

# Narwee Public School

61 – 65 Broad Arrow Rd, Narwee, 2209  
T: 9153 9756 F: 9153 8729  
E: narwee-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



Term 1 – Week 4

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014

## Principal's Report

As mentioned earlier, classes are now in place. To assist parents with class routines and programs we are having parent information mornings and I encourage you to attend.

### The classes for 2014 are as follows:

KL	Mr Lennon	3/4D	Mr Correy
KP	Ms Pentecost	3/4L	Mrs Lennon/Ms Cairnduff
KV	Mr Vaccaro	4R	Mrs Rizzov
1C	Mrs Cope	4/5B	Mrs Berrett
1E	Mr Cameron	5/6F	Mr Forman
2L	Ms Leung	5/6K	Mrs Koletti/Mrs Canellis
2S	Ms Seitaridis		

### The support staff will be:

Mrs Muffett – Learning Difficulties  
Mrs Tucker – English as a Second Language (ESL)  
Mrs Wells – Librarian  
Ms Ramsey – various teaching roles  
Mrs Thomson & Mrs Gwynne – School Learning Support Officers

The beginning of the year is often a time when a number of school payments are requested.

Thank you to those families who have paid for voluntary contributions and workbook and resource fees. If you are experiencing difficulties paying on time please don't hesitate to come and see me if you require additional time or need some financial assistance.

A polite reminder, that all notes going home with payment or signature requests have a closing date. Additional time chasing these matters up by teachers and office staff takes up much of our teaching and administration time. Please take the time to read notes and adhere to the closing dates.

Tonight is our first P&C meeting all are welcome in the library for a 7.00pm start.

### Rene Demos – Principal

## 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 4

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
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	PSSA Commences

### 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
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	PSSA Round 2

### Term 1 Week 6

Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	PSSA Round 3
------------------------------	--------------

### Term 1 Week 7

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	PSSA Round 4
-------------------------------	--------------

### 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
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	PSSA Round 5

### Term 1 Week 9

Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Australian Reptile Show
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	PSSA Round 6



## Awards

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

Ricqi (1C)	Foteini (1C)
Ali (1C)	Malaika (1C)
Kai (1C)	Magenta (1C)
Mohamad (5/6F)	Ky (5/6F)
Alcheyah (5/6F)	Sulia (4/5B)
Bishwas (4/5B)	Grace (4/5B)
Tia (3/4L)	Jack (3/4L)
Andrew (5/6K)	Diya (5/6K)
Tyrell (3/4D)	Hussein (5/6K)
Judah (4R)	Catherine (4R)
Dhanisha (3/4D)	Jordan O (4R)
Chase (2L)	Ethar (2L)
Audrey (KV)	Christian (KV)
Danny (KL)	Amy (KL)

## Notes Due Back

- **PSSA** permission notes, code of conduct notes and shirt hire due back by **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February**.
- **Book Club** order form and payment due back by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February**.
- **Home Reader Note** (K-2) due back by **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February**.
- **UNSW Competition** note and payment due back by **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March**.

## Community Helpers

### Reading

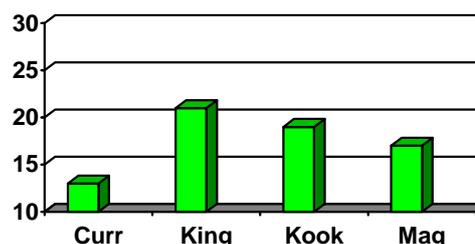
As you are aware, reading skills are essential across all Key Learning Areas and form an important part of class programs.

Teachers are asking for volunteers to support specifically targeted students with reading practice sessions.

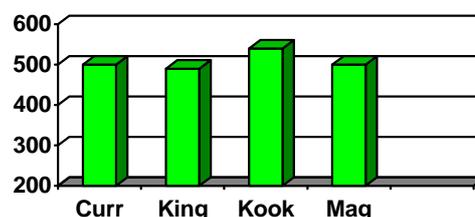
As these programs are based on student needs, it is possible that you may not be working with students from your own child's class. Any support would be greatly appreciated.

**Please contact the office if you can assist.**

HOUSE POINTS



UNIFORM SPOT CHECK



## PSSA Sport

Season 1 of PSSA for students in Years 3 – 6 will commence this Friday.

All forms must be returned to school no later than **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February**. Without the return of these notes your child will not be able to participate.

Please ensure your child pays their \$6.00 sport fee to the office every Friday morning before they go to class. Failure to pay this may see your child not being able to attend sport.

## Anti-Bullying Environment

Our school actively prevents bullying by having programs such as peer support to encourage appropriate behaviour and build self-esteem and respect for others.

We also have plans in place to deal with bullying and harassment and staff are trained to deal with these situations. If you think your child is being bullied, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or the Principal.

## Kindergarten News

Kindergarten will start homework in Term 2. If you would like more information about this please see your child's class teacher.

**Mr Lennon, Mrs Pentecost & Mr Vaccaro**

## Behaviour Levels System

Our Behaviour Levels System has been carefully designed based on rewards and consequences and is intended to make students responsible for their own actions and behaviours. It is a very fair system which sets out clear guidelines indicating what can be expected to happen at each level.

Each student starts on Bronze Level with the aim of reaching GOLD Level with demonstrated good behaviour. Poor behaviours will result in students dropping down levels to 4, 5 or even 6, with appropriate consequences.

