Narwee Public School

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Term 1 – Week 4



Principal's Report

Congratulations to all our Kindergarten students for being at school, settled and ready to learn! They are following the routines and forming new friendships that should take them through their 7 years of primary school. I've been impressed with how they are learning and getting along with each other each time I've visited their classroom.

Thank you for taking the opportunity to meet your child's teacher at our Parent Teacher Information sessions today. In Weeks 9 & 10 we have individual parent / teacher meetings where you can sit down and talk about your child's progress, learning and socialisation. Remember if you need to meet with a teacher, a quick phone call to school is all that is needed to arrange a suitable meeting time.

Our P&C currently meet at 9.30am on Wednesdays in Weeks 2 and 7 each term. Another option is to meet at 7.00pm once per term so I have included a tear-off slip so you can indicate which time is your preference for attending these meetings.

The next P&C meeting will be the Annual General Meeting where we elect a President, Secretary and Treasurer for 2020. P&Cs are formed to promote the interests of the school through our parents, carers and the community coming together and working in close cooperation. The roles of each committee member is outlined in the note sent home today. You can nominate yourself or another person for a position. Having a vibrant P&C will mean that fundraisers and public events will have a stronger community focus. The current P&C are planning a Mother's Day raffle and they are asking for donations of new goods or services that they can include. Please see me if you can help with this.

We have many extra-curricular programs at Narwee Public School with dance, skipping, choir and band groups as well as 3 seasons of PSSA sport being offered. I thank our teachers for giving their time, commitment and enthusiasm in order to provide these opportunities to our students.

Best wishes to our school leaders who will lead the first K-6 assembly this Friday. I know they will be excellent role models, displaying confidence and organisational skills.

Thank you to Mrs Dewsnap for compiling the photo page of staff so you will know who's who at our school!

Rosemary Monin – Principal

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School Calendar

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

Term 1 Week 4 2020

Fri 21 February	PSSA Starts
Term 1 Week 5 2020	
Fri 28 February	Clean Up Schools Day
Fri 28 February	PSSA - Round 2
Term 1 Week 6 2020	
Wed 4 March	High School Parent Information Session 2.30pm – School Hall
Fri 6 March	PSSA – Round 3
Term 1 Week 7 2020	
Wed 11 March	P&C Meeting
Thurs 12 March	Selective Test
Fri 13 March	Ride2School Day
Fri 13 March	PSSA – Round 4

Term 1 Week 8 2020

Tuesday 17 March	Purple Day
Fri 20 March	PSSA – Round 5

Noise Levels

To allow students to concentrate and work productively in their class it is important to keep noise levels outside the classrooms to a minimum.

We ask that parents who wait for their children in the afternoon do not wait on the verandahs near classroom doors so that noise levels do not disrupt the learning of students. Your assistance in this matter is much appreciated.



Behaviour Levels System

Our Behaviour Levels System has been carefully designed based on rewards and consequences and is intended to make students responsible for their own actions and behaviours. It is a very fair system which sets out clear guidelines indicating what can be expected to happen at each level.

Each student starts on Bronze Level with the aim of reaching GOLD Level with demonstrated good behaviour. Poor behaviours will result in students dropping down levels to 4, 5 or even 6, with appropriate consequences.

This is how the process works:

- 1. All staff meet in Weeks 3, 6 and 9 and each child's name is read out with the level that their teacher believes they should be placed on.
- 2. Any staff member who objects to this level speaks up.
- 3. The child's behaviour is discussed until everyone agrees on the level of the child.

Students may move down a level at any time if they display poor behaviours. If a student is placed on detention, parents are notified by receiving a pink detention note. These notes must be signed by a parent and returned to the school the following day.

Last week, teachers held their first levels meeting of the year. This year has begun particularly well and students have been very calm and sensible. The majority of students remained on Bronze Level as teachers are still getting to know them and establishing class rules and expectations. It is hoped that at our next meeting in Week 6 students will start to move up. Those students on Bronze Level and above will be rewarded with a special day called Acknowledgement Day at the end of the term where students are allowed to wear mufti clothing and participate in organised fun activities for part of the day.

Our school is currently going through changes as we are becoming a 'Positive Behaviour for Learning' school. As a result, there may be some alterations throughout the year to some of the systems. Notifications of any changes and new information will be made through the newsletter as they take effect.

