

# Narwee Public School

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Term 1 – Week 2

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014

## Principal's Report

Congratulations to all our students who have had a great start to the 2014 school year. Our new Kindergarten children have also settled in well to BIG SCHOOL.

Students in Years 1 – 6 were placed in classes yesterday. These classes may still experience some changes so next week I will advise you of the formal classes and teachers taking each class.

Each year we have a mandatory Evacuation Drill to make sure everyone knows what to do if there is an emergency. The drill will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February. A siren may be heard so do not be concerned as this is an annual requirement for all schools.

Thank you to all the families who have paid their voluntary contributions and workbook and resources fee. This money assists the school in providing the highest quality of programs and equipment for teaching and learning.

Our first P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February from 7.00pm to approximately 8.30pm in the library. I look forward to seeing many parents/carers and family members attending this meeting.

**Rene Demos – Principal**

## Notes Due Back

- **Contact Details Form** – due back by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**.
- **Work Books** – note and payment due back by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**.
- **Home Reader Note** (K-2) due back by **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

## 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**

## Term Calendar

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

### Term 1, Week 2

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February**      **Swimming Carnival**

### Term 1, Week 4

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February**      **Stage 2 Parent Information Morning**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February**      **P&C Meeting – 7.00pm**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February**      **Stage 3 Parent Information Morning**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February**      **Scripture Begins**

### Term 1 Week 5

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February**      **Stage 1 & Early Stage 1 Parent Information Morning**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February**      **District Swimming**

### Term 1 Week 8

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**      **Harmony Day**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**      **P&C Meeting**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March**      **Purple Day**

## Swimming Carnival

Our Annual Swimming Carnival is being held tomorrow, **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February** at Greenacre Pool..

Please ensure children wear their sports uniform and bring all necessary items including sunscreen to enable them to participate fully in the days activities.

Parents and family members are welcome to come and cheer on the children. An entry fee is payable for all spectators.

**Mrs Rizzov**



## Library News

We have in place a system that rewards students for borrowing books in the library. Students receive a tick when returning books they have borrowed and for showing good manners and behaviour during library time. Once a student has received 30 ticks they become a 'Library Honour Student'.

### What is a Library Honour Student?

A Library Honour Student is a student who borrows regularly and behaves honourably while in the library.

### How do I become a Library Honour Student?

To become a Library Honour Student you must achieve 30 ticks in Mrs Well's record book. Students are rewarded for returning books and good behaviour.

### What do Honour Students Receive?

Every year there is a special selection of brand new books that only Honour Students may borrow. When you become an Honour Student you will also receive a Merit Certificate in assembly.

Honour Students are also invited to a special excursion to the movies in Term 4 to thank them for their excellent behaviour and enthusiastic borrowing throughout the year.

Anyone can become an Honour Student if they borrow each week. Please encourage your child to borrow books by providing them with a cloth library bag on the day they have library.

**Mrs Wells**

## Information Mornings

Attached to this newsletter is a schedule for our Parent Information Mornings.

These mornings are a great opportunity to meet your child's class teacher for 2014 and hear about class activities, programs and routines. We hope you are able to attend.

## Scripture

Religious Instruction/ Scripture lessons will commence on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February**.

We ask that all new families to the school complete the green scripture form that has been sent home and return it to your child's class teacher no later than **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

**Miss Seitaridis**

## Home Reading Scheme

Once again our K-2 students are looking forward to taking part in our Home Reading Scheme Program.

A letter will be sent home with the K – 2 students explaining the program to parents in the near future.

All students in K – 2 will be issued with a reading folder and plastic bag to protect their home readers from being damaged.

**Mrs Muffett**

## Book Club

The first Book Club issue has been sent home this week. With every dollar spent through Book Club the school receives Reward Points. These points enable us to purchase books for the school. Purchasing books from Book Club is not compulsory.

Scholastic Australia has a credit card payment option for purchases over \$15.00 to eliminate the worry about children bringing large amounts of money to school. If you choose to use this option please ensure all details are correctly filled out on the order form. Orders can also be paid by cheque. You can write one cheque to cover two or more order forms. Cheques can be made payable to Narwee Public School.

Please ensure all forms are filled out correctly with your child's name and class printed on the top of the form and the correct money is placed in an envelope and handed to your child's class teacher before the closing date. The books should arrive approximately 10 days after the closing date given by Scholastic.

Please feel free to talk to Mrs Dewsnap in the front office if you have any queries.

## Work Book & Resources Sale Day

Work Book & Resources Sale Day will be held on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February**.

Notes were attached to last week's newsletter. All notes and payment need to be returned by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**. A receipt will be issued to all students for their workbooks and resources.

## Mobile Phones

The use of mobile phones and other electronic communication devices is not permitted during school hours.

All students that bring these items to school must sign them in at the front office each morning and then collect them after school.

## PSSA Sport

Season 1 of PSSA for students in Years 3 – 6 will commence on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February**.

Permission notes and Code of Conduct notes will be sent home with all students selected in a team. Please read through these notes with your child.

All forms must be returned to school prior to sport starting. Without the return of these notes your child will not be able to participate.

**Mrs Rizzov**

## Reading with your Child

Reading with children is fun and one of the best ways to help prepare them for school.

Try not to let television intrude on reading time – set aside some uninterrupted time to read with your child.

## School Attendance

Did you know that if your child misses as few as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a whole year of education?

By law, you are required to send your child to school every day. If your child has to be away from school for any reason, please send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence, as soon as possible.

If your child arrives at school late, or needs to leave early, you will need to go to the office to sign your child in or out.

If you are having problems getting your child to attend school regularly and on time, please talk to your child's teacher or Principal.

For your obligations under the school attendance guidelines, please go to:

[www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student\\_admin/attendance](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_admin/attendance)

## Travel Passes

The School Student Transport Scheme can provide free travel on trains and buses to and from school for eligible students.

**All students who are now in Year 3 must complete a new travel application. Please collect a new a form from the office.**



## House Captains

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to lead their houses this year.

### Currawong

House Captain – **Faith (5/6K) & Mohammad (5/6K)**  
Vice Captain – **William (5/6F) & Alex (5/6F)**

### Kingfisher

House Captain – **Elana (5/6F) & Andrew (5/6K)**  
Vice Captain – **Indianna (5/6F) & Hussein (5/6K)**

### Kookaburra

House Captain – **Ellen (5/6F) & Mark (5/6F)**  
Vice Captain – **Elmer (5/6F)**

### Magpie

House Captain – **Anne-Marie (5/6K) & Sajad (5/6K)**  
Vice Captain – **Sean (5/6K)**

## Parent Line

### Free Professional Help for Parents and Carers

Parenting is one of life's most rewarding experiences; however parenting can also be challenging. Parent Line provides free telephone counselling for parents and carers of children aged 0-18 across NSW. This program has been operating successfully since 1998.

Parent Line's team of counsellors are professionals with many years of experience working with families and children. They confidently manage the wide range of calls that they receive every day and there is no issue too small or too big that they can't help with.

Parent Line is open until 9.00pm every day of the week.

**They can be contacted on 1300 1300 52**

## Lost Property

Your child's belongings can easily get misplaced at school. Please label all of your child's belongings with their name. Don't forget to label their school hat as these are quite often lost.

If your child has lost an item and it has their name on it please check with their class teacher as all labelled items are returned to the relevant class.



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