

Narwee Public School

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Term 3 – Week 9

Wednesday 14 September 2022

Principal's Report

We were thrilled to welcome you, our parents and families, to the indoor performances for Education Week last week. Those of you who could make it would have seen the looks of joy as students demonstrated their learning and musical talents. For many of you, it would have been the first time you could attend such a concert, so it was especially heart-warming to be able to showcase our students and teachers. I was especially proud of our School Leaders who did a brilliant job of comparing the 2 performances with poise and pride.

Our 3-6 playground is getting the final touches this week and the students are eager to try out the new equipment which includes a shiny ridge (that's the upside-down v that you'll get to see), a rope traverse, an overhead loop climber, a stepper walk and a spider web. There's also a new set of parallel bars which our students love so much.

As you know, there will be a National Day of Mourning to honour the life and service of Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 22 September which has been declared a public holiday. There will be no school on that day. This also means that our campers will now have a 3-day camp instead of a 5-day camp and they will return from Point Wolstoncroft on **Wednesday 21 September** at approximately 3.30pm.

We are planning for our next Kindergarten transitions which happen in Term 4. If you know of a Kindergarten child coming to school next year, please let them know that it's time to enrol using the online enrolment form which is found on our website:

<https://narwee-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

Our September holidays are fast approaching – we finish on **Friday 23 September** at 3.20pm and all teachers and students start Term 4 on Monday 10 October which is also the first day of Swim School if you have booked your child in to this program.

Have a relaxing and enjoyable time with your children over the school holidays.

Mrs Monin – Principal

Planning for 2023

To assist us in planning for 2023, could you please notify the office if your child will not be returning to Narwee Public School next year. This does not include Year 6 students going to high school.

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.

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.

Kindergarten Transition

To help your child transition into 'big school' we have 2 more transition sessions for pre-schoolers who are eligible to enrol in Kindergarten at Narwee Public School next year.

This will allow your child to become familiar with our school by getting to know teachers, other students and Kindergarten rooms. We encourage you to attend the remaining sessions however, we understand if you are unable to.

The program will run on the following dates commencing at 9.30am and concluding at approximately 11.00am:

Tuesday 18 October

Wednesday 26 October

Please call the school office on 9153 9756 or 9153 5578 to book your child's spot.

COUNTDOWN TO
KINDERGARTEN!

School Calendar

Upcoming Events at Narwee Public School

Term 3 Week 9 2022

Friday 16 September PSSA – Round 2

Term 3 Week 10 2022

Monday 19 September Camp Starts

Wednesday 21 September Camp Returns

Thursday 22 September Public Holiday

Friday 23 September PSSA – Round 3

Friday 23 September Last Day of Term

SCHOOL'S OUT!

Term 4 Week 1 2022

Monday 10 October Students Start Back

Monday 10 October Swim School Starts

Friday 14 October PSSA – Round 4

Term 4 Week 2 2022

Monday 17 October K-2 Symbio Excursion

Tuesday 18 October Kinder Transition

Wednesday 19 October P&C Meeting – 7.00pm

Friday 21 October PSSA – Round 5

Friday 21 October Swim School Finishes

Term 4 Week 3 2022

Monday 24 October SISA

Tuesday 25 October Canteen Skeleton Day

Wednesday 26 October Kinder Transition

Wednesday 26 October Music Festival
Rehearsal & Evening
Performance

Friday 28 October PSSA – Round 6

Term 4 Week 4 2022

Tuesday 1 November Bankstown Dance
Festival

Friday 4 November PSSA – Round 7

Kindergarten Enrolments

It is nearing the end of Term 3 and we are well into planning for our Kindergarten intake for 2023.

Kindergarten enrolments are being accepted for all eligible siblings of those already enrolled at our school. Children must turn 5 before 1 August 2023 to be able to enrol for next year.

Those parents who do not live in the catchment area and wish to send their child to Narwee Public School are also required to complete an 'out of area' application, which will be reviewed by the Out of Area Panel.