Mrs Berrett – Assistant Principal

School Resources

School Resource Fee notes were sent home with all students in Week 2. This fee covers items such as Home Reading requirements, school magazines, online programs, handwriting books along with other resources your child will be using throughout the year.

Payment is due by Friday 6 March. A receipt will be issued to all students. Please keep this in a safe place as duplicate receipts cannot be issued.

All students are required to pay this fee.

District Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 3 March, 7 of our wonderful swimmers will represent our school at the District Swimming Carnival being held at Bexley Aquatic Centre – Preddys Rd, Bexley.

Students attending must be at school by 8.15am in order to arrive at the pool on time. Unfortunately, due to time restrictions we will not be able to wait for late students.

Students will need to bring their towel, sunscreen, costumes, goggles, lunch and recess along with at least 2 drinks. The pool canteen will also be operating on the day. Students are to wear their sports uniform including their school hat and ensure they have adequate sun protection.

The cost is \$5.00 which includes pool and carnival entry. If your child is attending the carnival, please ensure their permission note and payment are due back by Friday 28 February. Parents are welcome to attend. Entry is \$2.50 for spectators.

Swimming Carnival Results

Congratulations to the following students who are our 2020 Swimming Champions:

Junior Champions

Ali (5/6R) & Stephanie (4/5S)

11 Year Champions Max (5/6R) & Amy (5/6K)

Senior Champions Kairece (5/6R) & Marli (5/6R)

House Placings

1st – Currawong 2nd – Kookaburra 3rd – Kingfisher 4th – Magpie

Notes & Payments Due

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

- Background Information Update note due back by Friday 21 February
- Family Harmony Day Volunteer note due back by Wednesday 26 February
- Stage 3 Clean Up Day permission note due back by Wednesday 26 February
- **District Swimming Carnival** permission note and payment due back by **Friday 28 February**
- School Resources note and payment due back by Friday 6 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.



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Year 6 News

Year 6 High School Applications

The time to act is NOW!

In the coming weeks there will be lots of information for our Year 6 students in relation to enrolling in a high school for 2021.

When the Expression of Interest forms are handed out the Department of Education allows only a VERY short time for it to be returned. That means you should start exploring possible high schools now. You can:

- Talk to other families.
- Look at high school websites.
- Find out if the high schools you are interested in have an Open Afternoon / Night and attend them.
- Drive past and have a look.

DO NOT leave it until the forms arrive to try and decide which schools you might like to attend next year, that will not give you enough time to research them all.

Mrs Koletti

Evacuation Drill

Last week we held a successful evacuation drill. Drills such as this are essential so that in the event of an emergency all staff and students are well practised in what we do. All students practised leaving the school grounds in a safe manner and walked to Wallace Park which is bounded by Mountview Ave and Chamberlain St.

Family Harmony Day

On Wednesday 25 March we will be celebrating Family Harmony Day at our school in costume and with a concert.

As part of last year's Family Harmony Day celebration, the students attended special workshops where parents and past students got to share and teach about their culture. This was so successful last year that we would like to continue this tradition and invite our school's families or members of our community to volunteer to share some of their cultural knowledge or skills with our students. This could take the form of a cooking class, storytelling, an art activity (origami etc), a language class, teach a dance or show some musical instruments from your culture. Any other ideas are welcome.

If you are interested in participating in the workshop, please complete the note that was sent home in Week 2 and return it to your child's class teacher.

Please be advised that anyone wishing to volunteer must obtain a 'Working with Children' check prior to Wednesday 24 March. A copy of this must be handed in at the front office along with 100 points of identification to be kept on file.



Screening Assessments

Screening Assessment Permission

As you may be aware, our school has employed a Speech Pathologist and Occupational Therapist to work with our teachers to support the Speech and Language skills of our students. Most schools do not offer these services.

As part of the programs being offered to our school, the Speech Pathologist & Occupational Therapist have offered to provide screening assessments of children who appear to be demonstrating some weaknesses.

A screening test is a brief guide to a child's abilities and allows us to see how a child is functioning compared to other children of their age. A screening test also indicates whether full diagnostic testing is warranted.

There is no cost to you for this assessment.

Please notify your child's teacher if you **<u>DO NOT</u>** want your child to take part in this screening process. If you do not notify your child's teacher, then your permission is assumed.

You will be notified if your child's results indicate that a full diagnostic assessment is needed.

Please feel free to contact the school on 9153 9756 if you have any questions.

