

# Narwee Public School

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Term 1 – Week 7

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014

## Principal's Report

Upgrades to our technology have now been completed with the school going wireless.

I am currently planning the purchase of 30 tablets to be used primarily in the senior classes and in the near future increasing our purchase of more tablets to be used in other grades.

This is another example of how well resourced we are at Narwee Public School and the great opportunities our school provides for our students.

I would like to extend a warm invitation to any member of our school community to attend our next P&C meeting on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** at **7.00pm**. These meetings are very informal and finish around **8.00 - 8.30pm**.

Our committee have an important role and are currently discussing fundraising ideas, choosing our school photographer and regularly assist in the decision making process for school matters. I provide a brief outline of school activities, academic programs and upcoming events.

I look forward to seeing more members of our community attending and participating in this important role.

**Rene Demos – Principal**

## Notes Due Back

- **Harmony Day Sausage Sizzle** note and payment due back by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March**.
- **Book Club Issue 2** due back by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March**.
- **Snake Tails** permission note and payment due back by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March**.
- **Yr 2 Nursing Home Visit** permission note due back by **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March**.

## 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 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**  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**      **Ride 2 School Day**  
**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**

### Term 1 Week 10

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

### Term 1 Week 11

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

## Fruit Break Class Winners

This week the fruit break award goes to **3/4L** with 85% of students having fruit. Well done **3/4L**. Congratulations also to **2S** who were the winning Infants class.



## Awards

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

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Bianca (KP)    | Kleo (1E)          |
| Mikhaela (1E)  | Jolin (1C)         |
| Miguel (1C)    | Stephanie (1C)     |
| Praneil (2S)   | Nada (KL)          |
| Adam (KL)      | Jordan C (4R)      |
| Robert (4R)    | Raytim (4R)        |
| Charlotte (2S) | Himal (2S)         |
| Mariam (4R)    | Jack (4R)          |
| Nina (4R)      | Christopher (3/4D) |
| Mariam (3/4D)  | Hussein (5/6K)     |
| Sanja (4/5B)   | Lillian (4/5B)     |
| Jasmine (5/6K) | Ethan (5/6K)       |
| Jaafar (3/4L)  | Rachel (KV)        |
| Seann (4/5B)   | Srijit (KV)        |
| Jacob (KP)     | George (5/6F)      |
| Ellen (5/6F)   | Jason (5/6K)       |
| Kiara (2L)     | Thurston (2L)      |

## K-2 Home Reading

A number of students still need to return the permission note to participate in the Home Reading Scheme. These students will be disadvantaged with their Literacy learning.

The Home Reading Scheme is a valuable and beneficial literacy learning program for all students to participate in.

If you have not returned your child's Home Reading Scheme note please ensure it is returned by this **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March** so that all students can benefit from such a valuable program.

Mrs Muffett

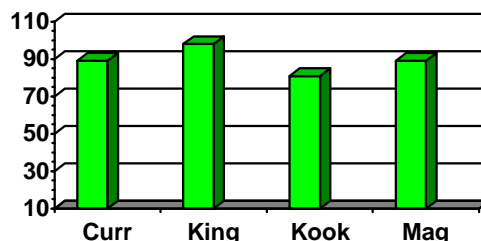
## Clean Up Day Recount

Today 1C had Clean Up Day at school. First we lined up outside. Then we put our hats and gloves on. Then we walked around the garden and picked up rubbish.

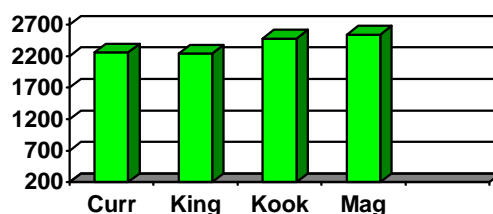
After that, we put the rubbish in the big yellow bags. Finally, we washed our hands and went back to our classroom. Now our school is clean and tidy.

Recount jointly constructed by the students in 1C

HOUSE POINTS



UNIFORM SPOT CHECK



## Ride To School Day

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** is 'Ride 2 School' Day. Leave the car at home and ride, walk or scoot the whole way or part of the way to school.

Students at Narwee Public School are encouraged to take part in this annual event. Senior SRC members will welcome you at the gate acknowledging your effort.

All students who participate will receive a raffle ticket that is to be placed in the coloured letterboxes in the office area. The ticket will then be added to the house points total for next week.

**All students participating must wear a helmet to school.**

Mrs Pentecost

## 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.**





## Purple Day

Purple Day is being held on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014** in memory of our much loved school captain of 2012.

Liongi suffered from Lupus and students, staff and community members were all saddened by the sudden loss of such a beautiful member of our school.

Please wear purple clothing to school and bring a gold coin donation.

All money raised will be donated to the Lupus Association of NSW.

We look forward to filling our school with the colour of purple on the day and raising money to go to a worthy cause.



## Behaviour Levels

Last week staff were involved in the behaviour levelling process.

The good news is that the majority of our students have had a terrific start to the year and are behaving well.

Most students remained on Bronze Level at this meeting however unfortunately two students have been moved to Level 4. It is hoped that these students will learn a valuable lesson and will be able to improve their behaviour and attitude for the remainder of the year.

Don't forget to show an interest in your child's level and ask frequently what level they are on and offer advice on how this can be improved or maintained.

Below are the criteria which we use to promote students to Gold Level.