To enrol or to complete an 'out of area' application, go to the school website and click on the enrolment tab at the top of the home page. The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for parents to submit an enrolment application online and at a time that best suits them. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including IOS and Android.



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.

PSSA News

Just a reminder that the sport levy for Season 3 is \$8.00. Money must be paid each Friday morning before students leave for sport.

Please do not pay your child's money online.

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

SPORTS

Combined Public Schools Music Festival Ticket Sales

The Combined Public Schools Music Festival will be held at Bankstown Sports Club on **Wednesday 26 October 2022** at **7.00pm**.

The students involved in the festival will need to be driven by a parent/carer to and from Bankstown Sports Club. Students are required to be at the venue by 6.15pm.

Tickets to the Combined Public Schools Music Festival will be available to purchase until **Friday 23 September (5.00pm)** at a cost of \$15.00 each.

Due to a limited number of tickets, there is a maximum of two tickets per family (this includes families whose parents have separated).

Bankstown Sports Club requires that children over the age of 2 must have a ticket. Families that purchase more than two tickets will be contacted directly and advised to return the additional tickets. Families will need to provide the details of their school and student's name when purchasing tickets.

The Combined Public Schools Music Festival committee have organised the ticket sales to be online. There will be allocated seating for this year's Festival. To order tickets please follow the instructions below:

Go to web address:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/761978>

- Click 'continue booking'
- Choose the day for which you want to buy tickets – Wednesday 26 October 2022
- Choose your seats (there is a link to the floorplan. The stalls are organised and seats numbered from left to right being viewed from the stage to the audience)
- Check your order and provide details including your child's name and school

Once the purchase is complete, please print the tickets that will be emailed to you. You must take your tickets on the night.

For information regarding ticket sales, including support with purchasing them, please contact our school's Festival Coordinator Mrs Weedon.

The Combined Public Schools Music Festival committee will advise us if and when additional tickets may be purchased.



School Uniform

The students at Narwee Public School are to be congratulated on the way they wear their school uniform with pride, although at times it is necessary to speak to primary students about a few incorrect items of clothing creeping in, they clearly make a concerted effort to ensure they are always wearing correct school uniform. We also thank parents for assisting in this area.

We would like to remind all students about the wearing of jewellery to school. Students are permitted to wear a watch and earrings. Earrings should be a small pair of studs or sleepers (no dangly or bright coloured earrings). Necklaces, rings, bracelets, anklets or bangles, with the exception of a medical alert bracelet should not be worn by students 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.



Personal Injury Insurance

Parents, please note there is no personal injury insurance cover provided by the Department of Education for students in relation to school sporting activities, physical education lessons or any other sporting activity.

Parents and carers are advised to assess the level and extent of their child's involvement in the sport program offered by the school, school sport zone, region and state school sport associations when deciding whether additional insurance cover, above that provided by Medicare is required. Personal accident insurance cover is available through normal retail insurance outlets.

Safety Reminder

We would like to remind all parents and students that bicycles and scooters must not be ridden on 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. These measures are for the safety of our students, and we thank parents in anticipation of your support.

Sport Information

As a school community, our staff, students and parents share the responsibility for maintaining our school's excellent reputation.

Weekly PSSA games provide an opportunity for our students to participate in a variety of sports. It is important that this experience is a positive and enjoyable one for players, teachers and spectators. Our school is fortunate to have so many skilled and motivated teachers who give their own time to support our students' participation in PSSA each week. Our students and staff greatly appreciate our parents who go along to the games to cheer our teams on.

As a school participating in PSSA each week we have a responsibility to ensure that these PSSA games are successful and fun for all involved. To support this, our teachers regularly speak to our students about being responsible and respectful participants on and off the sporting field. It would be of great assistance if you as parents, could reinforce the following message with your child/children. As players and spectators, we acknowledge that we:

- Play for fun
- Cheer on our teammates and acknowledge good play by our team and the opposing team
- Play by the rules
- Do not question the official's judgement
- Appreciate the contribution and commitment of the teachers and coaches. They give their time and resources to provide sporting activities for our students

Disruption to matches through inappropriate comments and behaviour towards opposing teams, coaches and officials will not be tolerated. Where incidents are reported to the PSSA, Principals will be contacted, and appropriate steps taken.

