

Narwee Public School

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Term 2 – Week 10

Wednesday 1 July 2020

Principal's Report

As Term 2 comes to an end, like you, we are reflecting on what has happened over the past few months. Learning from home was challenging and rewarding at the same time. We have seen how we can make improvements on how we can deliver teaching and learning and I have been thoroughly impressed with how our teachers and students took on the challenge of remote learning. We did things so differently in so many ways and I am sure that education will be better for these past challenges.

You should have received your child's Semester 1 report by now which is a snapshot of the past 2 terms teaching along with goals for English and Mathematics that will help your child consolidate important learning. It also gives you an opportunity to 'check in' in the coming weeks and see how they are progressing with these goals.

One thing that will 'return to normal' will be pick up time in Term 3. We will open the gates at 3.15 and students will leave class at 3.20. I will keep you posted as to any new directives from the Department of Education in terms of adults onsite, excursions and school events. Currently for Term 3 we will not have any performances which includes our usual dynamic Education Week event in Week 3. Watch this space as teachers are preparing for innovative ways of sharing what's happening in the classroom with you.

Our Kindergarten students had lots of fun today, celebrating the half way mark of their first year of school. It's also pleasing to see the development of their reading skills too – learning the letters and sounds and being able to point to each word as they read or read along with a story.

Thank you for keeping your child's education at the forefront of your mind – sending them to school well rested and ready for the school day. Have a wonderful time together over the holidays and we will see each other back at school on Tuesday 21 July.

Rosemary Monin – Principal



Athletics Carnival News

We would like to advise all parents / carers that our Annual Athletics Carnival, which was booked for Wednesday 22 July WILL NOT take place at Campbell Oval as first advised.

More information will be sent home early in Term 3.

Contact Details

Have you changed your contact details?

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 that all parents notify the office if any of your details have changed. Your assistance in this matter is much appreciated.

School Calendar

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

Term 2 Week 10 2020

Friday 3 July

Acknowledgement Day

Friday 3 July

Last day of Term 2



Term 3 Week 1 2020

Tuesday 21 July

Term 3 Starts



Behaviour Levels

Last week the staff at Narwee were involved in the last Behaviour Levels meeting for this term. As a result:

- 49.85% of students are now on Silver Level
- 47.66% of students are now on Bronze Level
- 2.49% of students are on the unacceptable level of 4 or 5

It is wonderful to see so many students on their way to Gold Level.

On Friday 3 July (this week) we will be holding our Acknowledgement Day to celebrate the good behaviour of most of our students. All students on Bronze and Silver Level will be rewarded by being able to wear muffin clothing (with sensible jogger type shoes of course) and be involved in fun activities between lunch and recess on this day. Students will receive a piece of fruit at the conclusion of their activities as well.

There will also be a special raffle on Acknowledgement Day. Teachers have been giving out tokens in the playground to students displaying safe or respectful behaviour. The tokens have been put into our raffle barrel and 20 tokens will be drawn during the day.

While the activities are running students below Bronze Level will be discussing their behaviour with a teacher and making plans to improve it.

Parents and carers please ask your child what level they are on and keep encouraging them to improve their behaviour to reach Gold Level.

Congratulations to all students who will be participating on Friday. Thanks for being a safe, respectful, active learner at school.

Have a great time!

Mrs Berrett

Lost Property

As the weather is so changeable lately, children often take sloppy joes and jackets off during the day. Please ensure that your child's name is written clearly on all school uniform items. 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 term.

All clothing that is not labelled and is not claimed by Friday 3 July will be washed and used in Sick Bay. It is important that 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.

Yeronga Uniforms Information

Please be advised the Yeronga School Uniforms Roselands store will close on Friday 3 July and re-open on Monday 13 July 2020

Mascot or Emblem Design Competition

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

We are looking for a mascot or emblem which represents Narwee Public School and embodies our core values of **Safe, Respectful, Active Learners** and we want **YOU** to design it!

See your design come to life and become our official school mascot/emblem, which will be proudly displayed on school signage, in our school newsletter and on Class Dojo.

