

Narwee Public School

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Term 3 – Week 6

Wednesday 20th August 2014

Principal's Report

A Generous Donation

The Lantern Club at Roselands has made a generous offer to donate \$11828 worth of new books to our school.

This money will be spent to regenerate our already well-resourced library. We will also be using some books as students' prizes for a writing competition. This is not only exciting for our school but also a welcomed gift from a community club.

On **Monday 1st September** the General Manager of the Lantern Club Ms Debbie Waicokacola will be at our morning assembly to be held in the hall to deliver the books which have been selected by Mrs Wells our librarian.

Parking Around the School

Unfortunately school parking is often a common problem, particularly on wet days. I am often writing and advising parents/carers of the necessity to park outside the school grounds and walk children into school for their safety.

It was disappointing to find that some of our parents have now decided to park in the Goodstart Pre-school grounds when delivering their children to our school.

This is clearly inappropriate and again sends a message to children that breaking rules is fine. I am quite shocked that some people find this to be acceptable and again remind all our community that parking inside the grounds of Narwee Public School or Goodstart is not permitted.

Our rules are made to keep everyone safe. We all have a responsibility to follow rules. Please make this one a priority.

Rene Demos – Principal

Permission Notes

Please remember to send in permission notes and money before the due date. All notes are sent out in the newsletter and posted on our website with adequate notice.

Parents/carers should read all notes carefully and take note of important dates. If you are having difficulty paying on time please see Mrs Demos.

School Calendar

Upcoming Events at Narwee Public School

Please put these dates in your diary.

Term 3 Week 6

Friday 22nd August PSSA Semi Finals & Finals

Term 3 Week 7

Tuesday 26th August Combined Schools Music Festival

Term 3 Week 8

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

Term 3 Week 9

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

Term 3 Week 10

Monday 15th September School Camp Commences
Wednesday 17th September P&C Meeting
Friday 19th September PSSA – Round 2
Friday 19th September School Camp Returns
Friday 19th September Last Day of Term

Term 4 Week 1

Monday 6th October Public Holiday
Tuesday 7th October Students Return to School

Awards

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

Zoe (5/6K)	Abbiel (5/6K)
Aivy (5/6K)	Ella (2S)
Alex (2S)	Hannah (2S)
Eunice (4/5B)	Alissa (4/5B)
Elias (4/5B)	Aliska (1C)
Ky (5/6F)	Alex (1C)
Mark (5/6F)	Tiffany (KP)
Aiysha (2L)	Daniel (2L)
Petrelia (KP)	Hope (KL)
Zac (2L)	Chloe (KL)
Srijit (KV)	Holly (KV)

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

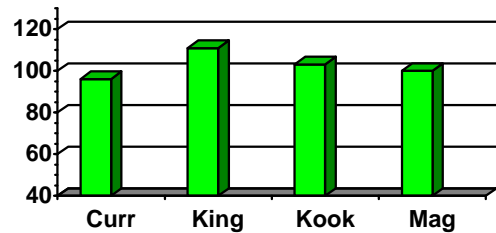
Kindergarten Enrolments

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

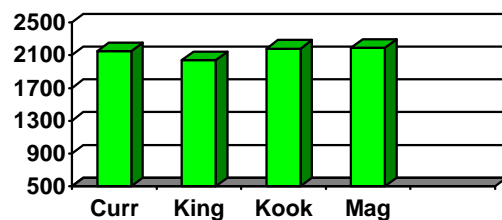
Children must turn 5 before 1st August 2015 to be able to enrol for next year. Please call at the front office if you need to collect an enrolment form or alternatively you can download one from our school website.

Welcome to
Kindergarten!

HOUSE POINTS



UNIFORM SPOT CHECK



Know Waste 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.

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

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

Special Swimming Scheme

There are still vacancies in the Special Swimming Scheme that is being 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.

Children will be leaving school at 8.45am and will return by approximately 12.00pm. A detailed note for all Year 2 to 6 students has been sent home. If you have misplaced this note, one can be downloaded from the school's website.

The cost of the program is \$75.00. This includes bus hire and pool entry for the two week program. Lessons are provided free of charge.

