

Narwee Public School

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Term 1 – Week 10

Wednesday 31 March 2021

Principal's Report

Our Parent Teacher interviews were held last week and I trust you had time to speak with your child's teacher about their progress, looking at some of the work they are doing and helpful hints on how to make the most of their school year. Well done to all our students who have settled quickly and are making the most of all the learning opportunities here at Narwee Public School. Thank you and well done too, to our staff who have worked very hard over the past 10 weeks by establishing routines, completing programs of work and making sure that your children are actively learning in a happy and safe environment.

This week we published our new 2021-2024 Strategic Improvement Plan on our school website. This plan outlines what initiatives we will put in place to positively impact student growth and attainment, how we will effectively measure student learning and how we will ensure an engaged and positive learning community. I acknowledge and thank our Executive team who took on new learning and processes to formulate this plan which will drive our teaching, learning and wellbeing practices.

Do you know of children in our local area turning 5 years old before July 31 2022? Now is the time to begin the enrolment process so we can plan for the Kindergarten Transition days which happen in Terms 3 & 4. As you may be aware, we enrol children who are in our local intake area.

Our Easter Hat and Eggs on Legs Parade will be a wonderful way to end the term. Thank you Mrs Muffett for organising this event and for assisting our school leaders to take an active role on the day.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 28 April at 7pm. We will have a general meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting. Nomination forms have been posted on our website and Classdojo if you would like to nominate yourself or another parent for the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer. I am very happy to assist you with these roles if you are uncertain of what to do.

This term, our school is taking part in the Tell Them From Me student survey. The survey is for Years 4, 5 and 6 students and will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help them improve. The survey is completed online and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will not be able to identify students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Students' personal information will not be disclosed by the department to any other person or body other than as required by law.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English at:

www.education.nsw.gov.au/tfm

If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please call the school by Tuesday 20 April.

I trust that you get to relax with your family over the holiday break which begins in the afternoon of **Thursday 1 April** and finishes on **Monday 19 April**.

Rosemary Monin – Principal

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.

Term 1 Week 10 2021

Thursday 1 April	Easter Hat Parade
Thursday 1 April	Last Day of Term



Term 2 Week 1 2021

Tuesday 20 April	First Day of Term 2
Thursday 22 April	Cross Country
Friday 23 April	K-2 Cross Country
Friday 23 April	ANZAC Ceremony

Term 2 Week 2 2021

Wednesday 28 April	P&C Meeting – 7.00pm
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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.

Ride to School Winners

Congratulations to the following students who were winners in the Ride to School raffle:

- Leona (KP)
- Liliarna (KP)
- Ruisi (1/2L)
- Andrew (1/2M)
- Mozn (1/2M)
- Emily (1/2S)
- Cindy (3/4M)
- Kayci (5/6S)



Safety Reminder

We would like to remind all parents and students that bicycles and scooters must not be ridden on the school grounds. Students riding to school must walk their bike/scooter once inside the school gate. All students riding MUST also be wearing a helmet. Electric scooters should not be brought onto the school grounds. Students are also not permitted to ride skateboards to school. These measures are for the safety of our students and we thank parents in anticipation of your support.

Annual Cross Country

Thursday 22 April 2021

The School Cross Country will be held in Narwee Public School grounds.

Children in Years 3 – 6 and Year 2 children who have turned 8 or are turning 8 this year will be competing.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students who are 7 years old will not be running but they will be able to watch for part of the morning.

The Cross Country Carnival is part of our sports program and all children are expected to participate. A note will be needed if your child is sick and unable to run on the day.

Children will be practising during fitness time at school. It will also benefit the children to practise during the weekends and the holidays.

Children can wear their house colours or their sports uniform with accessories in the colour of their sports house. Children also need to have warm clothing if the weather is cool, as well as their school hat. They should also bring a water bottle, sunscreen and asthma medication if needed.

Recess on this day for all students (K – 6) will be from 10.35 – 10.55am. Children are asked to bring a healthy snack. Lunch will be at approximately 12.30pm for all students. A BBQ lunch is available on the day but must be pre-ordered from the canteen.

Mrs Rizzov

Cross Country Sausage Sizzle

The canteen will be holding a BBQ for all students at the Cross Country Carnival on **Thursday 22 April**.

Sausages in a roll will be available to purchase for \$4.50 each. A meal deal is also available to purchase for \$8.00. This includes a sausage on a roll, a packet of chips and a juice.

All lunches need to be pre-ordered by **Tuesday 20 April**.

There will be no other lunch orders on the day.

Opportunity Class Information

Placement Procedures for Year 5 Entry to an opportunity Class in 2022

Opportunity classes cater for academically gifted and high potential students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Successful students will usually have to leave their current school to enrol in a school with an opportunity class for Years 5 and 6.

Testing and Assessment

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. Students who wish to be considered for opportunity class placement will sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on **Wednesday 21 July 2021**.

How to Apply

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2022, you need to apply between **Tuesday 20 April 2021** and **Friday 7 May 2021**. You will need to access the online application at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

You must **not** use the child's email address.

If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after **Tuesday 20 April**.

You must only submit **ONE application** for each student.

Important – the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Please note: the intention to apply sent home with all Year 4 students is not an application for entry to an opportunity class. You will need to register and then apply through the Department's website listed above.

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.

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K – 2 Cross Country

Friday 23 April 2021

The K – 2 Cross Country Carnival will be held in Narwee Public School grounds on **Friday 23 April**. All Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students will run the course.

Children can wear their house colours or their sports uniform with accessories in the colour of their sports house. Children also need to have warm clothing if the weather is cool, as well as their school hat. They should also bring a water bottle, sunscreen and asthma medication if needed.

K – 2 Teachers

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.

Lost Property Reminder

We frequently remind students and parents about the importance of labelling all items of clothing and checking in Lost Property for missing items. Quite often we hear of hats that have gone missing for weeks at a time – only to turn up later and be returned to the owner because it is labelled. It is common for students to inadvertently pick up items of clothing, particularly hats or jackets which do not belong to them. It is helpful if parents can check their children's school uniform as they are going through the wash.

If you notice an item that does not belong to your child, please return it to the school as soon as possible – as its prompt return may save another parent the expense of replacing the missing item unnecessarily.

If your child has lost an item this term, please check in the Lost Property basket (located outside the staffroom on 'A' Block) before Friday as all items (lunch boxes, drink bottles etc) not claimed by the end of Week 10 will be thrown away and the clothing will be washed and used in Sick Bay.

