

Narwee Public School

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Term 2 – Week 3

Wednesday 11 May 2022

Principal's Report

Our next P&C meeting is tonight at 7.00pm and we will meet in the school Library. We will be discussing the upcoming P&C election BBQ and we will definitely need some helping hands on the day if you can volunteer some time.

Our Senior Choir students will join with other local public schools at Punchbowl Public School this Thursday for the first rehearsal of the Combined Public Schools Music Festival. Our evening performance will be held at Bankstown Sports Club on **Wednesday 31 August**. I acknowledge Mrs Weedon who is again the lead conductor for the combined choir performance this year.

We have a new initiative at school where trained teachers come into the school and deliver quality sports and fitness lessons for K-2 and 3-6. Judging by the interest and activity this week the students enjoyed the opportunity to strengthen their skills. The SISA program will continue each Monday in Weeks 5, 7 & 9 and we encourage all students to wear their sports uniform and their joggers. Our school is fully funding this initiative. The program also allows our teachers to be actively involved in refining their Literacy and Numeracy knowledge and skills while the students are taking part in the program.

Our Year 3-6 Cross Country was a great success – it was inspiring to see the determination of our students as they ran around the school. Thanks go to Mrs Rizzov for organising the event (and the weather!). Best wishes to our District Cross Country runners for **Thursday 26 May!**

Year 3 and 5 students are completing the national NAPLAN tests this week and next. This year, the tests will be completed online except for the Year 3 writing task which is handwritten. Students need to be well rested and have a healthy breakfast, so they are ready for the online assessments.

With the cooler weather now here, it's time to check that jumpers and jackets have names on them so we can easily return them if left around the school. Please make sure that casual clothing isn't worn at school unless it's a special out-of-uniform day. A yellow skivvy can be worn under the school

uniform if you want your child to wear an extra layer.

We have included some absence notes and a leaflet that shows the impact of missing school days when students are not sick. Please send in a written note for each absence period. These notes will be in your child's bag today.

Have a good week.

Mrs Monin - Principal

Fathering Project Launch

**Wednesday 25 May 2022
4.00 – 4.30pm in the Library**

You are invited to our Fathering Project Launch event. Join us for this informal and informative event just for dads and father-figures from our school.

Presented by the Fathering Project and hosted by the school, meet other dads – chat, share and explore fathering and the great impact you can have on your child's education and development.

Notes and Payments Due

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

- **Camp Permission Note & 1st Payment (\$130.00)** due back by **Friday 13 May**
- **Stage 3 NSW Parliament House Excursion** permission note due back by **Wednesday 1 June**
- **Canteen State of Origin Meal Deal** order form and payment due back to the canteen by **Friday 3 June**
- **Camp 2nd Payment (\$80.00)** due back by **Friday 24 June**
- **Camp 3rd Payment (\$80.00)** due back by **Friday 5 August**
- **Camp Final Payment (\$80.00)** due back by **Friday 26 August**

Please note that copies of all notes and newsletters are available on the Narwee Public School website if you need to re-print them.



School Calendar

Upcoming Events at Narwee Public School

Term 2 Week 3 2022

Wednesday 11 May	P&C Meeting - 7.00pm
Thursday 12 May	Music Festival Rehearsal
Friday 13 May	Walk Safely to School Day

Term 2 Week 4 2022

Monday 16 May	NAPLAN Conventions of Language
Tuesday 17 May	NAPLAN Numeracy

Term 2 Week 5 2022

Monday 23 May	SISA Visit
Wednesday 25 May	Fathering Project 4.00 – 4.30pm in Library
Thursday 26 May	District Cross Country
Friday 27 May	PSSA Season 2 Begins
Friday 27 May	K-2 Science Incursion

Term 2 Week 6 2022

Monday 30 May	Stage 2 Planetarium Incursion
Friday 3 June	PSSA Round 2

Term 2 Week 7 2022

Monday 6 June	Stage 3 Parliament House Excursion
Monday 6 June	SISA Visit
Wednesday 8 June	Canteen State of Origin Meal Deal
Friday 10 June	PSSA Round 3

Term 2 Week 8 2022

Monday 13 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday – No School
Tuesday 14 June	Stage 2 'Know Waste' Program
Wednesday 15 June	P&C Meeting – 7.00pm
Friday 17 June	PSSA Round 4

Term 2 Week 9 2022

Monday 20 June	SISA Visit
Friday 24 June	PSSA Round 5
Friday 24 June	Reports Sent Home

Term 2 Week 10 2022

Wednesday 29 June	Fathering Project
Friday 1 July	PSSA Round 6
Friday 1 July	Last Day of Term



Term 3 Week 1 2022

Tuesday 19 July	Students Return
Friday 22 July	No PSSA

Term 3 Week 2 2022

Thursday 28 July	OC Test
Friday 29 July	PSSA – Round 7



Canteen News

State of Origin Meal Deal Wednesday 8 June 2022

The canteen will be holding a Meal Deal for all students to promote the State of Origin. This will include a Beef Hot Dog (Halal), 100% Juicie Tube and a bottle of water. The cost of the Meal Deal is \$8.00.

