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Term 3 – Week 1

Wednesday 16th July 2014

Principal's Report

It is wonderful to be back and I welcome all our students and families back for Term 3. I trust the vacation has been an enjoyable time for you all.

Today was our scheduled Athletics Carnival. Unfortunately due to wet weather it had to be cancelled. In the near future you will be advised of any alternate plans.

As you can imagine this was very disappointing for everyone and I would like to thank Mrs Rizzov and all the staff for their hard work planning and preparing for the carnival.

In this newsletter I have again included information about the school voluntary contribution. Unfortunately some parents/carers have not made the contribution as yet. As you are aware our school provides a large number of programs to our students. Many of these are offered free to everyone however, this impacts on the school's budget and the voluntary contributions and fundraising activities play an important role in supporting the finances to continue such programs being provided.

If you have not paid your voluntary contribution as yet it is not too late. The cost is very low at \$35.00 per student or \$50.00 per family. If you are unsure if you have paid please see Mrs Dewsnap in the front office.

Please remember to keep Tuesday 29th July free in your diary as we will be holding our Education Week Open Day in the hall commencing at 9.45am.

Rene Demos – Principal

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



School Calendar

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

Term 3 Week 1

Friday 18th July PSSA – Round 6

Term 3 Week 2

Monday 21st July K-2 Calmsley Hill Farm Excursion
Tuesday 22nd July 100 Days of Kindergarten
Friday 25th July PSSA – Round 7

Term 3 Week 3

Tuesday 29th July UNSW English
Tuesday 29th July Education Week Open Day
Friday 1st August PSSA – Round 8

Term 3 Week 4

Friday 8th August PSSA – Round 9

Term 3 Week 5

Monday 11th August District Field Events
Tuesday 12th August UNSW Maths
Tuesday 12th August Evacuation Drill
Thursday 14th August District Track Events
Friday 15th August No PSSA

Term 3 Week 6

Wednesday 20th August P&C Meeting
Friday 22nd August PSSA Semi Finals & Finals

Term 3 Week 7

Tuesday 26th August Combined Schools Music Festival

Medical Insurance

Just a reminder to parents that there is no personal injury insurance cover provided by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for students in relation to school sporting activities, physical education lessons or any other school activity.

Parents and carers are advised to assess the level and extent of their child's involvement in the sport program offered by the school, school sport zone, region and state school sport associations when deciding whether additional insurance cover, above that provided by Medicare, is required.

Personal accident insurance cover is available through normal retail insurance outlets.

The NSW Supplementary Sporting Injury Benefits Scheme, funded by the NSW Government, provides limited cover for serious injury resulting in the permanent loss of a prescribed faculty or the use of some prescribed part of the body.

Further information can be obtained from:

www.sportinginjuries.com.au

Contact Details

There have been occasions where we have tried to contact parents and have been unable to do so due to parents not informing the school of changed phone numbers or addresses.

Please ensure all parent / carer contact details are up to date and current. This is a safety issue as we need to be able to contact all parents in the event that your child injures themselves or becomes ill at school.

Please notify the office if your details need changing. We thank you for assistance in this matter.

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

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.



Homework

Homework bridges the gap between learning at school and learning at home. It reinforces work done in class and helps develop skills such as planning, research and time management. It allows for practising, extending and consolidating work done in class.

Homework gives parents/carers the opportunity to see the progress of their child and provides challenges and stimulus to gifted and talented children. Additionally, homework establishes habits of study, concentration and self-discipline. Ideally homework should be appropriate for each student's stage of development and ability.

Parents play an important role in supporting students with their homework. This may include:

- Encouraging their children to discipline themselves to sitting down for study each night.
- Providing a study place which can be used regularly, provides ample space, is quiet, well lit and is comfortably ventilated and temperature controlled.
- Taking an active interest in their child's study. This does not necessarily mean helping them 'do' the study but rather talking to them about what they are doing, encouraging them when they become discouraged and directing them to seek help from their teacher when they are struggling.
- Ensuring that their children have a healthy balance between school work and recreation.
- Helping their children to become well organised in their approach to study so that they gain the optimum benefit from any study period.
- Encouraging their children to plan their homework tasks. As students' progress through the school the amount of homework will increase.
- Ensuring that their children have short breaks between homework tasks.
- Making sure that their child has enough sleep so they get to school in the morning feeling fresh and ready for a full day of learning.

Please feel free to contact your child's class teacher regarding homework or any other issues that concern you about your child's education.

Notes & Payments Due

Please ensure all payments are made by the following closing dates

- **3rd Camp Payment of \$75.00** due by **Friday 25th July**
- **Final Camp payment of \$75.00** due by **Friday 22nd August**



Switch off Electricity

Electricity generation is the main contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in Australia. We can reduce our power use at home and at school in the following ways:

- Turn off your computer, monitor and printer when they are not being used.
- Turn off lights and air conditioners when you leave the room.
- Plant trees to absorb carbon dioxide – plant water-wise local natives.

Balancing Commitments

It is important for your child to maintain balance

Balancing commitments is especially important as your child gets older. Your child needs to be able to balance school commitments with social, recreational and family life as it is important for a happy and healthy lifestyle.

Camp Payment

The next camp payment of \$75.00 is due by **Friday 25th July**. Please ensure your child's payment is received by this date.

