioannis</b> (KV)	<b>Aliyah</b> (5/6K)
<b>Qualin</b> (3/4R)	<b>Andrew</b> (3L)
<b>Georgia</b> (5/6K)	<b>Anne-Marie</b> (5/6K)
<b>Isaac</b> (3/4R)	<b>Grace</b> (3/4R)
<b>Moe</b> (3/4R)	

## Peer Support

In this week's final session of the Peer Support Module 'Moving Forward' children will reflect on what they have learned over the past seven weeks.

The students will make a cube to remind them to draw on their strengths, achievements and people who support them when faced with challenging situations. These protective factors promote confidence and motivate students to approach new situations where they can then apply the Pause, Plan, Proceed Model.

**Mrs Canellis**

## House Winners

Congratulations to **Kookaburra**, our House Point Winners for Term 2.

We would also like to congratulate **Magpie** who are the Uniform Spot Check Winners for this term. All students in Magpie will receive a Merit Award for their wonderful effort of making sure they are in school uniform each day.

**Mrs Rizzov**

## Giants Day

Last Tuesday a group of students from Years 4 to 6 travelled to Olympic Park as part of the Western Sydney Giants promotional launch. The Giants are a first grade AFL team.

It was a fantastic day and all the students were extremely well behaved.

The exciting activities that the students participated in included movie making with a camera crew, creating a comic strip using iPads, making a healthy lunch and taking part in an environmental class.

**Mr Forman**

## Parent Technology Meeting

Last Wednesday I conducted a Parent Information Morning on Technology. Firstly I would like to thank all the parents who attended; it was a great turn-out.

This workshop looked at some of the programs that the students have been using at school. These include Office (word, publisher, powerpoint and excel), movie maker, photostory, story 3, Audacity, smart notebook, photoshop and Blog Ed.

The workshop also explored the student's DEC Portal. The students can access their portal at school or at home with internet access. The portal allows students to email, blog or search the net. It contains links to various sites such as TALE (teaching and learning education) and various learning games.

I also sent every student in the school an email with a selection of websites for Numeracy and Literacy. I recommend that parents check out the Maths Dictionary which is an excellent resource.

**Mr Forman**

## Education Week Open Day

**Keep this date free**

Narwee Public School will be celebrating  
Education Week Open Day on

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

Students will be showcasing their talents on the day. Performances will commence at approximately 9.45am in the school hall followed by classroom visits.



We hope you will be able to attend.

## PSSA Sports Reports

### Rugby League

**Juniors** – a tough game juniors and I am pleased with the effort you all put in. We must practice our defence – moving up quickly and tackling. Best of luck on Friday boys.

**Seniors** – a very close and exciting game boys. I am pleased with how hard you played, especially for the entire 40 minutes. A special mention goes to **Jemuel** (5/6K) and **Kalib** (5/6K) for their strong runs up the middle. A reminder for all boys to remember their mouth guards each week as you can't play without them.

**Mr Forman**

### Boys Soccer

On Friday the Senior Boys Soccer Team played Connells Point. Unfortunately they lost 7 – 0. The team showed determination and never gave up despite the loss. **Joseph** (5/6F) was awarded player of the match for great participation and teamwork. Good effort boys!

The Junior Boys Soccer Team had an excellent game on Friday against Connells Point. Unfortunately the boys lost 3 – 0 but it was our best result ever! All the boys played really well and worked the ball around the field. They showed passing skills, excellent defence and for the first time great potential in attack. Player of the match went to **Joshua** (3/4R) for his fantastic teamwork. Well done boys!

**Mr Vaccaro**

## Garden News

Narwee Public School would like to thank the Bunnings staff for their ongoing support with the various garden projects.

Usually Sharna Simeons from the Greenacre store runs workshops with the Green Thumbs but last Tuesday Sharna, together with Maria Christofi from the Rockdale store painted with undercoat the wall in the garden which, in the near future, will have an artistic mural painted on it.

**Mr Andrew & Mr Vaccaro**



## School Security

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

**1300 880 021**

## Camp Payment

The next camp payment of \$75.00 is due this Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Please ensure your child's payment is received by this date.

Behaviour of children may impact on the inclusion in camp. Only students on Bronze Level or above will be able to participate in the camp.

