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Term 4 – Week 2

Wednesday 21 October 2020

Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 4, our students and teachers are back working well with their class programs. This term we are focusing on attendance, reminding students that every day they are at school, they are learning more, socialising with their friends and making better long term options for their education and life choices. Your support in getting them to school on time and in their school uniform is much appreciated.

This year has been challenging to say the least and we have had to adapt and make changes. An example is our Public Speaking & Debating competitions which have been online this year. Best wishes to Amy who will participate in Stage 3 Public Speaking Competition via Zoom this week and thank you to Mr Loh for coordinating the debating competition this year.

Unfortunately, as we are unable to meet onsite, we have had to cancel some important events on the school calendar such as Grandparents Day, Family Night, our Christmas Walk and our Helpers Morning Tea. We are investigating ways to livestream our Presentation Day assemblies as we don't want you to miss this important event.

Our Year 5 students should be thinking about their leadership roles in 2021 with speeches for School Leaders taking place on Tuesday 3 and Tuesday 10 November. Now is the time to write down their thoughts about how they would represent their school as a leader next year.

Social media is part of our daily lives and our young people have greater accessibility to the internet. As you know, some of the online content can be harmful. Advice from our Health & Safety Directorate is for parents to:

- Engage in your child's online activity and discuss the types of apps, websites and games they are viewing to ensure the content is age-appropriate
- Make use of parental control on devices to help limit your child's online exposure
- Help your child report and block inappropriate content on social media or apps

- Encourage your child to talk about anything upsetting they view online
- Visit www.esafety.gov.au for further advice on apps, social media and online safety issues.

Happy World Teachers Day to all our teachers this coming Friday. The high level of commitment, enthusiasm and drive our teachers bring to their chosen profession and to your children is to be applauded.

Have a great week.

Rosemary Monin – Principal

School Calendar

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

Term 4 Week 2 2020

Thursday 22 October

Book Week Parade

Term 4 Week 4 2020

Tuesday 3 November

**Kinder Transition
9.30am – 10.45am**

Term 4 Week 5 2020

Wednesday 11 November

Lockdown Drill

Wednesday 11 November

Remembrance Day

Term 4 Week 6 2020

Wednesday 18 November

OC Placement Test



Covid-19 Update

If a student or staff have flu like symptoms they should remain at home and have a Covid-19 test. The school must sight the negative test result in order for the student or staff member to return to school.

Both Covid-19 and the flu can have varying degrees of signs and symptoms, ranging from no symptoms (asymptomatic) to severe symptoms. Common symptoms that Covid-19 and the flu share include:

- Fever or feeling feverish/chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Headache
- Some people may have vomiting and diarrhoea, though this is more common in children than adults

Please forward a copy of the Covid-19 test result to 0437 770 657.

All parents are asked to refrain from entering the front office unless necessary as you will be required to fill out a Covid-19 declaration form.

Kindergarten Enrolments

We are currently planning for our Kindergarten 2021.

If you have a child who will be turning 5 before 30 July 2021 and are intending to enrol them for next year, please complete an application form as soon as possible and return it to the office. We ask for your assistance in ensuring applications are sent in as soon as possible.

Application to Enrol forms are available via the school office or alternatively you can call the office and a pack will be sent home with your child. The form is also available to download from the schools' website. You are also able to enrol via the new Online Enrolment System.

Those parents who do not live in the catchment area and wish to send their child to Narwee Public School are also required to complete an out of area application form, which will be reviewed by the Out of Area Panel.

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House Winners

Uniform Spot Check

Kookaburra	450
Currawong	450
Magpie	440
Kingfisher	440

House Points

Kingfisher	117
Magpie	116
Kookaburra	116
Currawong	115

Winning Class Uniform

K – 2: K/1P 3 – 6: 5/6F

Fruit Break Winners

K – 2: KO 3 – 6: 3/4H

Behaviour Levels

In Week 9 last term the staff was involved in the Behaviour Levelling process. The results are below:

- 47.6% of students were on Gold Level
- 41.21% of students were on Silver Level
- 10.22% of students were on Bronze Level
- Less than 1% of students were on the unacceptable level of behaviour – Level 4

All students should be striving to reach Gold Level by the end of the year.

