

Narwee Public School

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Term 4 – Week 1

Wednesday 8th October 2014

Principal's Report

Welcome back, I hope everybody had a pleasant break. I would also like to say a special welcome to our new students and their families who began at our school yesterday.

Thank you to all the students and staff who attended our school camp at Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre in Week 10, last term. It was a great success. The weather was fabulous and the site was beautiful. We were also very proud of how our students behaved; they were a real pleasure to be with.

The students all learnt new skills and improved on those they already had. Many children challenged themselves with things that put them out of their comfort zone or showed a 'never give up' attitude to achieve goals that they set for themselves. Some of the activities they enjoyed were the giant swing, rock climbing, canoeing, kayaking, team building activities, bike riding, flying fox or high ropes course and a bush walk and damper cookout.

Our P&C were once again very generous in helping to subsidise \$50.00 towards the cost of the camp for all students who attended, we thank them for helping to give our students this wonderful opportunity.

There will be a Lockdown Drill at 10.00am on **Tuesday 14th October**. Drills such as this are essential so that in the event of an emergency all staff and students are well practised in what to do. Lockdown is a procedure used when there is an immediate threat to the school e.g. school intruders. Lockdown minimises access to the school and secures staff and students in rooms. As part of the procedure, everyone must remain in a room until the situation has been declared safe by an authorised person such as the Principal or Police Officer.

School photos will be taken next **Wednesday 15th October**; please ensure all students come in full summer school uniform for their photos.

Cathie Berrett – Relieving Principal

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 4 Week 1

Friday 10th October PSSA Round 3

Term 4 Week 2

Tuesday 14th October Lockdown Drill
Wednesday 15th October School Photos
Wednesday 15th October Public Speaking Competition Day
Thursday 16th October National Park Excursion
Friday 17th October PSSA Round 4

Term 4 Week 3

Monday 20th October Swim School Commences
Wednesday 22nd October P&C Meeting – 7.00pm
Friday 24th October PSSA Round 5

Term 4 Week 4

Friday 31st October Swim School Finishes
Friday 31st October PSSA Round 6

Term 4 Week 5

Tuesday 4th November YMCA Sport-a-thon
Wednesday 5th November Kindergarten Orientation
Wednesday 5th November Public Speaking Finals
Friday 7th November PSSA Round 7

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

Did You Know.....

If your child misses as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education.

Going to school every day is important. What your child learns each day builds on what they learnt the day before. If your child misses school, they miss information, their learning routine is broken, they lose confidence and miss out on building their friendships.

You have a legal responsibility to send your children to school every day.

If your child has to be away from school due to illness, religious or family circumstances please tell your child's teacher and send a signed note explaining the reason for their absence as soon as possible.

If your child arrives at school late, or needs to leave early, you will need to go to the office to sign your child in or out. If you are having difficulty getting your child to school every day and on time please talk to their class teacher or the Principal.

2014 Spelling Bee

South Western Sydney Regional Final

On Thursday 18th September 2014 **Sidney** (4/5B), **Dhanisha** (3/4D), **Crystal** (4/5B) and **Alcheyah** (4/5B) travelled to Georges Hall Public School to compete against 22 other local schools and 43 other students.

Our students held their heads high in what was a very competitive competition. All of our students finished between 25th - 30th place.

Well done to our students who not only spelt well on the day but were very well behaved.

C-O-N-G-R-A-T-U-L-A-T-I-O-N-S

Mr Lennon



UNSW English Competition

Last term 10 of our students sat the UNSW English competition.

Congratulations to **Owen** (3/4L) who was awarded a Certificate of Merit. Well done also to **Brandon** (3/4L) and **Sidney** (4/5B) who both received a Certificate of Credit.

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



School Photos

School photos will be taken on **Wednesday 15th October**. Individual envelopes have been sent home with all students.

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

If you would like your children to have a family photo, envelopes for this can be collected from the front office.

Students having family photos taken should arrive at school at 9.00am and make their way to the hall, with their family photo envelopes.

Captains, Prefects, House Captains, Vice Captains and Library Monitors should arrive at school at 8.45am wearing their relevant badges.

All students must wear their correct summer school uniform and bring their purple PSSA shirt, green sport shorts and runners with them if they have been a member of a PSSA team at any time this year.

