

Narwee Public School

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Term 3 – Week 8

Wednesday 3rd September 2014

Principal's Report

School Camp

On Monday 15th September some of our Year 4, 5 & 6 students will be attending camp. Each child attending the camp received a \$50.00 subsidy which is gifted by the P&C through fundraising activities. I would like to thank the P&C for their generous donation.

Mrs Christine Xenos, our canteen manageress has also donated \$500.00 to support this. On behalf of all our students I would like to thank Christine for her ongoing support of activities which assist our students and community.

Newsletter

Next week's newsletter will be the last publication for this term.

Sport-a-thon Day

The sport-a-thon day which took place on Thursday 28th August with instructors from the YMCA was extremely successful.

We will be holding the second one on **Tuesday 4th November** and this will have a games theme. More information will be published closer to the event.

Rene Demos – Principal

P&C Talk

In Week 10 at the P&C meeting I will be giving a brief overview of the new approach to School Plans that the NSW Department of Education is releasing.

During this session I will also be asking for your thoughts on what makes Narwee Public School great and what you see in our future. I hope to see many of you at this meeting.

Mrs Koletti

Notes & Payments Due

Please ensure all payments are made by the following closing dates

- **Stage 3 National Park** permission note and payment due by **Friday 10th October**



School Calendar

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

Term 3 Week 8

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**

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!

Awards

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

Amy (KL)	Yanny (KL)
Emily (KP)	Tiger (KP)
Aiken (KV)	Ghaydaa (KV)
Isaiah (2L)	Kiara (2L)
Dimitri (1E)	Alex (1E)
Karmela (2S)	Hanna (2S)
Praneil (2S)	Maraam (1C)
Malaika (1C)	

Infants Times Table Champions

Amy (KL)	Emily (KP)
Lilly-Maree (KV)	Alex (1E)
Jolin (1C)	Hannah (2S)
Joshua (2L)	

NSW Parliament Excursion

Next **Monday 8th September**, 5/6K and half of 5B will attend an excursion to NSW Parliament. Students must remember to be at their classrooms by 9.10am to ensure we arrive at the train station on time.

It is also important to bring a small backpack with lunch, recess, a drink bottle and a school hat. Full school uniform is essential.

Please do not pack any sharp objects in your school bags.

Mrs Koletti

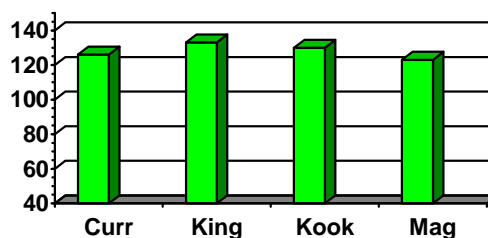
Vacation Care

Why not spend your school holidays at Pole Depot's Vacation Care?

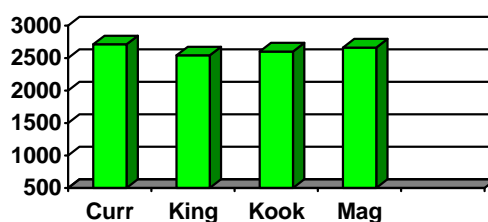
There is one at Narwee Public School and the original service at Pole Depot which is located at 23 St Georges Rd, Penshurst.

Vacation Care is available every day from 7.00am to 6.00pm. For more information and a booking form contact Pole Depot on 9580 0688.

HOUSE POINTS



UNIFORM SPOT CHECK



PSSA Sport Levy

Students who participate in a Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) competition on Fridays are charged a weekly levy of \$6.00.

All students who play are asked to pay this weekly levy, whether they remain at school to compete against a visiting team or travel by bus to a venue.

This levy not only keeps costs down for all students, as not all PSSA sporting teams have the opportunity to play at school, but it also assists with the numerous costs involved in running the many varied competitions that are offered.

Narwee Public School is a member of the Georges River District PSSA. Every year the school must pay for all students enrolled in Years 3 – 6 to participate in the PSSA sports offered by our District, as these all take a great deal of organising.

In addition, umpires and trophies/ribbons/certificates must be supplied to winners and runners-up. Students are also often chosen to play in District teams that compete at various carnivals. District Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals must also be organised.

The weekly \$6.00 levy partially pays for these costs. No profit is made from this levy and costs are kept as low as possible. Our aim is that as many students as possible should experience being part of a PSSA team, learning and improving associated skills and socialising with students from neighbouring schools in a sportsman-like manner.

Mrs Rizzov

Behaviour Levels

Last week the staff was again involved in the behaviour levelling process. As a result:

- 35% of students are on Gold Level
- 38% of students are on Silver Level
- 26% of students are on Bronze Level
- 1% of students are on the unacceptable level of 4 or 5.

