

Narwee Public School

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Term 1 – Week 8

Wednesday 17 March 2021

Principal's Report

It's Purple Day today, so we have all dressed in the colour purple to commemorate a former student and school captain, Liongi Havili. Purple was Liongi's favourite colour which also symbolises creativity, dignity and wisdom. This is also our way of giving back to the community by collecting funds for the Lupus Foundation. I acknowledge Mrs Lennon for raising awareness about how to help others as well as commemorating Liongi's life.

Our first P&C meeting for the year was well attended and part of the discussion centred around fundraising and school uniforms. In Term 2 we will once again have a Class Coin Drive where students can bring in coins to collect for the P&C. The class which raises the most will be rewarded with a 'spider' drink. We will also be sending out a uniform survey next term to gauge your opinions on our school uniform. The next meeting will be Wednesday 28 April at 7.00pm.

I have asked all teachers to give new log-in details to any families who are not on Clasdojo. We use this platform to reach our community quickly for up-to-date messages and information. Please take the time to register with the Clasdojo phone app if you haven't already done so to get the latest school news.

We have approval to replace the K-2 fixed equipment as well as to make a sensory play area. This work should take place early Term 2 and will take approximately 2 weeks for completion. This will be a big improvement of the play area for our younger students.

We have Parent / Teacher interviews in Week 9 which is an excellent way of connecting with your child's class teacher and discussing progress, any concerns and celebrating achievements. Interview time sheets were due back on Friday 12 March so if you haven't already done so, please send it back this week.

Did you know that if your child misses 1 day of school per fortnight, it adds up to 20 days per year? That's 4 weeks of learning and mixing with their friends. Over the 13 years of schooling, that means your child would have missed 1 ½ years of school.

Please support your child to get to school on time and every day except for illness. Remember, all students should arrive at school from 8.50am onwards and be at school by 9.20am ready for class.

This week we have resumed ending our school day at 3.20pm. As you wait for your child, please maintain the 1.5m distancing, especially now that there have been recent community alerts in relation to COVID-19.

As always, have a great week.

Rosemary Monin – Principal

Year 6 News

An Expression of Interest form is required for all Year 6 students for high school placement for 2022. Forms have been sent home and must be returned before **Friday 19 March**.

Please note the Expression of Interest form must be completed for ALL students including those who have applied for placement in a non-government school. If this is the case, and you have been granted a place, please complete Section E – Placement not required.

For those parents intending to apply for a placement at a non-local government school, please read the requirements carefully and consult with the high school if unsure. You will need to thoroughly outline your reasons for seeking non-local placement and many high schools also require you to provide supporting evidence and documentation. If you have any queries about completing the Expression of Interest please speak to your child's class teacher

Student Safety

We remind all parents that our younger students should be escorted into the school grounds in the mornings and should not be asked to walk to parked vehicles or to walk beyond the school grounds without an adult at the end of the school day.

School Calendar

Upcoming Events at Narwee Public School.

Term 1 Week 8 2021

Thursday 18 March	Harmony Day
Friday 19 March	National Ride to School Day
Friday 19 March	PSSA – Round 4

Term 1 Week 9 2021

Monday 22 March	Kindergarten Parent Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 23 March	Stage 1 & 5/6F Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 24 March	5/6K, 5/6R & 5/6S Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday 25 March	Stage 2 Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 26 March	PSSA – Round 5

Term 1 Week 10 2021

Wednesday 31 March	School Photos
Thursday 1 April	Easter Hat Parade
Thursday 1 April	Last Day of Term

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Term 2 Week 1 2021

Tuesday 20 April	First Day of Term 2
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Kindergarten News

It's hard to believe that our Kindergarten students have nearly completed their first term at school. They have been busy learning things both inside and outside their classrooms, and also learning about school organisation and routines. It seems that visiting the canteen, making new friends and playing on the equipment are highlights of outside class time.

The next big event for Kindergarten will be our Easter Hat Parade being held on **Thursday 1 April**.

Ride to School Day

Friday 19 March is 'Ride to School' Day. Leave the car at home and ride, walk or scoot the whole way or part of the way to school.

All students at Narwee Public School are encouraged to take part in this annual event. Senior SRC members will welcome you at the gate acknowledging your effort. If you ride, walk or scoot to school you will receive a raffle ticket from your teacher in class. This ticket will go in the draw for our Road Safety prizes.

Make sure you get your Bike Licence and don't forget to wear your helmet! If you have lost your Bike Licence note a new one can be downloaded from the school website.

Year 3 – 6 Eggs on Legs

Optional Home Activity An Egg-citing opportunity to be creative!

