

Narwee Public School

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Term 4 – Week 3

Wednesday 22nd October 2014

Principal's Report

Special Swimming Scheme has begun and the students are eagerly travelling to the pool daily. Their behaviour has been excellent so far and we expect that all of them will either improve their technique or start to swim during this consecutive ten day period of swimming lessons. Thanks to all the parents who have sent their children along as swimming is a vital skill needed for all students.

Last night our three Dance Troupes performed admirably at the Bankstown District Dance Festival. Our dancers continue to shine, they not only danced beautifully they looked fabulous in their various costumes. Thank you to Ms Cairnduff, Mrs Rizzov, Mrs Canellis and Mrs Pentecost who are the dedicated group of teachers who gave up their time to practise and accompany the students on nights such as this. Thank you also to other staff members who attended the festival.

Tonight is our P&C meeting from 7.00pm to approximately 8.00pm. Please come along and join us for an informative evening.

Cathie Berrett – Relieving Principal

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

Notes & Payments Due

Please ensure all payments are made by the following closing dates

- **Book Club** order form and payment due by **Monday 27th October**
- **Dragon Tag Gala Day** permission note and money due back by **Friday 7th November**
- **Christmas Walk** permission note due back by **Wednesday 19th November**
- **Christmas Walk Sausage Sizzle** note and money due back by **Monday 24th November**

School Calendar

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

Term 4 Week 3

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

Term 4 Week 6

Friday 14th November	PSSA Round 8
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Term 4 Week 7

Wednesday 19th November	P&C AGM – 7.00pm
Thursday 20th November	Corroboree Festival
Friday 21st November	PSSA – Round 9

Term 4 Week 8

Wednesday 26th November	Christmas Walk
Friday 28th November	Helpers Morning Tea
Friday 28th November	PSSA Semis & Finals
Friday 28th November	Last Day of Scripture



Awards

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

Onofre (4/5B)	Sefesi (1C)
Malaika (1C)	Keira (1C)
Zahraa (KP)	Jason (KP)
Isaak (3/4D)	Hussein (3/4D)
Himal (2S)	Ella (2S)
Charlotte (2S)	Olivia (1E)
Marwan (1E)	Georgia (5/6K)
Andrew (5/6K)	Xavier (5/6K)
Fatima (4R)	Judah (4R)
Aaron (KL)	Zahra (4/5B)
Jordan (4R)	Sakinah (4R)
Ali (3/4D)	Jason Y (5/6F)
Joseph (3/4D)	Faith (5/6K)
Alex Z (2S)	Alex R (2S)
Kane (2L)	Cameron (2L)
Elijah (2S)	Charlotte (2S)
Hanna (2S)	Hannah (2S)
Rachel (KV)	Audrey (KV)
Liam (KP)	Ryda-May (KP)
Tiger (KP)	Andrew (4R)
Hussain (4/5B)	Tiari (5/6F)
Ellen (5/6F)	Karmela (2S)
Holly (KV)	Emily (KP)
Bianca (KP)	Petrelia (KP)
Praneil (2S)	Layla (2S)
Chace (2L)	Benjamin (2L)
Ethar (2L)	Axel (KV)
Lande (1E)	Chloe (KL)
Joshua (4/5B)	

Infants Times Table Champions

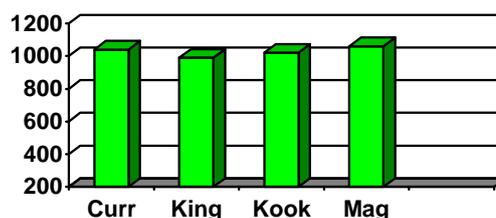
KL – Oindrini	KP – Ryda-May
KV – Rachel	1C – Kai
1E – Dean	2L – Hamdi
2S – Praneil	

Fruit Break Winners

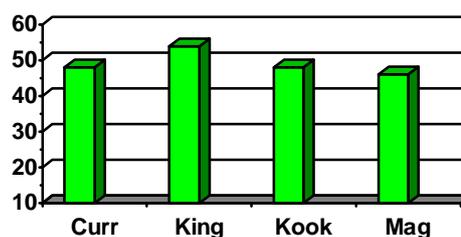
Infants – 2S	Primary – 5/6F
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UNIFORM SPOT CHECK



HOUSE POINTS



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



Corroboree Festival

Last year the inaugural Corroboree Festival provided students at Narwee Public School with an amazing opportunity to be a part of history. The sea of red waratahs in the City of Sydney was a real site to behold.

The second annual Corroboree Sydney Festival will take place on **Thursday 20th November**. The opening event will be a parade of NSW school children, both Indigenous and Non-Indigenous, from Hyde Park to the Royal Botanic Gardens. Entertainment will be provided by some of the state's most talented young Indigenous performers from the Aboriginal Arts Unit.

We look forward to being a part of this amazing experience for another year.

Mr Vaccaro

Giving Tree

As part of Narwee Public School's Christmas Walk that is taking place on **Wednesday 26th November**, the boys and girls will be presenting toys that will be donated to needy families in the Christmas Season.

All gifts need to be handed to your child's teacher by **Friday 21st November** (Week 7). There will be a prize for the class who has the greatest participation.

Mr & Mrs Lennon

Music Count Us In

Music education has been proven to improve student's literacy, numeracy, school attendance and confidence and is an integral part of our school curriculum.