Parents don't forget to keep encouraging good choices and great behaviour.

Mrs Berrett – Assistant Principal

Yeronga Uniforms Information

Yeronga Roselands store will increase their trading hours during Term 4. Commencing Monday 12 October trading hours are as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

9.00am – 5.00pm

Thursday

9.00am – 7.00pm

Saturday

9.00am – 5.00pm

Please note the store capacity is 40 until Yeronga are notified of government regulatory changes.

School Leaders 2021

This term we will start the election process to determine our school leaders for 2021. Take the time over the next few weeks to watch Year 5 and see those students who demonstrate leadership qualities. Look for students who:

- Follow all school rules
- Help other students without being told to
- Clean up our school
- Are kind and caring
- Co-operate well with others
- Are organised and punctual
- Are positive and good role models for other students

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.

Contact Details

Have you changed your contact details?

There have been many occasions recently where we have tried to contact parents and have been unable to do so due to parents not informing the school of changed phone numbers or addresses.

Please ensure all parent / carer and emergency contact details are up to date. This is a safety issue as we need to be able to contact all parents in the event that your child injures themselves or becomes ill at school.

Please notify the office if your details need changing. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Mobile Phones at School

If it is necessary for your child to bring a mobile phone to school, they must hand their phone in at the administration office as soon as they arrive at school. A note must be supplied to the school stating the reason your child needs to bring their phone to school to keep in their file. Phones are then to be collected at the end of the school day. This is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students.

Bring a Water Bottle

Please ensure your child has a drink bottle which can be refilled throughout the day, as it is recommended that students do not drink directly from a bubbler at this time. There are many taps close by to classrooms, where students are able to fill their water bottle during the day.

Drop Off & Pick Up Information

Just a reminder that parents are asked to 'drop at the gates and go' from 9.00 – 9.20am.

Gates will be opened at 3.15pm for the afternoon pickup. Please wait on the asphalt areas and do not go onto the verandahs. Teachers will send your child to you once you are there.

If you need to speak with your child's teacher, use the ClassDojo messaging system or phone through to the front office to leave a message.

Please maintain appropriate social distancing whilst you wait outside the school gates. In a wonderful school community such as ours, where we value the connections with each other, we understand this is difficult, but based on the current health advice, we seek your support in following these guidelines.

We look forward to the time when parents are able to be back on school grounds, but in the meantime, please stay in contact with what is happening at school through our newsletter, website and ClassDojo.

Kinder 2021 Transition

We are able to hold a transition morning for our 2021 Kindergarten students.

If you have a child commencing Kindergarten next year we invite you to bring them to school on Tuesday 3 November from 9.30am. They will be in the Kindergarten room with teachers and helpers. We ask that you drop your child off at the Kinder room which is near our top gate. There will be lots of signs to show you where to go.

Unfortunately we are unable to meet as adults so we ask that you drop your child off and come back between 10.45am and 11.00am to pick them up.

We will give you a holiday pack with lots of goodies to share with your child about starting school.

We are all looking forward to meeting you and your child.



Planning for 2021

As we begin our plans for 2021 it is important that we have a clear idea of the number of students anticipated in each year group.

If you are expecting your son or daughter will not be returning to Narwee Public School next year it would be greatly appreciated if you could indicate this as soon as possible on the note that is being sent home today with all Kindergarten – Year 5 students. This information will be held in confidence by the Principal.

Daylight Saving

As you are aware, Daylight Saving has started. This can impact on students' sleep time so please make sure they get adequate sleep and are ready for school on time.

We would like to see an improvement in the arrival of those students who are often late. Remember the school bell goes at 9.20am and students should be here prior to the bell.

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

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.



Opal Card 2022

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

For more information visit:

www.transportnsw.info

Last Day of School

The last day of term for all students will be Wednesday 16 December.