Due to the Swimming Scheme being pre-paid we are unable to offer a refund if your child is absent on any of the days.

Mrs Rizzov

Stage 3 Excursion

All Stage 3 students have received a note for their NSW Parliament excursion. We will be visiting the Legislative Assembly and Council chambers will be 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 at 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. Please return permission notes and \$4.00 to cover the cost of the excursion to class teachers promptly.

Mrs Koletti

Road Safety

Don't risk injuring a child

The 40km/h speed limit in school zones operate between **8.00am – 9.30am** and **2.30pm – 4.00pm** on school days – please be aware of the time or you could get fined.

Children can be unpredictable and hard to see. It is important that parents and carers observe local school safety initiatives when dropping off and collecting children.

Penalties are high and loss of demerit points apply for all fines. The worst penalty is knowing that you've caused an injury to a child.

If you are crossing the road with your child please be aware of traffic. Remember that watching children is never enough. Keep your child safe by holding their hand as you cross the street.

PSSA Sport

Congratulations to the Girls PSSA AFL Team who finished first in the competition. They will be competing in the Finals on Friday. We wish them the best of luck.

Both Rugby League teams will be competing in Round Robin activities.

All other students involved in PSSA sport should return their purple t-shirts to their coach in a plastic bag, labelled with their name as soon as possible.

Teams are now being selected for Season 3 PSSA competitions. New permission & code of conduct notes will be sent home with all students involved.

District Athletics

On **Monday 11th & Thursday 14th August** students from Narwee Public School competed at the Georges River District SSA Athletics Carnivals.

Monday's field events were held at Olds Park on a very cold day and Thursday's track events were run at Barden Ridge. All students competed with enthusiasm, pride and sportsmanship in all events.

Many students placed 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th in their heats. Best achievements include **Catherine** (4R) running in the 100m Final and **Casey** (4/5B) and **Faith** (5/6K) competing in the 200m Finals. Faith also finished 4th in the Senior Girls Discus event and 2nd in the Senior Girls High Jump. She will be representing the school and the district at the Regional PSSA Athletics Carnival being held on **Wednesday 3rd September** at Homebush.

Congratulations to all competitors and good luck to Faith.

Mrs Rizzov

Online Spelling Games Passwords

We have been given permission from Soundwaves to publish the student passwords in our newsletter. These passwords can be used by students in Years 1 – 6 to play games that directly link to the list words and sounds that they are developing in their classrooms. It can also provide families with a means for revision and assistance with segmenting words.

Please go to www.soundwaveskids.com.au and enter the appropriate password. The games are in Learning Objects and you may also find the Helpful Hints....helpful!

Year 1 – start422
 Year 2 – bear079
 Year 3 – sport013
 Year 4 – good010
 Year 5 – than856
 Year 6 – story376

Mrs Koletti

P&C News

The flyer for our recipe book was attached to last week's newsletter. As the final date to submit a recipe is **Monday 13th October** you will need to get your recipes entered on the website as soon as possible.

If you are unable to enter them on the website you can put them into a recipe collection box which is located at the canteen.

The website for entering your recipes is:

www.createacookbook.com.au/submitrecipe.html

Judi White – P&C Representative

Maths is Fun!

Each Friday morning the students in 1C and 1E meet together in the hall and actively play TEN number games.

The games played are part of the TEN (Targeted Early Numeracy) component in their mathematical learning based on the Australian Curriculum. The students are able to practice numeracy strategies whilst taking turns, being part of a group and having fun.

Mrs Muffett & Mr Cameron

Stewart House Bags

Stewart House bags have now been collected from the school.

Please do not leave any more bags at the school. If you still have unwanted items they can be placed in local charity bins which can be found in the car park at Riverwood Plaza.

Kinder Green Thumbs

Last Friday Kindergarten came together to get their little Green Thumbs dirty. As part of the COGS Unit 'Changes', students have been learning about the basic needs of living things. The focus of this session was plants and what they need to stay alive and healthy.

Each Kindergarten class now has some potted herb seeds to care for and of course watch grow. For the remainder of the term students will be tending to the needs of their herbs whilst observing, making predictions and engaging in discussions about their growth.

