

Narwee Public School

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Term 2 – Week 4

Wednesday 21st May 2014

Principal's Report

Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school's P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation's Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation's Board of Management.

Please take the time to read the media release from Adrian Piccoli in this newsletter.

More information will be available on the Department's website at:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/az/involvement.php>

Rene Demos – Principal

School Security

Please help keep our school safe

If you see anything unusual happening in the school grounds at any time please call School Security on

1300 880 021

Notes & Payments Due

- **Family Day Sausage Sizzle** order form and money due back by **Friday 30th May**.
- **2nd Camp Payment of \$75.00** due by **Friday 20th June**.
- **3rd Camp Payment of \$75.00** due by **Friday 25th July**.
- **Final Camp payment of \$75.00** due by **Friday 22nd August**.



School Calendar

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

Term 2 Week 4

Wednesday 21 st May	P&C Meeting
Thursday 22 nd May	District Cross Country

Term 2 Week 5

Thursday 29 th May	Stage 3 Nutrition Program
Friday 30 th May	PSSA Season 2 Starts

Term 2 Week 6

Tuesday 3 rd June	Family Day
Wednesday 4 th June	UNSW Science
Thursday 5 th June	Woolworths Visit – Stage 3
Friday 6 th June	PSSA – Round 2

Term 2 Week 7

Monday 9 th June	Public Holiday
Tuesday 12 th June	Gold Day
Friday 13 th June	PSSA – Round 3
Friday 13 th June	Reports Sent Home

Term 2 Week 8

Monday 16 th June	UNSW Writing
Tuesday 17 th June	UNSW Spelling
Wednesday 18 th June	P&C Meeting – 9.30am
Friday 20 th June	PSSA – Round 4
Friday 20 th June	Reports Sent Home



Awards

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

Ali (KL)	Sammy (KL)
Jason (KP)	Zahraa (KP)
Foteini (1C)	Gennalin (1C)
Olivia (1E)	Jackson (1E)
Mohammad (1E)	Hamdi (2L)
Ivan (2L)	Noah (2L)
Aaryan (2S)	Hanna (2S)
Liam (2S)	Mohammed (3/4D)
Chanell (3/4D)	Aliyah (3/4L)
Kaitlin (3/4L)	Georga (4R)
Nina (4R)	Robert (4R)
Reya (4R)	Zahra (4/5B)
Kristina (4/5B)	Grace (4/5B)
Neil (5/6F)	Zac (5/6F)
Mohammad (5/6K)	Jasmine (5/6K)
Stavroula (5/6K)	

Walk Safely to School Day

Just a reminder that **Friday 23rd May** is Walk Safely to School Day.

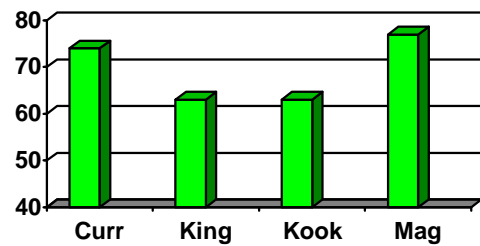
If you need to drive to school, try leaving the car further down the road and walking the remainder of the way.

All students who walk to school on **Friday 23rd May** will receive a raffle ticket in class for entry in a lucky draw prize. Additionally, all students who walk to school will receive a sticker when they walk in the gate.

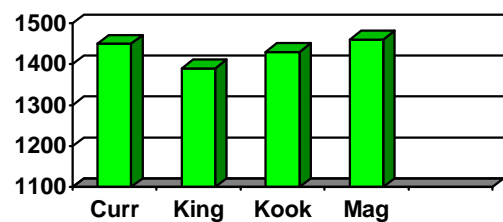
Mrs Pentecost



HOUSE POINTS



UNIFORM SPOT CHECK



Peer Support

This week in Peer Support, children will review the bullying triangle and remember that bullying affects everyone in the school, not just the person being bullied.

Everyone in our school has the right to feel safe and there are lots of ways children can help to build a positive school environment.