### This is how the process works:

1. All staff meet in Weeks 3, 6 and 9 and each child's name is read out with the level that their teacher believes they should be placed.
2. Any staff member who objects to this level speaks up.
3. The child's behaviour is discussed until everyone agrees on the level of the child.

Students may move down a level at any time if they display poor behaviours. The class teacher will issue a purple form to be sent home to the parents informing them of this. If a student is placed on detention parents are notified by receiving a pink detention note. Both notes must be signed by a parent and returned to the school the following day.

Last week, teachers held their first levels meeting of the year. This year has begun particularly well and students have been very calm and sensible.

All students remained on Bronze Level as teachers are still getting to know them and establishing class rules and expectations. It is hoped that at our next meeting in Week 6 that students will start to move up. Those students on Bronze Level and above will be rewarded with an Acknowledgement Day at the end of each term where students are allowed to wear mufti clothing and participate in organised fun activities for part of the day.

Parents can help by showing an interest in their child's level and encouraging them to strive for GOLD.

**Mrs Berrett – Assistant Principal**

## School News

From time to time issues or disagreements may occur between students. It is the responsibility of school staff 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**

## Cyber-Safety Tips

### Safe passwords

Encourage your child to set passwords that are easy to remember but hard to guess. The best passwords mean something memorable to you, but wouldn't be randomly guessed by others. Select passwords that are:

- Long – the more characters your password has, the lower the probability that it can be randomly cracked.
- Diverse – use a range of different characters including capital letters, numbers and special characters (like a \$ or #).

## Tips for Parenting Tweens

Tweens are aged from 9 – 14. They are in the middle years – no longer children and not yet teenagers but somewhere between, hence the term 'tweens' or 'tweenagers'.

During these years there is a rush of hormones, peers become more important and tweens become more independent.

### Simple things you can do for your tween:

- Eat meals together - there is a lot of evidence that shows this is powerful in modelling good behaviour and giving them a sense of belonging.
- Know what kids are up to with their friends and when online.
- Encourage activities outside of school that are run by trusted adults.
- Keep the connection with school and attend significant events.

## School Weeks

Q: Why does the school use 'Weeks' instead of dates?

A: Schools find it useful for planning each term.

To help parents, here are the actual dates for the rest of this term:

- Week 4 commences Monday 17.02.14
- Week 5 commences Monday 24.02.14
- Week 6 commences Monday 03.03.14
- Week 7 commences Monday 10.03.14
- Week 8 commences Monday 17.03.14
- Week 9 commences Monday 24.03.14
- Week 10 commences Monday 31.03.14
- Week 11 commences Monday 07.04.14

## Homework

How much should you help your child with homework? When your child makes a mistake, should you fix it? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns. Find out more at:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework>

## Back to School

Homework, hot weather and class sizes – here are some answers to frequently asked questions about going to a NSW public school. Find out more at:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/back-to-school-2014>

## School Friendships

If children are happy socially, they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.

Find out more at:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>

## District Swimming Carnival

The District Swimming carnival is being held at Roselands Pool on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February**.

Travel to the pool will be by private car being driven by Mrs Rizzov and parents. Students must be at school by 8.15am in order to arrive at the pool by 8.40am.

**Due to time restrictions we are unable to wait for students that arrive late.**

Students will need to bring their towel, sunscreen, costumes, goggles, lunch and recess along with at least 2 drinks. The pool canteen will also be operating.

**All students are to wear their sports uniform including their school hat.**

Please ensure your permission note and \$4.00 for pool and carnival entry is returned to school no later than **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February**.

Parents are welcome to attend. A \$2.40 entry fee will be charged for spectators.

**Good luck to all our competitors.**

## School Safety

Safety of our students is a priority at Narwee Public School. We need to be aware of any people that are within school grounds at all times.

All parents/carers are reminded that when entering the school grounds during the day they must report to the front office first. This includes when picking children up early or visiting throughout the day. Parents are not permitted to wander around the school grounds during school hours.

We appreciate your support in this matter.

## Envelopes

Just a reminder that when paying for an excursion, book club etc it is important to send your child's permission note and money in a sealed envelope. It is becoming more frequent that children are losing money on their way to school because it has not been in an envelope or the envelope has a hole in it and the money has fallen out.

Envelopes can be purchased at supermarkets for a minimal cost and are to be supplied by parents. The school does not issue envelopes for student's payments to be placed in. Please ensure the correct amount of money is included as the office may not have change.

## Road Safety

For the safety of all school children please do not stop or park your car on or near any pedestrian crossing and ensure you observe all safety and no stopping signs.

A child's perception, judgement and awareness of potentially dangerous situations is generally not sufficiently developed to properly cope with the road environment until they are at least 10 years of age. Children need adults to set a good example and to supervise them closely in and around traffic including roundabouts, traffic lights and car parks.

Remember that watching children is never enough. Keep your children safe by holding their hands as you cross any road.

With the school holidays fast approaching please remind your child that crossing the road should always be done with care. Important things they should remember are:

- Always cross the road at a pedestrian crossing
- Always look right, then left and right again before crossing the road to check there are no cars coming

For more information visit:  
[www.kidsafensw.org](http://www.kidsafensw.org)