

Narwee Public School

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Term 3 – Week 9

Wednesday 10th September 2014

Principal's Report

This will be the **final newsletter for this term**. Just a reminder that children return to school on **Tuesday 7th October**.

I will also be taking some leave from **8th October** until **24th October**. Mrs Berrett will be Relieving Principal in my absence.

Next week some of our staff will be taking part in the Ice Bucket Challenge to raise money for Motor Neuron Australia.

Whilst this is an important and worthwhile cause **I must stress that this is not something we are encouraging students to do as it can pose health and safety issues**. However, students and family members can support the fundraising by donating a gold coin on the day of the challenge.

I trust you will all have a restful and relaxing break over the upcoming vacation.

Rene Demos – Principal

House Winners

Congratulations to **Kookaburra** who are our House Point Winners for Term 3.

Congratulations also go to **Currawong** who are the Uniform Spot Check winners this term. All students in Currawong who regularly wear their uniform to school will receive a Merit Certificate for their wonderful effort.

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!

School Calendar

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

Term 3 Week 9

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

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

- **PSSA** permission note, code of conduct and shirt hire due by **Thursday 11th September**
- **Stage 3 National Park** permission note and payment due by **Friday 10th October**

Payment

Awards

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

Jireh (KP)	Ryda-May (KP)
Bianca (KP)	Basayr (KV)
Adam (KL)	Harvey (KV)
Rayden (1C)	Jiahao (KV)
Trishna (1C)	Lande (1E)
Jackson (1E)	Ethar (2L)
Kane (2L)	Ivan (2L)
Trent (2S)	Liam (2S)
Ruby (2S)	Andrew (3/4L)
Jemar (3/4L)	Marko (3/4L)
Zac (3/4L)	Tia (3/4L)
Ismail (3/4L)	Jaafar (3/4L)
Stefanie (3/4L)	Pauline (3/4D)
Chanell (3/4D)	Hiba (4R)
Martin (4R)	Catherine (4R)
Jason (5/6F)	Elmer (5/6F)
Bishwas (4/5B)	Natalie (4/5B)
Isaac (4/5B)	

Infants Times Table Champions

Emily (KL)	Aiken (KV)
Dominic (KP)	Jackson (1E)
Ivan (2L)	Liam (2S)
Ricqi (1E)	

Fruit Break Winners

Infants – 1E	Primary – 4/5B
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School Photos

School photos will be taken on **Wednesday 15th October**. Individual envelopes are being sent home today with all students.

Envelopes for photos are not to be returned to school until Photo Day.

Family photos will also be taken on the day. If you have more than one child at the school and would like a family photo please see the front office for an envelope.

Mrs Rizzov

Planning for 2015

To assist us in planning for 2015 could you please notify the front office if your child will not be returning to Narwee Public School next year.

This does not include Year 6 students going to high school next year

Book Week

Book Week was a huge success this year. It was great to see so many of our students and staff dressed as their favourite book character and participating enthusiastically in the activities.

The total sales from our Book Fair were \$3823.00. As a result, our library received a commission of \$764.60, which is very exciting.

Thank you to everyone that purchased books, posters and other stationery items at the Book Fair.

Mrs Wells

Medical Insurance

Parents please note 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 caregivers 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

PSSA News

Season 3 of PSSA commences this week 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 tomorrow, **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

Stage 3 News

Year 6 Farewell

To make sure you all remember to keep your diaries free, I would like to remind families that the Year 6 Farewell will be held on **Monday 15th December**. Please save the date!!

Stage 3 Rainforest Excursion

Please remember that places are limited for our outdoor adventure in the Royal National Park so get your money and notes in quickly to secure your place on the bus.

2015 Leaders

Next term we will be conducting elections for the Prefects that will lead us in 2015. Only students above Bronze Level will be permitted to nominate. Over the next few weeks, I would like you to think very carefully about what makes a great school leader. Below are some of the ideas Year 6 have come up with:

- Always wear school uniform
- Be polite and helpful
- Be good at public speaking
- Always follow all school rules
- Be kind and caring
- Be organised
- Be willing to give up lots of your own time

NSW Parliament Excursion

Over the last two weeks, Stage 3 went on excursions to the NSW command centre.....NSW Parliament.

They participated in a role play and saw both the upper and lower house. While one group braved the wet weather, the other group was lucky to have a beautiful Sydney day. We are extremely lucky to have such exciting places just a short train ride away.