Selective High School 2022

Selective High Schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective High Schools help these students by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 11 March 2021.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2022, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply are available at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

The application website opened on Tuesday 6 October and closes on Monday 9 November 2020. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you can apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the high performance team for assistance.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

An expression of interest note was sent home with all Year 5 students in Week 10 of last term. Please note: the tear off slip is not an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Book Club – Issue 7

Issue 7 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 by 9.00am on Friday 30 October.

Gold Level Students

Congratulations to the following students who have reached Gold Level. It is wonderful to see you all following our school rules.

Ruisi (KM)	Stephanie (KM)
Charley (KM)	Aria (KM)
Emily (KO)	Jayda (KO)
Abeeha (KO)	Kavish (KO)
Losalini (KO)	Saya (K/1P)
Elijah (K/1P)	Hanan (K/1P)
Andrew (K/1P)	Aminah (K/1P)
Dareen (1/2I)	Halima (1/2I)
Johanna (1/2I)	Madinah (1/2I)
Madeleine (1/2I)	Carolina (1/2I)
Lana (1/2I)	Laluna (1/2I)
Genesis (1/2I)	Charlie (1/2I)
Monash (1/2I)	Youssef (1/2I)
Ntali (1/2M)	Adam (1/2S)
Angela (1/2S)	Yusef (1/2S)
Hudson (1/2S)	Malaika (3/4H)
Katlyn (3/4H)	Blake (3/4H)
Vincent (3/4H)	Malika (3/4H)
Elizabeth (3/4L)	Hioni (3/4L)
Ruby (3/4L)	Sophia (3/4L)
Mia (3/4L)	Naaz (3/4M)
Shyna (3/4M)	Joseph (3/4M)
Talia (3/4M)	Abbigail (3/4M)
Noah (3/4M)	Rowan (3/4M)
Nate (3/4M)	Aliya (3/4M)
Feilin (4/5S)	Alayna (4/5S)
Selina (4/5S)	Saja (5/6F)
Ellakay (5/6F)	Teoka (5/6F)
Jarren (5/6F)	Tayyaba (5/6F)
Hayden (5/6F)	Lilly-Maree (5/6F)
Elisha (5/6K)	Nour (5/6K)

Chanelle (5/6R)

Jannah (5/6R)

Tyson (5/6R)

Ishan (5/6R)

Patrick (5/6R)

Isabel (5/6R)

Muhammad (5/6R)

Marli (5/6R)

Malia (5/6R)

Aaron (5/6R)



School Uniforms

At Narwee Public School we take great pride in our school uniform and it's wonderful to see the majority of our students wearing the correct items.

There has been an increase in students wearing incorrect items of clothing and footwear to school. Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform each day.

Please remember that only school hats and jackets are to be worn.

Riding of Bikes to School

It is wonderful to see that some of our students are riding their bikes and scooters to school each day. However, with this privilege comes responsibility in regards to being safe and respectful riders.

In the mornings, students are able to enter through either school gate but must dismount from their bike or scooter once they are on school grounds and walk them to the bike rack.

At the end of the day, all bikes and scooters are to be walked out of the school and can be ridden safely along the footpath. Students should be mindful of pedestrians when riding along the footpath.

Head Lice

As we are sure you will agree, head lice infestations and subsequent treatment can be a major headache.

To help minimise any outbreaks at school, we ask that you notify the office or your child's class teacher if your child has head lice so that we can send a note home to inform the other families of your child's class to check their child's hair. All reports made to the school are confidential.

Opportunity Class Test

To maintain the health, safety and wellbeing of students, the 2020 Opportunity Class Placement Test has been rescheduled to Wednesday 18 November 2020 and will take place on-site at Narwee Public School. Parents will receive 'Test Authority' advice by Wednesday 4 November 2020.

Only students whose parents have received a confirmation email from the High Performing Students Team are eligible to sit the test on the new date of 18 November 2020.

The application portal will not be re-opened for new applications. These changes have been made to the placement process for this year only.

The revised application and placement process will ensure students are placed in Year 5 opportunity classes as early in 2021 as possible.

Important Reminders

As we commence a new term we ask that you take some time to reflect and act on the following areas in the interest of helping to keep our students safe around the school.