Here's how you can enter:

- Design your mascot or emblem
- Tell us why your mascot or emblem best represents Narwee Public School and our core values of Safe, Respectful, Active Learners
- Submit your design to Mrs Monin by Friday 24 July (Term 3 – Friday of Week 1 2020)
- The PBL team and our School Executives will meet to create a short-list of suitable designs
- Students, teachers and our parent community will then vote to select the winning design
- The winner will be announced in Term 3, Week 3 and will receive a special prize!
- Our graphic designers will refine the winning design and incorporate it into our new PBL signage to be installed around our school

Get Excited ... Get Creative ... Get Designing!!!



School Camp

Expression of Interest

At this time we are unable to predict with certainty whether the camp we have booked in Term 4 will go ahead. Sport and Recreation camps are currently changing their procedures and policies to make camps as safe as possible for those attending.

We are asking for Expression of Interest notes so that if we are told camps are allowed we will be able to organise ourselves in a timely manner.

This year we hope to be giving students in Years 4, 5 & 6 the opportunity to attend camp at Berry Sport and Recreation. The camp will be for 4 nights and 5 days from Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2020.

With school and community subsidies, the cost per child will be approximately \$375.00. Included in this price are all meals, coach hire, accommodation, day time activities with expert tuition and night time activities which makes the overall cost very reasonable.

Berry Sport and Recreation is located in the Shoalhaven Region, approximately 2 hours drive south of Sydney. It is set in beautiful bush land and has modern accommodation and excellent facilities.

60 places have been booked. We ask that you complete the Expression of Interest note that has been sent home with all Year 5 and 6 students if you would like your child to take part in this camp.

As places are limited the camp will be offered to Yr 5 & 6 students first. It will then be offered to Yr 4 students to attend. Priority will be given to those students who return their Expression of Interest note first.

Please ensure your Expression of Interest note is returned to Mrs Dewsnap in the front office not the class teacher. This ensures we are able to keep an accurate account of the order in which students return their note. Your child's note must be returned by Friday 3 July.

Mrs Berrett – Camp Organiser

Notes & Payments Due

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

- **Year 6 T-Shirt Final Payment** due by **Wednesday 1 July**
- **Year 5 & 6 Camp Expression of Interest** permission note due back by **Friday 3 July**

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

PBL News

Our PBL focus for Week 10 is listed below.

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

Crossings / Road Safety

Be Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow rules and instructions • Always walk • Cross at the traffic lights or pedestrian crossing • Enter and exit the school using designated pathways
Be Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use kind words and actions
Be an Active Learner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop, look, listen, think and cross

School Uniform Donations

Pre-loved school uniforms can be donated to the school if your child has grown out of them. Please drop them in to the school office. All donations are gratefully accepted.

Acknowledgement Day

Acknowledgement Day is being held on Friday 3 July 2020

Children on Bronze, Silver or Gold Level are able to wear muffi clothing and will be rewarded with fun activities during the day and a piece of fruit.

Unfortunately students on Level 4 or below will miss out on these activities. During this time, they will be mentored by a teacher and will complete classwork.

If your child is on Level 4 or below, they must come to school dressed in their school uniform. It is important to send them on Acknowledgement Day so that they can learn a valuable lesson which may help them to follow rules in the future.

Please ensure appropriate muffi clothing is worn.

All students must wear sports shoes.

Congratulations to all the students who will be enjoying Acknowledgement Day on Friday.



ICAS Assessments

Narwee Public School will again be participating in the ICAS Assessments this year. ICAS is developed by UNSW Global, a wholly owned subsidiary of the University of New South Wales, with over 35 years' experience in educational assessments.

ICAS is designed to target students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science & Spelling for Years 2-6 and Digital Technologies for Years 3-6.

The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment. Your child will be presented with high-quality, expert-developed questions, allowing them to apply their learning without the need for prior study or revision.

ICAS Assessments are now online, a move that reflects a sector-wide transition to computer-based assessments. This allows greater accessibility for students and faster delivery of results.

ICAS fees are to be paid directly online to UNSW Global, not to the school. Visit the online Parent Payment System to make a direct payment to UNSW Global.

