

Narwee Public School

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Term 3 – Week 1

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Principal's Report

It is wonderful to be back and I welcome all our students and families back for Term 3. I trust the vacation has been an enjoyable time for you all.

Today we held our annual Athletics Carnival. This is always an exciting day and many thanks go to our students, community members, the Hang 40 team, staff and Mrs Rizzov the co-ordinator, for making this a successful event.

In this newsletter I have again included information about the school voluntary contribution. Unfortunately some parents/carers have not made the contribution as yet. As you are aware our school provides a large number of programs to our students. Many of these are offered free to everyone however, this impacts on the school's budget and the voluntary contributions and fundraising activities play an important role in supporting the finances to continue such programs being provided.

If you have not paid your voluntary contribution as yet it is not too late. The cost is very low at \$35.00 per student or \$50.00 per family. If you are unsure if you have paid please see Mrs Dewsnap in the front office.

Please remember to keep Tuesday 30th July free in your diary as we will be holding our Education Week Open Day in the hall commencing at 9.45am.

Rene Demos – Principal

Payment Due Dates

- **School Camp** third payment due back by Friday 26th July.
- **School Camp** final payment due back by Friday 23rd August

School Security

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

1300 880 021

Term Calendar

Upcoming Events at Narwee Public School

Please put these dates in your diary.

Term 3, Week 1

Thursday 18 th July	100 Days of Kindergarten
Friday 19 th July	PSSA Round 5

Term 3, Week 2

Thursday 25 th July	NED Show
Friday 26 th July	Tree Planting Day
Friday 26 th July	PSSA Round 6

Term 3, Week 3

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

Term 3, Week 4

Friday 9 th August	PSSA – Round 8
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Term 3, Week 5

Tuesday 13 th August	District Field Events
Tuesday 13 th August	UNSW Mathematics
Thursday 15 th August	District Track Events
Friday 16 th August	PSSA – Round 9

Term 3, Week 6

Tuesday 20 th August	Lockdown Drill
Thursday 22 nd August	Book Fair
Friday 23 rd August	PSSA – Semis & Finals



Peer Support

In Week 9 of Term 2 we had our final Peer Support lesson. I would like to congratulate the Stage 3 students that took on the challenging task, standing up and leading groups of students from a variety of classes and grades.

They were enthusiastic, organised and very positive about the experience. During this process they developed a number of leadership skills that included but were not limited to: organisation, speaking clearly, assertiveness, confidence and building relationships.

The Stage 3 teachers are all very proud of their leaders. Thanks to all the students that participated so actively and who had lots of fun during these important lessons. Thanks also to all of the staff who supported the implementation of this valuable program.

Mrs Koletti

Student Medical Forms

During Terms 3 & 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child's health.

If you have a child with a medical condition you will receive a copy of the new forms and will need to fill them in and return them to the school by the date specified on the accompanying letter.

The good news is we have already started collecting some of this information, which means less for you to do.

The new forms will help us collect your child's important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we'll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information. If you have any questions about the new forms please see Mrs Dewsnap.

Education Week Open Day

Keep this date free

Narwee Public School will be celebrating
Education Week Open Day on

Tuesday 30th 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.



Ned Show

**NED is coming to our school.
Thursday 25th July 2013.**



We are pleased to announce that Australia's most popular school assembly show will soon be hosted at our school.

The NED show is a program experienced by more than 2.2 million children a year worldwide. It combines a great message with yo-yos, humour and audience participation to teach children how to develop three valuable characteristics involved in becoming champions at school and in life...

Never give up (focus, persistence)
Encourage others (kindness, shared learning)
Do your best (diligence, excellence)

For 5 school days after the show, our school will have NED items available for purchase.

The NED Show is free of charge.

NED's message is an inspiration for all ages.

Please see the note attached to this week's newsletter. You are able to purchase Ned items by completing the order form and returning it to the front office. All items ordered will be distributed on the day of the NED show.

Camp Payment

The next camp payment of \$75.00 is due by Friday 26th July. 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

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.



Year 6 News

Round 3 has commenced in the High School placements process. If you have received an offer to attend a High School – please return the paperwork directly to that High School URGENTLY.

The High Schools need to confirm their Year 7 numbers for 2014 so that they can offer places to other children. If you have any problems with this paperwork, please see me as soon as possible.

Mrs Koletti

Medical Insurance

Just a reminder to parents that 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 insurance 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

Contact Details

There have been many occasions where we have tried to contact parents and have been unable to do so due to parents not informing the school of changed phone numbers or addresses.

Please ensure all parent / carer contact details are up to date and current. This is a safety issue as we need to be able to contact all parents in the events that your child injures themselves or becomes ill at school.

