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Term 4 – Week 9

Wednesday 7 December 2022

Principal's Report

Can you believe it's nearly the end of 2022? It's been a rewarding year, being able to be back at school learning, for both students and staff, being with friends and being able to see the growth that has occurred across the year.

Next Wednesday is our Family Night and I hope you can come along to celebrate the end of year and also to witness the opening of our new building, The Liongi Havili Learning Centre. We will be entertained by the Kami Family once again as well as your children singing and dancing. Bring a picnic rug or a chair and enjoy the al fresco vibe.

Wasn't the Christmas Walk wonderful? It's such a heart-warming event and so good to be able to entertain the many onlookers in the streets of Narwee. To see the children and adults alike singing and bringing joy was amazing. Thank you so much to all the families who sent in gifts to support families less well-off than we are due to flooding in many areas of NSW.

This will be our last newsletter for the year. Next year we will upload information directly onto the ClassDojo platform and our school website. I'd like to thank Mrs Dewsnap for the many, many hours she has put in over time, writing and collating the newsletter in its current format.

You will receive your child/children's reports this Friday 9 December. It was wonderful to read of the many achievements that our students have made across the year. A consistent theme was how the Home Reading program and the online Times Tables Rock Stars have assisted the children's learning or could be used to help learning with Literacy and Numeracy. We have supported the younger students by sending home a pack of holiday readers to help them keep up their reading fluency. Visiting the local library over the holidays can be a good way to keep up the reading habit as well.

Thank you to our teachers for taking the time to know each child in their class, to work with their strengths and build up the areas where extra guidance is needed, all the while looking out for the students' wellbeing and resilience.

Thank you as well, to each one of you, our parents and carers, for supporting us by getting your children to school, ready to learn and willing to allow your children to take part in all the programs and opportunities that are offered here at Narwee Public School.

I wish you a very safe, happy and healthy festive season where you get time to pause, reflect and enjoy time with family and friends over the coming weeks.

Mrs Monin – Principal

Presentation Day

All parents and carers are invited to attend our annual

Presentation Day

on

Thursday 8 December 2022

Stage 3 commences at 9.40am

Kindergarten – Year 2 commences at 11.10am

Stage 2 commences at 12.50pm

The canteen will be holding a sausage sizzle for orders placed.

You are welcome to enjoy lunch with your child from 12.00 – 12.30pm.

Yeronga School Uniforms

Yeronga School Uniforms will be closed from **Thursday 22 December** and will re-open on **Tuesday 3 January 2023**.

School Office Hours

Please be advised office hours for Narwee Public School are from 8.30am – 3.30pm. Please be mindful that if you call outside of these hours the office may be unattended.



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

Last Day of Term

Just a reminder that the last day of Term 4 is **Friday 16 December.**

School Calendar

Upcoming Events at Narwee Public School

Term 4 Week 9 2022

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| Thursday 8 December | Presentation Day |
| Friday 9 December | Reports Sent Home |

Term 4 Week 10 2022

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| Monday 12 December | Year 6 Farewell |
| Wednesday 14 December | Family Night |
| Thursday 15 December | Talent Quest |
| Friday 16 December | Silly Hat Day |
| Friday 16 December | Last Day of School |



Term 1 Week 2 2023

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| Monday 30 January | Staff Development Day |
| Tuesday 31 January | Year 1-6 Students Return |
| Wednesday 1 February | Best Start Assessments |
| Thursday 2 February | Best Start Assessments |
| Friday 3 February | Best Start Assessments |
| Friday 3 February | Swimming Carnival |

Term 1 Week 3 2022

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| Monday 6 February | Kindergarten Start |
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2023 School Terms

To assist in planning our holidays, please find listed the school terms for next year:

Term 1

Friday 27 January to Friday 7 April

Term 2

Monday 24 April to Friday 20 June

Term 3

Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September

Term 4

Monday 9 October to Tuesday 19 December

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

Important 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 purchase from the canteen. This includes money for their lunch orders.

School Uniform Donations

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

Family Night

Wednesday 14 December 2022

5.00pm – 7.00pm

Join us to celebrate the 2022 school year and all our achievements here at Narwee Public School.

Bring a picnic rug and enjoy the night with your family (weather permitting).

Entertainment will be from our talented students with backing by The Kami family.

Each student who attends will receive a free sausage in a roll. Parents, carers and family members are able to buy a sausage in a roll from the canteen on the night. Assorted refreshments will also be available to purchase.

For catering purposes please fill out the slip that has been sent home with your child stating how many family members will be attending and return it to your child's class teacher.

We look forward to seeing you there.



K-2 Holiday Reading

On **Monday 12 December** all K-2 students will be given 6 home reading books to take home for the holidays. They can read them over and over again so that they can keep practising their skills and strategies. We encourage them to keep the books in their Home Reader folder and maintain the condition they are in.

All books must be returned by **Friday 3 February** to get an ice block reward.