Clean Up Day

Narwee Public School has registered in the 'Schools Clean Up Day' which will take place on Friday 28 February. Our commitment to this important event highlights our dedication, as a school community, to encourage the next generation to make a positive difference to our environment.

All classes will be allocated a designated area of the school playground to clean up. Each year the clean-up is followed by an audit of a sample of the rubbish collected.

All students are advised to bring their own gloves.

5/6F, 5/6K and 5/6R will extend the clean-up to include Wallace Park – the park between Mountview Ave and Chamberlain St in the housing estate. If there are any parent volunteers who are willing to help out, please come and see me.

Mr Vaccaro

PSSA News

Season 1 of PSSA for students in Years 3-6 will commence on Friday 21 February.

Permission notes and Code of Conduct notes have been sent home with all students selected in a team. Please read through these notes with your child.

The permission note and both Code of Conduct notes must be returned to school prior to sport starting. Without the return of these notes your child will not be able to participate.



Ride to School Day

Friday 13 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 at the next K-6 assembly.

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.

Medical Insurance

Parents, please note there is no personal injury insurance cover provided by the NSW Department of Education for students in relation to school sporting activities, physical education lessons or any other school activity.

Parents and carers 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: <u>www.sportinginjuries.com.au</u>

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.



Gold Level Students

Every year at Narwee Public School we strive to improve the overall behaviour of our students and the tone of the school within the community. To do this we have to lift our standards each year.

For a student to be on our very prestigious Gold Level this year they must meet the following criteria:

Be Safe

- Always follow school rules.
- Be punctual to school and to class after lunch & recess and to start work.

Be Respectful

- Respect everyone including teachers, students, casual teachers and helpers.
- Wear full school uniform.
- Always display a positive attitude.

Be an Active Learner

- Always strive to do their best.
- Make an effort to be involved in all organised school activities and events.
- Show initiative
- Be organised with classroom equipment e.g. pens, pencils, rulers etc
- Do homework to the best of their ability.

If your child reaches Gold Level, you should be very proud of them. We will acknowledge each child in the newsletter when they reach Gold. If they reach Gold Level by Week 3, Term 3 and stay on Gold for the remainder of the year they will receive a Gold Banner at a special assembly at the end of the year.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our Meet the Teacher sessions. It was great to see such a wonderful turnout of parents attending to support their child's education. It is through developing a strong home-school partnership and working together that we can help our students achieve their very best.

If you missed the sessions and would like the hand out that was issued, please see your child's class teacher.

School Safety

Safety of our students is a priority at Narwee Public School. We need to be aware of any people that are within the school grounds at all times.

All parents/carers are reminded that when entering the school grounds during the day they must report to the front office first. This includes when picking children up early or visiting throughout the day to drop something off.

Parents are not permitted to wander around the school grounds during school hours. We appreciate your support in this matter.



Year 6 High School News

Georges River College Open Night Information 2020

Hurstville Boys Campus

Open Night – Wednesday 26 February Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm Principal: Kathy Klados Ph: 9587 3199 www.hurstvillb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Peakhurst Campus

Open Night – Monday 24 February Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm Principal: Terry Vallis www.peakhurst-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Penshurst Girls Campus

Open Night – Tuesday 25 February Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm Principal: Noeline Ross www.penshurstg-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Morning Assemblies

It is always great to see so many parents attend our morning assemblies. The students and staff appreciate the involvement of community members in all aspects of school life.

If you are attending a morning assembly, please assist us by standing well back from the class lines as it is important for the children to listen carefully to information being given and not be distracted.

School Song

This week we have sent home the words to the Narwee Public School song and the National Anthem, especially for those who are new to our school and also for those who might be a bit rusty on the correct words. It is always a great delight to attend assemblies when the school song is sung with such pride.

Student Afternoon Pickups

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

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

School Hats

School hats are available to purchase from the front office. Hats are \$15.00 each.

Please ensure you write your child's name inside their hat to avoid it being misplaced.

School Captains

Amy



Hi my name is Amy and I am one of your school captains for 2020. I love the sports netball, oz tag, basketball, touch football, dance and gym (aka gymnastics). I have represented Narwee Public School at District Swimming, Field and Track as well as many festivals and debates. I do dance, gym and swimming outside of school. I always try out for PSSA, dance, choir, debating and many more activities. I am honoured to be your school captain this year!