It is great to see so many of our students now on Gold Level. Students on this level have to attain a certain level of behaviour. The criteria for Gold Level selection are set out below:

- Always strive to do their best
- Always follow school rules
- Respect everyone – teachers, Principal, 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 – pens, pencils, rulers etc
- Do homework to the best of their ability
- Wear full school uniform
- Always display a positive attitude

Congratulations to our wonderful Gold students. Many students on Silver and Bronze Level have the potential to also reach Gold so parents, please encourage your child to try hard to improve their behaviour.

It is hoped that by Week 9 the students below Bronze Level can move themselves up. We want all our students to be on Bronze Level and above. We know they can do it but it is up to them to make the right choices.

Please ask your child what level they are on and encourage good behaviour. Please note that Acknowledgement Day this term will be in Week 9 on **Thursday 11th September**.

Mrs Berrett – Assistant Principal

Spelling Competition

Last term 11 of our students sat the UNSW Spelling competition.

Congratulations to **Aliyah** (3/4L), **Jemar** (3/4L), **Sidney** (4/5B) and **Robert** (4R) who were all awarded Certificates of Distinction.

Well done also to **Brandon** (3/4L) who received a Certificate of Merit and **Jack** (3/4L) who received a Certificate of Credit.

All other students received a Certificate of Participation for their wonderful effort.



PSSA News

Season 3 of PSSA commences on **Friday 12th September**. Permission notes and Code of Conduct notes have been sent home with all students selected in a team.

Please ensure all 3 forms are returned to school no later than **Thursday 11th September**.

No students will be able to participate in PSSA until their forms are returned.

If your child played PSSA in Season 2 and has not returned their shirt could you please ensure this is returned washed and in a plastic bag labelled with your child's name. Shirts must be returned to the coach of your child's team.

Mrs Rizzov

Dance Festival

**Bankstown / East Hills Dance Festival
Tuesday 21st October 2014**

Ticket orders have now been finalised for the Bankstown/East Hills Dance Festival being held at Bankstown Sports Club on **Tuesday 21st October**.

Rehearsal details will be distributed early next term. We would like to remind parents that it will be their responsibility to transport their child to and from the venue for the night performance.

Please mark this date on your calendar.

Mrs Rizzov

National Literacy & Numeracy Week

On Wednesday 27th August at 2.15pm students at Narwee Public School participated in a special event to celebrate 'National Literacy & Numeracy Week'.

The teachers in each class read a story at the same time. The book was titled 'Reading across Australia'. All students are encouraged to read on a daily basis.

Monday 8th September is International Literacy Day. The purpose of the day is to build greater awareness and understanding of reading and writing in our daily lives.

Mrs Muffett

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

1C Recount

Tree Planting in the Bush Tucker Garden

On Friday morning 1C and KV went outside to the garden and planted a Lemon Myrtle Tree.

Firstly, Mr Vaccaro explained what plants need to grow and survive. Then Mr Michelle dug a hole for the tree to go into.

After that Trishna, Holly, Bishes, Keira, Reegae and Mr Vaccaro took the tree out of from the plastic pot and placed it into the soil.

Next Mrs Muffett watered the tree that was placed in its special spot. All the students enjoyed being part of the tree planting experience.

Jointly written by the students in 1C

P&C News

We had our meeting last week and it was great to see so many getting involved – thank you.

If you are an accountant and you are reading this – we need you! We are looking for an accountant to help us with auditing our records. Please contact Solina Kaleti or leave your details at the office if you can help.

We have started designing our cookbooks but we need your recipes. Just follow the link to submit your entry online:

<http://www.createacookbook.com.au/submitrecipe.html>

or pop it into the marked box in the canteen. It may be a favourite recipe from another cookbook or magazine – that's fine!

We would like as many families as possible to be part of this cookbook which will make a great keepsake and/or gift. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the P&C parents if you have any questions at all.

Tanya Awadalla – P&C Secretary

Know Waste Workshop

Thank you to all the staff and students for participating in the 'Natures Recyclers' workshop held on Monday 1st September. A free initiative of Canterbury Council, Natalie from 'Transpacific Cleanaway' provided students with an informative and hands-on presentation about worms and their role in nature's recycling process. After being exposed to many facts, students were given the opportunity to find, touch, compare and talk about worms.

All students at Narwee Public School are now better equipped with the knowledge and skills required to take a more active role in caring for our worm farms. As a result, we will continue to reduce the amount of food waste which goes into our bins while simultaneously producing our very own worm castings / wee to go back into the garden.

Mr Vaccaro

