

# Narwee Public School

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Term 1 – Week 10

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014

## Principal's Report

On Saturday evening a group of our students performed at Burwood RSL at the Indonesian Harmony Day celebration. The students were fabulous and presented a great drumming performance. Our students are certainly growing into a very professional group of performers. The audience were very impressed and gave them a loud applause.

I wish to thank the students, their parents, Mrs Weedon, Mrs Muffett and Mr Suhandi for their participation and support on the evening.

**Just a reminder that students first day back after the vacation will be Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April.**

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April we have a staff development day and teachers will be undertaking professional development and will be involved in planning and programming.

**Rene Demos – Principal**

## Notes Due Back

- **School Disco** permission note and payment due back by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April**
- **Easter Hat Parade Sausage Sizzle** order and payment due back by **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April**
- **Stewart House** donation envelopes due back by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

## Combined Easter Service

**Come and join us**

On **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014**, a Combined Scripture Easter Service will take place in our hall from 10.45am to 11.20am. This has been organised by the Narwee Baptist Church.

**If you do not wish your child to attend this service, please notify your child's class teacher.**



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

### Term 1 Week 10

<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Combined Easter Service</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>PSSA Round 7</b>

### Term 1 Week 11

<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Yr 2 Nursing Home Visit</b>
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Hat Parade</b>
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Acknowledgement Day</b>
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>School Disco</b>
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>ANZAC Day Service</b>
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>PSSA Round 8</b>
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 1</b>

### Term 2 Week 1

<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>First Day of Term 2</b>
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## School Security

Please help keep our school safe

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

**1300 880 021**

## Fruit Break Class Winners

This week the fruit break award goes to **5/6F**. Congratulations also to **2S** who were the winning Infants class.

## Ride 2 School Day

Congratulations to **Emma** (5/6F) who was the winner of the special Road Safety prize.

The prize consisted of a bike bell and reflectors for her bike.

**Mrs Pentecost**



## Awards

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

Ingi (4/5B)	Hussain (4/5B)
Casey (4/5B)	Sione (4R)
Martin (4R)	Joy (4R)
Hosana (3/4D)	Pauline (3/4D)
Jarren (KP)	Skye (KP)
Jaya (2S)	Stephanie (2S)
Liam (2S)	Jacklynn (1C)
Sandra (1C)	John (5/6K)
Anson (5/6K)	Hussein (5/6K)
Harvey (KV)	Amanda (KV)
Aliska (1E)	Mohammed (1E)
Claudia (5/6F)	Emma (5/6F)
Joshua (KL)	Tayyaba (KL)

## School Disco

Notes have been sent home for our first disco of the year which is being held on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April**.

Tickets are **\$3.00** per student and must be purchased no later than **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April**.

**No notes and payment will be accepted after this date**

**No tickets will be sold on the night.**

The disco is for Narwee students only. For supervision and safety we cannot permit parents and siblings to stay.

**Only those students on Bronze Level or above may attend the disco.**

Mr & Mrs Lennon

## ANZAC Service

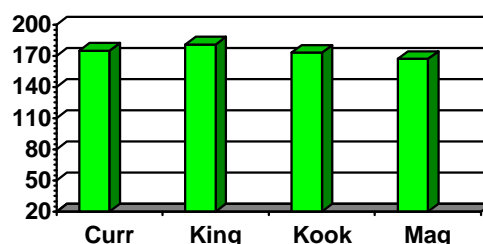
Parents and carers are invited to attend our ANZAC Day Ceremony being held on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April** commencing at **9.30am** in the school hall.

Together we can remember and honour the ANZACS and all the soldiers who have been to war. There will be poetry, singing, memorabilia and video footage.

