

# Narwee Public School

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Term 1 – Week 9

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014

## Principal's Report

Yesterday the Snake Tails presentation took place. The closing date for permission note and money to be returned was Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Children who brought in money/notes after this date were not permitted to attend this educational and enjoyable event.

Too many times parents/carers do not adhere to the closing date listed. Notes are sent out well before the closing date. Permission notes are also posted on our website. Office staff, teacher's time and funds are spent too often on printing and giving out lost notes to families.

Often payments to the presenters need to be organised well before the date of the event. I never like to see children missing out on any activity or presentation. Please read notes and respond before the listed closing date. This will ensure your child does not miss out.

Your assistance is essential. Being organised is a skill we are trying to teach all our students. Parents/carers need to be responsible in these matters.

**Rene Demos – Principal**

## Notes Due Back

- **Yr 2 Nursing Home Visit** permission note due back by **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March**.
- **School Disco** permission note and payment due back by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April**
- **Easter Hat Parade** 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.**



## Term Calendar

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

### Term 1 Week 9

**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**  
**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April School Disco**  
**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**

### Term 2 Week 1

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April First Day of Term 2**

## 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 **4/5B** with 75% of students having fruit. Congratulations also to **1C** who were the winning Infants class.



## Awards

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

Elijah (2S)	Amira (3/4D)
Sean (3/4D)	Tiffany (KP)
Sefesi (1C)	Jayden (1E)
Oindrini (KL)	Emily (KL)
Maraam (1C)	Marwan (1E)
Jarren (KP)	Katrina (5/6K)
Zoe (5/6K)	Kristina (4/5B)
Sidney (4/5B)	Antonia (4/5B)
Ruby (2S)	Isaac (2S)
Georgia (5/6K)	Samuel (3/4L)
Angelique (5/6K)	Jemar (3/4L)
Mark (5/6F)	Tiari (5/6F)
Lilly-Maree (KV)	Aiken (KV)
Ayah (4R)	Sakinah (4R)
Reya (4R)	

## Nursing Home Visit

The Year 2 students of our school will be visiting the residents of Bupa Nursing Home, Roselands on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April** where they will sing Easter songs and distribute eggs that have been donated by the families of Narwee Public School.

If your child is in Year 2 please ensure their permission note to attend this event is returned to their class teacher no later than **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

## School Disco

Notes were sent home in last week's newsletter for our first disco of the year which is being held on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April**.

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

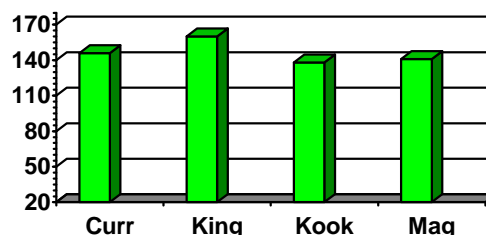
**No tickets will be sold on the night.**

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

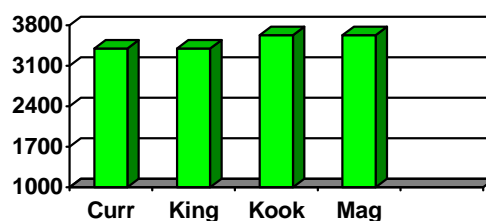
**Only those students on Bronze Level or above may attend the disco.**

Mr & Mrs Lennon

HOUSE POINTS



UNIFORM SPOT CHECK



## Purple Day

Wow! Narwee Public School has done it again. You all looked fantastic in your shades of purple. We are sure Liongi would have been truly humbled by the participation by her fellow peers. Although our school is small in number, our generosity resembles a school of great magnitude.

There are also some people to thank for donating items which were raffled. Many thanks to **Alex Smith** for making a beautiful pair of purple gloves and the **EI-Hallak** family for donating a premium hair certificate to their salon.

Congratulations to **Alissa** (4/5B) who won the gloves and **Jaafar** (3/4L) who won the hair salon voucher. Robert from the Lupus Foundation will be overwhelmed by the \$600.00 we raised as a school.

Congratulations Narwee as you have played a major role in educating more people about Lupus as the money raised will go towards printing information brochures on Lupus.

Mr & Mrs Lennon – SRC Coordinators



## Stewart House Envelopes

The eldest child in each family has been issued with a Stewart House Donation Drive Envelope. Your donation helps support the 1800 children that attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

Please place a \$2.00 donation in the envelope, complete the entry details on the back and return it to your child's class teacher to be eligible to go into the draw to win a \$4000 family holiday to a destination of your choice.

**Envelopes must be returned to school no later than Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May.**

The draw will take place on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**. The winner will be notified by telephone and mail.

Further information including full terms and conditions are available at:

[www.stewarthousw.org.au](http://www.stewarthousw.org.au)

## NAPLAN

If you have a child in Years 3, 5, 7 or 9 they will sit NAPLAN tests this May. Despite what you have heard, there is no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child.

**To find out more visit:**

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan>

## P&C News

We sent out our flyer for the Easter Guessing Competition last week and I forgot to mention that we are also giving away a MOST TICKETS SOLD prize! It's great to see tickets are coming in already. There are more at the office if you need them!

