

Narwee Public School

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Term 2 – Week 7

Wednesday 11th June 2014

Principal's Report

With the cooler weather approaching it's an easy routine to slip into, to stay in bed longer and arrive at school late.

Please be reminded that being on time each day and only taking sick days when necessary, is a vital part of teaching children the importance of being reliable and valuing their education.

It is a legal requirement that children attend school every day that school operates.

Recently the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) from the Department of Education audited the attendance of students at our school. This is done in each Government school regularly. A number of families were contacted by the HSLO and questioned about their child/children's absences or regular lateness.

Classes begin at 9.20am and children can be at school from 8.50am when there is supervision on the playground. We are fortunate at Narwee Public School to have a before and after school care service run by Pole Depot. If parents/carers are experiencing difficulty this service may be of assistance.

Children need and thrive on good routines, this starts early in life. As parents we must be responsible for organising our children to be at school on time and be picked up at the end of school at 3.20pm.

Rene Demos – Principal

Notes & Payments Due

- **Parent/Teacher Interview** note due back by **Friday 13th June**.
- **Book Club** order form and payment due by **Friday 13th June**.
- **Athletics Carnival** permission note and payment due back by **Friday 20th June**.
- **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 7

Thursday 12 th June	Gold Day
Friday 13 th June	PSSA – Round 3

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	Reports Sent Home
Friday 20 th June	PSSA – Round 4

Term 2 Week 9

Monday 23 rd June	Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 25 th June	Stage 2 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thursday 26 th June	4/5B & Stage 3 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thursday 26 th June	Acknowledgement Day
Friday 27 th June	PSSA – Round 5
Friday 27 th June	Last Day of Term



Term 3 Week 1

Monday 14 th July	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 15 th July	1 st Day Back for Students
Friday 18 th July	PSSA – Round 6

Behaviour Levels

Last week our staff was involved in the behaviour levelling process.

It is fantastic to report that 56 students are now on Gold Level, 112 students are on Silver Level and 139 are on Bronze Level. The majority of our students (99.6%) are behaving well or very well.

The goal is for students to try to attain Gold Level and never display behaviours that will have them demoted to a level below Bronze.

While only a few students are presently below Bronze Level some are only just hovering there and have been issued with verbal and written warnings.

Some tips for students are:

- Stop and think before acting
- Be honest – don't tell lies
- Be considerate and think about and care for others
- Be responsible – your action, your consequence
- Be friendly
- Be polite
- Speak nicely – never swear
- Follow instructions
- Don't give 'attitude'
- Try your hardest
- Don't be hurtful

We want all students to remain on Bronze Level or above. We know they can do it but it's up to them to make the right choices.

Please ask your child what level they are on and encourage them to strive for Gold.

Mrs Berrett – Assistant Principal

PSSA News

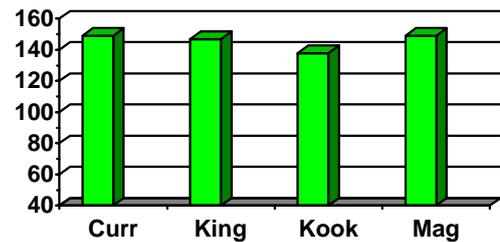
The Georges River District PSSA, in conjunction with the bus companies that provide transport for our students, is requesting that parents who attend Netball matches at Olds Park throughout Season 2 of PSSA sport please park in the designated off-street car parks near the library or bowling club.

Although the on-street parking on Forest Road is very convenient, it creates safety concerns for children boarding buses and the buses trying to stop to pick up children without disrupting the traffic flow. It also slows down the process of departing Olds Park which has the adverse effect of the next pickup being delayed and students and teachers getting back to school late.

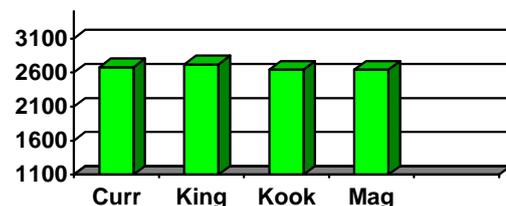
I am sure the safety of all students is a far higher priority than accessing the most convenient parking spot.



HOUSE POINTS



UNIFORM SPOT CHECK



Peer Support

This is the second week that we have focused on the behaviour of bystanders during Peer Support. This week, children will practise ways of responding to bullying whether they are directly involved or not, by talking to the child doing the bullying, the child being bullied or a responsible adult.

