

Narwee Public School

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Term 4 – Week 9

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Principal's Report

This will be the final newsletter for 2015 and as you are aware this will also be my last newsletter item.

I have been very privileged to lead this school for the last ten years and I have worked with remarkable, staff, parents/carers, volunteers, community workers and of course my beautiful students.

I leave Narwee Public School knowing that the school, the teaching and learning, behaviour management, extra curricula programs, ability to cater for all levels of student's needs and abilities are of a very high standard.

The decision to take up another Principal-ship has been one I have thought long and hard about. As a Principal who constantly encourages students and staff to challenge themselves, I have decided to move on and take on new challenges professionally.

Next year, I will take up the position of Principal at Wiley Park Public School. I hope to still have contact with Narwee Public School and who knows, we may even be able to develop some joint programs.

Whilst I leave you all with a great sense of loss and sadness, I wish to let you know how important my role to serve the community of Narwee has been to me. I will not forget the great days and wonderful memories I take with me.

Narwee Public School has become a school admired well beyond its local area, and I know it will continue to grow and develop from strength to strength. I look forward to enjoying the next few weeks with you as we move into a very festive time of celebrations and activities.

I extend the very best wishes to you all both now and for the future and look forward to hearing great news about Narwee Public School in the future.

Rene Demos - Principal

Important Message

The last day of school for all students will be Wednesday 17th December.

Classes will not operate on **Thursday 18th** and **Friday 19th December** as all staff will be involved in Staff Development.



School Calendar

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

Term 4 Week 9

Friday 5th December Reports Sent Home

Term 4 Week 10

Tuesday 9th December Presentation Day

Term 4 Week 11

Monday 15th December Year 6 Farewell

Tuesday 16th December Picnic / Disco Day

Wednesday 17th December Talent Quest

Wednesday 17th December Last Day for Students



Term 1 Week 1

Wednesday 28th January Yr 1 – 6 Students Return

Thursday 29th January Kinder Group 1 Begin

Friday 30th January Kinder Group 2 Begin

Term 1 Week 2

Monday 2nd February Kinder Group 3 Begin

Travel Passes

The School Student Transport Scheme can provide free travel on trains and buses to and from school for eligible students.

All students who are currently in Year 2 and entering Year 3 in 2015 must complete a new application form. Please collect a new form from the school office.

Christmas Walk

WOW we finally did it. Four years of organisation and practice and Narwee Public School was able to tell the story of Christmas and share it with ALL of the community members who were assembled in the street to view such a memorable event.

We looked that good that we made the front page of The Leader. Well done to everyone who participated and assisted in the preparation of this fantastic community event.

This year was our ninth year of doing this event so we can't wait until next year when it will be our TENTH. It was such a great community event and one that will stay in our hearts for a long time. We also thought it was a fitting farewell present to Mrs Demos to see her school spread the spirit of Christmas to the community which she has served for the past ten years.

On behalf of Mrs Lennon and myself we wish you all a safe and blessed Christmas and a restful and happy new year.

Mr & Mrs Lennon

Notes & Payments Due

Please ensure all payments are made by the following closing dates

- **2015 Swimming Carnival** permission note and money due back by **Friday 5th December**
- **Presentation Day Sausage Sizzle** note and money due back by **Friday 5th December**
- **Picnic Day** note due back by **Friday 12th December**
- **Reflection CD** note and money due back by **Friday 12th December**

House Winners

Congratulations to **Magpie** who were the House Point Winners for Term 4.

Congratulations also go to **Kookaburra** who were the Uniform Spot Check Winners this term. All students in Kookaburra have received a Merit Certificate for their wonderful effort of making sure they were in school uniform each day.

Mrs Rizzov

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

Xmas Walk Costume Hire

Thank you to all the parents that hired costumes for their child to wear at our Christmas Walk last Friday.

Costume Hire refunds have been sent home today.

Year 6 Fund Day

Year 6 would like to thank all the students that helped make Fund Day such a huge success on Monday.

The total amount raised was \$2300.00. This will go towards the Year 6 Farewell and purchasing a parting gift to the school.

The students participated in many different activities that ranged from a Fairy Garden to a Haunted House.

The day went well and all children had a lot of fun. A big thank you to all students who participated and a very big thank you to the Year 6 students who organised and ran the activities so smoothly. Well done Narwee.

Mr Forman

Year 6 Farewell

The big night is nearly here. On **Monday 15th December** we will officially say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 students.

Just like last year, the Farewell is being held at Canterbury Leagues Club in the lovely Blueberry Hill Function Room. The doors open to all students at 6.00pm and then re-open again at 8.45pm for parents of our Year 6 students to come and join us for our final farewells.

Please be prompt and ready to pick up your child at 9.00pm.

If your child is not being picked up by their regular carer, please let us know in writing who will be collecting them at the conclusion of the Farewell.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful and memorable evening.