On **Thursday 30th October** at precisely 12.30pm, our school will join in with thousands of other schools to sing together a song they have been learning in class called 'Let Me Paint You a Song' accompanied by our own School Band.

This song is part of a program called 'Music Count Us In'. This is Australia's biggest school initiative, where over half a million students celebrate music in the classroom by uniting to sing the same song at the same time right across Australia.

This program has been running since 2007, but this is the first time Narwee Public School has participated in the event. The school will watch the live feed introduction via computer, which will literally count us in and at 12.30 we all sing together!

Following this event the students will be involved in a musical quiz where each stage group will compete against each other to see who the most musical class of Narwee Public School is!

Mrs Weedon



Dance Festival

Congratulations to all the boys and girls in the Stage 1, Star and Diamond Dance Groups who performed last night at the Bankstown Sports Club.

The children were extremely well behaved while off stage but most importantly danced enthusiastically and with a great deal of energy and abundant smiles.

Many thanks go to the teachers who assisted on the night and the parents who supported the children.

Miss Cairnduff

Selective High School Placement 2016

Selective High Schools are NOT your regular high schools. They are schools that cater for highly achieving academically gifted students. Students can apply for placement in these Selective High Schools.

Applications are open from **14th October** and the application website closes on **Monday 17th November**. All students that apply for a Selective High School must sit a rigorous placement test which is on **12th March 2015**.

There have been some changes this year which include:

- All applications are made ONLINE
- Late applications will not be accepted
- Parents can only choose three schools (not four)

If you would like your child to apply, please contact Mrs Koletti or Mrs Canellis for an Information Booklet.

Please note – we anticipate that the Department will distribute applications for regular High Schools early next year.

Mrs Koletti

Chess Club

The Narwee Chess Club is coming close to the end of another year with students to begin playing off for the finals in our school competition.

As with previous years, this time of the year also provides another opportunity for the finalists to be exposed to inter-school competitions. The St George Primary Schools One-Day Chess Teams Tournament organised by the 'NSW Junior Chess League' is taking place on **Wednesday 5th November 2014** at St George Leagues Club.

In preparation for the tournament, students will familiarise themselves with the basic rules of chess and competitive play which are similar to those of our school competition. Students will be placed in teams of three, so we are hoping to form two competitive teams this year. We wish our teams well.

Mr Vaccaro

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

Christmas Walk

Our Annual Christmas Walk is being held on **Wednesday 26th November**. Permission notes for students and an invitation for parents to attend were attached to last week's newsletter and also on our school website.

The Christmas Walk is based on a Nativity Theme so it would be wonderful if all children could enter into the occasion by coming dressed as one of the following:

- Shepherd
- Angel
- Wise Man
- Star

As with previous years we have a number of costumes that can be hired from the school. The cost to hire an outfit is \$7.00. \$5.00 will be refunded once the outfit is returned and \$2.00 will be kept as a cleaning fee for the outfit that your child wears.

Ideas for costumes will be published each week in the newsletter. The canteen will also be holding a sausage sizzle to celebrate our Christmas Walk.

Mr & Mrs Lennon

Public Speaking

Sydney Schools' Public Speaking Competition

On Wednesday 15th October **Hayden** (KP), **Praneil** (2S), **Sidney** (4/5B) and **Elana** (5/6F) participated in the Sydney School's Public Speaking Competition at Chullora Public School.

All students presented high quality speeches and received Certificates of Participation.

A big thank you to Mrs Berrett for driving some of the students to Chullora Public School.

Mrs Muffett



National Park Excursion

Last week Stage 3 got to adventure in the Royal National Park – one of Sydney's not so secret wonders! Students arrived early and had a long day. I would like to congratulate them on their behaviour and positive attitude. Lots of fun was had navigating our way through real life samples of erosion and weathering and even more fun was had attempting to catch the critters in the rainforest.

Mrs Koletti

PSSA Report

Hockey

Last week we played Hurstville South Public School. The juniors lost 6-1 and the seniors lost 5-0, but it is worth noting that in both games the teams made HUGE improvements! We are fortunate to have some extra encouragement from Mr Macintosh, who loves the enthusiasm shown by Narwee.

Player of the Match for the seniors was also the Defender of the Day – **Elias** (4/5B) and Player of the Match for the juniors was **Georga** (4R) for showing increasing confidence after so little match experience.

Mrs Koletti

Boys Basketball

Last Friday the Boys' Basketball team played Beverly Hills Public School. The junior team lost 20-16. The boys played really well. We just have to remember to mark our players and catch the rebounds. Congratulations to **Lotu** (3/4L) for excellent defending.

The senior team was defeated 20-16. The team played really well together. Well done to all the boys for great passing and teamwork. Congratulations to **Joseph** (5/6K) who had a wonderful game and for defending really well. Next week's game will be at Hurstville South Public School.

Overall Player of the Match went to **Lotu** (3/4L) for excellent defending skills.

Mrs Lennon

School Surveys

To help us with our future planning, it would be appreciated if parents could please complete the two online surveys listed below. They are quick and easy to complete and will provide extremely important feedback to ensure our school keeps moving forward.

Parent / Caregiver Satisfaction Survey

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

Parent / Caregiver Literacy Survey

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

You can type the above address into your web browser or go onto the school website and click on the Quick Link 'Excursion and Parent Notes'. Both surveys can be found here for parents to click on and complete.

Mrs Koletti