

Narwee Public School

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Term 3 – Week 5

Wednesday 13th August 2014

Principal's Report

Athletics Carnival – Earlier in the term I notified you that due to poor weather our Athletics Carnival had to be cancelled.

The cost of the carnival was \$10 and this money was held to cover 2 Sportathon days to be held at the school and to be facilitated by the Riverwood YMCA staff.

The first of these days will be held on **Thursday, 28th August**.

All students will be involved in activities such as mini gymnastics, Indigenous games, fitness specific activities and circus skills.

The YMCA has developed this exciting program and will provide all the necessary equipment on the day. A second day will also occur in term 4 with a games theme.

There is a small number of students who may need to pay the \$10 fee as they were absent on the carnival day and your child will be advised by their class teacher if this is the case.

Evacuation Drill – The evacuation drill scheduled for yesterday has been postponed until Friday due to wet conditions.

Rene Demos – Principal

Special Swimming Scheme

The Special Swimming Scheme will be held at Roselands Aquatic Centre from **Monday 20th October** to **Friday 31st October**.

All students in Years 2 to 6 who cannot confidently swim 25m should be encouraged to attend this very important swimming program.

A detailed note for all Year 2 – 6 students has sent home in a previous newsletter. Please be advised that places are limited.

Mrs Rizzov

PSSA Sport

Due to the unpredictable weather PSSA sport was cancelled last week. Just a reminder there is **NO PSSA** sport this week.

School Calendar

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

Term 3 Week 5

Thursday 14 th August	District Track Events
Friday 15 th August	No PSSA

Term 3 Week 6

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

Term 3 Week 7

Tuesday 26 th August	Combined Schools Music Festival
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Term 3 Week 8

Monday 1 st September	Father's Day Stall
Tuesday 2 nd September	Stage 3 Parliament Excursion - Group 1
Thursday 4 th September	Book Fair - Library

Term 3 Week 9

Monday 8 th September	Stage 3 Parliament Excursion - Group 2
Tuesday 9 th September	Author Talk
Thursday 11 th September	Acknowledgement Day
Friday 12 th September	PSSA Season 3 Starts

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

Awards

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

Sulia (4/5B)	Adam (4/5B)
Kristina (4/5B)	Stephanie (1C)
Reegae (1C)	Hayden (KP)
Ryda-May (KP)	Jairome (KV)
Ketheyros (KV)	Jaya (2S)
Danny (KL)	Tayyaba (KL)
Amira (3/4D)	Ahmed (3/4D)
Elana (5/6F)	William (5/6F)
Yasmine (2L)	Noah (2L)
Ovon (2L)	Himal (2S)
Alex (2S)	Ioannis (1E)
Aliska (1E)	Dimitri (1E)
Aliyah (3/4L)	Samuel (3/4L)
Anson (5/6K)	Jasmine (5/6K)
Sean (5/6K)	

Lost Property

From time to time students lose uniform items and if they are labelled and handed in we are able to return them. However, it appears some people may find clothing which does not belong to them and do not hand these items in as lost property.

Parents are advised to label all uniform items so the labelling cannot be removed and remind their children that if they find lost property they should hand it in to a staff member.

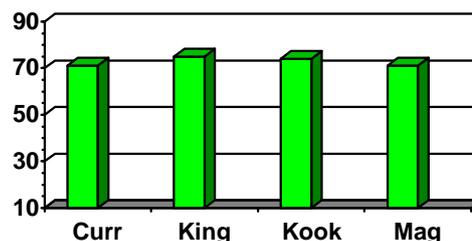
Notes & Payments Due

Please ensure all payments are made by the following closing dates

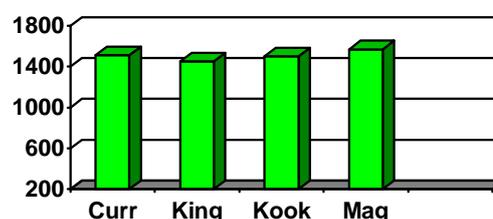
- **Book Week Author Talk** note and payment due by **Friday 15th August**
- **Oliver Phommavanh** book order form and payment due by **Friday 15th August**
- **Final Camp payment of \$75.00** due by **Friday 22nd August**
- **Combined Public School's Music Festival** permission note and payment due back by **Friday 22nd August**
- **Stage 3 Parliament Visit** permission note and payment due by **Friday 29th August**

Payment

HOUSE POINTS



UNIFORM SPOT CHECK



K-2 Times Table Champion

Congratulations to the following students who are this week's K-2 Times Table Champions.

Each week all K-2 classes will take part in a times table challenge as part of their ongoing Numeracy learning

KL - Aaron
 KP - Jarren
 KV - Harvey
 1C - Ali

1E - Ioannis
 2L - Elijah
 2S - Hamdi

Mrs Muffett

School Camp

Our school camp is fast approaching. The final payment is due no later than **Friday 22nd August**.

If your child has not returned their medical forms please ensure these are returned by **Friday 15th August**. A list of the items that your child will need to take to camp was sent home with the medical forms.

Please make sure all items your child takes to camp are labelled clearly with their name. Students will need a day pack containing a hat, water bottle, tissues and camera if they wish to take one.

If you would like any further information about our camp please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Mrs Berrett



Acknowledgement Day

In Week 9 on **Thursday 11th September** we will be holding Acknowledgement Day to celebrate the good behaviour of students on Bronze Level and above. This term the students will be taking part in a fun and interesting Road Safety program run by the NRMA as well as participating in enjoyable class activities.

Students will also receive oranges at the conclusion of their class activities. Below is information about the NRMA Road Safety part of the day which parents are invited to attend. The invitation is for the morning session, the exact time will be advertised closer to the date.