- Students must not be left unsupervised at school before 8.50am and after 3.20pm. Before and After School Care is provided by 3 Bridges. For more details, they can be contacted on 9580 0688.
- If your child is coming to/and from school by car, please ensure that they are dropped off and picked up safely in the appropriate areas outside the school.
- Please take the time to revise road safety behaviour with your child. This includes walking on footpaths, crossing streets, getting into and out of cars, using traffic lights etc.
- Please take the time to revise Stranger Danger messages with your child.
- Please ensure that your child has their school hat with them each day as Narwee Public School has a no hat-no play policy.
- If you have any concerns, please message your child's class teacher through Class Dojo.

School News

From time to time issues or disagreements may occur between students. It is the responsibility of staff members to deal with these matters.

We ask all parents / carers to bring these matters to the attention of a staff member or the Principal rather than approaching students and discussing matters directly with them.

Parking Near the School

When dropping off or picking up your child please ensure you park in the appropriate streets surrounding the school. Take note to comply with the 'No Stopping' and 'Bus Zones' along Broad Arrow Rd.

There is a Kiss and Drop zone opposite the school. 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 their vehicle
- Vehicles must not be left unattended

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

Please be mindful of our neighbours when dropping off or picking up your children by not blocking or parking across driveways particularly around the Esme Lane Parade area.

Did You Know.....

If your child misses as little as 8 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.

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

If your child arrives at school late they must go to the office to collect a late note. If they need to leave early you will need to go to the office to sign them out.

If you are having difficulties getting your child to school each day, and on time, please talk to their class teacher or Mrs Monin.

Cyberbullying

A reminder to all our parents and carers that it is strongly recommended that children under the age of 13 should NOT be using social media sites of any kind.

By doing so, children run the risk of cyberbullying and are generally not mature enough to be able to deal with cyberbullies or run the risk of implicating themselves by responding inappropriately.

Book Week 2020

Curious Creatures, Wild Minds Thursday 22 October 2020

We will be holding a Book Week Character Parade on Thursday 22 October (tomorrow).

All students are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Activities will be held throughout the day in classrooms. This is always a popular event at Narwee Public School. A note was sent home last week with some easy and inexpensive dress up ideas.

Thanks to the 'curious creatures and wild minds' at Narwee Public School, a rather accidental creative project has evolved. The ever-enthusiastic library monitors were missing their usual jobs and decided to embark on the paper crane journey. We have now made over 800 paper cranes and there appears to be no sign of the students slowing down.

So, to bring this wonderful project together for this year's Book Week celebrations, we thought we could use your help....

Step 1:

Look online for some simple instructions on how to make a paper crane.

Step 2:

Make a paper crane with your child.

Step 3:

Before you make your paper crane, please write your child's name and, more importantly, a suggestion or ideas as to how to celebrate next year's Book Week.

Step 4:

Have your child bring in their completed paper crane to the Library tomorrow to go in the running for some great prizes.

Step 5:

Have fun with all of the previous steps.



Canteen News

The canteen will be holding a Skeleton Day for all students to promote healthy bones as well as encouraging a higher calcium intake for our students.

A meal deal will be available to purchase. This will include a cheese sandwich or cheese toasted sandwich, a flavoured milk and a Moussies ice cream.

The cost of the Meal Deal is \$8.00

Please fill in the order form and return it to the canteen by Monday 26 October.

Please note: this is not a muffin day.

Label Everything

If your child has lost a drink bottle, lunch box or an item of clothing please ensure you check Lost Property by the end of the term. All clothing that is not labelled and is not claimed by the end of the term will be washed and used in Sick Bay.

It is important that all items of clothing, lunch boxes etc are labelled so that they can be returned to your child if they are found in the playground. These belongings are expensive and it is a shame when we are not able to return them to their rightful owner.

2021 School Terms

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

Term 1

Wednesday 27 January to Friday 2 April

Term 2

Monday 19 April to Friday 25 July

Term 3

Monday 12 July to Friday 17 September

Term 4

Monday 4 October to Friday 17 December

School Development Days will occur on the first 2 days of Term 1, the first day of Terms 2 & 3 and the last of Term 4.