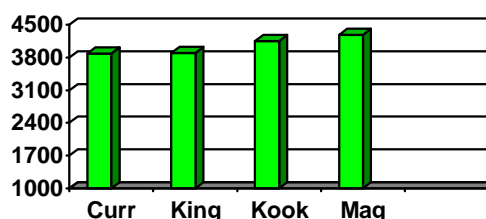


Mr Forman

HOUSE POINTS



UNIFORM SPOT CHECK



## Easter Egg Donations

Please remember that we are collecting Easter eggs for our Year 2 students to take with them when they visit the local nursing home. The eggs only need to be the size of a chicken egg.

All students that donate eggs will go into a draw to win an Easter prize. The eggs can be handed in at the front office.

Mrs Muffett

## Father and Son Time

A series of adventure-filled camping weekends for fathers and sons are being run at Sport and Recreation centres. With no computers, phones or TVs, dads and their boys will be able to spend time together and build a healthier relationship.

Find out more at:

<http://www.drs.nsw.gov.au/youngstars>

## Homework for Little Kids

Schools develop homework policies with the help of teachers and parents. These are used as a guide and are based on common sense. If you find homework is becoming too much or is too difficult for your child, have a chat with your child's class teacher.

For more information visit:

<http://www.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/homework-for-little-kids>

## Behaviour Levels Report

Last week the staff were again involved in the behaviour levelling process. As a result 71 students are on Silver level and 234 are on Bronze level. This means that 97.8% of our students are showing good or very good behaviour and will be able to participate in our first Acknowledgement Day of the year.

Acknowledgement Day is being held on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April** (Week 11). This will take place during the middle session of this day. The students will be rewarded with extra playtime and games with their teachers.

We hope the students will enjoy these activities. At the conclusion of the session, students will receive an ice-block to thank them for their continued good behaviour.

Students may wear mufti clothing on this day but please ensure appropriate clothing is worn.

### All students must wear sports shoes.

Sadly, any students who are below Bronze level and are showing poor behaviour will miss these activities. They will receive counselling and guidance on how to improve their behaviour while their class participates in the activities. If your child is below Bronze level it is important to send them to school on Acknowledgement Day so that they learn a valuable lesson which may help them to follow rules in the future.

Please ask your child what level they are on and encourage them to strive for GOLD.

Congratulations to all students who will be enjoying Acknowledgement Day in Week 11.

**Mrs Berrett – Assistant Principal**

## Motivating Lazy Children

All kids are born active. Some just learn lazybones habits and need a nudge. Find out more ways to encourage your child to get up off the sofa and get a little physical.

Go to:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/wellbeing/fitness/motivating-lazy-children>

## Spelling

### Helping Your Child Become A Good Speller

What do you do when your child is struggling with spelling? Should you let your child use a spell checker, for instance? Here are a few tips and techniques to make spelling easier.

Find our more at:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing>

## P&C News

Thank you for your wonderful support. We have sold many guessing competition tickets. We have the final list of prizes listed below.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Mini iPad
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Rooster Prize Package
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – NRL Jersey – World 9 Series Jersey 2014
- 4<sup>th</sup> prize – Movie and Wish Card Vouchers
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize – Beauty and Silky Smooth Laser Voucher
- 6<sup>th</sup> Prize – Large Basket of Beauty Essentials
- 7<sup>th</sup> Prize – Beauty Voucher

We have had many families asking if we are providing Sydney Entertainment Books again this year. I am excited to let everyone know that we are. I am attending the book launch on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

This year is the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sydney Entertainment Books. As a special promotion, we are having a combined Sydney book that covers both Sydney and North Sydney regions for \$70.00. For each book sold we raise \$14.00 towards helping the school.

This year also represents the option of a digital book that is available on iPhone and Android devices. This is a separate purchase from the hardcopy book yet has all the same great deals. This way, you can carry your vouchers wherever you go. Your family can register up to 4 devices, so that mum and dad can each use the vouchers when shopping and do not have to fight over the book.

Anybody that orders before 5<sup>th</sup> April will receive \$240.00 worth of bonus offers. The hardcopy books will be available to be sent home on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April. Please contact Peter Maylott for more details or visit the online booking page at:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2012q37>

**Tanya Awadallah & Peter Maylott**

## Tabletop Day

For those that do not follow the Youtube series hosted by Wil Wheaton, **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April** is International Tabletop Day.