NRMA Science & Road Safety Day Thursday 11th September 2014

Our school will be hosting an NRMA Science & Road Safety Day, a new road safety program that will be delivered free of charge to our school by the National Roads & Motorists' Association with the aim of helping our students stay safe of the road.

This program involves students participating in road safety shows in the hall and completing road safety workbooks in the classroom to help the road safety messages stick. The shows combine important road safety messages with science. Messages such as 'Wear their Seatbelt' have a greater impact when children have a stronger understanding of the forces they experience when travelling in a car and what could happen to them should the car stop suddenly in a crash.

In the science show, a crash test dummy – an egg – memorably shows children how a seatbelt works to restrain passengers in a crash and more importantly why a seatbelt must be worn on each trip.

Parents play a vital role in keeping their children safe, and so we would invite you to come and watch the first show of the day to see what your children are learning and how you can reinforce these road safety messages at home.

After the day, your child will be bringing home the NRMA road safety workbook they have completed in class so take the opportunity to speak to them about what they have learned and what they can do to help keep their friends and family safe. Within each workbook is a 4 page parent insert on child road and bike safety for you as a handy reference guide at home.

The program is now in its second season and 40,000 students have already enjoyed the program while learning more about road safety. We are one in 100 schools across NSW and ACT to be chosen to host a day in Season 2 and with your help we aim to make it a great success.

IMPORTANT: The Road Safety Science Show involves the breaking of eggs. If your child has an egg allergy please speak to your child's class teacher so that appropriate safety procedures can be put into place.

Mrs Berrett – Assistant Principal

Stage 3 News

Last week all Stage 3 students received a note for their NSW Parliament excursion. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to visit the Legislative Assembly and Council Chambers to see where the decisions are made that control our state.

This is an important learning experience directly linked with our Syllabus. Hence, it is expected that all children will participate.

Please note that students will need to be at school by 9.10am to allow time for rolls to be marked, lunches checked and all sharp objects removed from bags before walking to the station. Students **WILL NOT** need their pencil cases for this excursion.

Mrs Koletti

Music Festival

The Combined Public School's Music Festival is being held on **Tuesday 26th August** at Bankstown Sports Club.

The students involved will travel by bus to the venue to rehearse during the day. They will need to be at school by **8.15am** and will return by **3.20pm**.

The cost for bus hire is \$6.00. Notes have been sent home with all students who will be attending.

Due to time restrictions we are unable to wait for students who arrive late.

Please ensure that the permission note and money to cover bus hire are returned to school no later than **Friday 22nd August**.

It is the responsibility of parents to transport their child/children to the night performance. All students participating must arrive at the venue by **6.45pm**.

Mrs Rizzov

Debating News

Last Wednesday our school Debating Team competed in Round 3 of their competition which was held in our school hall against Condell Park Public School.

The topic of the debate was 'Children should do household chores'. Narwee was the affirmative team. Both schools had strong arguments and it came down to which team was able to be more convincing with their argument and the team that was able to successfully rebuttal the opposition.

Congratulations to Condell Park Public School who were the winners of the debate. A special mention goes to all of the classes that were part of the audience and represented the school with pride and outstanding behaviour.

Mr Lennon & Mrs Muffett

Soundwaves Spelling

As you would now be well aware, students in Years 1-6 have been using a new 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. All students have already been given their passwords and had a go at accessing the website. If you are unsure, please ask your child's teacher. The **Learning Objects** and **Helpful Hints** sections are particularly useful for students at home.

P&C Soundwaves Spelling Talk

At the next P&C meeting on **Wednesday 20th August** being held at **9.30am**, I will be giving a presentation on Soundwaves spelling to assist families in knowing what it is all about, why we are using it and how families can take advantage of the online home activities. Please come along if you are interested in how you can help your child with their spelling at home.

Mrs Koletti

P&C News

Just a reminder that our next P&C meeting is being held on **Wednesday 20th August** at **9.30am**. We will be meeting in the Special Programs Room which is located in K Block at the library end.

We hope to see you there

Judi White – P&C representative

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.

Know Waste Primary School Education Program

On **Monday 1st September** students at Narwee Public School will participate in an environmental education program delivered by Transpacific Cleanaway in partnership with Canterbury Council.

Throughout the day, all classes will be involved in a series of practical and fun lessons tailored specifically to suit their stage level. This year students will be exposed to many practical and fun activities based on the module "nature's recyclers"; chosen to enhance and reinforce the schools existing worm farms and composting program.

Early Stage 1 will meet the hungry worms that can help us reduce our waste and recycle it naturally. Stage 1 will meet the clever composters who help recycle the organic waste which is found in our waste stream. Stage 2 will meet the creatures found in compost bins and worm farms that are part of nature's recycling process. Stage 3 will be shown how to use and maintain a compost bin or worm farm.

The students at Narwee Public School have partaken in similar workshops in previous years and look forward to improving their knowledge in relation to waste issues, develop environmental values and encourage positive long-term environmental behaviours.

Spelling Bee

Last week Stage 2 and 3 were involved in stage-based Spelling Bees. This was in preparation for the Annual Regional Spelling Bee being held at Georges Hall Public School on **Thursday 18th September**.

All students had the opportunity to participate firstly at a class level, and then representatives from each class went to battle it out at the Stage Finals.

Once again the competition was of a high standard and it gives me great pleasure to announce the Stage 2 and 3 finalists:

Stage 2

Sidney (4/5B), Dhanisha (3/4D), Evelyn (4R)

Stage 3

Zac (5/6F), Crystal (4/5B), Alcheyah (5/6F)

Congratulations to all students and we wish the finalists even more success in the Regional Final. The infants will be having an in-school competition to be held on **Friday 19th September**.

Mr Lennon