The Annual Easter Hat Parade is in Week 10 and we would like all students to be a part of it.

Year 3 - 6 students are asked to get creative and make an 'Eggs on Legs' costume to parade on the day. The possibilities are endless and all students are encouraged to participate.

The 'Eggs on Legs' must be Easter themed and could include a costume made with egg shaped cardboard, a colourful mask or a decorated cardboard display.

All costumes will be proudly paraded at our Easter Hat Parade on **Thursday 1 April**.

End of Term

Please note the last day of school for Term 1 is **Thursday 1 April**.

All students return to school on **Tuesday 20 April** for the start of Term 2.

Notes & Payments Due

Please ensure all permission notes / payments are returned to school by the following closing dates:

- **Book Club** online orders must be placed by **9.00am on Monday 22 March**
- **Easter Eggstravaganza Sausage Sizzle** order form and payment due back by **Monday 29 March**

Please note that copies of all notes and newsletters are available on the Narwee Public School website if you need to re-print them.

Payment

School Security

Please help keep our school safe

If you see anything unusual happening in the school grounds at any time, please call School Security on

1300 880 021

Book Club

Issue 2 of Book Club has been sent home with all students.

Please be reminded there have been changes to the way Book Club can be paid for. If you would like to purchase anything for your child it must be done through the Scholastic LOOP System.

When paying by LOOP you do not need to fill in the order form or return anything to school. Your order will be electronically linked to the school's order. The order will then be delivered to the school approximately 10 days after the closing date.

Visit www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the app.

**Orders must be placed online by
9.00am on Monday 22 March**

K – 2 Easter Hat Preparations

Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be decorating their Easter hat creations at school in class.

The Easter hats will be decorated at school and we ask each child to bring along the shell of the hat made out of cardboard but not decorated. This can be any shape as long as it fits your child's head.

All students are asked to bring any decorations that can be found at home. Some suggestions are ribbons, stickers, streamers, pictures, tinsel, glitter, textas etc. Extra glue and masking tape will also be helpful.

Kindergarten to Year 2 students will be making their hats with their Primary buddy class.

All materials will need to be at school in a plastic bag marked with your child's name on it by **Monday 22 March** ready for construction of the hats to commence that week.

All students will receive a colourful Easter bookmark to encourage reading in the holiday break.



Recycling

Help raise funds for our school by placing your recyclable cans / bottles in the bin provided on 'A' Block near the doors into the office.

Look for the "Recycle Here" sign

All funds raised by the cans / bottles that are recycled will go towards the purchase of school resources.



Sport Levy

If your child takes part in PSSA sport on Friday mornings, please ensure they pay their \$6.00 sport levy to their coach each Friday morning before they get on the bus.

Please do not pay your child's sport money online.

Failure to pay this levy will see your child forfeit their spot on the team for that week and they will remain at school.

Please ensure your child brings sunscreen and their school hat each Friday to protect them from the sun. They also need to have a filled water bottle each week to keep them hydrated throughout the morning.



Harmony Day

Thursday 18 March

Harmony Day provides the students with the opportunity to celebrate our successes as a diverse and harmonious multicultural society.

All students are asked to wear **ORANGE CLOTHING** or **SCHOOL UNIFORM** with orange accessories e.g. hair ribbons or orange socks.

Students who have costumes or clothing relating to their culture may wear these to school. These students can change into their orange clothing or uniforms after the Harmony Day Parade of Nations.

This is not a MUFTI DAY.

Students will participate in a variety of activities that will be posted on Class Dojo. The canteen is also organising a BBQ lunch that needs to be pre-ordered.



School Photos

Photo Day is on **Wednesday 31 March**. Payment envelopes have been sent home with all students.

Correct payment and order envelopes must be brought in on Photo Day (**Wednesday 31 March**). Please do not return your envelope prior to Photo Day as envelopes are handed directly to the photographers on the day.

If you have more than one child at the school and would like a family photo, envelopes are available at the front office. These photos will only be taken if the pre-paid envelope and payment is returned on photo day. Ordering online for family photographs will cut off at 12.00 midnight the night before photo day.

Don Wood Photography offer two methods of payment:

Online payments

Login to www.donwoodphotography.com.au using the school's unique school code which is **387517**. No envelope is required to be brought back to the school as all orders are processed online.

If ordering online, parents will have up to 5 days after the date of photography to order their child's portrait or group packages online as a pre-order. After this time a late order must be placed. Additional charges may apply.

Cash

If cash payments are preferred, place correct money into the Don Wood Photography envelope with the student's name, class and package clearly marked. Please note: envelopes must be handed to the Don Wood Photography team on photo day. If paying with cash each student must present their own envelope.