Mrs Koletti

School Safety

Parents are again reminded not to walk their children through the staff car park when dropping them at school or picking them up in the afternoon.

The school has two pedestrian access points which are to be used. One is near the traffic lights and the other is in front of the wombat crossing.

Children are small and at times cannot be seen by reversing cars. It is important to teach your child good safety habits to prevent accidents from occurring.

High School

Is your child starting high school next year?

Here are some steps you can take to help your child start high school on a positive note:

- Be interested and enthusiastic about their move to high school
- Attend the high school orientation
- Make sure travel arrangements to and from the school are organised
- Organise your child's school uniform well before the first day of school
- Learn about school routines and timetables
- Help your child to develop good study habits
- Practise organisational skills
- Discuss emergency and safety issues
- Let your child know that you trust them and that they can trust you

For more information visit:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au

Medical News

There has been a case of School Sores identified in the school. While the risk of infection to your child is low we have listed some information below:

Time from exposure to illness

1 to 3 days

Symptoms

Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.

Do I need to keep my child home?

Yes, until treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings.

How can I prevent spread?

Careful hand washing.

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

Debating News

Last Friday our school Debating Team competed in Round 5 of their competition which was held in our school hall against Padstow Park Public School.

The topic of the debate was 'Commercials are the best part of watching TV'. 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 Padstow 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

Book Week

As part of the Book Week celebrations all Peer Support groups took part in a story writing competition. Below is the winning entry from Group 18.

Once upon a time there was a guy called Pasta Man. He was made out of pasta. One day he was walking outside and one random person came behind him and ate half of his body, so he had to buy more pasta to add to his body.

Pasta Man tried to buy some pasta but he had no money. When he went to work everybody laughed at him because he was half eaten. He tried solving his problem but failed.

Pasta Man was stale and lazy; he really did not have many clothes, food and drink. Pasta Man was homeless.

So Pasta Man went to a stranger and he got some money. Then he bought some more pasta to replace his other half.

Happily Pasta Man went out for dinner to an Italian restaurant. It was there where he met Tomato Sauce, Meat Ball and Parmesan Cheese. They fell in love and lived happily ever after.

Group 18 members - **Anne-Marie** (5/6K), **Onofre** (4/5B), **Alissa** (4/5B), **Oindrini** (KL), **Reegae** (1C), **Tiger** (KP), **Nyah** (KV), **Hosana** (3/4D), **Daniel** (2L), **Sakinah** (4R), **Nancy** (1E), **Ryan** (3/4L) and **Rueben** (1E)

Term 4

Just a reminder that all students return to school on **Tuesday 7th October** for the start of Term 4.



SRC News

On behalf of the SRC we trust that all dads, grandfathers and significant male family members all had a great Father's Day on Sunday.

Once again the SRC held a very successful Father's Day stall, which had value for money gifts on offer. The senior SRC members were responsible for ensuring that they kept a float and that it balanced after each class's session. They had to restock items as they were sold and at the completion they had to do a final stocktake.

Thank you to all SRC members that were involved, you all made the day run so smoothly. This year's total sales were \$1560.45 and the profit made was \$611.69.

As always the money raised from such events will go towards purchasing goods for the school that the students deem appropriate. Once again, thank you for your support and we look forward to your patronage again next year.

Mr & Mrs Lennon

Head Lice

There have been several cases of Head Lice in the school. Below is some information for parents.

Do Head Lice live in carpet, clothes, hats or sheets?

No. Head Lice very rarely fall from the head. They require blood to survive. Head lice feed 3 – 4 times a day and without blood; will dehydrate in 6 hours in a dry climate and 24 hours in a humid climate.

What treatment kills 100% of Head Lice or eggs?

There is no single treatment that kills 100% of head lice or eggs. Whichever treatment you choose it can take time and persistence to get rid of head lice. Use a method that will not risk the health of your child.

How does a chemical treatment work?

Only use products that are licensed or registered for head lice. There are four different active chemicals that target head lice, each works differently and aim to kill lice and/or eggs.

Why does my child keep getting re-infested?

Re-infestation is the least likely reason for head lice returning in a week's time. If eggs do not die, or were not removed during the original treatment they may hatch and the lifecycle occurs all over again. To break this lifecycle you must re-treat (regardless of treatment method) seven days after the first treatment and continue weekly checking.