This is a day dedicated to people spending time together and having fun with tabletop games. Last year, over 3000 events were hosted around the world. This year, there are 76 registered events in Australia alone.

A local event is being held all day at Good Games Hurstville who provided our games for the social room. You can enjoy game demonstrations, giveaways and free family fun. Kids' activities include miniature painting and a LEGO pit.

Come and spend a day of fun at Unit 213, 7-11 The Avenue in Hurstville. They are up the stairs next to Fitness Plus.

**Peter Maylott – Gaming Dad**

## Stage 3 News

The Stage 3 students that will be leading our Peer Support lessons next term will be participating in two training days in Week 11 (**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April**).

These days will assist them in developing their leadership skills, teamwork and prepare them to lead their group lessons. 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. It is vital that they bring a fully stocked pencil case to these days.

In the first week of next term, all classes from K-6 will be doing preparation lessons on Bullying that get them ready to participate fully in the following 8 weeks of Peer Support Lessons. Just like last year, these lessons will occur every Thursday afternoon.

In addition, a huge THANK YOU to all the Year 6 students/families who returned their Expression of Interest High School forms ALL ON TIME! As has already been mentioned to Year 5 – it is time now to start thinking about which High School that you are interested in as leaving it to next year makes it rushed and stressful. You also need to think about all of the extra-curricular activities that you participate in, as these are important on your High School applications.

**Mrs Koletti – Assistant Principal**

## Safe School Travel

Children are vulnerable road users. They are at risk in the traffic environment because of their size, their difficulty in judging speed and distance and the fact that they may behave unpredictably.

More than one million children in NSW travel to and from school each day by car, bike, public transport or as a pedestrian.

Each form of transport poses potential hazards. The RTA has introduced a program of 40km school zones and also funds the Road Safety Education program in NSW schools. This alone is not enough; you can help by following some simple safety steps and by regularly reinforcing important road safety messages with your child.

- Always make sure your children wear a seat belt when travelling in a car – around 50% of child road casualties ages 5 – 14 are passengers.
- Always drop off and pick up your child on the school side of the road.
- Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.
- Never call your children across the road.
- Use a pedestrian crossing where possible – more than 20% of child road casualties are pedestrians.

## Snake Tails

After watching the Snake Tails presentation last week 4/5B wrote an exposition about why we should not kill reptiles. Below is Elias' exposition which includes information which he learnt from the Snake Tails presentation.

### We Should Not Kill Reptiles

#### Introduction

I strongly believe we must not kill reptiles.

#### Preview

Reptiles are useful reptiles that will not bite you if you don't touch them and killing them will upset the ecosystem and balance of nature.

#### Arguments

Firstly if you had a blue tongue lizard in your garden you should leave it there so it can eat snails and you can have a nice healthy garden.

Secondly, everybody thinks if a snake is near you it will kill you, that's wrong. If you touch a snake or harm it, it will kill you or harm you. A fierce snake is a very deadly snake and no one has been killed by it, because it lives in the remote outback and people in this area know to leave reptiles alone.

Finally people killed many Red Belly Black Snakes. Red Belly Black Snakes eat Brown Snakes. Now there are many Brown Snakes and fewer Red Belly Black Snakes. This is terrible because Brown Snakes are much more poisonous to humans.

#### Conclusion

In conclusion I strongly believe that people mustn't kill reptiles because they are useful, they will not harm you and it will unbalance the ecosystem.

**Elias – 4/5B**

## K – 2 News

Parents and Carers are invited to come and celebrate Narwee Public School's Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2

## Easter Hat Parade

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

**10.00am – 11.20am in the school hall**

Parents and toddlers are invited to bring in an Easter hat so that they can join in the parade.

Bring a picnic lunch and stay and share it with your child.

We hope to see you there.