Please check your order carefully as refunds are not available for incorrect package choice.

If you have any enquiries or wish to order photos after photo day please contact Don Wood directly at info@donwoodphotography.com.au or call them on 9542 5370.

School Uniform Donations

Pre-loved school uniforms can be donated to the school if your child has grown out of them. Please send any items that you would like to donate to school with your child and they can bring them to the front office. All donations are gratefully accepted.



Student Pick-Up Arrangements

Please notify the office on **9153 9756** or **9153 5578** if there are any changes to your child's after school pick up arrangements so this information can be passed on to their class teacher. This will help ensure the safety and well-being of all students.

If you are going to be late picking your child up it is also important that you contact the school prior to 3.20pm.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Just a reminder that Parent/Teacher interviews are being held in Week 9. All interviews will take place in the Library.

Morning interviews will be held from 8.00am - 11.00am and afternoon interviews will take place from 2.00pm – 5.00pm.

- Kindergarten interviews will take place on Monday 22 March
- Stage 1 & 5/6F interviews will take place on Tuesday 23 March
- Stage 2 interviews will take place on Thursday 25 March
- 5/6K, 5/6R & 5/6S interviews will take place on Wednesday 24 March

These interviews are an important way to share information in order to assist your child to achieve the best possible outcomes.

To make the most of the occasion:

- Spend some time with your child before the parent/teacher interview discussing their strengths/weaknesses and any problems they feel they have at school
- Make a list of questions to ask the teacher about your child's work, how they get along with classmates and their general attitude to school
- Ask questions, especially if you don't understand something
- Try to take away from the interview some positive steps that you, your child and class teacher can take to help your child succeed

Please be mindful that interviews are limited to 10 – 15 minutes



School Attendance

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people.

When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

There are a number of reasons for you to ensure that your child attends school regularly. Attending school every day makes learning easier. For younger students, missing the basic skills often leads to learning problems later on and for older students, absenteeism often interferes with academic progress. Friendships with other students are also easier if your child attends school regularly.

Sickness and injuries, attendance at a special religious ceremony or serious family situations are acceptable reasons for non-attendance at school. Birthdays, haircuts, pension days, Mondayitis etc are not satisfactory reasons for absences from school. If you have difficulties getting your child to school every day and on time, please talk to their class teacher or Mrs Monin.

If your child is absent for any reason, please send a signed note explaining the reason for their absence on the day they return to school. If your child will be absent for 3 days or more, please notify their class teacher through Class Dojo or call the school on 9153 9756 or 9153 5578.

Safe School Travel

Children are vulnerable road users. They are at risk in the traffic environment because of their size, their difficulty in judging speed and distance and the fact that they may behave unpredictably.

More than one million children in NSW travel to and from school each day by car, bike, public transport or as a pedestrian. Each form of transport poses potential hazards. The RTA has in place 40km school zones and also funds a Road Safety Education program in NSW schools. This alone is not enough – you can help by following some simple safety steps and by regularly reinforcing important road safety messages with your child.

- Always make sure your children wear a seat belt when travelling in a car – about 50% of child road casualties aged 5-14 are passengers in a car
- Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car
- Never call your child from across the road
- Use a pedestrian crossing where possible

School Parking

Parking for parents is available along Mountview Ave, Chamberlain St and further down Broad Arrow Rd. Please ensure you park in the appropriate street spaces along these streets.

Take note and comply with the 'No Stopping' and 'Bus Zone' areas near the school and keep our driveway clear. The first area of parking in front of the school is the 'Kiss and Drop' zone. In this area drivers may stop to drop off or pick up children however 'No Parking' rules apply.

- Maximum stop time is 2 minutes
- Driver must remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle
- Vehicle must not be left unattended.

The police and rangers patrol the school regularly. Fines can be quite expensive for parking illegally around a school.

Please keep the school driveway clear at all times and be mindful of our neighbours when parking near the school.

Homework

Homework reinforces work done at school and helps develop skills such as research and time management.

Parents and carers have the opportunity to help through a positive and supportive approach to homework.

Some homework tips include:

- Support your child in setting aside time each day for homework
- Provide a dedicated place for homework and study if possible
- Encourage your child to read and take an interest in current events
- Plan the work to be done and the time to be spent on each task
- Take short breaks between homework tasks
- Praise your child for their efforts not just their results
- Alert your child's class teacher to any domestic circumstances or extra-curricular activities which may need to be taken into consideration when homework is being set or marked
- If problems occur talk to your child's class teacher
- Take an active interest in your child's homework