We know you are busy and while we value any amount of time you can spare, buying tickets to our competition is an easy way that you can help us help our school!

We had our meeting last Wednesday night and it was great to see many parents attending and even some new faces – welcome!

The more people involved in our P&C the more exciting and successful it can be. Our next meeting will be held at **9.30am on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – all parents are welcome and invited to attend.

There is no expectation or demand for people to volunteer their time. P&C meetings generally run for around an hour and predominantly involve an open forum between the parents, Mrs Demos and senior members of staff. We would encourage all parents to join us at our meetings and keep an eye out for us in the playground.

**Tanya Awadalla – P&C Secretary**

## PSSA Reports

### Basketball

Last Friday the Junior Girls' Basketball team played Kingsgrove Public School at Narwee. This was the first time that the team had a draw with the final score being 12-12. Congratulations to **Catherine** (4R) and **Georgia** (4R) for playing really well.

The Senior Girls' Basketball team also played Kingsgrove Public School. Narwee won with a score of 41-21. Congratulations to all the senior girls team for playing a great game. Well done to **Georgia** (5/6K) for scoring a massive 22 points.

Overall player of the week went to **Georgia** (5/6K) for her amazing shooting ability.

**Mrs Lennon**

### Newcombe Ball

The Senior Newcombe Ball team played Beverly Hills Public School on Friday and had a very close match. Unfortunately we lost the match 2-1 however our last set we were tied on match point for the game. All players had a great game and continue to improve each week. Keep up the great work. Player of the match went to **Anson** (5/6K) for his effort and sportsmanship throughout the game.

The Junior Newcombe Ball team played Beverly Hills Public School as well and even after being very evenly matched lost the last set in a match point to lose the game 2-1. The junior team had a very strong 2<sup>nd</sup> set which saw them easily win it however they need to stay focused for the whole game and not let each other down. Keep trying hard juniors as you are a very strong team when you work together. Player of the match went to **Zahra** (4/5B) for being a focused player.

**Mrs Canellis**

### Oz Tag

**Juniors won 12 – 1      Seniors won 8 – 0**

**Juniors** – that was a fabulous game last week. I saw lots of great passes and fast running. Your defence was unbelievable this week and you all defended your line effectively. There was some great tagging from **Joshua** (4/5B) and clever passing from **Jeralias** (4R). Player of the match went to **Shareef** (4R) for his excellent tries.

**Seniors** – that was much better than last week. Your defence was the key to winning this week as you all marked your player and moved up as a team. A big thank you to **Joshua** (4/5B) and **Jeralias** (4R) for helping out this week. Player of the match went to **Mark N** (5/6F) for some clever passes.

**Mr Forman**

## PSSA Sport Levy

Students who participate in a Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) competition on Fridays are charged a weekly levy of \$6.00.

All students who play are asked to pay this weekly levy, whether they remain at school to compete against a visiting team or travel by bus to a venue. This levy not only keeps costs down for all students, as not all PSSA sporting teams have the opportunity to play at school, but it also assists with the numerous costs involved in running the many varied competitions that are offered.

Narwee Public School is a member of the Georges River District PSSA. Every year the school must pay for all students enrolled in Years 3-6 to participate in the PSSA sports offered by our district, as these all take a great deal of organising.

In addition, umpires and trophies/ribbons/certificates must be supplied to winners and runners up, students are often chosen to play in District teams that compete at various Carnivals and District Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals must also be organised. The weekly \$6.00 levy partially pays for these costs. NO profit is made from the levy and costs are kept as low as possible.

Our aim is that as many students as possible should experience being part of a PSSA team, learning and improving associated skills and socialising with students from neighbouring schools in a sportsmanlike manner.

**Mrs Rizzov – Sports Coordinator**

## School A to Z App

Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? This free homework helper app provides maths and English glossaries, assignment starters and more.

**Find out more at:**

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z>

## 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.



## 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**

## Peer Support

Peer Support Training should occur on Monday and Tuesday of Week 11 (**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> April**). This will be an exciting two days of leadership development for our Stage 3 students to assist them in becoming articulate, strong and responsible Peer Support Leaders.

They will commence their weekly, small group lessons with students in Kindergarten to Year 4 in Term 2. Now is the time for our Stage 3 students to ask themselves the question, "What makes a good leader?"

**Mrs Koletti – Assistant Principal**

## Soundwaves Spelling

As you would be aware, students in Years 1-6 are using a spelling program created by a company called Soundwaves. It has been selected because it directly and explicitly teaches students from a phonemic approach.

What does this mean in everyday language? It means students are taught to listen to, analyse and compare the ways different letters make sounds.

For example, in English the sound (phoneme) k could be made using different letters (graphemes):

k as in kite  
c as in cow  
ch as in school  
ck as in sock

This approach to spelling explicitly teaches students the different ways one sound (phoneme) can be made and helps them to become informed and confident spellers.

An extremely exciting part of the program is that there is **ONLINE HOME ACCESS** to the games. Many students have already been given their passwords and had a go at accessing the website during the Technology lessons. If you are not sure, please ask your child's teacher. The Learning Objects and Helpful Hint sections are particularly useful for students at home.

**Mrs Koletti**