There are still some students who have not made the last payment that was due prior to the school holidays. It is important that all payments are kept up to date.

Behaviour of students may impact on the inclusion at camp. Only students on Bronze Level or above will be able to participate in the camp.

Mrs Berrett

Celebrate Attendance

Getting to School on Time

It is essential to establish a regular routine each morning and arriving at school on time is an important part of your child's morning routine. It is important to be at school on time because:

- It sets up good habits for the future.
- It provides social benefits – good play time and discussion time among friends.
- The school day usually begins with the teacher giving out information to students e.g. any changes to school routines, collection of excursion notes and payments, upcoming events etc.
- It is an opportunity for important teacher/ student interaction before school.
- There is plenty of time for ordering lunches if needed.

Road Safety

You need to take extra care and time when driving and parking in school zones. Please ensure that you understand the road rules and that your child understands how to behave safely around school zones.

Children are especially vulnerable around vehicles and roads due to their size and capabilities.

If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting children at risk.

Safety Tips for Drivers Around School Zones

- Always drop off or pick up your child from suitable and legal parking spots, even if this means walking further away from the school.
- Never double park. Double parking forces other cars to go around causing traffic congestion and reduces the view of drivers and children crossing the road.
- Never park across a pedestrian crossing.
- Never perform a U-turn in close proximity to the school or over double lines, or on the pedestrian crossing.
- Make sure all children in the car use the footpath-side door (safety door) when getting in and out of a car.
- Make sure the hand brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
- Make sure everything is organised before coming to school so that the drop off is as fast as possible.
- You cannot stop on any footpath or nature strip, or even a driveway crossing a footpath or nature strip. You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.
- You must not stop within 20 metres before a pedestrian crossing or 10 metres after a crossing unless there is a sign permitting parking. This is to ensure that children can be clearly seen by vehicles approaching the crossing.
- You must not stop or park in the bus zone.

Holiday News

Take your holidays when we do!

Parents, students and teachers are concerned when students fall behind in their studies because of long absences.

Families who plan to travel are encouraged to travel during school holidays. Parents are reminded that they must seek permission from the Principal to take a student out of school during term time.

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School Tip

Let us know if you have any special family circumstances.

Any changes to your child's family situation can impact on their emotional and academic well-being. Inform your child's teacher or Principal about any changed circumstances so that the child can be supported if necessary. Examples of special circumstances include the birth of a sibling, divorce or the death of a loved one.

Attendance & Friendship

Going to school is important. It makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children.

- Keep your child home only when they are sick.
- Make appointments outside of school hours where possible so that your child does not miss valuable learning time.

Friends are important

- Show an interest in your child's friends
- Invite friends to come and play
- Encourage your child to play with other children

Helping your child have a happy day at school is important for you and your child. If you are having difficulties in getting your child to school you should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the problem and ask for help.

The Principal may ask a Home School Liaison Officer to contact you for further assistance and advice.

Important Message

It is essential that parents read all notes that are sent home very carefully. Teachers put a great deal of thought into all notes and therefore we ask that you read them thoroughly and contact the school if you need help understanding them.

All permission notes for excursions, book club, sport etc have a closing date clearly printed on them. All notes and money must be returned by this date. If you unable to return a note or money to the school by the closing date we ask that you let the school know why a note cannot be returned on time so that your child does not miss out on any event.

If your child pays for an excursion and is absent on the day we are unable to offer a refund as excursions and bus hire are paid for prior to the day of the outing.

Online Safety Tips

Worried about your child's safety online? Here are some guidelines that can help:

- Put the computer in a central area of the home, not in the bedroom.
- Be reasonable and try to set reasonable expectations.
- Be open with your child and encourage them to come to you if they encounter a problem online – cultivate trust and communications because no rules, laws or filtering software can replace you as their first line of defence.
- Talk with your child about how they use the Internet. Make sure they understand basic safety guidelines. These include protecting privacy (including passwords), never posting personal information, never meeting people they only know online and not posting inappropriate or potentially embarrassing photos.
- Try to get kids to share their blogs or online profiles with you, but be aware that they can have multiple accounts on multiple servers.

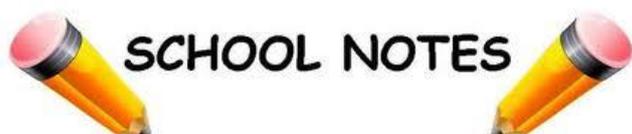
When families go online parents can:

- Encourage a positive approach to technology.
- Spend time exploring the Internet with your child.
- Set rules for Internet use.
- Direct your child to useful sites and save them as favourites.
- Ask your child to show you new skills they have learnt.
- Maintain good communication with your child and an active interest in their life.
- Teach your child to treat others online as he/she would like to be treated.
- Let your child know about potential dangers online and how to handle a situation if it arises.
- Help your kids use the Internet as an effective research tool – learn about handy homework tips for kids and also good reaching techniques.

What you need to keep in mind if your children are blogging?

- Explain to your child that whatever they write represents them and can be seen by anyone online.
- They should always consider the repercussions of publishing information. If they don't want you to read the blog then you may have something to worry about.

For more information visit www.schools.nsw.edu.au



SCHOOL NOTES