Please notify the office if your details need changing. We thank you for assistance in this matter.



Homework

Homework bridges the gap between learning at school and learning at home. It reinforces work done in class and helps develop skills such as planning, research and time management. It allows for practising, extending and consolidating work done in class.

Homework gives parents/carers the opportunity to see the progress of their child and provides challenges and stimulus to gifted and talented children. Additionally, homework establishes habits of study, concentration and self-discipline. Ideally homework should be appropriate for each student's stage of development and ability.

Parents play an important role in supporting students with their homework. This may include:

- Encouraging their children to discipline themselves to sitting down for study each night.
- Providing a study place which can be used regularly, provides ample space, is quiet, well lit and is comfortably ventilated and temperature controlled.
- Taking an active interest in their child's study. This does not necessarily mean helping them 'do' the study but rather talking to them about what they are doing, encouraging them when they become discouraged and directing them to seek help from their teacher when they are struggling.
- Ensuring that their children have a healthy balance between school work and recreation.
- Helping their children to become well organised in their approach to study so that they gain the optimum benefit from any study period.
- Encouraging their children to plan their homework tasks. As students' progress through the school the amount of homework will increase.
- Ensuring that their children have short breaks between homework tasks.
- Making sure that their child has enough sleep so they get to school in the morning feeling fresh and ready for a full day of learning.

Please feel free to contact your child's class teacher regarding homework or any other issues that concern you about your child's education.

Switch off Electricity

Electricity generation is the main contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in Australia. We can reduce our power use at home and at school in the following ways:

- Turn off your computer, monitor and printer when they are not being used.
- Turn off lights and air conditioners when you leave the room.
- Plant trees to absorb carbon dioxide – plant water-wise local natives.

Road Safety

You need to take extra care and time when driving and parking in school zones. Please ensure that you understand the road rules and that your child understands how to behave safely around school zones.

Children are especially vulnerable around vehicles and roads due to their size and capabilities.

If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting children at risk.

Safety Tips for Drivers Around School Zones

- Always drop off or pick up your child from suitable and legal parking spots, even if this means walking further away from the school.
- Never double park. Double parking forces other cars to go around causing traffic congestion and reduces the view of drivers and children crossing the road.
- Never park across a pedestrian crossing.
- Never perform a U-turn in close proximity to the school or over double lines, or on the pedestrian crossing.
- Make sure all children in the car use the footpath-side door (safety door) when getting in and out of a car.
- Make sure the hand brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
- Make sure everything is organised before coming to school so that the drop off is as fast as possible.
- You cannot stop on any footpath or nature strip, or even a driveway crossing a footpath or nature strip. You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.
- You must not stop within 20 metres before a pedestrian crossing or 10 metres after a crossing unless there is a sign permitting parking. This is to ensure that children can be clearly seen by vehicles approaching the crossing.
- You must not stop or park in the bus zone.
- You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a **maximum of two minutes** to drop off and pick up passengers. You must stay within **three metres** of your vehicle at all times.
- You must not stop in a NO STOPPING zone **for any reason**.

Balancing Commitments

It is important for your child to maintain balance

Balancing commitments is especially important as your child gets older. Your child needs to be able to balance school commitments with social, recreational and family life as it is important for a happy and healthy lifestyle.

Celebrate Attendance

Getting to School on Time

It is essential to establish a regular routine each morning and arriving at school on time is an important part of your child's morning routine. It is important to be at school on time because:

- It sets up good habits for the future.
- It provides social benefits – good play time and discussion time among friends.
- The school day usually begins with the teacher giving out information to students e.g. any changes to school routines, collection of excursion notes and payments, upcoming events etc.
- It is an opportunity for important teacher/ student interaction before school.
- There is plenty of time for ordering lunches if needed.

Dance News

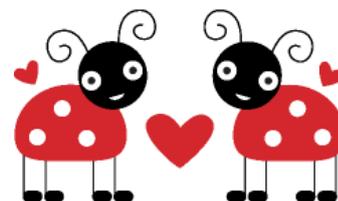
This week in Dance, students from Years 1 to 6 have been creating their own dance sequences. Students were asked to create a sequence within groups that included all the dance movements that were taught last term.

This activity has provided evidence of student's progress in most of the movements. Students have had a lot of fun doing this.

Well done to all students for a great effort in class.

Miss Cairnduff

100 Days of Kindergarten



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The Children in KP and KV will be celebrating 100 Days of Kindergarten tomorrow **Thursday 18th July**.

Throughout the day the children will be involved in fun experiences such as mask and hat making, popcorn making, painting, play dough Kinder Chef, necklace making and much, much more.