Parents can access the online payment service at:

<https://shop.unswglobal.com.au/pages/pps>

Parents will also require a unique access code to purchase assessments. Our school's unique access code is: **AIL196**

Competition dates are as follows:

Digital Technologies – Mon 24 Aug – Fri 28 Aug

Science – Mon 17 Aug – Fri 21 Aug

Spelling – Mon 31 Aug – Fri 4 Sept

English – Mon 24 Aug – Fri 28 Aug

Mathematics – Mon 31 Aug – Fri 4 Sept

Cost - \$15.95 per test (including GST)

Please note: all entry fees are to be paid directly to UNSW Global using their online Parent Payment System. No entries can be accepted at the school.

Please do not pay using the schools' online parent payment link on the school's website.

As all money is paid to the university in advance NO REFUNDS can be given if your child is absent on the day of the assessment.

Payments must be made by Friday 17 July 2020.



Hours of Supervision

Unfortunately, we have a number of students left unsupervised at school outside school hours. There are a number of students who are being dropped off prior to 8.50am and left at school after 3.20pm.

Teachers are on duty at school from 8.50am until 3.20pm. During this time, all students are actively supervised. Whilst our staff are usually at school for much longer than these hours, they are not responsible for supervision of students after school hours. Staff are involved in a number of activities during this time, including staff meetings and preparation.

Outside of these hours, student supervision is the responsibility of parents and carers.

Whilst student well-being is critical to us here at Narwee Public School, and we will continue to ensure the safety of students where there has been a genuine emergency preventing parents from collecting their child on time, we ask all parents to please take note of the school supervision hours and ensure that you have suitable arrangements in place for the care and supervision of your child prior to 8.50am and after 3.20pm.

Should my Child Attend School?

In the midst of winter, we naturally have many cold and flu bugs at school. Unfortunately, the sick bay is frequently busy with children coming to visit due to temperatures, vomiting and general cold symptoms. Although regular attendance at school is important – it is also essential that children are fit and well when at school. If your child has been vomiting or had diarrhoea, the best advice is to keep them home until 24 hours after the vomiting / diarrhoea has stopped.

Children who are unwell should be kept at home until the symptoms have cleared.

No Parking

Thank you parents and carers for your adherence to the parking signs at the front of the school, enabling students to be safely picked up and dropped off.

Please note that the 'No Parking' zones outside the school are labelled with times 8.30am – 9.30am and 2.45pm – 3.30pm.

This sign clearly indicates that during the specified times no parking is permitted. Drivers are permitted to drop off or pick up passengers but only a 2 minute period is permissible. Note that parking is not permitted in the bus zone, no stopping zone or across driveways. We thank you for your support in keeping our students safe.

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.

Speaking Another Language

Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken?

Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according to the Raising Children Network, that's not the case at all.

A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write English when they get to school.

More information is available at:

www.bit.ly/1m0agnk

Student Afternoon Pickups

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 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.

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.



Kindergarten Enrolments

Kindergarten enrolments for 2021 are being accepted for all eligible siblings of those already enrolled at our school.

Children must turn 5 before 1 August 2021 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.



Canteen News

Just a reminder that the canteen does not provide credit to students. Please ensure your child has money with them each time they wish to order their lunch or purchase something from the canteen.

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

Ways to Connect Home & School

Just a reminder...

Newsletter

Read the school newsletter for fortnightly updates. It is emailed on a Wednesday of Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10 or can be downloaded from our school website. It is also uploaded onto Dojo for parents to read.

Class Dojo / School Story

Check out what's happening in the classrooms as well as keeping updated with important message on Class Dojo / School Story. If you haven't signed up yet, please see your child's teacher for another invitation so that you can be a part of this platform.

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 of our students. Your help in keeping our students safe is much appreciated.

Permission Notes

All notes sent home with our students are uploaded onto the school website on a fortnightly basis on the day the newsletter is sent home. If you have lost or misplaced any notes they can be downloaded from our website at:

www.narweeps.com.au

Term 3

The first day of Term 3 for all students will be Tuesday 21 July.