There will be no other lunch orders on this day. If you would like to have a Meal Deal on the day, please complete the order form and return it to the canteen by **Friday 3 June**.

PLEASE NOTE

Canteen orders cannot be paid online. Order forms and money must be handed to the canteen.

Mother's Day Stall

Our Mother's Day Stall this year was a wonderful success. The SRC students from Years 5 & 6 did an amazing job running the stall. They had to test their mental adding and subtracting skills to be able to work out the total cost of multiple items and then give the correct change to the students.

Thank you to all the teachers who helped during lunch to make sure the stall continued throughout the week. We sold \$1593.00 worth of products. The SRC will use the profit made to go towards sports kits for each class to use at lunch and recess. Thank you to our wonderful Narwee community for always supporting our school. I hope you enjoyed your special gifts from the stall.

Mrs Lennon

Stage 3 Parliament House Excursion

Stage 3 will be visiting NSW Parliament House and Hyde Park in Sydney on **Monday 6 June**.

The students will be involved in a tour and activities that will explain the democratic process of the NSW Government. Students will have the opportunity to visit and sketch historical buildings surrounding Parliament House.

Students must wear full school uniform including comfortable black walking shoes and bring their school hat.

Students will also need to bring a small backpack containing sunscreen, their recess, lunch and at least 2 bottles of water. Raincoats will be needed if there is rain predicted. To complete the activities all students will need to bring 2 pencils, a pencil sharpener and an eraser in a small pencil case.

Travel to and from Parliament House will be by train. Students will need their valid Green Opal Card with \$8.00 loaded onto the card for the return journey. The card will need to be sighted by your child's class teacher before **Wednesday 1 June** (Week 6).

Students will need to be at school no later than 9.10am. As we are on a tight schedule, we cannot wait for any late arrivals.

If your child is in Stage 3 and will be attending the excursion, please sign and return their permission note to their class teacher no later than **Wednesday 1 June**.

Yeronga School Uniforms

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

www.yerongauniforms.com

For further enquiries please call 9759 1555

PSSA – Season 2

Season 2 commences Friday 27 May

Sports taking place this season are League Tag, Netball, Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer & Newcombe Ball.

If your child is selected in a PSSA team for Season 2 a permission note and 2 Code of Conduct notes will be sent home. These will need to be returned before **Tuesday 24 May**. Without the return of these forms your child will not be able to attend sport.

Choir News - Music Festival Rehearsal

Just a reminder that a rehearsal for the Combined Public Schools Music Festival is being held tomorrow, **Thursday 12 May** at Punchbowl Public School.

If your child is attending the rehearsal, they must be at school by 9.15am as the bus will be leaving at 9.30am. Unfortunately, due to time restrictions we are unable to wait for any students who arrive late. It is expected that students will return to school by approximately 12.30pm.

Students need to wear their school uniform and bring a drink bottle and snack in a small carry bag to have after the rehearsal.

Year 6 News

All Expression of Interest applications are currently being processed by the high schools. You may hear something from them in the next few weeks, but sometimes it can take longer to hear anything.

If you are sent paperwork from a high school, please complete it promptly and return it to the high school to secure placement. These forms ARE NOT to be returned to Narwee Public School.

Camp News

A permission note with a list of payment amounts and dates has been sent home with all students that have returned their Expression of Interest for this year's camp.

Please complete the permission note and return it to school with your child's first payment of \$130.00 by **Friday 13 May**. Please note online payments through the school's website are the preferred payment method.

Behaviour of students may impact on the inclusion in the camp.

Behaviour will be monitored – students who have attended the Reflection Room in Term 2 & 3 may forfeit their position at camp.

Further information about the camp will be sent home closer to the date.

Cross Country

Congratulations to all the students who competed in the School Cross Country Carnival last Thursday. There were some very determined runners and closely contested battles for the finish line. All competitors should be commended for their efforts on completing the course.

Many thanks to the staff and students who helped make the carnival a success and to the parents and carers who came along to cheer the runners on.

The first 4 placegetters in each age group have received a note to represent the school at the Georges River District Cross Country being held at Gannons Park – Pindari Rd, Peakhurst on **Thursday 26 May 2022**.

Age Champions

8 / 9 Years

Emmeline (2K) & Genesis (3/4M)

10 Years

Ngatupuna (3/4V) & Jules (3/4V)

11 Years

Maryissa (5/6R) & Blake (5/6O)

12 / 13 Years

Sophie-Ella (5/6R) & Hussain (5/6P)

House Winners

1st – Magpie

2nd – Kingfisher

3rd – Kookaburra

4th - Currawong

District Cross Country

The District Cross Country is being held on **Thursday 26 May 2022** at Gannons Park – Pindari Rd, Peakhurst.