Mohammad



Hello my name is Mohammad and I would like to inform you that I'm your male school captain for 2020. I am a huge fan of many sports including soccer, basketball, newcombe ball and basically every sport. I have represented our school by participating in PSSA (a sport from Years 3-6), chess club and much more. My favourite subject is Maths because I like fractions and division, but every other subject is amazing too. I am honoured to take this leadership role as your school captain. Thank you.



SRC 2020

KM – Layla & Hadi

KO – Kavish & Amelia

K/1P – Elijah & Avarie

1/2I - Madinah & Charlie

1/2M – Zahraa & Jacob

1/2S – Hudson & Ngatapuna

3/4H – Sophie & Blake

3/4L - Sophie-Ella & Charlie

3/4M – Noah & Adina

4/5S – Legion & Stephanie

5/6F – Pranish & Petrelia

5/6K – Srijit & Hope

5/6R – Nyah & Hussain

Our school leaders Amy, Mohammad, Marli, Jarren, Gabe, Christian, Bianca and Hayden are also members of the SRC.

Congratulations to all of our 2020 SRC representatives. At Narwee Public School we have a committed SRC body which raises funds not only for the school but for community groups and charities as well.

The members of the SRC will be organising events within the school such as Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls, the school disco and several themed day activities throughout the year.

All members of the SRC are a valuable resource to their class and our school as they share and develop their leadership skills.

We look forward to working with you and organising many successful events during 2020.

Once again, congratulations. You should all be proud of your appointment and the many highlights to come.

Mrs Lennon

School Parking

Parking for parents is available along Mountview Ave, Chamberlain St and further down Broad Arrow Rd.

Please comply with the 'No Stopping', 'No Parking' and 'Bus Zone' areas outside the school. There is a 'Kiss and Drop' zone across the road from the school.

Please remember the maximum stop time is 2 minutes and drivers must remain in or within 3 metres of their car. Vehicles must not be left unattended.

The police and parking rangers regularly patrol the area and fines can be 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.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones have become an integral part of our society and lifestyle. Whilst we recognise this trend, we strongly encourage Narwee students NOT to bring their mobile phones to school unless absolutely necessary.

A reminder about the procedures for mobile phones at Narwee PS if it is essential for a student to bring a phone to school:

- Students must bring a signed note from their parent/carer to the office explaining why a mobile phone is being brought to school.
- Students must take their mobile phone to the office each morning upon arrival at school and sign it in.
- Students are to collect their phone at 3.20pm and sign it out.
- Mobile phones are not to be kept with students during the day and MUST NOT be used to take photos or videos at school.

The sign in book for mobile phones is kept behind the office counter – all students must hand their phone to the office staff to be stored for the day. Students MUST NOT just leave their mobile phones on the counter and walk away.

Students are not permitted to use their phones throughout the day to take calls from parents or to make calls. If you need to get an urgent message to your child about changes to pick up arrangements etc please call the office on 9153 9756 or 9153 5578 and the office staff will pass on a message to your child's class teacher.

School Notes

Just a reminder that all notes sent home with payment or signature requests have a closing date.

Additional time chasing these notes up by teachers and office staff takes up much of our teaching and administration time. Please take the time to read notes and adhere to the closing dates.

PBL News Bike / Scooter Rules

Our PBL focus this week is Bikes and Scooters.

Remember to be a Safe, Respectful and Active Learner at all times.

Be Safe	 Walk scooters and bikes across playground Wear helmet correctly
Be Respectful	 Be aware of others Park your bike/scooter in the rack
Be an Active Learner	 Display your bike licence Follow the bike licence rules

School Start Time

Teachers are not on duty until 8.50am

If your child arrives at school before 8.50am they could be alone and unsupervised. Parents/carers are responsible for the supervision of their child/children before 8.50am.

If your child arrives before this time they need to be in the care of an adult for their own safety and not be left unsupervised.

Before and After School Care is offered for students of our school by 3 Bridges. This care is offered on-site. Please contact 3 Bridges on 9580 0688 if you would like more information.

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 can/bottles that are recycled will go towards the purchase of school resources.

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

Newsletter Information

Our newsletters are sent via email and uploaded to our website and Dojo on a fortnightly basis. If you have opted for an emailed version please look out for it on Wednesday of Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 each term.

All notes and newsletters can be downloaded from our website.