Notes and Payments Due

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

- **School Swimming & Water Safety Program final payment (\$25.00)** due back by Friday **16 September**
- **Symbio Wildlife Park Excursion** final payment due back by **Friday 16 September**

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



Peer Support Update

Last week in Peer Support the students discussed the importance of showing gratitude to others. Students were encouraged to reflect on the positive aspects of their lives, including people. The activities gave them an opportunity to thank someone who has helped them. Encourage your child to appreciate and thank the people in their lives.

In this week's final session of *Living Positively* the students will reflect on what they have learned in Peer Support. They will remember to think optimistically, persevere and use positive self-talk. The students will learn about a model – I laugh, I live, I love. This will help them to remember the activities they enjoy, their strengths and to show appreciation to others. Discuss with your child ways they can live positively.

School Equipment

Before heading back to school in Term 4, we encourage students to check their school equipment and ensure they have everything ready for the start of the new term. The holidays are a great opportunity to replenish pencils, pens and other equipment.

Holiday Fun

Take charge of the school holidays in advance by making lists of things to do and setting aside some time each day for them – nothing creates stress like last minute shopping and preparation.

When planning holiday events for your family, one activity a day will keep them excited.

Term 3 finishes on **Friday 23 September**.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. For those travelling take care and travel safely. We look forward to seeing you all back for the start of Term 4.

School resumes for all students on Monday 10 October.

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.

School Camp

Point Wolstoncroft Sport & Recreation Camp Monday 19 September to Wednesday 21 September

For all our students attending camp next week please find important information listed below:

- Everyone must be at school by 8.30am – the bus leaves at 9.00am
- Makes sure all of your child's luggage is packed and has their name written inside
- A small day pack containing a hat, water bottle and tissues should be taken on the bus. There is no need to bring any food as we will be having morning tea on arrival at the camp and all meals are included

All students must be collected by a parent from school upon return from camp.

Please refer to the camp reminder that has been sent home for further information regarding camp.

Morning and Afternoon Parking

Please park in the appropriate street spaces along Broad Arrow Rd, Mountview Ave or Chamberlain St. Take note and comply with the 'No Stopping' and 'Bus Zone' areas near the school and keep our driveway clear. The first area of parking in front of our school is the 'Kiss and Drop' zone. In this area drivers may stop to drop off or pick up children however 'No Parking' rules apply:

- Maximum stop time is 2 minutes
- Driver must remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle
- Vehicle must not be left unattended

The police and rangers patrol the school regularly. Fines can be quite expensive for parking illegally around a school.

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 they 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.

Too Sick for School

Both Covid-19 and the flu can have varying degrees of signs and symptoms ranging from no symptoms at all to severe symptoms. Common symptoms that Covid-19 and the flu share include:

- Fever or feeling feverish/chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Headache
- Vomiting and diarrhoea

It is recommended that students that develop flu-like symptoms do a Rapid Antigen Test and do not return to school until they are symptom-free.

SASS Recognition Week

Last week we celebrated SASS Recognition Week. This was a great opportunity to acknowledge the hard work, time, and effort our Office Staff, School Learning Support Officers and General Assistant do each and every day in our school.

Our SASS staff are amazing, dedicated and caring members of staff who support students, teachers and parents every single day. They work tirelessly managing our finances as well as administration work, photocopying, tending to first aid (and all of those ice packs), getting balls off the roof, tending to our large school grounds, helping students in small groups with their learning, making resources.....and the list goes on. Our SASS staff are truly irreplaceable, and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts for all they do for our school.

Stage 3 News

Year 6 Farewell

To make sure you all remember to keep your diaries free, we would like to advise our Stage 3 families that the Year 6 Farewell is being held on **Monday 12 December**.