The children will look at 3 responses to situations; anxious, angry and assertive and discuss which would be the most helpful to them.

Ask your child how they are planning to be more assertive with others.

Mrs Canellis – Peer Support Co-ordinator

Kindergarten Enrolments

Kindergarten enrolments are now being accepted for all eligible siblings of those already enrolled at our school for 2015.

Children must turn 5 before 1st August 2015 to be able to enrol for next year. Please call at the front office if you need to collect an enrolment form or alternatively you can download one from our school website.



Hang 40 Challenges

The Hang 40 Community Group have been holding challenges during their lunch time visits with the children

Last week's challenge was 'Paper Tearing'. Below are listed the winners who had the longest piece.

Primary
Shareef (4R)
Veronica (4R)

Infants
Dean (1E)
Layla (2S)

Gold Level Students

Congratulations to the following students who have reached Gold Level.

Isaak – 3/4D
 Dhanisha – 3/4D

Tia – 3/4L
 Lotu – 3/4L
 Jack – 3/4L

Zahra – 4/5B
 David – 4/5B
 Matea – 4/5B
 Thomas – 4/5B
 Elias – 4/5B

Alcheyah -5/6F
 Elana – 5/6F
 Sarah – 5/6F

Diya – 5/6K
 Georgia – 5/6K
 Angelique – 5/6K



Family Day Sausage Sizzle

The canteen will be holding a BBQ for all students and parents to celebrate Family Day. Sausages in a roll will be available to purchase for \$3.50 each. A Meal Deal is also available - this will include a sausage on a roll along with a packet of chips and a bottle of juice. The cost of the Meal Deal is \$6.00.

A Red Day will also be held on the day where children will be able to buy lollies and treats.

Family Day

Tuesday 3rd June 2014

Parents and Carers are invited to come and celebrate



Narwee Public School's students will be showcasing their talents at our Annual Family Day.

Performances commence at 9.45am in the school hall and conclude at approximately 11.20am.

From 11.20am – 12.10pm we will be having lunch. Please join in with the staff and students of Narwee. A sausage sizzle from the canteen will be available on the day.

As there are some students in the school whose parents don't wish them to be photographed, please be mindful to only photograph your own child (children).

We look forward to seeing you there.



Gold Day

Each year, Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick touches the lives of over 326,000 children across NSW and beyond. These kids need your help. Let's get involved in Gold Week 2014.

You can help us build on our previous efforts and raise even more money for the hospital. This year our dedicated SRC members will be holding a Gold Day on **Thursday 12th June**. They are asking you to wear gold or yellow clothes and bring in a gold coin donation.

The SRC will also be selling 'spider' drinks for \$1.00 at lunchtime and recess. Please get behind your SRC and participate in the festivities and support the Sydney Children's Hospital at the same time.



Behaviour Levels

Last week our staff were involved in the first behaviour levelling meeting for this term.

I am pleased to report that we have 99% of our students on Bronze Level or above. It was also fantastic to see that 42% of our students are now on Silver Level and 16 wonderful students have been promoted to Gold Level.

For a student to be on our very prestigious Gold Level they must meet certain criteria. Below is a list of these:

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

The students are responsible for their own behaviour and should all be striving for Gold Level one day.

It is your responsibility as a parent to find out which level your child is on. Please show an interest and encourage them to move up or to continue their great behaviour.

Mrs Berrett – Assistant Principal

Speaking Another Language at Home

Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken?

Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according to the Raising Children Network, that's not the case at all.

A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write English when they get to school.

More information is available at:

www.bit.ly/1m0agnk

Stage 1 News

Guided Walk of Their Local Community

On Monday 12th May students from 1E, 1C, 2S & 2L went for a guided walk around certain streets of Narwee.

The purpose of this walk was to see and understand how certain places in their local community provide a service and play an important part.

A big thank you to all the classroom and Pre – service teachers who ensured the safety and successful learning experiences of all the students.

Mrs Muffett – Assistant Principal

District Cross Country

Good luck to the children competing in the Georges River District Cross Country Carnival at Gannons Park tomorrow.