We use a turn, talk or tell model to support children to develop strategies for dealing with bullying behaviours. This is not easy for many young people so your child may need encouragement to persevere.

Mrs Canellis – Peer Support Co-ordinator

Winter Dangers

Avoid danger when using heaters this winter

The Children's Hospital at Westmead recommends these top tips to help your child avoid burns, falls and electrocution:

- Make sure your heater meets Australian standards
- Use a guard
- Keep your heater on a level floor surface
- Ensure your heater isn't blocking any exits or high traffic areas
- Do not dry clothing items by placing them over an electric heater
- Ensure you install and maintain at least one smoke detector on each floor of your home

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

Vacation Care

School holidays are fast approaching. Pole Depot has two Vacation Care Programs – one at Narwee Public School and the original service at Pole Depot (23 St Georges Rd, Penshurst).

Do your children need care these holidays? Vacation care is open every day from 7.00am to 6.00pm.

For more information on how to book, contact Pole Depot Community Centre on 9580 0688 or visit their website:

www.poledepot.org



Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews are being held in Week 9 of this term.

Parent/Teacher interviews are an important way to share information in order to assist your child to achieve the best possible outcomes.

To make the most of the occasion:

- Spend some time with your child before the parent/teacher interview discussing their strengths/weaknesses and any problems they feel they have at school
- Make a list of questions to ask the teacher about your child's work, how they get along with classmates and their general attitude to school
- Ask questions, especially if you don't understand something
- Try to take away from the interview some positive steps that you, your child and class teacher can take to help your child succeed

Please be mindful that interviews are limited to 10 minutes

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 'Coin Catch'. Below are listed the winners.

Primary

Jordan C (4R) – 23 coins caught

Infants

Toby (2S) – 23 coins caught

Congratulations to the Hang 40 Champion Pam who caught 20 coins.

Education Week Open Day

Keep this date free

Narwee Public School will be celebrating Education Week Open Day on

Tuesday 29th July 2014

Students will be showcasing their talents on the day. Performances will commence at approximately 9.45am in the school hall followed by classroom visits.

We hope you will be able to attend



Sydney Dance Festival

The Diamond Dance Group went to the Sydney Dance Festival at Homebush on the 4th June. We had to be at school at 7 o'clock. There were 20 students and three teachers. They were Ms Cairnduff, Mrs Rizzov and Mrs Canellis. Miss Fabri also came along to help.

The dance was about little red riding hood being chased by the big bad wolves. The Diamond Dance Group were on stage for a rehearsal and then performed in 2 shows, one in the afternoon and one in the evening.

Some of our personal highlights from the day included:

- Going to the park and playing with the other dancers – **Angelique** (5/6K)
- Dancing with big lights shining on us – **Pafusi** (5/6F)
- Watching other dancers dance from other schools – **Faith** (5/6K)
- Performing in the show – **Moe** (5/6F)
- Going for a walk to the park – **Anne-Marie** (5/6K)
- Going to perform in front of a lot of people – **Lillian** (4/5B)
- The games we played in the dressing room - **Georgia** - (5/6K)
- Dancing on stage – **Sanja** (4/5B)
- Seeing Miss Cairnduff's name on the Olympic Pole – **Sarah** (5/6F)

The evening show did not end until about 9.30pm, so it was a very long day for us all. We would like to thank all of the teachers that came and helped us all term and on Wednesday.

Written by Zoe (5/6K), Angelique (5/6K) & Aivy (5/6K)



P&C News

P&C Meeting Reminder

Our P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th June in the Special Programs Room which is located on the Library end of K Block. The meeting will commence at 9.30am. Please join us to find out what is happening in your child's school.

Pie Drive

Our Pie Drive finishes this coming Monday, 16th June so you only have 3 days to get your orders in. Peter Maylott and myself will be in the playground to collect orders between 9.00 – 9.30am and 3.00 – 3.30pm each day or you can place your orders in the box provided in the canteen.

Please get your family and friends to order and support your child's school by purchasing through this fundraiser. These pies and sausage rolls are halal.

Remember only three more days to purchase your pies.

Judi White – P&C Representative

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

Warm Clothing

The cooler weather is upon us and many children are coming to school in clothes that are not warm enough.

It is important that your child comes appropriately dressed for the cold. Please ensure they have a school jacket or sloppy joe to keep them warm.

This is the time of year when many children develop coughs and colds and keeping warm can help prevent your child from becoming ill.

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.

♥ Welcome to Kindergarten