2023 Leaders

Next term we will be conducting elections for the Prefects that will lead us in 2023. If students in Year 5 wish to be eligible for nomination as a school leader, they must exhibit exemplary behaviour throughout the year. They must also be nominated by two other Year 5 students.

Over the next few weeks, we would like you to think very carefully about what makes a great school leader and if you believe you have the qualities to fit this role.

Symbio Excursion

Monday 17 October 2022

Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 are going to visit Symbio Wildlife Park as part of their learning of the Geography topic *People and Places*. This excursion will also be used as a stimulus for Literacy lessons.

Travel to and from Symbio Wildlife Park will be by bus.

Students will need to wear full school uniform, school hat and comfortable black walking shoes.

Students are encouraged to bring a small backpack (labelled with their name) containing their recess, lunch and at least two water bottles. Sunscreen needs to be applied to your child before school.

Students will need to be at school no later than 8.30am. Due to time restrictions, we cannot wait for any late arrivals.

If you paid a deposit of \$20.00 the final payment of \$15.00 is due by Friday 16 September (this week).

As the bus and Symbio Wildlife Park are pre-paid we are unable to offer a refund if your child is absent on the day of the excursion.

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@def.nsw.edu.au

We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Ways to Connect Home & School

Just a reminder...

Newsletter

Read the school newsletter for updates. It is uploaded to the school's website and ClassDojo on a Wednesday of Weeks 3, 6 and 9 of each term.

ClassDojo

Check out what's happening as well as keeping updated with important messages on ClassDojo.



ClassDojo

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

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.



Swim School

Swim School starts on Monday 10 October 2022 for all students that are taking part in the program.

Students will leave school at 9.00am and will return by approximately 10.45am.

A water bottle should be taken to the pool each day. If your child suffers from asthma, please ensure their asthma puffer is in their bag.

Swimming costumes, a towel, a pair of thongs to wear at the pool and sunscreen must be brought to the pool. Goggles are optional and should be adjusted to the correct size at home.

Please remember to pack a plastic bag or two for wet swimmers and ensure that long hair is tied back.

Please be advised that the swimming scheme and bus hire are pre-paid and we are unable to offer a refund if your child is absent on any of the days.

Parents are asked to write a note if their child is at school but is unable to go into the water and swim on any day during the scheme. Students who are unable to go in the water should still go to the pool and listen to instructions. Please understand that no certificates are awarded to students who do not swim for 3 or more lessons.

Lollies at School

There are a number of students who are buying chewing gum and sugary sweets at the local shops before school. Chewing gum and sweets are not to be eaten at school. Having a healthy breakfast to start the day is vital for maintaining focus and for learning. The canteen does offer breakfast options such as cheese toast.

Sugary foods do not set students up for learning, in fact, they can have exactly the opposite effect where students become distracted and agitated. Can you please reinforce this message with your child.

Last Day of Term

Just a reminder that the last day of Term 3 is **Friday 23 September**.

All students return for Term 4 on
Monday 10 October.



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.

School Hats

Just a reminder that 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.

Skeleton Day

The canteen will be holding a Skeleton Day for all students to promote healthy bones as well as encouraging a higher Calcium intake for our students.

A Meal Deal will be available to purchase. It will include a cheese sandwich or cheese toasted sandwich, a flavoured milk and a moosies ice cream. The cost of the Meal Deal is \$8.00.

An order form will be sent home with all students at the beginning of Term 4.

Year 6 Fund Day

Year 6 will be holding their Annual Fundraising Day on **Thursday 10 November**

Each year during Fund Day, children pre-purchase tokens that they then use to 'buy' turns on the different activities.

Activities include

- Athletics
- Basketball Shooting
- Dance Party
- Craft
- Cookie Decorating
- Playdoh & Oobleck
- Face Painting

And lots more.....

More information will be sent home with all students when school resumes on **Monday 10 October**.