All students attending must be at school at 7.50am. Due to time restrictions we are unable to wait for students who arrive late.

Students need to wear their sports uniform and bring their school hat, sunscreen and any asthma medication needed.

Students also need to bring water bottles and a snack along with them (there will be a canteen available to purchase lunch after the race). Students will be back at school by approximately 12.30pm.

Please return the money and permission slip to your child's class teacher no later than Thursday 19 May.

Good luck to all students that will be representing Narwee Public School.

Stage 2 Earth & Space Incursion

Students in Stage 2 are studying the Science and Technology unit, Earth and Space. To expand on this learning, we are going to have a visit to the school by Starr's Mobile Planetarium. Students will be participating in a session led by an expert guide.

The incursion is on Monday 30 May 2022.

There is no travel required as the Planetarium comes to the school and is set up in the hall. Students are encouraged to dress up as astronauts.

The cost of the incursion is \$9.00.

If your child is in Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) please sign and return the permission note and payment to their class teacher no later than **Wednesday 25 May**. Due to booking requirements we are unable to accept payments after this date.

Payment can be made online through the school's website or you can send the \$9.00 in a sealed envelope / zip lock bag when your child returns the permission note to their teacher.

Please note if your child is absent on the day, we are unable to offer a refund as the incursion is pre-paid.

Starr's Planetarium is registered as a Covid Safe business. All domes are equipped with a HEPA air purification system.

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.

Important School Information

Every morning and afternoon we have many parents dropping off and picking up their children. From time-to-time children have issues within the school environment and parents approach other children & parents to try to sort out the difficulties their children are having.

It is not appropriate at any time and under any circumstance for a parent to approach or talk to any child about their behaviour. If the incident is something that has happened at school, we ask that you speak to the Principal or your child's class teacher rather than approaching the child or their parent directly.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Opportunity Class Information

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

Testing & Assessment

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered on the results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test alone. Students who wish to be considered for opportunity class placement will sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on **Thursday 28 July 2022**.

How to Apply

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2023, you need to apply. Applications are open from **Tuesday 26 April to Friday 13 May 2022**.

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 your child's email address. Late applications are not usually accepted. 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 on 1300 880 367 for assistance.

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

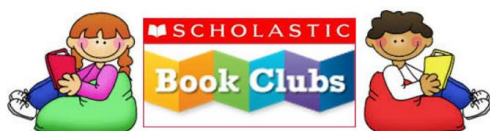
Book Club – Issue 3

Issue 3 of Book Club has been sent home with all students.

Just a reminder that Book Club must be paid online 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 Friday 13 May



Walk Safely to School Day

We're taking it in our stride on Friday 20 May 2022

It's that time of year when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

The objectives of National Walk Safely to School Day are:

- To encourage parents and carers to walk regularly with their children, all or part of the way to school
- To promote the health benefits of walking and create regular walking habits
- To help children develop vital road crossing skills and ensure children up to the age of 10 hold an adult's hand when crossing the road
- To reduce car dependency and traffic congestion, especially around schools
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles
- To promote the use of public transport

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If you get the bus with your child, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease and diabetes, it also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, active kids are healthy kids so get planning your Walk Safely to School Day journey for **Friday 20 May!**

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

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

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 the school gates 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.
- When you walk into the school grounds with your child please use the pedestrian gates. For safety reasons never walk your child through the car park if the gates are open.
- 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 Public School has a no hat – no play policy.
- If you have any concerns, please see your child's class teacher

Ways to Connect Home & School

Just a reminder...

Newsletter

Read the school newsletter for updates and school news. It is uploaded to our website and ClassDojo on a Wednesday of Weeks 3, 6 & 9 and emailed to parents if they have chosen this option.

Class Dojo / School Story

Check out what's happening in the classrooms as well as keeping updated with important messages 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.

Opal Card Information

All students at Narwee Public School need to have their own green child/youth Opal card for any excursion where travel is by train.

The option of using public transport for appropriate excursions helps keep the excursion cost down for all students and families involved.

Students are NOT able to use their school travel Opal card as this card is for travel to and from school only.

There are two ways to organise an Opal card for your child – either online or in person.

Online – cards can be purchased online and topped up online as well by calling 13 67 25 or via the following link: www.opalcard.com.au

In person – you can purchase and top up Opal cards from most newsagencies and petrol stations. Local places in Narwee to purchase Opal cards are:

- Narwee Newsagency – 159 Penshurst Rd, Narwee
- Broad Arrow Rd Newsagency – 66 Broad Arrow Rd, Narwee
- 7-Eleven Narwee – 161 Penshurst Rd, Narwee

Please contact the Opal card hotline on 13 67 25 for assistance or if you have any enquiries.