Please remember to be at school no later than 7.45am. Due to sharing a bus with other schools we are unable to wait for any students that arrive late.

Don't forget to bring warm clothes for after your race and a raincoat if it looks like rain.

Mrs Rizzov

Mental Maths Strategies

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions we are helping them to look for patterns.

All this builds a good sense of 'number' which means they understand the relationship between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well.

The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them.

School A to Z has lots of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies. To find out more go to:

www.bit.ly/JkiUsY



Debating

Bankstown/East Hills Round 1 Debating

On Friday 23rd May the Narwee Public School Debating Team will travel to Panania Public School to participate in Round 1 of Debating in 2014.

The topic is 'School is Fun'. The Narwee Debating Team will be presenting the case as 'School is Not Fun'. That's the negative side.

Thank you to all the students who gave the team their thoughts and reasons. The team will use them to support the case that 'School is Not Fun'.

Mrs Muffett / Mr Lennon – Debating Co-ordinators and Coaches

School Report Changes

Our School Reports will have some minor changes over the next few years in accordance with the progressive implementation of the new National Curriculum. At this point in time, teachers at Narwee Public School are expected to be fully implementing the English and Mathematics Syllabus documents. As a result, the terminology used in our reports has been changed slightly.

What was Reading...	⇒	Is now Reading and Viewing
What was Writing...	⇒	Is now Writing and Representing
What was Talking and Listening...	⇒	Is now Speaking and Listening

Measurement + Space & Geometry...	⇒	Are now combined as Measurement and Geometry
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Data...	⇒	Is now Statistics and Probability
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Number + Patterns & Algebra...	⇒	Are now combined as Number and Algebra
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As has already been explained in our school newsletter and at a Parent Workshop last year, the content taught to the students has not experienced significant changes. As a result, the areas students are assessed on will be similar to those in past years and student reports will also be similar to previous ones.

Please note, in summary : while the language and labels on the school reports has changed, the skills and content that we are reporting on has not changed radically. We do not expect these changes to cause any difficulty for families when reading and understanding the reports.

Jane Koletti – Assistant Principal

P&C News

I hope you managed to make it to our P&C meeting this morning. It is one way you can hear what is happening within the school as well as bring up topics that you would like to know about. Our next fundraiser is the **Pie Drive**. Forms will be sent out soon.

Another of our ongoing fundraisers is the Sydney Entertainment Book. This book offers fantastic deals for family activities. Save money while taking the children to the movies, bowling or the zoo. 20% from each book sold raises money for our school. The combined Sydney Book is \$70 and the Sydney Greater West is \$65. Peter has already saved money with the Woolworths gift cards and movie tickets for the upcoming X-Men movie.

Please see Peter Maylott in the mornings if you wish to flick through a sample book, finding the offers that work for your family. You can order directly from Peter if you want a hard copy of the book or you can visit on line for a digital copy. The online order page is:

<https://entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2012g37>

Please support our fundraisers as every item sold provides a donation, however small or large, towards your child's school.

Judi White

Holiday Club

Narwee Baptist Church Holiday Club 2014

When: Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July

Time: 9.30am to 1.00pm

Who: Kinder to Year 6 students

Cost: \$45.00 per week (maximum \$100.00 per family).
Morning tea is included. BYO drink bottle.

There will be games, craft, bible stories, activities and jumping castles.

There are 250 places available. Pre-registration is essential. No registrations will be accepted without payment. Bookings must cover a minimum of 3 days (\$27.00 per child).

All registrations must be finalised by 16th June after which date there will be no refunds.

For more details please contact

Robyn Garlick on 9534 2699



Food Revolution Day

On Friday 16th May all the Kindergarten students at Narwee Public School and their teachers were actively involved in Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution Day.

The students were involved in creating a Rainbow Salad Wrap using fresh food. The aim of this event was to promote student's eating healthy fresh food daily.

The recipe can be found via the link below.

<http://www.foodrevolutionday.com/rainbow-salad-wrap>

Mr Vaccaro – Co-ordinator

