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Term 3 – Week 2

Wednesday 29 July 2020

Principal's Report

We had quite a lot of refurbishment happen over the school holidays – 'B' and 'D' block had the verandahs revarnished and the outside of the blocks were repainted along with some classrooms. It makes the school look much fresher. Coming up we will have some maintenance to our grounds, with some pruning and replanting of native shrubs to beautify the areas. We are also planning to replace the K-2 fixed equipment to make play times more enjoyable and with the long term view of replacing the 3-6 equipment as well.

After consulting with participating schools, the Georges River District Primary Schools Sporting Association (PSSA) has come to the decision to stop inter-school competitive sport for the remainder of 2020 due to many factors, including the health and wellbeing of students, staff and families. While this means there will not be PSSA for the remainder of the year, we will continue to offer skills and sporting events on site for all our students.

Our school leaders are getting excited about interviewing students and staff for our Education Week video which will be posted next week on ClassDojo. They will be the Narwee reporters signing in from NPS. As well, every class will post a snapshot of what's going on inside the classroom on Wednesday 5 August so that you can connect with them via ClassDojo.

In Term 2 we had a longer pick-up period, however, this meant that students were missing out on 1 hour and 40 minutes lesson time per week. This term, we have moved to opening the gates at 3.15 to reduce lost lesson time and to minimise adult interactions within the school. Please make sure that you are physically distancing yourselves at the gate and along the footpath prior to entering the school.

We have recently purchased over 300 new home readers to support the literacy learning of our students. It is important to look after these books so that all students can have access to valuable reading material.

As always, have a good week.

Rosemary Monin – Principal



Kindergarten Transition

As you are aware, precautions are still in place to stop the spread of Covid-19 and with this in mind, our Kinder Transition sessions that were to take place on **Tuesday 11 August** and **Tuesday 18 August** have been cancelled.

We will keep you updated in regard to further Transition sessions.

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

School Calendar

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

Term 3 Week 3 2020

Wednesday 5 August	Class Videos will be posted on Dojo
Thursday 6 August	Scripture Starts Back

Term 3 Week 6 2020

Wednesday 26 August	Evacuation Drill
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Term 3 Week 7 2020

Monday 31 August	Father's Day Stall
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Term 3 Week 10 2020

Wednesday 23 Sept	School Photos
Thursday 24 Sept	Acknowledgement Day
Friday 25 Sept	Last Day of Term 3



Buddy Benches

Narwee PS has installed a Buddy bench in both the K-2 and 3-6 playgrounds. The Buddy Bench is a simple idea to eliminate loneliness and foster friendships on the playground. Students are learning how to effectively use the Buddy Bench by:

- Having a play plan before they go to the playground
- Using their words to invite themselves into a game or to invite others into their game
- Accepting offers to play if they are sitting on the bench
- Inviting others to play if they see them sitting on the bench

Teachers, school leaders and SRC members are involved in assisting students to develop friendships and engage in play so we have an inclusive, harmonious and joyful playground.



PBL News

Our PBL focus for Week 3 & 4 are listed below.

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

Be Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow rules and instructions • Keep hands, feet and body to yourself
Be Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use good manners • Use kind words and actions • Move quietly around the school • Wear the correct school uniform • Look after our surroundings
Be an Active Learner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen • Be prepared and organised • Accept responsibility for your actions

Book Club – Issue 5

Issue 5 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 10 August.

Too Sick for 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.

Should I go to school?



COME and PLAY

Student Health Care

This is just a reminder that at Narwee Public School we have many students who have health conditions which include asthma and anaphylaxis. All school staff complete and update training in asthma and anaphylaxis management to maintain current knowledge as required by the Department of Education.

Due to the number of students with anaphylaxis it is important to remind your child not to share food at school. It would also be appreciated if you do not use nut products such as peanut butter or nutella for your child's lunch. Your support in keeping our students safe is greatly appreciated.

As We Start a New Term.....

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/or from school by car please ensure 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.
- If you walk into the school grounds with your child, for safety reasons, never walk through the car park.
- Please take the time to revise stranger danger messages with your child.
- If you are spending time at the school, please go to the office to sign in and collect a 'visitors' badge and return it upon leaving.
- If you require the use of a toilet while at school, please do not use the student's toilets. There are toilets located on 'A' Block which should be used by all visiting adults.
- Please ensure that your child has their school hat with them each day. Narwee PS has a no hat – no play policy.
- If you have any concerns, please see your child's class teacher.



40 Km/h School Zones

The 40 km/h school zone slows traffic in the vicinity of the school. Most 40 km/h zones operate between the hours of 8.00am – 9.30am and from 2.30pm – 4.00pm.

The 40 km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.

A 40 km/h school zone operates on all gazetted school days including staff development days (pupil free days).

While some schools may operate on different term dates, school zone speed limits must be adhered to during NSW Government determined school terms.

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.



Father's Day Stall

The SRC annual Father's Day Stall will be held on

Monday 31 August 2020

Gifts will range from \$2.00 to \$8.00

Let's get behind the SRC and show our dads how much we appreciate them by purchasing a wonderful gift for them.