Mrs Koletti

Lost Property

If your child has lost an article of clothing, a lunch box, drink bottle etc please ensure you check the Lost Property basket outside of the staffroom on 'A' Block prior to the end of the school year.

All items not claimed by the end of the year will be disposed of.

Please ensure you label all your child's belongings. This will ensure they are returned to your child if they are found in the playground.

Reflection 2014 CD

Don't miss out on the opportunity to purchase a CD full of Narwee memories of our year at Narwee Public School for 2014.

A disc is available to purchase which has the PowerPoint Presentation that will be shown prior to our Presentation Day Assembly next week.

Discs will be sent home with your child on Friday 12th December.

PSSA Sports Shirts

Thank you to all students that participated in PSSA competitions this year.

Could you please ensure your washed PSSA shirt is returned to your coach in a plastic bag with your name on so that we can return your \$5.00 shirt hire deposit.

If you still owe any sport money please ensure this is paid to the office by **Friday 5th December**. Your shirt hire deposit will not be returned until all sport money is up to date.

Shirt Hire Refunds will be issued once all PSSA shirts have been returned.

Due to the extreme heat, PSSA was cancelled for the last week of the season. All students who paid their PSSA levy for that week have been refunded their money. This was sent home with all students yesterday.

Chess Club Finals

Over the last couple of weeks, the Chess Club finalists for 2014 have been battling it out to see who would be the Chess Club Winner for this year.

Congratulations to the following students who finished in the top two:

1st – **Zoe** (5/6K)
2nd – **David** (4/5B)

Good Luck to **Garry** (5/6K) and **Thomas** (4/5B) who will play off for third and fourth place this week.

Thank you to all players who made this year a success and thank you to those students who came to watch and lend their support during the finals. I hope to see you all back again supporting our Chess Club next year.

Mr Vaccaro



School Picnic & Disco

Just a reminder that on Tuesday 16th December we will be holding our Acknowledgement Day School Picnic and Daytime Disco.

The picnic and disco is the school's way of rewarding those students that are on Bronze, Silver or Gold Level for their good behaviour. Students below Bronze Level will not be permitted to attend.

Recess and drinks must be brought with your child to the picnic. The school will be supplying one sausage sandwich and an ice block for each child for lunch. If your child does not wish to have a sausage sizzle they should also bring their lunch.

There will be no lunch orders on this day.

The picnic and disco is for staff and students only. The daytime disco is only a small part of the day so we ask that students wear clothing that is appropriate for outdoor physical activity and dancing. Enclosed shoes are a **MUST**.

Yugioh Championships

For all those students of Narwee that enjoy playing Yugioh, check out the Championship Series that is taking place on **Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th December** at ANZ Stadium at Sydney Olympic Park.

It is an open event which means that anyone can enter. There are prizes available for all participants that include 5 booster packs for an entry fee of \$25.00.

The first prize includes a trophy, netbook and airfare to the Oceanic Championship. If you have never played competitively before, you can join the many side events over the weekend.

For more details on the events at the championships and their tournament rules, please visit:

http://www.yugioh-card.com/oc/events/yes_sydney_2.html

Swimming Carnival 2015

Greenacre Pool – Wednesday 4th February 2015

Just a reminder that notes and payment for our annual Swimming Carnival are due back by **Friday 5th December 2014**. Due to the carnival taking place in early Term 1 next year we need to finalise all details by the end of this term.

The cost is \$10.00. This covers pool hire and the cost of buses to transport us to the pool. No refunds can be given if your child is absent on the day as these costs are pre-paid and are not refundable to the school.

Mrs Rizzov



Balancing Commitments

It is important for your child to maintain balance. Balancing commitments is especially important if your child is starting high school next year.

Your child needs to be able to balance school commitments with social, recreational and family life as it is important for a happy and healthy lifestyle.

Areas that you should remind your child about to help them balance their commitments are:

- Time management
- Planning and discipline
- Keeping fit
- Managing their stress
- Learning to say no

School Holiday Tips

School holidays are fast approaching. Here are some helpful tips to help you plan your festive season.

Plan ahead this Christmas

Take charge of your holidays in advance by making lists of things to do and setting aside some time each day for them – nothing creates more stress than last minute shopping and preparations. When entertaining children, one different activity each day will keep them excited.

Money – Holiday Savings

If you are going out for the day during the holidays don't forget to pack a picnic lunch. Lunches out can wind up costing too much money.

Minimise stress by staying in budget. Draw up a budget to make sure you don't overspend over the festive season. Choose simple, thoughtful or useful gifts rather than elaborate more expensive surprises – even Santa Claus has limited funds.

Good Bye Year 6

To our outgoing Year 6 students may your journey into High School be another successful learning and growing time for you in your life journey. We will miss you and look forward to your visits back to our school and hearing stories of your new pathway.

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

Good Bye & Good Luck Yr 6