Mrs Rizzov

National Park Visit

An excursion has been organised for Stage 3 students to visit the Royal National Park as part of their studies of Global and Social Issues. They will be taking part in a bush walk with trained National Parks Discovery Rangers near Lady Carrington Drive.

The cost of the excursion is \$24.00. This covers the cost of the guided tour and bus hire.

Students will leave school at 8.45am and return at 3.20pm. Depending on traffic, the bus may arrive later than this, so please make pick up arrangements for your child. Students will need to be at school by 8.30am.

Students will need to wear sports uniform (no PSSA shirts) including their school hat and CLOSED in sports shoes. Sunscreen and insect repellent are also advised.

Children MUST bring their lunch, recess and at least 2 drinks in a small backpack. No glass bottles or cans of soft drink are allowed. There will be no opportunity to buy lunch so please do not send any money with your child. Bags may be left unattended at times so please ensure your child does not bring any valuables.

Please ensure your child's permission note and money are both returned to their class teacher no later than **Friday 10th October 2014**.

Mrs Koletti



K-2 Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the students who were chosen to represent their stage in the Infants Spelling Bee which was held on Friday 19th September 2014.

All participants should be extremely proud of their efforts. The students were exposed to a range of words and did a great job spelling them.

All students did a fantastic job and had a lot of fun competing against each other and showed us what G-R-E-A-T spellers they are.

Congratulations to **Bianca** (KP), **Jackson** (1E) and **Alex Z** (2S) who were our overall winners for their respective stage.

Mr Lennon

Road Safety Day 2014

All the students of Narwee Public School enjoyed a fun day learning all about road safety. We watched Mr Egghead in his car riding along to school. Unfortunately one time he forgot to put his seat belt on, he crashed and cracked his head. Narwee Public School students know better – PUT YOUR SEAT BELT ON ALL THE TIME!

Another important aspect the children learnt was the way they should wear their bike helmet; it should fit snugly and only two fingers should fit in between the clip and the chin/neck, otherwise it will not give any protection as it will slip off too easily.

The booklet that students completed on the day reminded them of all the important road safety messages they learnt in Term 1 this year.

The teachers were all proud of how many things the children had remembered. Some students also took part in interactive activities on the computer as class activities.

At the end, every class had to do a survey and everyone gave a big 'YES' to a fantastic science show and road safety activity day.

Mrs Pentecost

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!

Ice Bucket Challenge

Last term Mr Vaccaro and Mr Lennon braved a cold drenching as part of the global Ice Bucket Challenge.

The challenge raises awareness of Motor Neurone Disease. Each day in Australia two people are diagnosed with the disease, for which there is no cure.

The event was organised to coincide with Acknowledgement Day. Thank you to all the parents, students and staff who kindly donated to this worthy cause. The total amount raised was \$875.00 which will be donated to the Motor Neurone Association on behalf of Narwee Public School.



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

2015 School Terms

To assist in planning your holidays for next year, please find listed the school terms for next year.

Term 1

Tuesday 27th January to Thursday 2nd April

Term 2

Monday 20th April to Friday 26th June

Term 3

Monday 13th July to Friday 18th September

Term 4

Tuesday 6th October to Friday 18th December

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

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

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!!

2015 Leaders

In the coming weeks 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

Mrs Koletti

Surveys & the School Plan

As you should be aware, all NSW DEC schools are held to account against their School Plans which detail areas such as budgeting and school targets or goals. In addition, we are each required to create an Annual School Report which details our academic results, extra-curricular programs and more. We are currently in the process of developing both of these documents and to do so effectively, we want to know what our school community think.

To help us with our future planning, please complete the two online surveys listed below. They are quick and easy to complete and extremely important feedback to ensure our school keeps moving forward.

Parent Caregiver Satisfaction Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DH9NBKS>

Parent and Caregiver Literacy Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DHZG77C>

In addition, due to poor attendance at the Term 3, Week 10 meeting, I have rescheduled my P&C session to the **Wednesday 22nd October** meeting in which I hope to verbally gather your thoughts on what makes Narwee Public school great and what you see in our long term future.

Survey Technical Support

You can type the above address into your web browser, or go onto the school website and copy and paste the address from the Latest News section on our Home Page into your web browser. Alternatively there will be paper based copies at the office and the school computer lab will be opened on a few mornings with the survey logged on ready for parents to quickly complete.

Mrs Koletti