All classes will visit the stall on **Monday 31 August**. During break times throughout the week the remainder of the items can be purchased.

A price list will be sent home in Week 4 to assist you in making your choice about what fantastic gifts to purchase.

Please send your child along with some money on **Monday 31 August** so that they can buy a gift.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

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.

Lateness to School

We have a number of students who are constantly late to school each morning. We would like to remind all parents/carers that it is a requirement by law, to ensure that your child is on time and at school each day the school is open and to provide a satisfactory explanation of absence.

Continued non-compliance with the Education Act (1990) is required to be reported to the Home School Liaison Officer for further investigation to help resolve the matter.

Library News

Many of our students are great borrowers. Here are a few hints and tips for borrowing books:

- Library books may not be borrowed unless students have a library bag. A plastic shopping bag is acceptable if your child has misplaced their library bag.
- Kindergarten students may borrow 1 book.
- Stage 1 students may borrow 2 books.
- Stage 2 students may borrow up to 3 books.
- Stage 3 students may borrow up to 4 books.
- Books may be borrowed over the holiday periods (except the Christmas holidays)
- Please return books regularly as we have a lot of popular books that are in high demand.

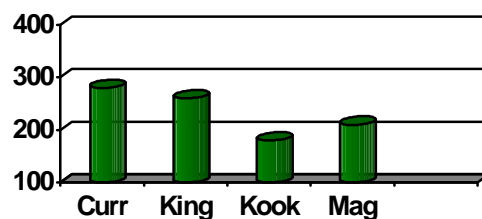
Overdue notes will be sent home in the coming weeks for books that have not been returned. It is much appreciated if a lost or damaged book is paid for promptly so we can maintain our wonderful collection of books.

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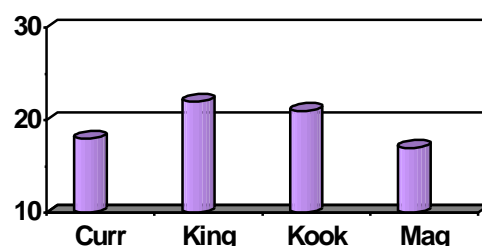
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UNIFORM SPOT CHECK



HOUSE POINTS



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.

Important Information

Parents are again reminded that supervision of students does not begin until 8.50am.

No students should be at school unsupervised before this time.

Parents need to make alternative arrangements for child care before school. 3 Bridges offers Before School Care in the hall. They can be contacted on 9580 0688.

Notes & Payments Due

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

- **Book Club Issue 5 orders** to be placed online by **Monday 10 August**. Visit www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the app

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

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.

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.

Education Week

A Virtual Student Film Festival

Next week is Education Week and as we are unable to celebrate in our usual fashion we are going to take part in a virtual film festival of the best of 2019 student short films created by Department of Education students and the Film By.....team.

On **Wednesday 5 August** all students are invited to dress up as their favourite film character or in casual clothing to make it a celebratory day.

Students do not need to bring a gold coin donation.

The Film By..... Invitation virtual film festival will be livestreamed on Wednesday at midday and classes will be able to view and vote for their favourite film.

Film By.... patron and Australian film legend Bryan Brown will name his festival winners at the festival close.

The canteen will also get involved and have a sausage sizzle. Teachers have class lists of students who have previously paid for meal deals that did not go ahead in Term 1 so their meal deals will already be pre-paid.

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.

School Equipment

As we start a new semester, we encourage students to check their school equipment. Now is a good opportunity to replenish pens, pencils and other equipment. Please ensure all your child's equipment and belongings are clearly labelled.

Good Sleep Habits

Many parents underestimate the importance of sleep for children's learning and well-being. If your child gets less sleep than they should, check out the five habits below and work out which of these you can adjust to move things in the favour of them getting more sleep.

- **Regular bedtimes:** Children may fight this, but make sure they keep regular bedtimes during the week and allow them to stay up a little later on weekends. Children need between 10 and 12 hours of sleep each day, while teens need a minimum of 9 hours.
- **A 45 minute wind-down time before bed:** This includes removing TV and other stimuli, calming your child down and limiting food intake (and caffeine for teens). The wind-down time informs the body clock that sleeping-time is near.
- **A bedtime routine:** Have a bedtime routine, such as story-reading and teeth-cleaning that signals psychologically that it is time for sleep. A set routine means that children know what is expected each night. It also means that some of them will fight bedtime so you need some good strategies in place to get them to bed and make sure they stay there.
- **Keeping bedrooms for sleep:** Bedrooms that resemble caves are recommended. It gets tricky with mobile phones and other information technology, but it's smart to keep mobiles, iPads and laptops out of bedrooms at sleep-time. This goes for parents too. Many parents will sleep in technology-free bedrooms (apart from a clock-radio) yet their children will have technology-full rooms.
- **Maximise the three sleep cues:** These include darkness (maintaining a cave-like bedroom), lowering body temperature (baths can be good for this) and melatonin (work within their cycle).