Yeronga School Uniforms

Just a reminder that Yeronga School Uniforms is online. Simply click on the Narwee Public School logo to enter the online store.

www.yerongauniforms.com

For further enquiries please call 9759 1555

Lost Property

If your child loses an article of clothing, lunch box, drink bottle etc please ensure you check the Lost Property basket outside the staffroom on 'A' Block.

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

Medication at School

Please be reminded that under no circumstances are students permitted to have medication in their school bags other than their asthma puffer. This is for the safety of all our students.

School Friends

Is your child in a new class without their friends?

At some stage in their school life your child is likely to find themselves in a class without their close friends. It is normal for them to initially feel a little anxious about this, so how should you handle it?

Find out more at:

http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/developme nt/new-class-without-their-friends

Sun Safety

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Remind your child to protect themselves from sun and heat exposure while at school by:

- Reducing their exposure to the sun wherever possible.
- Playing in shaded areas particularly during peak UV levels.
- Wearing their school hat in the playground at all times to protect their face, neck and ears.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Use 30+ broad spectrum water resistant sunscreen

Food Safety

You can keep your child's food for school cooler during hot days by chilling food in the fridge before packing your child's lunch and then putting a frozen ice brick into their lunch box. The food will stay about 12 degrees cooler.

Student Absences

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 the school on 9153 9756 or 9153 5578.

Asthma Update

We are currently updating our records to ensure we have the correct medical information on file regarding students with asthma. As some children grow out of the condition, or no longer require medication, this needs to be noted on their records.

If your child's medical needs have changed, please notify the office so that their records can be adjusted accordingly.

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Contact Details

Have you changed your address or contact details during the holidays?

It is important that the school has up to date contact details in the event that your child becomes ill at school. Children often become distressed when we are unable to contact their parents.

We ask all parents to complete the 'Update Contact Details' form that has been sent home with all students and return it to your child's class teacher by Friday 21 February so that we can check we have the most current details for you.

Online Payments

Parents are able to make online payments for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by clicking on **\$Make a Payment**

Items that can be paid include voluntary contributions, excursions, school resources and creative & practical arts activities (these include band, choir and dance).

Please note: PSSA sport levy cannot be paid online. This must be paid to the sports teachers each Friday morning before getting on the bus.

When you access \$Make a Payment you must enter:

• The student's name, class and reference to what you are making a payment for.

These details must be entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the system.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner – these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. This daily report includes online payments made prior to 6.00pm the previous day. Payments made after 6.00pm will NOT be reflected in the next day's report. Please be mindful of this if there is a payment deadline for an event.

All school permission slips allow parents/carers to add the receipt number of online payments to assist with reconciling the payment against the student's activity.

It is important that your child's permission note is returned to their class teacher once the online payment has been processed.

Money Collection

It is important that all money for excursions, school resources, book club etc be sent to school in a sealed envelope or a zip lock bag with your child's name clearly printed on the front. Please do not send loose money as it can easily be lost on the way to school.

All notes and envelopes with money enclosed must be handed to your child's class teacher not to the front office.

High School Information Session

A package called 'Moving into Year 7 in a Government High School' will soon be distributed to all Year 6 students. In this package, there is an Expression of Interest form that needs to be completed by ALL Year 6 families.

These forms are sometimes confusing for parents and they are due back promptly – on or before Friday 20 March.

With this in mind, we are inviting parents/carers to join with our Year 6 students on Wednesday 4 March in the hall for a meeting at 2.30pm. During this meeting, we will distribute the package to any parents/carers in attendance and then explain the steps for completing the Expression of Interest.

If you are a parent of a Year 5 student, you are also welcome to come and listen as this will help you prepare for next year.

We hope to see you there.

Stage 3 Teachers

Kindergarten Helpful Hint

Parents with a child in Kindergarten – it is advisable to pack a spare change of underwear in your child's school bag. Kindergarten children often become so engrossed in their play or activities and sometimes forget to stop for a toilet break. Others just don't make it in time.

Although we have a very small supply of underwear, it is much better for your child if they have their own to change into. If your child has an accident at school and comes home in school underwear or clothes, we ask that these are washed and returned to school at your earliest convenience.

School Photos

Photo Day is on Wednesday 1 April. Payment envelopes will be sent home closer to the date. Portrait packs start from \$37.00.

Family photos will also be available starting from \$20.00. More information will be sent home in our next newsletter.