40Km/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.

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.

Sport Levy

If your child will be taking 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 levy online

Failure to pay this levy will see your child forfeit their spot on the team for that week and 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.

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 wear 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 – we thank you in anticipation of your support.

Warm Clothing

It is important that your child comes appropriately dressed for the cold mornings. Please ensure they have a school jacket or sloppy joe to keep them warm. This is the time of year when many children develop coughs and colds and keeping warm can help prevent your child from becoming ill.

Please check that jumpers and jackets have names on them so we can easily return them if left around the school.

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.



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, this includes change of address, change of mobile phone number and emergency contact details. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Take Your Holidays When We Do

Parents and teachers both get concerned when students fall behind in their studies because of long absences. Families who travel are encouraged to travel during school holidays.

Parents are reminded they must seek permission from the Principal to take a student out of school during term time.

If you are planning to take your child out of school during term time, please see the front office to make an appointment with the Principal as forms will need to be completed for your child's period of absence.

To assist in planning your holidays for this year, please find listed the school terms for the remainder of the year.

Term 2

Tuesday 26 April to Friday 1 July

Term 3

Monday 18 July to Friday 23 September

Term 4

Tuesday 10 October to Tuesday 20 December

Staff Development Days will be held on the first day of Term 3 and the last day of Term 4. Students must be supervised at home on these days as all staff are involved in professional learning.

School Payments

Our school provides many wonderful opportunities for our students to participate in – this includes excursions, performances, carnivals, incursions etc. Many of these activities require final numbers to be submitted and payment to be made well before the actual event date.

Because of this, it is important that all payments are made by the due date as indicated on the note sent home.

If your child is absent on the day of the planned event, we are unable to offer a refund due to the prepayment of excursions/events.

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.

Road Safety

Safety of our students when being dropped off in the morning or picked up in the afternoon is of the utmost importance. It is vital parents show to their children that they are following the road rules and being safe. This is evident by parents:

- Observing the 'No Parking' or bus zone signs.
- Not stopping on the crossing to pick up children.
- Ensuring children get into vehicles from the curb side of the car.
- Not calling children from across the road.

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 are currently overdue for this year or that were not returned in 2021. It is much appreciated if a lost or damaged book is paid for promptly so we can maintain our wonderful collection of books.

Online Payments

Our school has a new look online payment page!

Parents can make online payments for amounts owing for students, via the school's website. New features allow you to access:

- Anywhere, anytime from a mobile or tablet (as well as a desktop computer)
- In a preferred language
- Easily without needing to log in, register or enter a Student Registration Number

To make a payment simply:

- Visit our school website on your mobile, tablet or desktop computer
- Select 'Make a Payment' from the main page menu
- Enter the required student, contact and payment details (please note you are NOT required to provide the 9-digit Student Registration Number)
- Check your email for a copy of the receipt of 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 and canteen orders cannot be paid online.

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.

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 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.

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.



School Hats

School hats are available to purchase from the front office and cost \$15.00.

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

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.

Child Safety

We would like to remind all parents/carers that if you organise for someone else to collect your child from school in the afternoon it is your responsibility to notify the office so we can let the appropriate class teacher know.

If the school is not aware of any alternate arrangements your child will not be able to leave the school until we have contacted you. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe.

Medication at School

Just a reminder 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 students.

Homework

Homework reinforces work done at school and helps develop skills such as research and time management.

Parents and carers can help through a positive and supportive approach to homework.

Some homework tips include:

- Support your child in setting aside time each day for homework
- Provide a dedicated place for homework study if possible
- Encourage your child to read and take an interest in current events
- Plan the work to be done and the time to be spent on each task
- Take short breaks between homework tasks
- Praise your child for their efforts not just their results
- Alert your child's class teacher to any domestic circumstances or extra-curricular activities that may need to be taken into consideration when homework is being set or marked
- Take an active interest in your child's homework and if problems occur talk to your child's class teacher

School Attendance

If your child must be away from school for any reason, please send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence, as soon as possible.

If your child arrives at school late, they must go to the office for a late pass. If they need to leave early, they will need to be signed out from the office. If you are having problems getting your child to attend school regularly and on time, please talk to your child's teacher or the Principal.

It is important for parents to make attending school a priority. Allowing children days off for birthdays, to look after younger children, to go shopping, to keep you company or because they were tired from a late night sends the wrong message to your child. Children who get used to having days off school for these kinds of reasons may develop an attitude that their attendance at school is not very important. This can become an issue as your child gets older.

Teach your child that being on time and attending school every day is important. Children that are often late to school miss the part of the school day when teachers explain new activities. The beginning of the day is also when many students are fresh and can concentrate better.