- Always strive to do their best
- Always follow school rules
- Respect everyone – all school staff members, students, casual teachers, helpers etc
- Make an effort to be involved in all organised activities and events
- Show initiative
- Be punctual – to class and to start work
- Be organised with classroom equipment – pens, pencils, rulers etc
- Do homework to the best of their ability
- Wear full school uniform

**Mrs Berrett – Assistant Principal**

## ANZAC Service

Parents and carers are invited to attend Narwee Public School's annual ANZAC Service being held on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April** commencing at **9.30am** in the school hall.

Narwee will stop to remember all the soldiers who have fought and died in the wars with the presentation being conducted by Mr Forman and Mr Lennon.



## Stage 3 News

A big **THANK YOU** to all the Year 6 students who have already returned their Expression of Interest High School forms. It is due back before next **Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> March**. Please **DO NOT** leave it until the last minute to ask questions or fill it out! If you need any help, please come and ask myself or one of the other Stage 3 teachers.

Last Thursday afternoon we held an information session in the hall for all Year 5 & 6 students and their families. We explored the Expression of Interest paperwork that needs to be completed by Year 6 students as they prepare to enter High School in 2015.

Sometimes these forms can seem a bit tricky, so this session was held to help students and families understand what they need to do. I would like to thank all the parents and family members that came along and hope that this session has made the whole process clearer.

The Selective High School Test was also last week and we had Year 4 students who sat the test. We have our fingers crossed for you and we are very proud that you had a go.

The Stage 3 teachers have begun preparations for this year's Peer Support training. I remind our Stage 3 students to start thinking about what a good leader is, how they behave and what they do.

**Mrs Koletti – Assistant Principal**

## Homework Plus

**Homework support + bible teaching + afternoon tea + games + friends + fun**

Where: Narwee Baptist Church  
When: 4.00pm to 6.00pm for children in K – 6  
Cost: \$2.00 per week

**Contact Suzanne for more information on 0401 157 597 or [suzanne@narweebaptist.org.au](mailto:suzanne@narweebaptist.org.au)**

## Stewart House Bags

Just a reminder that Stewart House bags are due back no later than **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March**.

**Please do not leave bags after this date.**

When returning the bags to school, please place them outside the disabled toilet which is located on 'D' Block next to Mrs Rizzov's classroom.

## Current Season

**The current season according to the D'harawal people – 'Burran'**

*Thank you to Frances Bodkin for the inspiration in her book D'harawal Seasons and Climatic Cycles.*

You may or may not recall the stories behind the six D'harawal seasons in last year's newsletter. We now have a fantastic mural in the garden to remind us of these seasons, increase our awareness of them and hopefully inspire learning opportunities in the classroom.

We are currently in the later part of the season called 'Burran'; also known as the time of the Eastern Grey Kangaroo. It is typified by weather that is hot and dry (Gadalung Marool). For more information, find the above mentioned book in your local library or visit the website of the Australian Government Bureau of Meteorology at <http://www.bom.gov.au/iwk/>

The art club will begin meeting weekly to complete this amazing mural and carry out a number of exciting art projects around the school.

**Mr Vaccaro**

## Clean Up Day

Last Friday Narwee Public School participated in the school's Clean-Up Day. According to 'Clean Up Australia', we joined more than 460,768 students from over 2464 schools Australia wide.

Our school's results will be counted along with the 572,400 volunteers who removed 15,700 tonnes of rubbish at 7,140 sites right across the country.

Remember, the school's Clean-Up Day does not have to be a one-off event. It is the responsibility of everyone to keep our school clean. At Narwee, students who pick up rubbish at lunch and recess time are given 'Keep Narwee Beautiful' cards which they take up to the office to redeem for house points so not only are students keeping their school beautiful, they are contributing to the overall tally of house points.

Of the 13 bags of rubbish collected, two of these bags were audited by two classes. Be sure to read the results of this audit in next week's newsletter. It will be very interesting to see what the most littered type of rubbish is at school.

**Mr Vaccaro**



## PSSA Reports

### Oz Tag

Last Friday Narwee Public School played Mortdale Public School at Peakhurst Park. Unfortunately both teams lost.

**Juniors** – a great effort boys. It was a very fast game and you hung in there until the very end. I was impressed with your enthusiasm and positive talk so well done. A special mention goes to **Sione** (4R) and **Jordan C** (4R) for their running game. Player of the match went to **Jeralias** (4R) for his excellent defence.

**Seniors** – that was a tough game boys. Mortdale were a strong team that really tested our defence. When defending we must move up together and communicate. In attack, we need to be deeper and faster with quick play the balls and several optional runners. Player of the match went to **Zac** (5/6F) for his running game.

**Mr Forman**

## Newcombe Ball

The Senior Newcombe Ball team played Peakhurst South Public School last Friday. We had 3 very close sets but unfortunately Peakhurst South won the match 3-0. Congratulations to **Elias** (4/5B) and **Sean** (5/6K) who had a great game and kept their head to keep us in the game until the very end. Player of the match went to **Anne-Marie** (5/6K) for a well-played game.

The Junior Newcombe Ball team also played Peakhurst South on Friday. Narwee won the match 3-0. Our junior team played exceptionally well with some big serves and amazing catches. Congratulations to the whole team on a great 'team effort'. Player of the match went to **Jordan O** (4R).

**Mrs Canellis**

## Home Reading

### Tips for reading at home with your child

- Encourage your child to guess what the story is about.
- Praise your child when an idea or word is used that you know will come up in the story.
- Read from the pictures, encouraging your child to build up a story before looking at the print.
- Talk about the start of the story, what happened by the end of the story, the people in the story etc.
- Ask questions such as "what can you tell me about the story from the picture?" or "What do you think will happen in the story?"

Reading at home is aimed at being a valuing and pleasant experience for both you and your child.

**Remember – Be Patient.**