**Mrs Berrett – Assistant Principal**

## School Tip

**Let us know if you have any special family circumstances.**

Any changes to your child's family situation can impact on their emotional and academic well-being. Inform your child's teacher or Principal about any changed circumstances so that the child can be supported if necessary. Examples of special circumstances include the birth of a sibling, divorce or the death of a loved one.

## Holiday News

**Take your holidays when we do!**

Parents, students and teachers are 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.

## Lost Property

If your child has lost an item of clothing, lunch box, drink bottle etc please check the Lost Property basket which is located outside the staffroom.

All items of clothing not labelled and unclaimed by the end of the term will be washed and used in Sick Bay.

It is important that all clothing items, hats, lunch boxes and drink bottles are labelled with your child's name to make them easily identifiable. All labelled items can then be returned to the appropriate class.



## P&C News

I would like to say a big thank you to those of you who have ordered pies for our Pie Drive. So far we have an order of approximately 600 pies. Our pies will be baked tonight and delivered tomorrow (Thursday morning).

**Very Important Delivery Information:** members of the P&C will be situated outside the school hall on Thursday from 2.30pm. Please come and pick up your orders. If you have any questions please contact me on 0411 883 021. With those of you that placed large orders containing 100 or more pies we will be in touch to organise delivery. A small prize giving will be held at tomorrow's assembly to identify and thank those who have placed these large orders.

Another big thank you goes to Mr Forman for giving the 'technically challenged' a lesson in computers. It is always good to know what your children can get up to on the internet/computer. Our children are of the computer generation and therefore have an almost instinctive understanding of how all that whizz bang stuff works. I know I am going to have to continually study to improve my technology skills in order to have some idea of what my children understand innately. Thank you Mr Forman for your outstanding commitment to educating our children and us parents.

Last week's P&C meeting was a hit and it is becoming a trend. We had another great turn-out. We had lots to discuss so please watch out for the P&C update in next term's newsletter. Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August. We had some feedback from some of you about how hard it is to attend meetings on Wednesday mornings so we have changed the next meeting date in response to this. We look forward to seeing you there. Reminders will be given in the coming newsletters.

**Uniform Shop** – please find attached a list of new uniform items we currently have in stock. We will be opening the uniform shop on the first Thursday of Term 3 to sell the new and limited amount of second-hand stock. I am happy to take any enquiries before then so please contact me on the above mentioned mobile number.

**Sydney Entertainment Books** – a reminder that we are selling the Sydney Entertainment Books which could provide some great savings over these holidays. There are vouchers for the movies, ice skating and bowling just to mention a few. There are also loads of accommodation discounts as well. Check out the website [www.entertainmentbook.com.au](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au) for what the book has to offer and the great thing about it is that the vouchers are valid now and up until the end of June 2014. If you would like to purchase a book they are available for \$65.00 of which \$13.00 goes to the school. Please contact Peter on 0434 276 247 for questions and purchasing.

**Cerise Packer – P&C President**

## Online Safety Tips

Worried about your child's safety online? Here are some guidelines that can help:

- Put the computer in a central area of the home, not in the bedroom.
- Be reasonable and try to set reasonable expectations.
- Be open with your child and encourage them to come to you if they encounter a problem online – cultivate trust and communications because no rules, laws or filtering software can replace you as their first line of defence.
- Talk with your child about how they use the Internet. Make sure they understand basic safety guidelines. These include protecting privacy (including passwords), never posting personal information, never meeting people they only know online and not posting inappropriate or potentially embarrassing photos.
- Try to get kids to share their blogs or online profiles with you, but be aware that they can have multiple accounts on multiple servers.

### When families go online parents can:

- Encourage a positive approach to technology.
- Spend time exploring the Internet with your child.
- Set rules for Internet use.
- Direct your child to useful sites and save them as favourites.
- Ask your child to show you new skills they have learnt.
- Maintain good communication with your child and an active interest in their life.
- Teach your child to treat others online as he/she would like to be treated.
- Let your child know about potential dangers online and how to handle a situation if it arises.
- Help your kids use the Internet as an effective research tool – learn about handy homework tips for kids and also good reaching techniques.

### What you need to keep in mind if your children are blogging?

- Explain to your child that whatever they write represents them and can be seen by anyone online.
- They should always consider the repercussions of publishing information. If they don't want you to read the blog then you may have something to worry about.

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