Year 6 Farewell

This year the Year 6 Farewell will be held at Canterbury Leagues Club, Blueberry Hill Function Room on:

Monday 12 December 2022

From

6.00pm – 9.00pm

The Farewell will be for all Year 5 and 6 children. As Year 5 children have been in classes, sporting teams and shared numerous experiences with Year 6, many friendships have been formed. Therefore, it is a fitting tradition for Year 5 to farewell Year 6 at this event.

The cost for Year 5 students is \$25.00.

There is no cost for Year 6 students as the Farewell is being funded from money raised throughout the year.

There will be a 2-course sit down meal, soft drinks and cake. There will be fun games, activities and dancing as well. Year 6 will also receive a photograph booklet and other mementos to remember the occasion.

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and will be attending the Farewell, please sign the permission note that has been sent home and return it with the money and/or note by **Friday 18 November**. Your early attention to this would be much appreciated so that we can finalise all arrangements.

There is a bistro in the club if parents wish to have dinner while the Farewell is underway. Year 6 parents are invited to join their child at 8.40pm in the function room. Year 5 parents may collect their child at 9.00pm.

There is a waterfall/rainforest area if parents would like to take photos of their child before the Farewell commences.

A map and address will be supplied closer to the Farewell date.

Stage 3 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 up your child, it is also important that you contact the school prior to 3.20pm.

Swimming Carnival 2023

Our annual Swimming Carnival will be held on **Friday 3 February 2023** from 10.00am at Hurstville Aquatic Centre.

All children in Years 3, 4, 5, 6 and Year 2 turning 8 in 2023 are expected to attend. As this is an authorised school activity, all teachers will be attending the carnival.

Activities will be provided to enable all children, both swimmers and non-swimmers to participate. 100m, 50m and 25m races will be held in the 2 metre deep pool and novelty events will be held in the 1 metre deep end of the pool or the wading pool. Those students who participate in deep water races will also participate in the novelty events. House points will be given to all children who take part in the novelty and competition events.

Please indicate your child's swimming ability in the appropriate section on the permission slip below.

Travel to and from the pool will be by bus, leaving the school at approximately 9.30am and returning by 3.20pm.

Students must be at school by 9.00am. Due to time restrictions we are unable to wait for late arrivals.

The cost is \$10.00. This amount covers bus fare and pool hire charges and has been subsidised by the school.

No refunds will be given if your child is absent on the day as bus hire and pool entry is paid in advance and are not refundable to the school.

Due to the carnival being held early in the year we ask that money and permission notes be returned by Friday **9 December 2022**.

Children can wear their house colours or their sports uniform with accessories in their house colour. They must ensure that they have a hat, swimmers and a towel.

Children must also bring their lunch, recess and drinks for the day as there is no canteen for students.



School Leaders 2023

We would like to introduce you to our school leadership team for 2023 – Jaafar, Blake, Yousef, Evelyn, Maryissa, Zyva, Sophie and Elizabeth.

The keenly awaited results will be announced at Presentation Day tomorrow. We are all waiting to hear who the incoming captains, vice captains and prefects will be.



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.



Important Information

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

No student should be left at the school gates unsupervised before this time.

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

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Mobile Phones at School

If it is necessary for your child to bring a mobile phone to school, they must sign their phone in at the 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. Phones **MUST NOT** be kept in school bags or in a student's pocket. This is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students.

Watches that have the capacity to film must also be signed into the office and collected at the end of the day.

School Opal Card

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

Contact Details

Have you changed your contact details?

There have been occasions where we have tried to contact parent/carers and have been unable to do so due to not being informed of changed addresses, phone numbers or email 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 parent/carers if your child injures themselves or becomes ill at school.

Changes can be emailed to the school at:

narwee-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

School Holiday Road Safety

With the school holidays just around the corner, daily routines will soon change. Different play locations and holiday destinations means different traffic environments.

To help keep children safe, families are reminded about these key road safety points:

- Stop
- Look
- Listen
- Think every time you cross the road



School Holiday Tips

School holidays are fast approaching. Here are some useful tips to help you plan your festive season.

Plan Ahead for Christmas

Take charge of your holidays in advance by making lists of things to do and setting aside some time each day for them – nothing creates more stress than last minute shopping and preparations. When entertaining children, one different activity each day will keep them excited.

Money – Holiday Savings

If you are going out for the day during the holidays don't forget to pack a picnic lunch. Lunches out can wind up costing a lot of money.

Minimise stress by staying within your budget. Draw up a budget to make sure you don't overspend over the festive season. Choose simple, thoughtful or useful gifts rather than elaborate more expensive surprises – even Santa Claus has limited funds.

Goodbye Year 6

Our Year 6 students are fast approaching the end of their primary school years. To our outgoing Year 6 may your journey into high school be a successful learning and growing time for you in your life journey.

We're sure that your experiences throughout primary school have prepared you well for the exciting challenges that lay ahead. Narwee Public School wishes you and your peers in the Class of 2022 the best of luck for the future and every endeavour that you undertake.



Christmas Walk