Does my child have to miss school?

According to the Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations, children with head lice may be readmitted to school after head lice treatment has commenced. All dead lice and eggs must be removed from your child's hair to stop re-infestation. A certificate from a doctor is not required before your child goes back to school.

P&C News

Urgent request for small school uniforms - we currently have no small second hand school uniforms in our shop.

As next term is Kinder Orientation could you please go through your uniforms and if you have any small sizes (4,5 or 6) that you are able to donate to our uniform shop would you please send them in to the school office, marked P&C.

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 the box available at the canteen. The website for entering your recipes is:

www.createacookbook.com.au/submitrecipe.html

Our next P&C meeting is being held in Week 10 on **Wednesday 17th September** commencing at 9.30am. We hope to see you there.

Judi White – P&C Representative

Public Speaking

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

Once again the competition was of a high standard and it gives me great pleasure to announce the Early Stage 1, Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 finalists who will represent Narwee Public School at Chullora Public School on **Wednesday 15th October 2014**.

Early Stage 1

Hayden (KP) – My Favourite Book

Stage 1

Olivia (1E) – My Family
Praneil (2S) -Being a Kid

Stage 2

Sidney (4/5B) - Amazing Body

Stage 3

Elana (5/6F) – Random Facts
Elias (4/5B) – The Amazon

Congratulations to all students and we wish the finalists even more success in the District Final.

Mrs Muffett



Boys Vocal Workshop

On Monday 1st September Moe (5/6F) attended a Boy's Vocal Workshop at Caringbah High School put on by the Performing Arts Unit. About 30 boys from Year 5 to Year 11 shared in this experience, from various high schools and primary schools around Sydney.

The workshop was led by Peter Lehner, a well-respected musician, conductor, actor and performer who has worked with groups such as The Sydney Street Choir. He has also been involved as a music director and conductor of many different sectors of the community including Aboriginal / Indigenous groups, Glee clubs, Hip Hop choirs, disadvantaged groups and special needs groups.

The boys sang many of Peter's arrangements of some well-known songs such as Happy, Solid Rock, Imagine and Mad World.

One of the highlights of the day was when the boys all marched around the hall singing 'Freedom Mandela' in 4 part harmony. It was spine tingling. The day was a rewarding experience for all involved even for the teachers that accompanied their students! Below is a recount of the day written by Moe.

Mrs Weedon

On Monday 1st September Mrs Weedon and I went to Caringbah High School for a Boy's Vocal Workshop.

When we arrived we went to the school hall and learnt the songs we were going to sing. First we played a warm up game and then we sat in a circle and started the songs. We did five different ones.

First we did two of the songs and then we had lunch. Our conductor Peter put us in 3 separate groups – high, middle and low. When we finished the songs Mrs Weedon and I went back to school. It was a really fun day.

Moe (5/6F)



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

Safe School Travel

- School aged children should always travel in the back seat of your vehicle.
- Each child must be firmly buckled into an appropriate seatbelt or child restraint. NEVER share a seatbelt.
- Children should always get in and out of the car through the rear kerb side door.
- Meet your children on the school side of the road, preferably at the school gate or near their classroom. This is particularly important in wet weather.
- NEVER call to your children from across the road. Talk with them about what they should do if you are not there on time.
- Children up to at least 8 years old should hold an adult's hand in the car park, on the footpath and when crossing the road.
- Talk to your child about the STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK! routine every time you cross the road together.
- Always stop one step back from the kerb.
- Look for traffic to your right, left and right again.
- Think whether it's safe to cross.
- Always look and listen for traffic as you cross the road.
- Always slow to 40km/h when travelling in an operating school zone.
- Always obey parking signs around the school. These signs help save children's lives.
- Never leave a child of any age in a vehicle without adult supervision.

Medical News

There has been a case of Scabies identified in the school. While the risk of infection to your child is low we have listed some information below:

Time from exposure to illness

New infections: 2 to 6 weeks
Reinfection: 1 to 4 days

Symptoms

Itchy skin, worse at night, Worse around wrists, armpits, buttocks, groin and between fingers and toes.

Do I need to keep my child home?

Yes, until the day after treatment has begun.

How can I prevent spread?

Close contacts should be examined for infestation and be treated if necessary. Wash linen, towels and clothing worn in the past 2 days in hot water and detergent.